



DUCCS Happy Hour

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Dr. Vera Rigolin to Be Next DUCCS Visiting Professor

Dr. Vera Rigolin will be coming to Duke as the DUCCS visiting professor October 26-27. Dr. Rigolin is a professor of medicine at Northwestern University and the president of the American Society of Echocardiography. She completed her cardiology fellowship at Duke in 1995. Dr. Rigolin will be DUCCS's first woman visiting professor.

Dr. Rigolin will be giving Imaging Grand Rounds on Thursday, speaking at Fellows Noon Conference on Friday, and holding a fellows-only dinner Thursday night. She will spend the rest of her time on campus meeting with fellows and former colleagues.

The visiting professor program has been a cornerstone of DUCCS activities in the past several years and is one of our most popular programs among current fellows. For visitors, the program offers a chance to strengthen ties with Duke faculty



Photo: ducks by Susanne Nilsson

and to build new relationships. DUCCS Past President Brent Muhlestein was a visiting professor in 2014 and has recruited three Duke fellows to work at Intermountain since.

Study Participation Opportunity: TRANSFORM-HF

We are excited to announce that the NHLBI has funded the TRANSFORM-HF trial, the largest heart failure study ever to receive NHLBI funding. This pragmatic study will randomize 6000 patients in the hospital with heart failure to a long-term treatment strategy with either daily torsemide or daily furosemide and will assess outcomes over 12 months. The innovative and streamlined trial design aims to reduce the burden on enrolling sites and patients and to maximize the generalizability of study results. We hope to have a strong network of DUCCS sites involved. If you are interested in participating or would like to learn more about TRANSFORM-HF, please [contact Rob Mentz](#), Co-PI for the study.



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Join Us for Dinner in Anaheim!

It’s almost time for AHA and our semiannual DUCCS dinner with fellows. These dinners provide a space for faculty, fellows, and DUCCS members to connect.



Photo: new balloons light up at night! by Joe Penniston

We hope to see you there.

If you would like to attend, please [RSVP to Megan Honig](#). Please indicate whether you would like to sponsor a fellow and whether you will have any dietary needs or restrictions.

DUCCS Dinner with Fellows at AHA

Saturday, November 11, 6:30 pm PST

Catal Restaurant

Downtown Disney

1580 Disneyland Drive, Anaheim, CA 92802

Dinner for one	\$85
Dinner and sponsor a fellow	\$170



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Spotlight on... DUCCS Member Emanuel Finet

We're using our Spotlight On... feature to get acquainted with current fellows, longtime DUCCS members, and more. This month, meet DUCCS Member Emanuel Finet, Assistant Professor of Clinical Medicine at the Krannert Institute of Cardiology, Indiana University.

Clinical interests: I am currently an Assistant Professor of Clinical Medicine at the Krannert Institute of Cardiology, Indiana University. I specialize primarily in Advanced Heart Failure, Mechanical Circulatory Support, and Cardiac Transplantation. I also lead the Cardio-Oncology Program at Indiana University Health.

Research interests:

My current research interest is focused on the study of cardiovascular outcomes of cancer patients and cancer survivors in real-life. We have access to one of the largest Health Information Exchanges in the world, the Indiana Network for Patient Care and Research, a centralized database that contains digital data from more than 100 healthcare systems throughout the state of Indiana, spanning over 45 years of electronic healthcare data.

We are currently studying the identification and management of cardiovascular risk factors and prevalence of cardiac injury markers in established cancer patients within our health system. We are also studying the statewide pharmacoepidemiology of contemporary Anthracycline therapy, and its cardiovascular impact. Our work has been supported on two consecutive years by the Dr. Charles Fisch Cardiovascular Research Award endowed by Dr. Suzanne B. Knoebel of the Krannert Institute of Cardiology.

Something nobody knows about you: Before committing to Medicine, I had considered degrees in Astrophysics and Music.

A question you hate being asked: "How do you pronounce your last name?"

The Story Behind the Photo:

Our family likes to travel on vacation; we went to South Florida for 2 weeks this summer, and we only had 2 partially sunny days. We are here visiting Miami for the first time; the sky was leaden with overcast... (By the way, that also happened the only time we visited San Diego...)

