## Congratulations!

**Dr. Gary Ventolini**

**University Distinguished Professor Award**

will be awarded on Thursday, November 3 as part of President Tedd L. Mitchell’s 2016 State of the University Address and Presidential Awards Ceremony.

The address will be held at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 3 and will be Tech-linked to Odessa and will be in room 1C12.

## The 5th Annual Gender-Specific Medicine and Women’s Health Symposium

The 5th Annual Gender-Specific Medicine and Women’s Health Symposium in Lubbock was a success!

With 30% of all presentations at the symposium and two awards in both clinical and basic sciences categories, the Permian Basin team delivered an outstanding performance!

## Would you like to make a difference in the research

The office of the Associate Dean of Research and the Research Advisory Committee have put together questionnaires for faculty and residents and medical students. For participating in this questionnaire, a drawing will be performed for a chance to win a $100 or $50 Starbucks gift card (for each category).*
**FACULTY DEVELOPMENT RESEARCH LECTURE SERIES**

**Alan Periris, MD**  
Attending Physician-Endocrinology, Co-Director, Clinic Research Institute, J.T. and Margaret Talkington Endowed Chair, Professor and Vice-Chair

**Presentation on Case Reports**

This is a hand-on lecture – attendees will need to bring their laptop and case that you want to write a case report about. Attendees will work on a draft of their case report during this lecture. Attendees might also find the following article helpful to read before attending the lecture: [http://ac.els-cdn.com/S0301051104001048/1-s2.0-S0301051104001048-main.pdf?_tid=0e926b46-947c-11e6-ad1f-00000ac9f544&acdnat=1476717304_f3061c36442c7d3c5d1c90009a76707c](http://ac.els-cdn.com/S0301051104001048/1-s2.0-S0301051104001048-main.pdf?_tid=0e926b46-947c-11e6-ad1f-00000ac9f544&acdnat=1476717304_f3061c36442c7d3c5d1c90009a76707c)

This lecture will be available online at: [http://www.ttuhsc.edu/odessa/research/lectures.aspx](http://www.ttuhsc.edu/odessa/research/lectures.aspx)

Friday, November 4, 2016  
12 p.m.

**Open space in Analytical Techniques Course**

A space has opened up in the Analytical Techniques Course offered by UTPB in the Spring for medical students, residents, faculty and staff. If you are interested in this camp, please contact Elihu Arzate at Elihu.arzate@ttuhsc.edu.

**Residents’ Peek**

Eun JC, Hiatt WR, Glebova NO. CCJM 2016 Oct;83(10):741-751

**Nonatherosclerotic limb ischemia: Prompt evaluation and diagnosis**

**ABSTRACT**

Limb ischemia is most often associated with atherosclerosis and older age. When a younger patient without risk factors for atherosclerosis presents with symptoms of limb ischemia, vascular occlusion may not be suspected initially, thus delaying diagnosis and treatment. Delayed diagnosis can lead to a poor outcome. Here, we describe several uncommon causes of limb ischemia and their initial presentations, workup, and treatment to help guide the practitioner in making a timely diagnosis in this unusual patient population.

**Inaugural winner of the International Prize in Statistics**

Statistician David Cox has become the inaugural winner of the International Prize in Statistics, a $75,000 award which, its promoters say, is aiming to be a Nobel prize in the field. Cox’s work on analysis of survival data is widely used in health research and his 1972 paper on survival patterns is the second most highly cited statistics paper of all time. (Stat prize).

**Funding Opportunities**

- **Rural Health Network Development Program: HHSA-17-418**  
  [http://dhhs.state.tx.us/hhsa/](http://dhhs.state.tx.us/hhsa/)

- **Private Funding Opportunities**

  - Alex’s Lemonade Stand Foundation Accepting Letters of Intent for Innovation Grants  
    [http://alxmss.org/grant Opportunities](http://alxmss.org/grant Opportunities)

  - Greenwall Foundation Invites Letters of Intent for Bioethics Scholars Program  
    [http://www.greenwallfoundation.org](http://www.greenwallfoundation.org)

  - Laura and John Arnold Foundation Accepting Proposals for Ideas to Improve Mental Health Research  
    [http://www.lauraandjohnarnoldfoundation.org](http://www.lauraandjohnarnoldfoundation.org)

  - McKnight Endowment Fund for Neuroscience Invites Letters of Intent for Innovation Awards  
    [http://www.mcknightfoundation.org](http://www.mcknightfoundation.org)

  - Plastic Surgery Foundation Invites Applications for Clinical Research Projects  
    [http://www.plasticsurgery.org](http://www.plasticsurgery.org)

  - Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health Policy Fellows Program Issue Call for Applications  
    [http://www.rwjf.org](http://www.rwjf.org)

  - Simon’s Foundation Autism Research Initiative Invites Letters of Intent for 2017 Autism Pilot and Research Awards  
    [http://www.sfasri.org](http://www.sfasri.org)

  - Tourette Association of America Invites Proposals for Research Projects  
    [http://www.tourette.org](http://www.tourette.org)

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**President Tedd L. Mitchell, M.D., has appointed Afzal Siddiqui, Ph.D., Grover E. Murray Professor as Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center Vice President for Institutional Collaborations. Siddiqui will be reaching out to different schools and campuses to develop strategies, goals and benchmarks for these initiatives/programs. These goals, as identified by Mitchell, will seek to strengthen TTUHSC—economic impact, national and international partnerships and scholarly activity within the Texas Tech University System.**

**TTUHSC seeks to enhance university-industry partnerships in research by providing faculty access to federal funding through Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) and Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) programs. This can be accomplished by developing infrastructure for laboratory incubators at the TTU Innovation Hub at Research Park. Currently, many TTUHSC researchers have several lines of investigations that would match the “incubator concept.” Tumors opportunity exists at TTUHSC for university-based business incubators that would lead to innovation, job creation and economic growth.**
Announcement about Institutional Collaborations

TTUHSC aims to use established, strong and local community partnerships, national and international health and engagement programs as a platform for basic discovery to populations affected by diseases of global impact. By implementing a support network for students and faculty, TTUHSC will assure funding through nationally competitive programs, such as the Fogarty Global Health Training Program and the Fulbright Scholar Program. Through the Fulbright Scholar Program, faculty and students are nurtured to collaborative projects in more than 140 countries worldwide. The costs of these projects are paid in full through the United States Department of State Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, helping TTUHSC faculty and students to conduct their research globally while bringing the prestige of a nationally competitive program to TTUHSC.

Chancellor Robert L. Duncan, J.D., has asked the four TTUS institutions to focus on institutional collaborations in research, scholarly activity, international programs and other areas where we have collective expertise. To meet Duncan’s charge, the four presidents have agreed to the creation of a group with one representative from each university. The Committee of Institutional Collaborations will begin its work by inventorying a list of existing educational programs initiatives, research and activities to provide the foundation for collaborative partnerships throughout the system. The committee will seek opportunities for further collaboration ranging from global health, joint recruitment, professional development for students and faculty, university-industry collaborations/commercialization and beyond.

Siddiqui welcomes ideas, comments and suggestions towards achieving these goals. Please contact him at Afzal.Siddiqui@ttuhsc.edu.

"Translational and Clinical Research – Developing a Research Proposal"

12-week intensive course to provide information about developing and publishing a successful research project at TTUHSC at the Permian Basin.

Below is information about the course and a tentative schedule of speakers and topics.

For more information about this event, please contact Elihu Arzate at Elihu.arzate@ttuhsc.edu.

“SRI Announces New International Grant Program!”

SRI has created the International Training Grant, which is open only to international members (non US Citizens or green-card holders).

Your two-page proposal is due November 15, 2016 to info@sri-online.org, and the training must take place prior to June 30, 2017. The grant is open to current SRI members only. Those who are non-members that wish to apply must first apply for membership. Membership applications are due no later than November 1. Complete information can be found here.

Purpose: The SRI International Training Grant provides an opportunity for international trainees to obtain research experience in an institution outside of their home country.

Who may apply: SRI In Training or Regular Members who are Early Career Researchers (ECR’s) may apply for this opportunity. US Citizens or permanent residents (green card holders) are NOT eligible. SRI “in training” includes SRI members who are between their undergraduate studies up to and including postdoctoral training. An ECR is defined as a member of SRI who is within their first 5 years of a faculty or faculty equivalent position. The host institution may be

Upcoming conference

SAVE THE DATE

April 7, 2017

TTUHSC Integrative Medicine Symposium
Mind-Body Wellness: The art, practices and sciences
Lubbock Campus (morning session will be techlinked)

Sponsored by:
Division of Integrative Medicine
Office of Interprofessional Education
Laura W. Bush for Women’s Health Institute, Lubbock site

The TTUHSC Integrative Medicine Symposium is a one-day event presented by TTUHSC. The purpose of the symposium is to bring together researchers, practitioners and students from a variety of disciplines to share their research, experiences, and knowledge on integrative medicine. The symposium will feature keynote speakers, panel discussions, and a variety of workshops and sessions. The event is open to the public and is free to attend. For more information, please visit ttuhsc.edu/integrative-medicine-symposium.
Funding Announcement

From the TTUHSC Office of Research

Jefferson Science Fellowship

The National Academies of Science, Engineering, and Medicine is pleased to announce a call for nominations and applications for the 2017 Jefferson Science Fellowship (JSF) program. Initiated by the Secretary of State in 2003, this fellowship program engages the American academic science, technology, engineering and medical communities in the design and implementation of U.S. foreign policy and international development objectives. Fellows spend one year at the U.S. Department of State or the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) for an onsite assignment in Washington, D.C. As part of their assignments, Fellows may also have the opportunity to travel to U.S. embassies and missions overseas.

The Jefferson Science Fellowship is open to tenured, or similarly ranked, academic scientists, engineers, and physicians from U.S. institutions of higher learning. Nominees/applicants must hold U.S. citizenship and will be required to obtain a security clearance. The deadline for 2017-2018 program year applications/nominations is October 31, 2016. To learn more about the Jefferson Science Fellowship and to apply, visit the website at: www.national-academies.org/jsf

Online

Visit TTUHSC at the Permian Basin Research’s webpage at: http://www.ttuhsc.edu/odessa/research/default.aspx

And like us on Facebook, visit the page: https://www.facebook.com/Texas-Tech-University-Health-Science-Center-in-the-Permian-Basin-Research.

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