Karen Ashe, MD, PhD - Neurology
Ashe’s research is highlighted in the U of M Office of Human Resources video, “Together, we’ll change the world,” created for new employees to introduce them to the University of Minnesota. YouTube

Michael Bloomquist, PhD, MS - Psychiatry, and Colum MacKinnon, PhD, MSc - Neurology, were two of 58 faculty members who received promotions and/or tenure at the 2016 Medical School Promotion and Tenure Excellence Reception on June 16, 2016. Read more.

Scott Cooper, MD, PhD - Neurology
With new funding, researchers look to decipher brain. Minnesota Daily

Dorothy Hatsukami, PhD - Psychiatry
Hatsukami has been elected to membership in the Academic Health Center’s Academy for Excellence in Health Research. Those selected for membership have contributed to the reputation of the University of Minnesota through sustained, nationally and internationally recognized health-related research in their field. Hatsukami’s portrait will be added to the permanent display in Moos Tower.

Michael Howell, MD - Neurology
21 surprising things your dreams reveal about you. Reader’s Digest

Suma Jacob, MD, PhD - Psychiatry
DNA research may lead to early intervention for children with autism. MinnPost

Roger Kathol, MD - Psychiatry
Integrating behavioral healthcare into a medical setting. AJMC

Linda Koehler, PhD, PT, CLT-LANA - Rehabilitation Medicine
Koehler received the Dorothy Briggs Memorial Scientific Inquiry Award from the American Physical Therapy Association (APTA).

Jerome Kroll, MD - Psychiatry
Amateurs analyze Trump’s mind, but should the pros do it? Columbia Daily Tribune, Fox News

Kelvin Lim, MD - Psychiatry
Lim is featured in this year’s Driven to Discover campaign emphasizing the U of M’s collective strengths in tackling big challenges from many angles. The campaign launched in television, print, digital, and social media on Sept. 26. Watch the TV spots and see the campaign stories.

Michael Miller, PsyD, LP - Psychiatry
Back-to-school stress, how much is too much? Health Talk

Steve Miller, MD - Psychiatry
Miller has been named interim Executive Medical Director, Behavioral Health, for University of Minnesota Health, effective August 1, 2016. In his role, Miller will provide medical direction for behavioral health clinical services for M Health and lead behavioral health quality and safety initiatives.

Mark Paller, MD, MS - Medicine
Paller joined the Academic Health Center leadership team as senior associate vice president for health sciences on August 29. Read more.

Ann Parr, MD, PhD - Neurosurgery
UMN doctor researches new way to treat spinal cord injuries. Health Talk

Gareth Parry, MD - Neurology
Painful native plant may hold pain relief key. Science Stuff

Uzma Samadani, MD, PhD - Neurosurgery
Despite rising concerns over concussions, this doctor prescribes football. Star Tribune

Fairgoers help with brain injury research. Kare 11

Weighing the risks of football. Southwest Journal

Jerrold Vitek, MD, PhD - Neurology
UMN named a Udall Center of Excellence in Parkinson’s Disease Research. University of Minnesota News

University of Minnesota earns $9M grant for Parkinson’s research. Twin Cities Business Magazine, YouTube

University of Minnesota receives grant for Parkinson’s disease research. Life Science Daily

Jeff Wozniak, PhD, LP - Psychiatry
St. Paul mother speaks out against drinking during pregnancy. Pioneer Press

The Departments of Neurology & Neurosurgery
The 27th annual “Best Hospitals” list from U.S. News & World Report places University of Minnesota Medical Center (UMMC) among the top hospitals in the Twin Cities and Minnesota; specialties designated as high-performing included neurology and neurosurgery. Read more.
The Center for NeuroBehavioral Development has recently launched a new study: SPARK

Suma Jacob, MD, PhD, in the department of Psychiatry, is working on a new and innovative national genetics study, SPARK. SPARK is projected to be the largest autism genetics study ever done. The University of Minnesota is a clinical site, partnering with 21 other sites nationally, to recruit over 50,000 individuals to provide a saliva sample for DNA analysis.

Families can participate entirely from home with the saliva collection kits mailed to them and then sent back to the lab. The mission of SPARK is to speed up our understanding and build knowledge around Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). Researchers are doing genetic analysis on the exome of the individual with ASD and their family members such as mother, father and eldest non-effected sibling.

For more information on this study, view the brochure or visit www.SPARKforAutism.org/Uminnesota.

Fetal Tissue Research Policy

The University of Minnesota has recently revised its policy on human fetal tissue research: New Fetal Tissue Policy [http://policy.umn.edu/research/fetalresearchnontrans]

This updated policy offers additional clarity around both the procurement and disposal of human fetal tissue for all University researchers. In summary, the Anatomy Bequest Program (ABP) will be the central point for procurement and disposal of fetal tissue. It also requires that research involving human fetal tissue receive approval from the IRB or the Fetal Tissue Review (FTR) committee. This will ensure that all research involving human fetal tissue meets legal and policy requirements, that we work with vendors who follow all appropriate laws and regulations and that we, as a University, can accurately respond to requests for information about our work. The Anatomy Bequest Program has been involved in developing this process, in broad consultation with the Office of the Vice President for Research, investigators, and faculty.

As in all areas of research, it is critical that our faculty and administrators know their rights and responsibilities when it comes to procuring, using, and disposing of this sensitive material.

- If you are considering use of human fetal tissue in research, contact the Fetal Research Committee (FTR) for initial approval (ftr@umn.edu)
- Once you have FTR approval, work with the director of our Anatomy Bequest Program before conducting any work that might rely on the use of human fetal tissue
- Alert new faculty at orientation about the policy and procedure of working with the Anatomy Bequest Program
- Do not approve purchase orders of legally obtainable fetal tissue without first ensuring that the proper vetting of the project has taken place by the FTR.

Thank you for your help in ensuring this policy is widely shared and understood.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Brain Barriers Research Center Symposium

*Drug Delivery to the Brain: Rationale, Resources, Collaborations*

**Date:** Wednesday, October 26, 2016  
**Time:** 10:00 am - 5:00 pm  
**Location:** Campus Club, University of Minnesota

Featuring speakers from the University of Minnesota, Mayo Clinic Rochester, and the University of Wisconsin-Madison, the mission of the Brain Barriers Research Center (BBRC) is to improve therapy delivery and treatments of brain disorders by fostering interdisciplinary brain barrier research.

Lunch will be served.

No cost to register, but please RSVP. Read More.

Medical School New Faculty Orientation

The Medical School New Faculty Orientation is an opportunity for new faculty to meet and engage with other new faculty, find out about research and mentoring resources, and learn about pathways to promotion. Program from 1:00-4:30 pm and reception to follow until 5:30 pm (chairs and Medical School leadership are invited to attend the reception).

**Date:** Thursday, November 10, 2016  
**Time:** 1:30 - 5:30 pm  
**Location:** Coffman Union  
**Register Here**

Path to Publication Workshop

This half-day, interactive workshop is designed for Medical School faculty who have minimal to moderate experience in writing for peer-reviewed journals. Topics include: journals, article types, publication ethics, micro-and macro-levels of writing, responding to reviewers and ways to maximize writing productivity. Each workshop features an editors’ panel made up of senior-faculty.

**Date:** Thursday, December 1, 2016  
**Time:** 1:00-4:00 pm  
**Location:** McNamara Alumni Center  
**More details and to register for the workshop.**

Academic Health Center NIH Proposal Preparation Program (P3)

This program is designed for early-career, assistant professor faculty members in the Academic Health Center who are preparing their first K- or R-series grant proposal. Over the course of thirteen (13) two-hour sessions, participants prepare drafts of their proposal sections and critique each other’s written materials. Space is limited.  
**More information and upcoming offerings.**

FACULTY CORNER
A team of University researchers and physicians, led by Jerrold Vitek, MD, PhD, professor and chair of the University of Minnesota’s Department of Neurology, seek to better understand the changes in brain circuitry that occur in patients with Parkinson’s disease. Vitek and his multidisciplinary team will leverage this understanding to improve deep brain stimulation (DBS) and other therapies to treat Parkinson’s disease.

The University of Minnesota’s Udall grant will focus on three main Parkinson’s disease research projects:

**Project 1** will study the underlying changes in brain circuitry that affects patients with Parkinson’s disease by using cutting-edge brain imaging and intraoperative techniques that Dr. Vitek pioneered.

**Project 2** will develop new stimulation approaches in a region of the brain called the pallidum that is important for controlling voluntary movement.

**Project 3** will also explore the effects of novel stimulation approaches on brain circuitry that mediates movement problems associated with Parkinson’s disease.

The University of Minnesota’s Udall Center is one of nine centers across the country joining top institutions like Harvard University, Northwestern University, University of Pennsylvania and others.

The U of M Udall Center’s multidisciplinary approach draws on faculty expertise from across the Medical School, the College of Science and Engineering and the School of Public Health. Together, faculty will translate basic science findings and innovative technologies into new treatments for Parkinson’s disease.

Learn more about the University of Minnesota Udall Center and its research projects.

Watch University of Minnesota leaders discuss the Udall Center announcement.
HR INSIGHTS

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

International Student & Scholar Services (ISSS) HR Update

USCIS Processing Times

United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) processing times continue to be historically slow. Most employment-based visa petitions are taking 7 or more months to be processed if the premium processing fee of $1,225 is not included. Please keep this in mind while planning employment-based visa petitions for future employees. Departments are advised to consult with employees well in advance about applying for these petitions.

Hiring an H-1B Employee: The Basics (Training Module)

ISSS has developed an online training module called, Hiring an H-1B Employee: The Basics, New administrators are encouraged to access this training module for an overview of the H-1B application process.

ISSS Intercultural Workshop Series

ISSS offers the Intercultural Workshop series, which includes sessions focused on intercultural competency and skills development as well as “Culture In-Depth” sessions discussing the unique practices, customs, and values of some of the largest international student populations on our campus.

Each session helps U of M staff members gain greater cultural self-awareness, an understanding of the contributions of international students, and communication skills to improve interactions and relationships with international students, staff, and faculty. Several of the sessions are full, but interested individuals can add themselves to a waitlist.

More information can be found on the ISSS website.

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FLU SHOT CLINICS

University flu clinics are happening now on both the Minneapolis and St. Paul campuses.

Sign up online now.

By getting your flu shot, you help stop the spread of the flu, and reduce your chance of missing class or work.


Questions? Read the FAQ or contact: 612-625-8400 or flu@bhs.umn.edu.

WELCOME NEW EMPLOYEES!

Our newly hired Faculty, Fellows, Residents, Staff and Students who started in August and September.

NEUROLOGY
Krista Ann Neranen
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Bryan Daniel Umbarila
Ying Yu, PhD

NEUROSURGERY
Zach Miller

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LSS Financial Counseling

Having trouble stretching your funds to pay your bills? Need help figuring out a family budget? All U employees can get six free financial counseling sessions through Financial Choice, from LSS Financial Counseling. And you can even bring along your family!

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