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## Residency Program Attracts Speakers From The National Stage



Joycelyn Elders, M.D.

A scholar from Johns Hopkins University and a former U.S. Surgeon General are among the recent outstanding speakers our program has hosted to present both on-campus and throughout the state through teleconferencing.

Renata Arrington Sanders, M.D., M.P.H., Sc.M., Assistant Professor of the Division of Pediatrics and Adolescent Medicine at Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, presented “Sexual Development for Sexual Minority Adolescents: Potential Vulnerabilities, Risk, and Adverse Health Outcomes” in December 2012. Her presentation was a feature of our program’s new curriculum on LGBTQ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning) patients.

The Honorable Joycelyn Elders, M.D., former U.S. Surgeon General and former

Director of the Arkansas Department of Health, presented “What Physicians Can Do to Help Reduce Health Disparities” in October 2012 as part of our HRSA grant project on training residents to serve underserved populations.

Both presentations were teleconferenced statewide to the AHECs and to Arkansas Children’s Hospital.



Daniel Knight, M.D. and Renata Arrington Sanders, M.D.

## Little Rock Family Medicine Program Launches a New Obstetrics Rotation in Clarksville, Arkansas



Shannon Case, M.D.

Beginning in January 2013, all PGY-1 residents will have their first obstetrics rotation at the Johnson Regional Medical Center in Clarksville, Arkansas.

The rotation will be supervised by Shannon Case M.D., an OB/GYN physician with a strong interest in teaching and training.

“Dr. Case promises outstanding OB opportunities in Clarksville,” Dr. Knight said. “I think our residents will be very pleased to learn more about working in a community in rural Arkansas.”

Dr. Pawel Dutkiewicz and Dr. Mauricio Gomez report that the rotation is excellent. They both have enjoyed being the only resident in sight and having access to the entire hospital.

In addition, they say that the living accommodations (and the food!) are excellent.

The PGY-2 OB rotation will still be held at the UAMS campus.

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## News from the Director



In the almost four years that I've been department chair, I missed having day to day interaction with the residency program. Now that I'm serving as interim PD, it's a pleasure to work with the residents on a close basis again. We have a strong, capable team that can compare with residents anywhere.

I'm pleased to welcome two new members to the FM faculty, both of whom will serve as Associate Directors of the residency program. Dr. Rajalakshmi Cheerla and Dr. Shashank Kraleti are excellent clinicians and teachers, and we look forward to a long and profitable relationship with them in the department.

We ended up with 1,765 applications for the six spots that will open up next year. From that group, we chose 46 to interview in person. I'm pleased to say that we will have another fine set of residents coming on board in July.

*Daniel Knight, M.D.*

*Department Chair and Interim Program Director*

## Residency Program Director Position Available

The UAMS Department of Family and Preventive Medicine is seeking a dynamic, forward-thinking residency program director. This position will plan the direction of the residency program and the department, which cares for patients and teaches residents and medical students. Applicants should have faculty experience and show leadership skills in recruiting and broad academic interests, including scholarly activity.

The department is the first NCQA level 3 recognized Patient Centered Medical Home in Arkansas and leads the campus in medical informatics. We also have robust programs in community research and continuing medical education and direct on-campus student and employee health services.

The department is located in Little Rock, Arkansas, which offers affordable homes, big-city amenities in a smaller-city atmosphere, and is within driving distance to the many attractions of the "Natural State." Women and underrepresented groups are encouraged to apply. Contact Jamie Rankins, Human Resources Manager (jlranks@uams.edu), for information and to apply for this position.

## Alumni Spotlight

Sarah Kareem, M.D.



### Hometown

Dubai, United Arab Emirates

### Education

Gulf Medical University, UAE, 2006; Little Rock Family Medicine Residency Program, 2012

### Current position

Hospitalist in Tampa, Florida

### What was your most memorable moment from the residency program?

The fire alarm going off during the in-training exam!

### What was your funniest moment in the residency program?

Talking about my cat Billi's adventures with the resident support group.

### Who were your favorite faculty members? Why?

Dr. Wortham. He has a lot of patience and wisdom.

### What are your favorite things to do in your leisure time?

I enjoy traveling to new places and experiencing the culture and cuisine.

### If you could invite any three people in the history of the world to have dinner with you, who would you choose? Why?

1. Bill Clinton. I can finally have something to talk about when it comes to Little Rock with someone famous. 2. The makers of SpongeBob SquarePants. I would ask them, what were you thinking? 3. Steve Jobs. For making my life easy!

### What three words best describe you?

Entertaining, magnet (for trouble), and honest.

## News Flashes

■ **The 2013 STFM** (Society of Teachers of Family Medicine) Spring Conference in Baltimore features considerable representation from our program. Dr. Knight and Dr. Jarrett have two presentations on the agenda: “Serving the Underserved: Development of an Innovative Curriculum for a Family Medicine Residency Program” and “Designing and Implementing an Innovative LGBTQ Training Curriculum in a Family Medicine Residency Program.” Dr. Shashank Kraleti, Dr. Arlo Kahn, and Chris Rule are featured with “Improving Resident Interest in Quality Improvement: The Prevention Project.”

■ **Alecia Hamilton** is now the Director of the DFPM Division of Continuing Medical Education. She replaces Allyson Cook, who has moved out of state with her family.

■ **Dr. Patti Bokony Joins Research Faculty.** The DFPM Division of Community Research welcomes Patti Bokony PhD to their faculty. Dr. Bokony’s areas of interest include developing preventive interactions that promote social-emotional development in early childhood and promoting those interventions through parenting education and professional development for childcare and early education professionals. Her doctorate in Educational Psychology is from the University of Memphis. Dr. Bokony is the contact for the TIPS (Teaching Important Parenting Skills) for Great Kids project. Information about TIPS is available at [familymedicine.uams.edu/projects](http://familymedicine.uams.edu/projects).



■ **FMC Seeks Renewal of PCMH Recognition.** When our FMC earned NCQA PCMH Level 3 recognition three years ago, it was the first clinic in Arkansas to do so. It’s time now to reapply for recognition, and Dr. Jamie Howard, Ms. Mary Prince, and their clinic and administrative staff worked diligently to submit a 1,000 page application to the NCQA in late January. Check out <http://www.ncqa.org/> to learn more about this important recognition.

## Dr. Jarrett is Published in “Films of the Golden Age”



Dr. Diane Jarrett has a distinction that is unique to the DFPM faculty – she

is now a published film historian. The winter issue of *Films of the Golden Age* contains a biographical article that she researched and wrote about the stage and film actor George Maccready (1899-1973).

“George Maccready isn’t exactly a household name, but he is well known to serious film fans,” Dr. Jarrett said. “His career began on stage in the 1920s, expanded to movies in the 1940s, and continued in movies and TV through the 1970s.” Dr. Jarrett interviewed Maccready’s 80-year-old son and 78-year-old niece for the article, in addition to actors such as Leslie Nielsen (*Airplane!*), Russell Johnson (*Gilligan’s Island*), Richard Anderson (*The Six Million Dollar Man*), Chad Everett (*Medical Center*), and Julie Harris (award-winning stage and film actress).

“I guess you don’t expect Family Medicine faculty to publish in film journals,” Dr. Jarrett said. “But let me point out that George Maccready portrayed doctors in at least two movies – one in which he became possessed by the devil, and the other in which he inadvertently transformed his patients into alligators!”

## Upcoming CME Events

**35<sup>th</sup> Annual Family  
Medicine Intensive Review Course**  
May 16-19, 2013

**9<sup>th</sup> Annual Cardiovascular Health Update**  
May 17, 2013

**17<sup>th</sup> Annual Family Medicine Update**  
September 20-21, 2013

To register or to find out more information, go to [www.cme.uams.edu](http://www.cme.uams.edu) or call 501-603-1660.

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## Family Medical Center Installs New Signage

After having a “temporary” sign (for several years!) at the back of the FMC, we now have a permanent and attractive sign to help our patients and other visitors find us.