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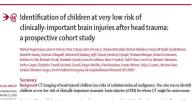


Meet the Class of 2013

Josh Beiner: Josh has traveled a bit on his path to Jacobi. Born in New Jersey, he grew up on Long Island, and then was a psychology major at Tulane (in the Treme?), followed by medical school at Sackler in the Pelham Bay section of Tel Aviv. Josh has had extensive experience performing psychiatry research, including serving as a clinical trials coordinator for a project on schizophrenia. While in Nawlins, Josh participated in the Broadway



Beautification project, and helped clean the streets after flooding. Josh enjoys running (watch out Dr. 26.2, Noé Romo!) and playing the piano, although not at the same time.



Stephanie Desgrottes: Stephanie also grew up on Long Island, and attended Columbia. She then headed south to Atlanta to begin her studies at the Morehouse School of Medicine. Between college and medical school she worked on the PECARN project, "Childhood Head Trauma: A Neuroimaging Decision Rule," which led to the publication of prediction rules in the Lancet. Stepha-

nie has traveled extensively (18 countries and 5 boroughs at last count), has performed research in both Cyprus and Oxford (not Auxford), and clinical work in Groningen (the Netherlands). Stephanie is a musician (violin), an athlete (soccer), and a Yoga practitioner.

Robyn Epstein: Robyn was born and grew up in the Chicago area. She did not stray too far for college, attending the University of Illinois in Champaign, where she majored in molecular and cellular biology. Catching the travel bug, Robyn joined Josh at Sackler. Along the way she worked at the JCC Camp Chi in Lake Delton Wisconsin (another alum is Jeremy Piven) and studied pheochromocytomas in rats (what size BP cuff do they use?). Robyn is yet another athlete and enjoys running, skiing (I'm thinking snow already), basketball, and elevator surfing in Building #1.





Kerry Godfrey: Kerry was born in Da Bronx . . . at Jacobi, where she spent some time in our NICU! (Editor's note: while HIPPA prevents us from revealing any further clinical details, I will tell the readers that Kerry was in the 7 north NICU, the one with the unconnected A/C ducts and the leaking windows). Just 18 years (corrected age) later, Kerry entered the Sophie Davis program at Albany Medical College. Kerry has also worked in the Morrisania WIC program and St. Joseph's

Medical Center in Yonkers.

Shani Hagler: Shani was born in Brooklyn and grew up in New Jersey. She graduated from Stern College of Yeshiva University (chemistry), and then attended Ye Olde Albert Einstein College of Medicine. Shani has volunteered in and worked for quite a few programs that are focused on people with physical disabilities, including summer camps, Give Kids the World Village in Kissimmee (Disney World) and Give Us



All Your Money (any food establishment in Disney World). Shani is yet another jockette—in addition to running, Pilates and weight lifting, she has completed a 2-mile swim to raise money for purchasing mosquito nets in Africa.

PEDIATRICS

Lena Kim: Lena was born in Seoul, then grew up in Virginia. She had a taste of the Big Apple as an undergrad at NYU, where she majored in biochemistry and mathematics (the quantum physics major was filled). She then attended Drexel University College of Medicine and learned that those cheesesteaks did not compare to Original Rays, so she came back to NYC. Lena has done volunteer work in Matamoros (Mexico), Kabul (Afghanistan), Songkhla (Thailand), and Park Avenue Laser Vision (true). Most importantly, we now have a golfer in the residency, so we may immediately promote her to attending status.





Shifra Koyfman: Shifra grew up in New Jersey, then attended Columbia, where she majored in music. She subsequently spent a year contributing to an epilepsy research project, which resulted in a publication: Arif H, Buchsbaum R, Weintraub D, Koyfman S, et al: Comparison and predictors of rash associated with 15 antiepileptic drugs. *Neurology* 2007;68:1701-9. Shifra enrolled in UMDNJ Medical School, and during this time participated in a project for patients with short gut syn-

drome (excellent preparation for the unpredictable eating habits of the pediatric resident). Shifra is also a musician (playing the violin since age 6) and an athlete (skiing).

Yocheved Lindenbaum: Yocheved was born in Denver, grew up in Baltimore, and then attended Barnard (neuroscience). She has worked as a counselor at Camp Simcha Special, an overnight camp for children with chronic illnesses. Along the way Yocheved studied the hippocampuses (hippocampi?) of hypoglycemic rats, who can get very ornery. This followed a previous experience in which she assessed the memories of mice by putting them through a water maze (at Guantanamo Bay). Yocheved finally left the rodents behind to move to Tel Aviv to attend Sackler. Hobbies you ask? Harmonica and running.





Shin-Hua Liu: Shin-Hua is our second Brooklynite (statistically quite unusual for an intern group). She attended Sophie Davis and graduated from SUNY Stony Brook. Shin-Hua was involved in a very interesting study, a community health assessment of her own neighborhood, Bay Ridge (home of disco king Tony Manero—look it up). In college, she was a talent show script writer and editor, experiences that will be in demand for the holiday party at the Villa Barone. In case you're wondering, Shin-Hua is most definitely an athlete, as she served as captain of the CCNY women's tennis team and was twice named

to the Athletic-Academic Honor Roll.

Natasha Nayak: Natasha was born in the borough of the Bombers, Botanical Gardens, and the Zoo. She also attended Sophie Davis and completed her clinical work at Albany Medical College with Kerry Godfrey. Natasha brings two important experiences to the department: she was a member of the City College hip hop dance team and choreographed several performances (it should be a great Intern show this year). She also worked at Big Apple Furniture, and is being recruited to assist in the never-ending call-room renovation project.





Neera Prakash: Neera was born in Ann Arbor (the Wolverines), then attended the University of Georgia (the Bulldogs) and the Medical College of Georgia (the Billy Carters?) before matching at Jacobi (the Fibs). She has traveled to Venezuela, where she performed clinical work on Margarita Island (frozen, extra salt). She has also studied a mutant strain of the cause of Melioidosis, *Burkholderia pseudomallei*, which sounds suspiciously like a residency director's ankle disease. Neera is a runner and plays both basketball and tennis.

Mahati Reddy: Mahati is yet another intern who attended medical school in Georgia (Medical College of Georgia, in Augusta), also statistically unusual for us. She completed her undergraduate work at the Georgia Institute of Technology (GIT??), where she majored in biomedical engineering. While in Atlanta, Mahati was the founder and a coach for Sweetspot, a tennis program for inner city children. She spent a summer delivering babies and educating about reproductive health in Hyderabad, India, which sounds like a title of a Judd Apatow movie sequel. Mahati also worked in Nairobi for Community Transformers, yet another movie sequel.



Adam Sterman: Adam is pretty much a lifetime New Jersey-ite. He was born in Englewood, grew up in Teaneck, attended Rutgers (genetics major) for undergrad, then UMDNJ Newark. He has finally crossed the Hudson to be with us in the Bronx. Adam has participated in research projects involving autism and schizophrenia, as well as basic science work in Jerusalem on breast cancer cell lines. Importantly, Adam spent part of a year working as a barista at the Barnes and Noble in Hackensack, a skill which should endear him to all his peers.





Sari Toberman: Sari was born in St. Louis Park, MN, home of the Coen Brothers (my favorite is The Big Lebowski). She attended the University of Wisconsin at Madison (renowned as the best party school of America in 2006) and majored in neurosciences and Hebrew and Semitic studies. She then attended Sackler (the top party Medical School of Israel), and now is at the party capital of Pelham Parkway. Along the way she contributed to several research projects addressing peripheral vascular disease, the growth of Candida pseudohyphae, and the globus pallidus, the theater where I saw the first Star Wars movie.

Dionisio Trejo: Dion completes the trifecta of interns born in Brooklyn. He graduated from Stony Brook, where he was an EMT-D, and then attended Downstate's PA program. After working at Excelsior Health Network in Queens and Kings County Hospital, he decided to pursue a career in pediatrics and enrolled in UMDNJ Newark (with Adam Sterman). Dion is a bit of a renaissance man who enjoys baseball, hiking, cinema, gastronomy, Broadway shows, and Chairman's Rounds. For the record, Dionysus was the Greek god of wine, a personal favorite of the faculty.



Pediatric Academic Societies Meeting News

At the May meeting in Vancouver, Abigail Nixon received two awards, the Academic Pediatric Association's Ludwig-Seidel Award, which recognizes the abstract that represents the best research project in pediatric emergency medicine in which a PEM fellow is a lead author, and the Fellow Clinical Research Award from the Society for Pediatric Research. Abigail has now completed her fellowship and has joined the faculty as an ED attending at Jacobi.





Ellen Crain was honored for her efforts as creator of the Environmental Health Fellowship Program.

Ex-resident Nina Burtchen (fifth from the left) received a Young Investigators Award.



Wiznia News



Andy Wiznia has been appointed vice-chair of the Primary Therapy Scientific Committee of IMPAACT, the International Maternal Pediatric Adolescent AIDS Clinical Trial Group. The committee has two critical charges: 1) To oversee activities regarding the treatment of HIV infection in infants, children, and adolescents, and 2) To explore the efficacy, safety, tolerance, and

pharmacokinetics of antiretroviral agents alone, and in combination, across the developmental and age spectrum from infancy through adolescence and into young adulthood.

In addition, the Wiz ran a workshop on Grants Opportunities at the HHC Research (RECORD) meeting on October 6, 2010. Way to go, Wiz.

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Recent Departmental Publications

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Fond Farewell



Stephanie Lichten will be relocating to Chicago, where she will be working at Adventist Midwest Health. Stephanie was an intern and resident (2002-05), chief resident (2005-06), and hospitalist with us. She was the chair of the Allied Health Committee for the entire network, as well as a member of the network Bylaws and Credentials and departmental Education committees. In addition, she was consistently the most successful interviewer of intern applicants, the recipient of the departmental 2010 "Good Egg Award," and the most passionate texter during morning report. She will be most remembered for playing the game, "Big Booty," during attending rounds. The entire department will miss her, and her height-challenged dog (Ricky), greatly. We wish her the best of luck.

Promotions

Congratulations to Rachel Katz and Denise Serebrisky, who have been promoted to Associate Professor of Clinical Pediatrics. Regular FIB readers will recall that Rachel was the recipient of the 2009 Sam Rosen award, which is given to the best clinical teacher of the year among all of the AECOM faculty. Denise is the director of the Division of Pulmonology.

Correspondence

Thanks very much for my issue of the FIB. Reading it made my Friday morning. Wonderful to hear about old friends and be recharged by the collective Jacobi sense of humor—or are most of the jokes still Jeff's? Please send future e-issues to my home email. Hope to make it to morning report one of these days

Thanks

Lon Dubey

Peds Jacobi Resident and Chief Resident 1979-83

Ed. Note: What jokes?

Gosh! Reading a digital copy of the FIB still has the power to transport me to Morning Report circa. 1999. It's great to know the insanity has only multiplied, and somehow maintained itself through an enormous number of iterations. Thanks so much for giving me a much need chuckle out here in Kansas City. Top Ten list rocks!

Simi Rahman (1999-2002).

Thanks, Jill!

Great to have FIB online. I'm hoping that you can add Barbara Reindke, Steve Atwood and Lynda Pollack to your list.

Barbara came to the Bronx from Germany in 1970 to join our group as an intern. We became friends and have stayed in touch throughout the past 40 years. She visited our home in Vermont while she was at Jacobi, and she and her daughter, Anne also met us in DC while I was working there in the 1990's.

Lynda, also in our intern/resident group (1970-73) lives in Florida and does genetics and development. She can add her description of her life since Jacobi days, but I'll just add that her wonderful daughter, Erica, who graduated from NYU Medical School, has come back to NY after a West Coast jaunt, to complete her radiology residency at Columbia.

After Steve's illustrious time at Jacobi, he and I shared an office suite at Babies Hospital for some years while he was Director of Pediatric Education. He then spent decades in Asia (where he still lives) doing phenomenal work in India and Thailand, most recently retiring from UNICEF to start his own consultancy in pediatrics, nutrition, public health entitled, "Public Health Solutions" based in Bangkok but taking him all over Asia, and occasionally back to Vermont where he still has a house.

I'm hoping that Barbara, Lynda and Steve will add whatever they want to about their lives, but just thought I'd get the ball rolling....

With fond regards, Karen Hein

Ed. Note: Karen shared this pre-disco photograph with some of her colleagues. The response was exuberant (next page):



The days of the giants indeed – Two presidents of AAP, author of "from neurons to neighborhoods" (Jack), international health guru (Steve), foundation president (Karen). Who knew, at 4 am on basement south, that such achievements lay in the future?

Nigel Paneth MD MPH [Seated in the bottom row, second from the right]

These photos are absolutely fantastic. I'd echo Nigel's comment about the 'Days of the Giants', though I recall Alex Okun's comment that in the 'days of the giants, when you looked up all you saw were a..." Never mind... giants or not, those were extraordinary times with an extraordinary group of people and the memories to me are unlike any others in their intensity. Thanks so much for sharing them. And for bringing us together once again.

All the best.

Steve Atwood [Seated in the bottom row, far right]

Hey guys:

This is so cool. How are you all doing? Can someone please e-mail the pictures to me?

Best,

Jack Shonkoff

Thanks for the chuckle with a bit of sadness for those we will miss like Harvey Aiges. Arnold Einhorn has the whole series of these pictures he brings out for his lecture series in the spring.

Renee Jenkins

I love this. And I know that we haven't changed at all.

LOVE

Lynda Pollack

Ed. Note: The department no longer has any copies of pre-1985 house staff composites. If you have any, we would greatly appreciate it if you could scan the photos and send the files to us.

Social Work News

Social workers Lillian Gonzalez and Hannah English represented the department at the annual Safety Awareness Week program. They are standing in front of the cornerstone in the atrium of the new Ambulatory care building.



Baby News

Maida Galvez and Ali Mencin were "thrilled to announce the arrival of our little guy, Thomas Aetius Mencin," on Sunday, May 16th, 2010 at 8:51AM. For those of you keeping score, Thomas was 7 pounds 6 ounces and 20 inches. Maida is at Mt. Sinai, where she directs the Environmental Health Specialty Unit.

Avi and Nora Grunin report that baby Daria joined them on July 6, 2010. Avi has finished his Pulmonary fellowship at Mt. Sinai and is currently a Sports Medicine fellow at Harvard.

On April 17, Jen Gallub and Cory Gabe welcomed their son, Ethan Hunter Gabe, measuring 7 pounds 2 ounces and 20 inches. "He is doing great! I miss everyone and hope to see you soon." Jen is in practice in Laurinburg, NC.

Free and Christopher Hess welcomed Willow Madison Hess, born July 7, 2010, weighing in at 8 pounds 6ounces. Free is about to begin work as a NICU hospitalist at Jacobi.

Asia Frazier had a little girl, I'lah Naima Swaby, on 9/14/10 at 6:28AM, 7pounds 6ounces, and 19.5 inches. Asia reports that I'lah has not yet worn a scarf.

In Memoriam

Dr. Robert Coffey, who was a member of the department from 1974 to 1982, passed away on February 18, 2010. While at Jacobi, Robert was an intern and resident, as well as director of the emergency department. After his time at Jacobi, Robert was in private practice in SoHo. He moved back to his home Tulsa in 1998.

OUR LIVES

Robert J. Coffey, MD



Robert J. Coffey, MD, 61, passed away February 18, 2010, after a brief illness. Robert was born in Tulsa and graduated from Tulsa Central High School in 1966. Robert graduated Cum Laude from Washington University, St. Louis, in 1970, and was a 1974 graduate of the University of Oklahoma College of Medicine. He completed his Pediatric Residency at Bronx Municipal Hospital Albert Einstein College of Medicine in 1977. He entered private practice in 1982, in the SoHo area of New York City. He relocated back to Tulsa in 1998, where he was in private practice and then as a pediatric emergency room physician with St. Francis Health System. Robert loved to travel, garden, read and enjoyed being with friends and family. He was the beloved Pediatrician of many children in Tulsa and New York City. His kind gentle spirit was inviting and demonstrated Gods acceptance of all. He was a member of the Parish Church of St. Jerome where he served faithfully in many capacities. He was on the board and Past President of Tulsa CARES. He was also a supporter of many other arts and charitable organizations. He is survived by his partner of 21 years, Andrew Kinslow; his brother and sister-in-law, Richard and Elayne Coffey and their children, Chris,

Alex and Kathryn Coffey. He was preceded in death by his parents, George and Blanche Coffey. A Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated at 4 p.m., on Wednesday, February 24th, at the Parish Church of St. Jerome. Interment will follow in the columbarium in All Saints Chapel at St. Jerome's. In lieu of flowers the family invites you to make donations in loving memory of Robert, to The Parish Church of St. Jerome, 205 W. King St. Tulsa, OK 74106, or Tulsa CARES, 3507 E. Admiral Pl., Tulsa, OK. 74115. This obituary was published in the Tulsa World on 2/23/2010.

Where are the 2010 Graduates?

Mahsa Akhavan: Pediatric Emergency Medicine fellowship, Long Island Jewish Rebecca Ballard: Neonatology fellowship, Rainbow Children's, Cleveland, OH

Laurie Belosa: Pediatrics practice, Tribeca Pediatrics, NYC

Chetan Bhupali: PICU fellowship, Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, MA

Dana Chait-Kessler: Pediatrics practice, Denville Pediatrics, NJ

Asia Frazier: Motherhood (see page 6), then an Endocrinology fellowship Dana Frisch: Neurodevelpomental fellowship, University of Chicago, IL

Doris Huang: Pediatrics practice, Rutherford Pediatrics, NJ

Nora Marchiando: Pediatrics practice, Heights Pediatrics, Brooklyn, NY

Katrina Newlander: Pediatrics practice, Broadway Pediatric Associates, Westwood, NJ

Bristol Palin: Dancing with Stars

Shivani Rasalingam: Allergy/Immunology fellowship, Baylor University, Houston, TX

Ambreen Syed: Motherhood, then Pediatric practice

And the 2009-10 chiefs:

Rebekah Lipstein: Pediatric practice, Westpark Pediatrics in NJ

Madalsa Patel: PICU hospitalist at Columbia, then Cardiology fellowship at LIJ (2011)

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The Fraad Information Bulletin

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Yankee News



Yankee catcher Francisco Cervelli (arrow) visited Jacobi on September 23. He remarked that Burnett stinks no matter who catches him and that Jeter is saving himself for the playoffs.

This Spring the original Yankee Stadium was finally demolished. We all have our favorite Yankee Stadium memories. Mine is the "Reggie Bar" opening day . . . email us with yours.



Lichten's Literary Legacy

As noted previously, long-time FIB contributor Stephanie Lichten is off to Chicago. We are sad to present her final list of morning report quotes. Astute readers will note that there are more than ten.

- "I try to be functional as well as decorative." Ken Rivlin
- "When I first drove a car I had a pillow I sat on." Auxford Burks
- "He's blown your cover Aux . . . head back to the mother ship." Jeff Gershel
- "When I was asked a question in High School I made people believe I had epilepsy" Anonymous
- "Unless you have gills there is no way to breathe" Hal Goldman
- "We get all these violent people together and then move them to Greenland, and that won't last too long as everything is melting" Hal Goldman (still on fire after all these years)
- "If you are in a conservative mood, you can dress up and play the viola." Bill Caspe
- "Wee Todd It" Stephanie Lichten (aka Sofa King)
- "Burks has Go-Go-Gadget legs" Scott Miller
- "I felt better once the nuts came out" Auxford Burks
- "Mirror, mirror on the wall . . . what is the diagnosis? I have no idea at all." William B. Caspe
- "I don't think tingling is a complaint!" Rachel Aronow (won the award for best quote by a house officer)
- "Does honeymoon cystitis happen on your second marriage?" Jeff Gershel
- "Even more so!" Glen Fennelly's response to the question above
- "I said to the Sub-I's—pardon my language—but this is Effing weird!" Bill (Wild Bill) Caspe
- "Oh no, I put a quarter in (and am getting fifty cents worth)" Jeff Gershel
- "What happened to symmetry?" Penny Tarshish about Jaime Fernandez's new buzz cut
- "You just can't fake an anal wink." William Caspe
- "How do you say that in Bangladeshi?" Jeff Gershel
- "This is New York, we do not have many immigrants, so we do not know how to care for them." William Caspe

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