President's Message: Dr. Leslie Algase

Dear Colleagues,

Happy Internal Medicine Day 2021! October 28th has been designated Internal Medicine Day and IM Proud!

ACP is our professional home and celebrates all internists. In these past months of the pandemic, you, our state’s internists have been on the front lines of the battle against COVID and the battle against disinformation. We need to push forward and continue to effectively care for our patients in primary care, hospital medicine and medicine specialties despite the challenges. We need to contemplate why we chose IM and we need to promote IM to our students, residents, patients and the public. We are the "Doctor's doctor" and should be proud of our role.

At the same time, we need to take care of our own health and wellness in the face of the pressure and frustrations we have had. Yesterday, I clicked on the email with ACP’s emotional support videos. They are brief and excellent videos that focus on issues we are all experiencing. I recommend setting aside a few moments to watch a couple of them. If you missed the email, here is the link: ACP’s Emotional Support and Wellness Video. And I hope to see even more of you at our Multiple Small Feedings of the Soul sessions that are held once a month by the NYACP Wellness Committee!

NYACP is honored to work with the State University at Albany’s Center for the Elimination of Minority Health Disparities (CEMHD) as an experiential placement partner to host Presidential Fellows. The mission of CEMHD is to “contribute to the elimination of minority health disparities in the smaller cities and towns of New York.” This Fall 2021 academic semester, NYACP is grateful to work with Fellows Ola Kalu and Rosie Love. Both of these talented researchers bring a plethora of new and innovative tools to the NYACP approach to health disparities and are a welcome addition to the NYACP Team! Ola Kalu and Rosie Love are introduced below. Please join me in welcoming them!

With the Fall semester in full swing, it’s a good time to remind NYACP members that ACP provides seed funding to support Internal Medicine Interest Groups who enroll by January 2022: IMIG Enrollment and that this year’s ACP meeting in Chicago from April 28-30, 2022 will have a dedicated medical student track (NYACP is supporting the first place poster winners from our Fall
2021 poster competition to compete at ACP’s Chicago meeting. Join me and your colleagues from NY as we make plans to participate in person together at this meeting and cheer on our NY residents and medical students!

Thank you for all you do!

Leslie Algase, MD, FACP, NYACP President

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**Members in the News**

Congratulations to Caroline Gomez-DiCesare, MD, FACP who accepted the AMA Joy in Medicine Health System Recognition award on behalf of the Bassett Healthcare Network. Dr. Gomez-DiCesare is an NYACP District President for Hudson Valley Capital, an ACP Well Being Champion and member of the Chapter’s Well Being Committee.

NYACP is proud to provide co-sponsorship support to the Multi-Institutional Well Being Grand Rounds programs which Dr. Gomez-Dicasare helps organize. Congratulations to Bassett Healthcare Network and their Director of Well Being, Dr. Caroline Gomez-DiCesare!

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**Welcome NYACP Fellows from the Center for the Elimination of Minority Health Disparities**

NYACP is proud to be an experiential placement partner for Presidential Fellows from SUNY Albany’s Center for the Elimination of Minority Health Disparities. This Fall 2021 semester, we welcome Rosie Love and Ola Kalu to the NYACP Team!

**Ola Kalu**

Presidential Fellow  
State University of New York at Albany  
Center for the Elimination of Minority Health Disparities

Ola Kalu is a Ph.D. student in Sociology at the University at Albany - SUNY, where she is a Presidential Health Disparities Scholar. Her scholarship centers on Black girlhood, urban sociology, and inequality, specifically in the areas of education, race, and gentrification. While teaching in Title I schools in South Florida, Ms. Kalu began to take an interest in how the literacy curriculum could boost agency and mental and emotional wellness of African American students (girls, adolescents, and women specifically). Ms. Kalu’s own identity as a first-generation Nigerian-American has contributed to her two research focuses: addressing mental health disparities in African American students and developing awareness regarding the intricacy of which race,
gender, and socioeconomic status can influence academic success and achievement with African American students. Her current research project explores a cross-comparative analysis of Northern and Southern states’ racial compositions in schools and neighborhoods and their effects over time.

**Rosie Love**

President Fellow  
State University of New York at Albany  
Center for the Elimination of Minority Health Disparities

Rosie Love is a licensed social worker, Ph.D. student, and Hearst Fellow at the Center for the Elimination of Minority Health Disparities where she specializes in racial equity policy research. Her professional accomplishments include work with the NYS Department of Health, AIDS Institute, where she co-founded the Health Equity Initiative in 2017. She aided in advocating for the integration of comprehensive health equity principles into every aspect of organizational work due to documented health disparities in priority populations. She also aided in the development of best practices in addressing racial inequities and assessing staff knowledge and workplace capacity on advancements in health equity. As a result, The NYS Department of Health, AIDS Institute is a nationally recognized leader in tackling inequities within public health systems. With over 18 years of experience, Rosie uniquely combines her clinical social work, employee training, and health equity expertise to help institutions reach their fullest potential.

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**New Job Posting!**

**Physician House Calls Program: Northwell Health**  
New York City, Long Island, Northern Westchester, Staten Island and Brooklyn

Northwell Health’s Department of Medicine is seeking a BC/BE Internal Medicine or Family Medicine Physician to join our House Calls Program. Addressing the needs of today’s chronically ill and aging population, Northwell’s House Calls Program provides expert medical care within the privacy and comfort of patients’ homes. The House Calls Program serves patients in New York City, Long Island, and Northern Westchester, who have difficulty traveling to doctor appointments, and looking to expand to Staten Island and Brooklyn. Our interdisciplinary team provides telemedicine and at-home visits to diagnose, treat, and coordinate the highest quality care.

Highlights include:

- Very competitive salary & benefits
- Great work life balance
- Work on a nationally recognized team
- Opportunities for teaching fellows, residents and medical students
- Opportunities for research, presentations, and publications
• Academic appointments at Donald and Barbara Zucker School of Medicine at Hofstra/Northwell
• Geographically-based team structure

Our award-winning program was chosen by the Center for Medicare & Medicaid Innovation (CMMI) to participate in the Independence at Home (IAH) national demonstration of the effectiveness of home-based primary care. Northwell’s House Calls programs was recently ranked number one nationally for performance in (IAH) by Medicare. Board certification or fellowship training in palliative care or geriatrics is a plus. Must be comfortable working independently and in interdisciplinary teams. For further details, please contact: Nicholas Franzini, Physician Recruiter: nfranzini@northwell.edu. EOE M/F/D/V

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**Upcoming Events**

**COVID-19 Vaccines and Vaccinations**
Wednesday, November 3: 5:00 - 6:00 pm

NYACP Syracuse District President, David Heisig, MD, FACP, invites you to attend an interactive meeting with Stephen J. Thomas, MD, FACP to discuss the latest information about the COVID-19 Vaccines. Dr. Thomas will provide an overview of important vaccine information, including the relationship between the timing of the COVID vaccine and the influenza vaccine, especially given the booster and child indications that are emerging now.

**Objectives:**
1. Improve understanding of the vaccine development process and covid vaccine development process
2. Improve understanding of current COVID vaccine safety, efficacy, and effectiveness data
3. Review the relationship between the timing of the Covid vaccine and the influenza vaccine

Dr. Thomas is a Professor of Medicine, Professor of Microbiology & Immunology, and Infectious Diseases physician-scientist from SUNY Upstate Medical University. He is the Director, Institute for Global Health and Translational Science (IGHTS) and the interim Chair, Microbiology and Immunology. Dr. Thomas specializes in the study of viruses and vaccine development. Currently, he is the global coordinating principal investigator for Pfizer’s phase 1/2/3 COVID vaccine trial.

*This session is made possible through generous support by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention of the U.S Department of Health and Human Services. The session has been partially supported by funding from GlaxoSmithKline and Merck & Co, Inc.*

[Register Here](#)

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*Final webinar in the series - sponsored by the Chapter’s Early Career Physicians Task Force: Women in Medicine Series Webinar: Part 5: Building Your Brand Intentionally Every Day*
*Tuesday, November 9: 6:00 - 7:00 pm*
Building your Brand Intentionally Every Day
Dawn Sears, MD, FACG

Dr. Dawn Sears is a practicing gastroenterologist x 20 years who knows what it is to be the only woman in the room, to navigate the jungle gym that is healthcare leadership and to be successful at moving the needle for burnout, retention and engagement. She holds multiple grants addressing burnout through evidence-based solutions, runs Women Physician Empowerment conferences, is a sought after speaker and writer of taboo subjects such as gender harassment, menstruation and sexism. She hates sodas, loves kefir and will talk all day about fecal microbiome transplant, liver regeneration or how to make the world a better place for our children!

Social Media and CV Building
Avital O'Glasser, MD, FACP

Dr. Avital O'Glasser is a hospitalist and associate professor of medicine within the Division of Hospital Medicine, Department of Medicine, and Department of Anesthesiology and Perioperative Medicine at Oregon Health & Science University (OHSU). Her clinical practice focus is perioperative medicine, and she is the Medical Director of OHSU's Preoperative Medicine Clinic.

She is also the assistant program director for social media and scholarship for OHSU's Internal Medicine Residency Program. She is passionate about the multidisciplinary, comprehensive practice of perioperative medicine as an internist. In addition to perioperative medicine including the periop care of COVID-19 survivors, her academic interests include analyzing the role and effectiveness of social media within healthcare, particularly Twitter. She engages her passion for examining and promoting the overlap between medicine and novel or non-traditional scholarship, for example, exploring and advocating how we can capture impact and reach of non-traditional work such as digital scholarship on CVs and applications. In the spirit of encouraging and participating in digital scholarship, she serves as the honorary chief of perioperative medicine for the internal medicine podcast The Curbsiders.

More Information
Register Here

Small Feedings of the Soul: Readings and Reflections
Wednesday, November 17: 7:00-8:00 pm

Explore the practice of medicine through shared experiences! Come for discussion, camaraderie, and to meet authors of select pieces from 'On Being A Doctor'.

November's theme: Understanding and Responding to Substance Use in Our Patients

Readings:
"Overdose, Out Front" by Avik Chatterjee, MD, MPH
"The Box" by Christopher K. Migliore, MD, MS

Facilitated by: Kelly Ramsey, MD, MPH, MA, FACP, FASAM
Program Directors: Nandini Anandu, MD, FACP, Lynn Cleary, MD, MACP, and Cori Salvit, MD, FACP
Please note that this event is not recorded.

Register Here

Advances in Cardiovascular Risk Reduction: Improving Treatment for Patients with Diabetes
Thursday, December 2, 2021: 7:45am-5:00pm

Jointly provided by the NYU Grossman School of Medicine and the New York Chapter American College of Physicians (NYACP)

Register Here