

# The Pulse

News for fellows and friends of the cardiovascular fellowship program of UPMC Heart and Vascular Institute

Welcome to The Pulse, the biannual UPMC Cardiovascular Fellowship Program e-newsletter. This publication is issued twice a year to keep graduates up to date on what's happening with the program. It is our hope that this will help everyone to stay in close contact and promote ongoing interaction among graduates, new and old.

## Accomplishments

### Update on Shaver Conference Room

We are pleased to announce that the renovations on the Shaver Conference Room have been completed. The room now has new tables and chairs, as well as cabinetry featuring a display of awards and memorabilia from Dr. Shaver's career along with an oil painting of Dr. Shaver, and state of the art teleconferencing equipment.

A dedication ceremony was held in the conference room on Wednesday, January 21, and we thank all who attended for joining us.

*We'd like to sincerely thank everyone who contributed to our fundraising efforts to make this a reality. We believe the conference room is now a fitting tribute to Dr. Shaver's tremendous career and the influence he had on us all. We couldn't have done it without your support.*



## Fellowship News

### Match and Downsizing

The match results for the incoming fellowship class were announced on December 3, 2014. We were thrilled with the group of trainees we were able to recruit:

**Stephen J. D'Auria, MD**

Residency: University of Pittsburgh - 2015

**Sebhat Asnake Erqou, MD, PhD**

Residency: University of Pittsburgh Medical Center - 2013

**Michael Genuardi, MD**

Residency: Massachusetts General Hospital - 2015

**Helen Huang, MD**

Residency: Cedars Sinai Medical Center - 2015

**Jae In Lee, MD (Jeff)**

Residency: Emory School of Medicine - 2015

**Jack Li, MD, MBA**

Residency: University of Michigan - 2014

**Ahmad Masri, MBBS**

Residency: Cleveland Clinic - 2015

**Polakit Teekakirikul, MD**

Residency: Harvard Medical School/Mount Auburn Hospital Internal Medicine Residency Program - 2015

These trainees hail from a variety of high-level residencies and come to us with a wide variety of planned career paths, from clinician educator to clinician investigator. We are excited to welcome them to our family and look forward to helping them achieve their goals.

As you can see we matched eight trainees instead of our usual 10. After much discussion, taking into consideration job market and economic realities, we had decided prior to the match to downsize our program. We see this as an opportunity to adjust the fellowship experience to further emphasize education over service. It also gives us the flexibility to provide unique, cutting edge training for future careers, such as Critical Care Cardiology. We are confident that this change will allow us to recruit and train the best future leaders in our field.

### Holiday Party

The 2014 Fellow Holiday Party was held on December 19 at Hough's in Greenfield. Fellows and faculty alike packed the place and a great time was had. We'd like to thank all of the faculty who contributed to funding the party.



### Fellow Presentations

Over the past year UPMC Cardiovascular Fellows have continued to be extremely productive in the research arena. Our fellows attended and presented their work at numerous local and national scientific meetings, including local and national AHA, ACC and HRS.



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