The 2024-2025 Fellows and Residents stand before a sculpture East Jefferson General Hospital, new location for the clinical pathologists, residents and fellows. Pictured from left to right: Back row: Dr. Ryan Craig, Residency Program Director; Doctors Yuhua Xue; Konrad Bach; Hanadi Osman; Younes Aljohmani (Cytopathology Fellow); Robert Wood (Hematopathology Fellow); Keaton Ott. Front row, left to right. Doctors Carlos Lopez; Farhanaz Panjshiri; Ross Bonnot; Phoenix Hwaung; Sarah Lewis; Hira Saeed; Elizabeth Bozner, Annette Hebert and Bea DeLucca, Residency Program Coordinator.
Ralph’s on the Park Restaurant was the venue where the graduation of fellow and residents was celebrated on June 25, 2024. Dr. Yousif Al Rubaye, successfully completing his Dermatopathology Fellowship, has accepted a private practice position in Tucson, AZ. Residency graduates Drs. Younes Aljohmani, Ghaidaa Majari and Robert Wood will remain in Tulane Pathology as the Cytopathology Fellow, Dermatopathology Fellow and Hematopathology Fellow, respectively. Dr. Aljohmani received the Richard J. Reed Award for Excellence in Surgical Pathology. Dr. Annette Hebert, P.G.Y. II, was honored with the Nina Dhurandhar, M.D. Award for Excellence in Cytopathology, and Drs. Phoenix Hwaung and Farhanaz Panjshiri, both P.G.Y. I’s, were co-recipients of the Rokitansky Award for Excellence in Autopsy Pathology.

Pictured below: Left to right, top: Drs. Yousif Al Rubaye, Younes Aljohmani, Ghaidaa Majari, Robert Wood.
GRADUATION 2024 (Continued)

Dr. Ryan Craig, Assistant Professor of Pathology
Director of Residency Program
Philip J. Daroca Award Excellence in Residency Education

CO-CHIEF RESIDENTS 2024-2025

Dr. Hanadi Osman
Dr. Yuhua Xue
NEW RESIDENTS 2024-2025

Welcome Tulane Pathology 2024 Residents

Elizabeth Marie Bozner, MD
Louisiana State University School of Medicine - New Orleans
New Orleans, LA

Keaton Noah Ott, MD
Tulane University
School of Medicine
New Orleans, LA

Hira Saed, MBBS
Federal Medical and Dental College, Pakistan
SPECIAL LECTURES

The annual Dr. and Mrs. Michael A. Gerber Pathology Research Lecture took place on September 15, 2023, and was delivered by Dr. Bernd Schnabl, Professor of Medicine, Division of Gastroenterology, University of California at San Diego. Dr. Schnabl’s (seen right) lecture was entitled, *Small Bugs, Big Changes: A Microbiota Centered View of Liver Disease.*

The Department was honored to have Ms. Elisa Gerber, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Gerber, as a special guest in attendance.

Dr. Michael Laposata (seen left), Professor and Chair of the Department of Pathology, University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston, TX, delivered the Annual Sternberg-Reed Lecture on March 1, 2024 after conducting a conference with the Pathology Residents. Dr. Laposata’s lecture was entitled, *The John Sealy Diagnostic Center was UTMB.*
GRAND ROUNDS GUEST SPEAKERS

Dr. Qihui (Jim) Zhai, (seen left) Professor and Chair of Department of Pathology and Pathobiology, LSU Shreveport, and newly elected President of College of American Pathologists (CAP), delivered the Grand Rounds presentation, *The Pathologist’s Leadership Role in Laboratory Management and Services, the CAP Perspective*, on May 24, 2024.

As part of Tulane University Faculty Networking Seminar, and presenting at Pathology Grand Rounds, Dr. Daohong Zhou (seen left), Professor in the Department of Biochemistry and Structural Biology, and the Terry Lozano Long Distinguished Chair of Development Therapeutics at the Long School of Medicine, UT Health San Antonio, presented, *BCL-XL-PROTAC—A Safer and More Effective Antitumor Agent.*
W. Chen


S. DASH:

E. FLEMINGTON:


S. LEE:


YP. LI:


**Z. LIN:**


**K. MOROZ**


**L. PI**

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D. TIAN:


T. WU:

X. Xu:


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NEW GRANTS AWARDED

Dr. Srikanta Dash was the recipient of an LCRC Seed Grant Award in the amount of $25,000. Dr. Chiuang-Kuei Huang received an RO1 grant from NIH in the amount of $299,603 (yr 1). Dr. Xiao-Ming Yin received an R21 grant from NIH in the amount of $219,938 (yr 1).

DEPARTMENT NEWS

Evie Burguières, Program Coordinator, made contributions to the recent passage of two impactful bills by the Louisiana State Government that highlight dedication to human health and wildlife conservation.

The first, Louisiana House Bill 641, establishes the Wildlife Rehabilitators License Plate. Proceeds from the sales of these special plates will benefit the NOLA Wildlife Center, providing essential funds to support wildlife rehabilitators across the state. Evie’s efforts were crucial in advocating for this initiative, which will ensure that wildlife professionals have the resources needed to care for and protect Louisiana’s diverse fauna.

The second piece of legislation, House Bill 854, creates an exemption to existing Wildlife and Fisheries rules for licensed rehabilitators. This bill will greatly benefit the public by
allowing individuals to assist wildlife on a one-animal-at-a-time basis, fostering a community-driven approach to wildlife conservation. Evie’s expertise and passion for wildlife were key in shaping this bill, which promises to enhance our state’s capacity to respond to wildlife emergencies.

**PHOTO CONTEST WINNERS**

Winners of the Department’s Photo Contest were announced at the Fellow and Resident’s Graduation Ceremony: First place was won by Dr. Sarah Lewis for the photo entitled, *Heart (Below, left).* Dr. Farhanaz Panjshiri received the second-place prize for her photo, *Foggy Morning (Below, Center).* Third place went to Dr. Abida Kadi for, *Halloween (Below, right).*

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**HEART**

**FOGGY MORNING**

**HALLOWEEN**

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**GRADUATION CEREMONY:** Front, Center from right to left: Drs. Norah Alghamdi; Matthew Hurford; Krzysztof Moroz; Nina Dhurandhar; Philip Daroca; Dr. Halat and spouse. Center, left to right: Dr. Mercedes Ficarra and spouse.
Faculty celebrate Fellow’s and Residents’ graduation. From Left to Right: Dr. and Mrs. Abida Kadi; Dr. and Mrs. Tim Peterson; Dr. Edward Martin; Dr. Xiao-Ming Yin (Department Chair), and Dr. Alun Wang.

Bottom, Left: Residents at work in the Microscope Room at East Jefferson. Bottom, Right: 2024-2025 Residents and Fellows with Program Director Dr. Ryan Craig (seen back row, far right).