

# PEOPLE

■ **David J. Apple, M.D.**, professor of ophthalmology and visual sciences, and pathology at the School of Medicine, was inducted into the American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery's Ophthalmology Hall of Fame last April. He directs the David J. Apple Laboratory for Ophthalmic Devices at the University's John A. Moran Eye Center.

■ **Brenda L. Bass, Ph.D.**, distinguished professor of biochemistry and adjunct professor of human genetics at the School of Medicine, and **Baldomero Olivera, Ph.D.**, distinguished professor of biology and an investigator at the University's Huntsman Cancer Institute (HCI), were elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences last April. Bass is a Howard Hughes Medical Institute (HHMI) investigator; Olivera is an HHMI professor.

■ **Mary C. Beckerle, Ph.D.**, professor of oncological sciences at the School of Medicine and HCI executive director, received the Rosenblatt Prize for Excellence last May at the U of U Commencement. The \$40,000 gift honors a faculty member who excels in teaching, research, and administration. Last June, Beckerle, distinguished professor of biology and holder of the Ralph E. and Willia T. Main Presidential Endowed Chair in Cancer Research, was named to a new external working group on peer review for the National Institutes of Health.

■ **Randall W. Burt, M.D.**, professor of internal medicine in the Division of Gastroenterology at the School of Medicine, and HCI senior director for prevention and outreach, received the 2007 Mentors Research Scholar Award from the American Gastroenterological Association. The award permanently endows a fund in Burt's name, which will provide three-year competitive grants every three years to help young scientists establish independent careers in digestive disease research. (See pg. 22.)

■ **Carrie L. Byington, M.D.**, professor of pediatrics and infectious diseases, and associate chair for clinical research in the Department of Pediatrics at the School of Medicine, was selected for the 2007-08 Class of ELAM Fellows at Drexel University College of Medicine last June. ELAM (Hedwig van Amerigen Executive Leadership in Academic Medicine Program for Women) is the only national program dedicated to preparing senior women faculty for leadership at academic health centers. Byington also holds the Lowell Bennion Public Service Professorship.

■ **Darrell Clarke**, pharmacy technician at the University's Huntsman Cancer Hospital, last spring won the Hematology/Oncology

Pharmacy Association (HOPA) technician award for exemplary leadership in the safe handling of chemotherapy and proper compounding of sterile products.

■ **Perry G. Fine, M.D.**, professor of anesthesiology at the medical school, received the Josefina B. Magno Distinguished Hospice Physician Award from the American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine at its annual meeting last February in Salt Lake City. Fine is on the faculty of the Pain Research Center and an attending physician at the Pain Management Center, both within the Department of Anesthesiology.

■ **Pamela Grant, M.S.W., L.C.S.W.**, pediatric renal social worker in University Health Care's pediatric dialysis and transplant program, received the 2007 Volunteer of the Year Award from the National Kidney Foundation of Utah & Idaho at its annual board of directors meeting in Salt Lake City last July.

■ **Chris Ireland, Ph.D.**, professor and chair of the Department of Medicinal Chemistry in the College of Pharmacy, was honored with the University's Distinguished Scholarly and Creative Research Award at U commencement ceremonies last May.

■ **Bryan Jones, Ph.D.**, research assistant professor of ophthalmology and visual sciences at the School of Medicine, received the Research to Prevent Blindness Career Development Award last spring for his studies to understand the nature and extent of pathology in retinal degenerative diseases.

■ **Bradley J. Katz, M.D., Ph.D.**, assistant professor of ophthalmology and visual sciences, and neurology at the School of Medicine, received a Jahnigen Career Development Scholars Award from the American Geriatrics Society last April. The two-year, \$200,000 grant is given to young faculty to initiate a career in research and education in geriatrics related to his/her discipline. Katz studies giant cell arthritis, a type of vasculitis.

■ **Janet Lindsley, Ph.D.**, associate professor of biochemistry at the School of Medicine, was presented with the Gender Equity Award by the U chapter of the American Medical Women's Association. Medical school students, faculty, and staff selected her for the annual award.

■ **Douglas Mackay, Ph.D.**, a researcher at HCI, was awarded the Michael Schmidt Postdoctoral Fellowship from the American Cancer Society. Intended to help those who recently received doctoral degrees qualify for independent cancer research careers,

the three-year grant will support Mackay's study of mitotic remodeling of the nuclear envelope.

■ **Michael K. Magill, M.D.**, professor and chair of the medical school's Department of Family and Preventive Medicine, was named president-elect of the Association of Departments of Family Medicine at the group's annual meeting in Savannah, Ga., last May. He will become president in February and serve a three-year term on the Council of Academic Family Medicine.

■ **Nick Mamalis, M.D.**, professor of ophthalmology and visual sciences, was appointed co-editor of *The Journal of Cataract & Refractive Surgery*, a monthly publication launched in 1996, with a co-editor in the United Kingdom.

■ **John M. Matsen, M.D.**, former vice president for health sciences and professor emeritus of pathology and pediatrics at the School of Medicine, received the TREK Diagnostic Systems ABMM/ABMLI Professional Recognition Award from the American Society for Microbiology at the association's general meeting in Toronto. He was recognized for his outstanding contributions to the professional recognition of clinical microbiologists and immunologists.

■ **David Morton, Ph.D.**, assistant professor in the medical school's Department of Neurobiology and Anatomy, was one of five faculty members to be honored with a U of U Early Teaching Award last spring.

■ **Mark A. Munger, Pharm.D.**, professor of pharmacotherapy in the College of Pharmacy, was invited by the American College of Cardiology Foundation and the American Heart Association last June to serve on a joint task force to update guidelines for the management of patients with stable ischemic heart disease.

■ **Leigh Neumayer, M.D.**, professor of surgery at the medical school and a member of the HCI breast cancer multidisciplinary program, received the Olga Jonasson Distinguished Member Award from the Association of Women Surgeons last spring. She was recognized for advancing the highest standards of competence and ethical behavior, and promoting interaction among women surgeons internationally.

■ **Wayne J. Peay, M.S.**, recently retired director of the Spencer S. Eccles Health Sciences Library, was inducted into the American College of Medical Informatics (ACMI) at the 2006 annual symposium of the American Medical Informatics Association. His election

recognizes his significant and sustained contributions to biomedical and health informatics (see pg. 3).

■ **Aaron M. Rowland, Ph.D.**, postdoctoral fellow in the Department of Pharmacology and Toxicology at the College of Pharmacy, was awarded the Colgate-Palmolive Postdoctoral Fellowship, which provides \$73,000 over two years to support his research. At the annual meeting of the Society of Toxicology in Charlotte, N.C., last March, Rowland also received the Colgate-Palmolive Award and a \$500 cash prize for the best postdoctoral abstract from the molecular biology specialty section.

■ **Hansjorg Schwertz, M.D.**, postdoctoral fellow in the medical school's Program in Human Molecular Biology and Genetics, received the Kenneth M. Brinkhous Young Investigator Prize in Thrombosis from the American Heart Association at the organization's Thrombosis and Vascular Biology Annual Conference in Chicago last April. The award recognizes outstanding endeavors by new investigators for fundamental and applied research in thrombosis (see pg. 6).

■ **Barry Stults, M.D.**, professor and chief, Division of General Internal Medicine at the School of Medicine, was one of four U of U faculty members with more than eight years

of service who was honored with a 2007 Distinguished Teaching Award last January.

■ **Benjamin W. VanTassell, Ph.D.**, was awarded a 2007 Clinical Pharmacy Post-Pharm.D. Fellowship in the Biomedical Research Sciences from the American Foundation for Pharmaceutical Education last April. The one-year fellowship includes a stipend of \$27,500.

■ **Kang Zhang, M.D.**, associate professor in the medical school's Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences, was selected as chief medical editor of the Chinese edition of *Ophthalmology World Report*, the largest independent eye-care magazine in Asia. He directs the Division of Ophthalmic Genetics at the U Moran Eye Center.

## IN MEMORIAM



Pierre S. Pincetl, M.D.

**Pierre S. Pincetl, M.D.**, associate vice president for health sciences information technology services (ITS), and chief information officer for University Health Care, died March 30, 2007, of colon cancer. He was 50.

Pincetl was a respected physician and administrator who, through his leadership in ITS, helped transform how patient care is delivered and business operations are performed. As a result, University Hospital consistently has ranked among the nation's top 100 "wired" hospitals. Since he joined the U faculty as an associate professor of internal medicine and medical informatics in 1996, Pincetl grew ITS from some 50 employees to more than 200, housed in a new consolidated data center for all critical campus systems. He also is credited with helping employees develop career paths in ITS at the U.

"Pierre leaves a tremendous legacy. I can't say enough about what he accomplished for the health sciences," noted A. Lorris Betz, M.D., Ph.D., U senior vice president for health sciences, executive dean of the School of Medicine, and CEO, University Health Care. "Pierre was everybody's friend."

Pincetl was born Oct. 29, 1956, in San Diego, Calif. He graduated from the University of California, San Diego, and completed medical school at George Washington University. Following a residency at Harbor/University of California, Los Angeles, he fulfilled a clinical and research fellowship in health science and computer informatics at Massachusetts General Hospital and Harvard School of Medicine. He served seven years on the faculty at George Washington, where he was chief information officer.

In addition to leadership at the U, Pincetl served as president of the Chief Information Officers (CIO) Forum of the University Healthcare Consortium as well as on other national CIO groups.

He is survived by his wife, Kim; a son, Peter, and daughter, Adrienne; his mother, Giselle Pincetl; and his sister, Stephanie Pincetl (Jonathan Katz).

Contributions may be made to the Pierre Pincetl Memorial Fund at any Wells Fargo Bank.



Clifford C. Snyder, M.D.

**Clifford C. Snyder, M.D.**, professor emeritus of surgery and associate dean at the School of Medicine, died June 15, 2007. He was 91.

A distinguished plastic surgeon, Snyder was also a noted researcher and medical historian, award-winning teacher, and ever the Southern gentleman.

He was born Feb. 16, 1916, in Fort Worth, Texas. He received his medical degree from the University of Tennessee in 1944 and served an internship at the U.S. Naval Hospital on Mare Island, Calif. He completed a general surgery residency at Jackson Memorial Hospital in Miami and a plastic surgery residency at the University of Texas, Galveston. He served two years on the Texas faculty and 13 years at the University of Miami School of Medicine.

Snyder joined the U faculty as professor of surgery and chief of the Division of Plastic Surgery in 1967. He also served as chief of plastic surgery at Shriners' Hospital for Children, Intermountain, and chief of surgical service at the George E. Wahlen Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Salt Lake City. He retired as professor emeritus in 1987, but continued at the U School of Medicine as associate dean for special projects.

Snyder developed new surgical procedures, techniques, and materials, including collagen sutures, nerve sheaths, and tendon staples. His research interests ranged from the degeneration and regeneration of peripheral nerves to total jaw prosthesis to frostbite treatment and snakebite vaccines. He was the author of more than 100 scientific papers and book chapters.

In 1975, he led a team of surgeons to China to collaborate on re-implantation. In 1979, he played a key role on the medical team that separated conjoined twins Lisa and Elisa Hansen at University Hospital. He was named Clinician of the Year by the American Association of Plastic Surgeons in 1983.

For more than 25 years, Snyder taught an honors class on the history of medicine. He trained more than 90 plastic surgeons, many of whom gathered in 1993 to form the Clifford C. Snyder Surgical Society. He was honored with

■ At the 2007 Best of State Awards Gala last May, **George L. White Jr., Ph.D., M.S.P.H.**, professor and director of the Public Health Program in the medical school's Department of Family and Preventive Medicine, was named Best College/University Teacher. **University Health Care** was recognized as Best Health Care Facility.

■ Two health sciences faculty members were honored in May with the U of U 2007 Graduate Student and Postdoctoral Scholar Mentor Awards: **Susan Beck, Ph.D., A.P.R.N.**, professor and associate dean for academic programs in the College of Nursing; and **Carl Thummel, Ph.D.**, professor in the medical school's Department of Human Genetics. Each will be awarded \$2,500 at a ceremony this fall.

■ Three graduate students in the College of Pharmacy's Department of Pharmacology and Toxicology were recognized at the 46th annual Society of Toxicology meeting last March in Savannah, Ga. **Hao Sun**, a fourth-year Ph.D. student, won third place in the Carl C. Smith Mechanisms Graduate Student Award Competition. **Karen C. Thomas**, a third-year Pharm.D./Ph.D. student, received a travel award for participation on the Student Advisory Council. **Dorinda Arch**, a third-year Ph.D. student, received the society's Graduate Student Travel Award and a U of U Graduate School travel award.

■ Eleven health sciences employees were recognized as 2007 U of U District Staff Award winners last spring. From University of Utah Hospital & Clinics were: **Paulette**

**Alford**, supervisor, Community Clinics; **Bonnie Cannon**, aide, Nutrition Care Services; **Heather Lockhart**, operator, Telecommunications; **Julia Beynon, R.N.**, nurse manager, SICU; **Nick Lonardo, Pharm.D.**, Pharmacy; **Nanette Bateman**, administrative assistant, Cardiac, Critical Care, Surgical, and Emergency Services; **Bryan Simpson, R.N.**, AirMed flight nurse. From the School of Medicine were: **Gurmail Gill** and **Mar Janna Dahl**, senior lab specialists, Department of Pediatrics; and **Anna Naylor**, medical secretary, Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences. From the College of Nursing was **Doris "Dori" Fortune**, program coordinator in the Faculty Affairs Office. District winners were nominated for U Presidential Staff Awards; winners included Dahl, Fortune, and Simpson. ▣

Best Professor of the Year awards at both the U of U and Texas. In 1995, he was honored with and named to the Clifford C. Snyder, M.D.-Far Eastern Presidential Endowed Chair at the University's Spencer S. Eccles Health Sciences Library.

Snyder and his wife of more than 50 years, Mary Odessa Morris, were also donors to the U, funding the Clifford S. Snyder, M.D., and Mary Snyder Lecture, an annual keynote address at the health sciences library's InfoFair. She preceded him in death.

He is survived by his son, Clifford C. Snyder Jr.; daughter-in-law, Sharon Lence Snyder; and three grandchildren. Donations may be made to the Spencer S. Eccles Health Sciences Library.

**Josephine Mix Kasteler, Ph.D.**, associate professor emerita of family and preventive medicine at the School of Medicine, died Aug. 2, 2007. She was 93.

Kasteler was a pivotal figure in Utah's gerontology programs for more than a quarter century. She served as deputy director of the University's Long-term Care Gerontology Center from 1983-87 and was instrumental in developing the center's Student/Senior Shared Housing Project. She also began the Navajo Strip Service Development project and coordinated interdisciplinary educational opportunities for students at the U Geriatric Clinic.

Kasteler was born May 11, 1914, in Salt Lake City. In 1937, she married John I. Kasteler; they later divorced. She earned her bachelor's and master's degrees from the U in 1963 and 1965, respectively. She served as executive director of the Salt Lake Metropolitan Committee on Aging and helped deliver the city's first Meals on Wheels. She participated in one of the nation's first Foster Grandparent Projects at the Utah State Training School in American Fork in 1966. In 1970, she received her doctorate in sociology and psychology from the U, and joined the School of Medicine faculty the following year. In 1983, she was named an adjunct professor in the U College of Nursing.

As a member of the medical school's Gerontology Curriculum Committee, she designed and taught the first elective on health care for the aged. She served on numerous state advisory boards to help improve the lives of Utah's elderly. She was honored by the Utah Sociological Association for her outstanding career and received the first Utah Gerontological Society Pioneer Award.

Kasteler is survived by: her children—John I. Kasteler Jr. (Sharon), Elise Kasteler Hutchings, Richard Mix Kasteler (Elaine), Steven G. Kasteler, and David R. Kasteler (Zoe), all of Salt Lake City; sister-in-law Mary Cannon Mix; 17 grandchildren; and 31 great-grandchildren.

Donations may be made to the Josephine Kasteler Scholarship at the College of Nursing.

**Kimberly Howes, Ph.D.**, research assistant professor in the Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences at the School of Medicine, died Jan. 6 of lung cancer. She was 50.

A scientist dedicated to finding treatments for eye diseases that included retinoblastoma and age-related macular generation, Howes contributed to nearly 30 scientific publications, including a recent article in *Science*. "Kim will be remembered especially for her Texas charm, congeniality and collegiality, and willingness to share ideas," said Robert E. Marc, Ph.D., professor of ophthalmology and visual sciences, and research director at the University's John A. Moran Eye Center. "In a scientific world often beset by hostile competition, she was an island of refreshment."

Born Sept. 30, 1956, in Peoria, Ill., Howes received a bachelor's degree from Colorado State University, a master's degree from Washington State University, and a doctorate from the University of Texas Health Sciences Center, San Antonio. She completed postdoctoral training in inherited retinal diseases at the Moran Eye Center with Wolfgang Baehr, Ph.D., and joined the U faculty in 2001.

Howes is survived by: her husband, Chuck Hensel; her mother, Beverly Howes-Corbin, Colorado Springs; her father, Bill Howes of Loveland, Colo.; and her brother, Mark Howes, Baltimore.

Donations may be made to the Foundation Fighting Blindness or to the American Cancer Society. ▣



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