

Clark receives AANP's Meritorious Contribution Award

Washington University neuropathologist Robert Schmidt and UT Health San Antonio neuropathologist Margaret Flanagan presented LMP professor emeritus [Brent Clark](#) with the American Association of Neuropathologists ([AANP](#)) Meritorious Contribution Award at AANP's 101st Annual Meeting in Minneapolis. The award recognizes AANP members who have made significant contributions to the advancement of knowledge in neuropathology. Schmidt was Clark's colleague in training at Washington University. Flanagan is a former LMP colleague. See story with photos [here](#).

Rothlin to join LMP as new CFI Director

Dean Tolar [announced Tuesday](#) that Carla Rothlin will become the Director of the Center for Immunology (CFI), Co-Leader of the Masonic Cancer Center (MCC) Immunology Program, Andersen Chair in Immunology at MCC, and a Professor of Laboratory Medicine and Pathology. She is internationally known for her research on immunobiology, immune homeostasis, and receptor tyrosine kinases. Rothlin joins the LMP faculty in August. See announcement [here](#).

Murugan is named "Top Doc"

LMP associate professor [Paari Murugan](#) is among the [195 M Physicians doctors](#) named as Mpls.St.Paul Magazine's 2025 Top Doctors. Congratulations! Earlier this month, Murugan also gave a lecture on "Pathologic fundamentals of common bone sarcomas" for the Department of Orthopedics, SRM Medical College Hospital and Research Center, Chennai, India, and was a speaker and panelist for "Genitourinary Pathology," a Digital Pathology Association whole slide image-based review course in April.

Beilman elected interim CEO of M Physicians, appointed interim VP for University clinical operations

Dr. Greg Beilman, a long-serving leader within the University of Minnesota, has been elected by the University of Minnesota Physicians (M Physicians) Board of Directors as interim chief executive officer of M Physicians and appointed interim vice president for clinical operations for the University of Minnesota. In this interim role, Beilman will report to the M Physicians board of directors and to University of Minnesota President Rebecca Cunningham effective July 1. More [here](#).

Hoffman paper is highlighted by Academia.edu

The journal *Nature* asks whether AI-generated podcasts "can boost scientific engagement?" In one such instance, [Academia.edu](#) founder and CEO Richard Price highlighted Bill Hoffman's paper "[The shifting currents of bioscience innovation](#)" in his "In Depth with Academia" podcast. Academia.edu is a 300-million-member sharing platform that hosts 50 million research papers, with search and analytics assistance from artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning. Price's five-minute podcast of Bill's paper is [here](#).

Plan for USCAP projects

AP research coordinator Kira Krug will be out of the office July-22-Aug 8. If you have time sensitive USCAP projects or research block and slide requests, please connect with Kira ASAP. The USCAP deadline for abstract submissions is Tuesday, October 7.

From CTSI: Tips for developing a data-only protocol

Office of Faculty Affairs posts promotion cycle office hours

Office hours for the 2025–26 promotion cycle will begin on April 22 and run through September 11. The Office of Faculty Affairs (OFA) has reserved weekly time to assist with questions related to CV and dossier preparation.

Weekly Office Hours (via Zoom):

- Tuesdays, 10-11am
- Thursdays, 11-12pm

Zoom links and additional details are available on the OFA [website](#). Please keep questions brief during office hours. For more in-depth assistance or to schedule outside the designated times, please contact ms-ofa@umn.edu to arrange an appointment.

Note Summer Bridge Funding Opportunities

<https://research.umn.edu/funding-awards/rio-funding-awards/grant-aid>

Masonic Cancer Center Spring 2025 Internal Grants Program are now open

The goal of the Masonic Cancer Center Internal Grants Program spring cycle funding opportunities is to support new research projects that will lead to nationally peer-reviewed funding.

Note the Medical School funding opportunities tracker

<https://med.umn.edu/research/funding-opportunities>

Medical School Research & Equipment Grants are available

<https://med.umn.edu/about/honors-awards/services-faculty-students/research-equipment-grants>

Faculty, residents, and fellows publish

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[In an era in which medical practice is becoming more complex and the role of nonphysician health care professionals (such as physician assistants, advanced practice nurses, and pharmacists) is expanding, the physician's role as an expert diagnostician is especially vital to the work of the health care team. We believe the medical community can't afford to train the physicians of the future — particularly general internists, general surgeons, and family physicians — in programs that fail to develop this essential competency in students.]

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Send news to Bill

Please send publications, achievement and event information and announcements you think appropriate for the LMP Newsletter or X/Twitter to Bill Hoffman at hoffm003@umn.edu. Bill has an ongoing interest in photographs, images, and story ideas you may have for the LMP website.

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LMP X/Twitter: <https://twitter.com/UMNLabMedPath>

Grand Rounds videos: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCHSc0zfvq6SUnNvDQI6oLwA>