

New Faces

Steven J. Berberich, Ph.D.
Interim Chair and Professor,
Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology

For more than 15 years, Steven J. Berberich, Ph.D., has pursued a passion for genomics research that has kept his laboratory on the cutting edge of scientific investigation and funded by more than \$6.5 million in external grants, including a current competitive five-year grant from the National Institutes of Health.

A member of the university faculty since 1994, Berberich was the founding director of the medical school's Center for Genomics Research. Berberich is a regular contributor and reviewer for numerous scientific journals and has frequently served as an appointed reviewer for the National Institutes of Health, the National Science Foundation, and the American Cancer Society. Berberich holds a B.S. in biology and a Ph.D. in biomedical science from Wright State and completed a postdoctoral fellowship in molecular biology at Princeton University.



Molly J. Hall, M.D.
Associate Dean, Premier

Molly J. Hall, M.D., brings 25 years' experience in medical education and 21 years of active duty in the U.S. Air Force to the new positions of Associate Dean for Premier and Vice President of Academic Affairs for Premier Health.

During a distinguished military medical career, Hall has earned national recognition as a scholar, author, speaker, and leader. She has served as Dean of Graduate Medical Education for the Air Force, Assistant Chair of the Department of Psychiatry for the Uniformed Services University, and Director of Air Force Medical Consultants in the Office of the Air Force Surgeon General. Hall has published and presented nationally and has served as a reviewer and examiner for numerous journals and professional organizations. She received a B.S. from Yale and an M.D. from Cornell University Medical College before completing a psychiatry residency at The New York Hospital.



Michael P. Heffernan, M.D.
Chair, Department of Dermatology

Michael P. Heffernan, M.D., joined the medical school faculty in 2005 with the express goal of converting the division of dermatology into a standalone department, which he and his colleagues achieved in February 2008. Drawing on his extensive experience as an author of 52 articles and book chapters, principal investigator for 83 research and clinical pharmacological studies, regular reviewer for several journals and medical societies, featured speaker at more than 105 lectures and presentations, and medical dermatologist with the faculty of Washington University in St. Louis for seven years, Heffernan has greatly expanded the department's academic and clinical activities. He received a B.S. from the University of Notre Dame and an M.D. from the University of Michigan Medical School before completing a dermatology residency and serving as chief resident at Stanford University Medical Center.





Richard T. Laughlin, M.D.
Chair, Department of Orthopaedic Surgery, Sports Medicine, and Rehabilitation

A faculty member since 1994, Richard T. Laughlin, M.D., also serves as director of medical education for the department and as the orthopaedic surgery residency program director. He is certified by the American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery, is a fellow of the American College of Surgeons, and is an active member of numerous professional organizations, including the American College of Surgeons. He also serves on the Trauma Committee at Miami Valley Hospital and directs the Dayton Orthopaedic Society. Laughlin holds a B.A. from the University of Notre Dame, an M.S. in sports medicine from Texas Tech University, and an M.D. from the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center. He completed an orthopaedic surgery residency at Southern Illinois University and foot and ankle fellowships (one in reconstruction) at the University of Texas Medical Branch and the University of Washington Harborview Medical Center.



Gary L. LeRoy, M.D.
Associate Dean, Student Affairs and Admissions

Gary L. LeRoy, M.D., is widely recognized and admired for his commitment to students, patients, and compassionate, humanistic care. Among many honors, LeRoy has been named Physician of the Year by the Miami Valley Academy of Family Physicians and received the Arnold P. Gold Foundation Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine Award. He has served as president of the Ohio Academy of Family Physicians; held leadership positions in the American Academy of Family Physicians; sat on the boards of numerous area hospitals, physician associations, and non-profit health care organizations; and been personally recognized by the Ohio House of Representatives and the Ohio Senate. LeRoy earned a B.S. and M.D. from Wright State University and completed his residency in family practice at Miami Valley Hospital.



Glen D. Solomon, M.D., FACP
Professor and Chair, Department of Internal Medicine

Glen D. Solomon, M.D., FACP, comes to the university from Advocate Lutheran General Hospital outside Chicago, where he served as chair of the Department of Medicine and director of the internal medicine residency program. Previously, Solomon was senior medical director for medical and scientific affairs with Merck and Co. Inc. and director of the headache clinic and headache medicine fellowship program for the Cleveland Clinic. He is the author of two textbooks, more than 100 peer-reviewed papers, and 35 book chapters on the subject of headache and migraine, and is a fellow of the American College of Physicians and the American Headache Society. Solomon earned a B.A. from Northwestern University and an M.D. from Rush Medical College before completing an internal medicine residency at the U.S. Air Force Medical Center and an executive program in practice management through the Cleveland Clinic Foundation/Case Western Reserve University.