

WIDENING IMPACT IN MEDICINE AND SCIENCE NEWSLETTER

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GRATITUDE AND REFLECTIONS FROM THE WIMS ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR



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DEAR WIMS MEMBERS AND COLLEGE OF MEDICINE FACULTY

It is with great gratitude and commitment that I write this letter as the Associate Director for Widening Impact in Medicine and Science (WIMS). Though I assumed this position in January 2025, I am happy to now have a moment to reflect on how WIMS has expanded and risen to the call of championing the advancement, visibility, and fair recognition of College of Medicine (COM) faculty over the past year. I am proud to have been an active member of WIMS since the beginning years of my faculty career in 2019. It has already been an honor to continue the amazing work of Dr. Kristy Townsend and other previous WIMS leaders as I serve alongside WIMS Director Dr. Maya Iyer to drive forward our mission of inspiring meaningful success by cultivating a welcoming and transformative academic

environment where all faculty are valued, supported, and equipped to thrive.

In my previous role as the co-chair of the WIMS Events committee (2021-2024) and inaugural co-lead of the Big Ten Academic Alliance (BTAA) CommUNITYten Collaborative, I witnessed first-hand the power of community in driving change and cultivating resiliency. Through the powerful messages of invited speakers like Dr. Nancy Spector and Dr. Amy Acton, we learned important lessons on leadership and professional identity that guide our development – both as individuals and as integrated communities with strengths spanning clinical, educational, and research endeavors. Applied skill-building from

experts on professional challenges and leveling up on negotiation skills from Dr. Sara Laschever allowed us to come together to not only understand the nuances of workplace obstacles, but also how to leverage evidence-based strategies to overcome barriers and thrive. Finally, development of programming that intentionally builds community by bringing WIMS faculty to shared spaces (our annual Welcome-and-Welcome Back event and WIMS Annual Celebration) and shared tasks (Let Food Be Thy Medicine at The Kitchen, Community outreach at the Mid-Ohio Food Bank and the Little Bottoms Free Store) has shown us that we truly are strongest together. Looking forward into 2026 and beyond, WIMS will continue to build a connected, resilient community for all COM faculty.

In many ways, WIMS has become an integral part of my professional identity and one of my most prized OSU communities. As we reflect on the incredible growth that WIMS has experienced and our advancement to recognition at the national level, we steadfastly recognize how critical our efforts will be in supporting the needs and amplifying the visibility of our COM faculty right here at Ohio State. In the past year, many of us have experienced significant uncertainty and complexity. More than ever, Dr. Iyer and I remain committed to continuing to welcome all

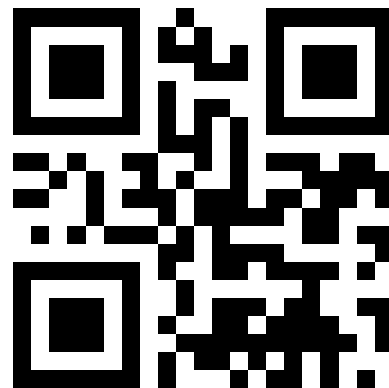
existing, new, and prospective WIMS members to similarly engage in the support, resources, and purpose of our thriving WIMS community.

#### WIMS MISSION STATEMENT

To champion the advancement, visibility, and fair recognition of faculty within the College of Medicine at The Ohio State University by fostering empowerment, advocacy, and encompassing growth. Through WIMS, we inspire meaningful success by cultivating a welcoming and transformative academic environment where all faculty are valued, supported, and equipped to thrive.

#### SUPPORT WIMS

To support the advancement of faculty in the College of Medicine, please donate to the WIMS development fund # 315293 or use the link or scan the QR code below to donate to WIMS.



Thank you!

## FACULTY ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND ACCOLADES

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### DAVID CARBONE, MD, PHD

**Dr David Carbone**, professor of Internal Medicine in the Division of Medical Oncology and director of the Thoracic Oncology Center at the OSUCCC – James, received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Oncothoracic International Association for his groundbreaking work as a thoracic clinician and researcher.

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### GROUP PUBLICATION

**Daniel E. Jonas, MD, MPH**, professor of Internal Medicine and Endowed Professor of Health Services Research, **Matthew Avenarius, PhD**, WIMS Member and associate clinical professor of Pathology, **Leslie Brouwer, MS, APRN-FNP**, research administration management senior analyst, **Norah L. Crossnohere, PhD**, assistant professor of Internal Medicine, **Chyke A. Doubeni, MD, MPH**, professor of Family and Community Medicine and Klotz Chair in Cancer Research, **Cecelia Miller, PhD**, associate clinical professor of Pathology, **and Christiane Voisin, MSLS**, research specialist, published a paper titled “[Multicancer Detection Tests for Screening: A Systematic Review](#)” in the Annals of Internal Medicine.

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### SUSAN MASSICK, MD

**Dr. Susan Massick**, WIMS member, was the recipient of the [ASFW+ 2025 Dr. Patricia Cunningham II, Commitment to Service Award](#). Her decade of community outreach—particularly her work expanding dermatologic care and education among underserved populations—exemplifies ASFW+'s mission to uplift and empower through leadership, advocacy, and meaningful service.

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### XIA NING, PHD

**Dr Xia Ning**, professor of Biomedical Informatics and of Computer Science and Engineering, was named a [2025 Fellow of the American College of Medical Informatics \(ACMI\)](#). Dr. Ning is recognized for her lasting impact, scholarship and leadership in using information and innovations like artificial intelligence to improve health and transform patient care.

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### DR ERIC SINGER, MD, FACS, FASCO

**Dr Eric Singer**, clinical professor of Urology and director of the Division of Urologic Oncology, was named [chair of the board of directors for the Kidney Cancer Association](#), the oldest and largest cancer-specific kidney organization.

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### EMILY THIESEN, PHD

**Dr Emily Thiesen**, assistant professor of Pediatrics, has received an [R-Accelerator Award from Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation for Childhood Cancer](#). The funding will support research into

Ewing sarcoma, specifically examining how the molecular structure of the EWSR1::FLI1 protein drives the development and progression of cancer.

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### LAXMI MEHTA, MD

**Dr Laxmi Mehta**, WIMS member and clinical professor of Internal Medicine, has been recognized with the [American College of Cardiology 2026 Distinguished Fellow Award](#). This prestigious recognition celebrates her dedication to advancing cardiovascular care through science, clinical knowledge and innovation to improve patient outcomes worldwide.

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### MARK BECHTEL, MD

**Dr Mark Bechtel**, WIMS member and professor and chair of Dermatology, was elected president of the [State Medical Board of Ohio](#).

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### MAHMOOD KHAN, PHD, MPHARM, FAHA

**Dr Mahmood Khan**, professor of Emergency Medicine and director of the Division of Basic and Translational Sciences in the Department of Emergency Medicine, was recently awarded an [American Heart Association \(AHA\) Transformational Project Award](#) to investigate the use of mesoporous nanoparticles to enhance myocardial repair, a study with strong potential for clinical translation and improved outcomes for heart-failure patients.

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### CHERYL LEE, MD

**Dr Cheryl Lee**, professor and chair of Urology, received the prestigious [Joseph A. Smith Jr. Mentorship Award from the Society of Urologic Oncology](#). This award recognizes Dr. Lee's work as an exceptional leader who goes above and beyond to help aspiring urologic surgeons succeed.

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### ELECTRA PASKETT, PHD, FAACR, FASCO

**Dr Electra Paskett**, Distinguished Professor of Internal Medicine, was named a Susan B. Komen® Trailblazer in recognition of her lasting contributions to the study, treatment and prevention of breast cancer. Dr. Paskett received the second-ever [Brinker Award for Scientific Distinction in Population Science](#), given to a researcher who has made pivotal advancements in implementing science, cancer care delivery, health services research, epidemiology, and/or developed innovative evidence-based interventions to enhance breast cancer outcomes.

CONGRATULATIONS TO EVERYONE

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

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## SEAN TABAEI, MD, MBA, 2026 WIMS EMERGING LEADER IN HEALTHCARE AWARD WINNER

Congratulations to Dr. Sean Tabaie, MD on receiving the WIMS Emerging Leader in Healthcare Award 2026. Dr. Tabaie is an Associate Clinical Professor in the Department of Orthopedics, the Director of the Neuro-Orthopaedics Program, Medical Director of the Honda Gait Analysis and Mobility Enhancement Center, and Associate Program Director for the Pediatric Orthopedics Fellowship at Nationwide Children’s Hospital and The Ohio State University.

Dr. Tabaie will use this award to participate in the Harvard Macy Program for Leading Innovations in Health Care & Education, a highly competitive leadership development program for physician leaders committed to transforming academic medicine in June 2026. The program provides executive-level training in innovation strategy, systems design, complex team leadership, and academic culture transformation—areas that directly align with Dr. Tabaie’s professional goals.



## WIMS SPRING WEBINAR: "FERTILITY AND ASSISTED REPRODUCTIVE TECHNOLOGY: A GUIDE FOR ACADEMIC FACULTY"

THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 2026, 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

Managing fertility concerns while maintaining a busy academic career can be a significant challenge, and understanding the diagnostic and management options can be confusing. This webinar will include a dynamic panel of OSU employees with personal experience navigating assisted reproductive technology, as well as expert speaker Dr. Brooke Rossi, Assistant Professor of Practice OBGYN and board-certified reproductive endocrinologist and infertility specialist from Ohio Reproductive Medicine. Join us virtually for this exciting and informative webinar on **Thursday, April 23, 2026**, from 12:00-1:00pm (**RSVP by April 16<sup>th</sup>**). This webinar is open to all OSU faculty, postdocs, trainees, and staff. [Learn more and register on the Zoom event page.](#)

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## WIMS ANNUAL CELEBRATION 2026

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 2026, 4:30 PM – 7:00 PM

WIMS will be hosting its Annual Celebration in person on **Wednesday, May 13, 2026**. Please join us from 4:30p-7:00p at The Forum in Hamilton Hall (1645 Neil Avenue) as we network and celebrate the successes of faculty in the College of Medicine. Our theme this year will focus on resilience through community. Our speakers include WIMS Director Dr. Maya Iyer, and our keynote speaker, Dr. K. Luan Phan, Chair of the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Health. We will also congratulate this year's recipients of the WIMS Faculty Advocate Award, WIMS Emerging Leader in Healthcare Award, and WIMS Emerging Researcher Award. Please [RSVP via Qualtrics](#) by **Wednesday, April 29<sup>th</sup>**.

## INTERESTED IN WIMS?

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### WIMS IS...

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### WHY JOIN WIMS?

- Exclusive or early access to events and programming.
- Opportunities to meet mentors, colleagues, collaborators, and friends.
- Learn about resources, workshops, and trainings on campus and locally that will benefit your professional development.
- Support WIMS in advocating for programs and policies that advance faculty success.
- Membership Options - General Member, Committee, Alumni.
- Joining is easy and FREE. Scan the barcode or visit [WIMS membership](#)



### WHAT DOES WIMS DO?

- Advocate for faculty growth and success
  - Identify and reduce barriers
  - Support promotion and leadership
  - Provide resources for mentorship, sponsorship, and career development
  - Improve the health and well-being of all faculty
  - Foster a positive culture and environment
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