

Department Newsletter

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Former Family Medicine Chair Laura Mosqueda, MD, tapped as new dean



Written by Keck School staff

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USC has appointed Laura Mosqueda, MD, as dean of the Keck School of Medicine of USC, effective May 1. Mosqueda, who was appointed the school's interim dean in October, is an accomplished physician, researcher and expert in geriatric medicine, family medicine and elder abuse and neglect. She is the first woman to lead the Keck School of Medicine since it was established in 1885.

"Laura Mosqueda brings extraordinary leadership and an unwavering commitment to excellence to our Keck School of Medicine," said USC President C. L. Max Nikias, PhD. "As the school's interim dean, she fostered an environment that promotes the highest standards of quality. Her exceptional foresight, coupled with her decades of expertise, will surely elevate the meaningful work of our Keck School community as it

continues to advance innovation in medical education, patient care and research."

As dean, Mosqueda will advance the school's educational mission and nurture an inclusive and diverse environment. She will also focus on expanding research capabilities on USC's Health Sciences Campus and recruiting transformative physicians and researchers.

"There is overwhelming support among faculty, staff and students for Laura Mosqueda's work and leadership," said USC Provost Michael Quick, PhD. "Dr. Mosqueda is the clear choice to lead the Keck School of Medicine of USC, as we have impact in the world now, and also lay the foundation for the next generation of world-class researchers and physicians."

Message from the Chair:

Recently, I spoke at the graduation of the third year residents from their training at the Dignity California Hospital Family Medicine Program, which will end its relationship with USC on June 30.

This was a bittersweet event as we have had an affiliation with this program over the last 40 years and have helped train over 200 family medicine physicians during this time. We take great pride in this legacy and are thankful for it. We are determined to develop a new Family Medicine Residency program and are delighted that we have a donor who is interested in supporting a planning grant to start this process.

I left in awe of our residency faculty and staff for their hard work and dedication in training these physicians. I appreciate the hard work and commitment that you all display every day.

I want to reiterate our commitment to joy in work and teamwork.

Philosopher Alan Watts once said, "The only way to make sense out of change is to plunge into it, move with it and join the dance."



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GWEP celebrates Caregiver Wellness Day with prizes, treats and resources

On June 2, the GWEP team with Alzheimer's Greater Los Angeles held a Caregiver Wellness Day. The event filled the Alhambra campus offering an array of resources and treats for caregivers to be celebrated.

John Ringman, MD, MS, professor of clinical neurology at the Keck School offered his expertise in the keynote address kicking off the day. With 150 people in attendance, Alzheimer's Greater Los Angeles and the GWEP team welcomed several USC speakers including Freddi Segal-Gidan, PhD, PA-C, Carolyn Kaloostian, MD, and Donna Benton, PhD. All of which were well-received and offered just the right topics to inspire caregivers.

In addition to the important resources and talks open to attendees, caregivers were treated to mini-facials, massages, and other treats in appreciation of their

hard work. USC Civic Engagement donated the door prizes.

"Caregivers do so much for others, but often they need to stop and take time for self-care. They were so appreciative to have someone do something nice for them for a change," said faculty member Maria Maldonado, MPH, MPAP, PA-C, who did mini-facials for attendees.

Considered a great success the team plans to do more of events such as this in the future.

"Thanks to your partnership, we gave hope and inspiration, and then some, to 150 caregivers from the local community," Teresa Garay, regional director for AGLA wrote in an email to the USC team. "Mission accomplished!"

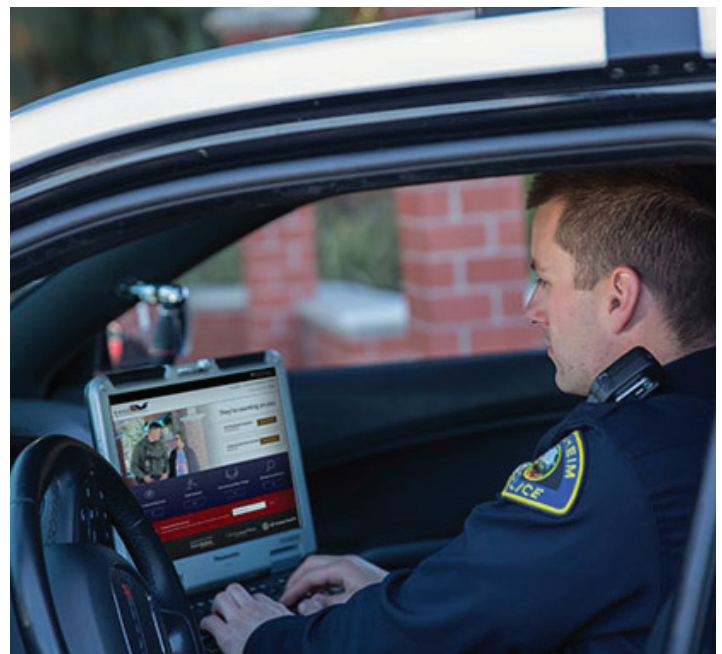
NCEA introduces EAGLE, the Elder Abuse Guide for Law Enforcement with the US Department of Justice

With the growing number of Americans over age 60, elder abuse has becoming one of the fastest growing areas of crime in the United States. The crime of elder abuse can involve more than physical assault and battery, it can also be isolation, withholding, mismanaging, neglecting, abandoning, stealing or scamming. With all these elements involved, law enforcement can find it somewhat difficult to evaluate and determine its occurrence. Thus the creation of the Elder Abuse Guide for Law Enforcement (EAGLE).

This online tool has been designed to support officers in quickly identifying, intervening, and resolving elder abuse situations. It also provides tools to assist in documentation, find community resources, and a state-by-state penal code guide related to elder abuse.

EAGLE is the creation of the National Center on Elder Abuse with assistance from the USC Leonard Davis School of Gerontology and the University of California Irvine, funded by the United States Department of Justice.

User testing has already begun to show that law enforcement believe that EAGLE will enhance national training in the field of elder abuse for officers. Now



available nationwide, EAGLE offers an opportunity to improve law enforcement in cases of suspected elder abuse.

The NCEA has completed a soft launch of the system this month in hopes that it will continue to help law enforcement in identifying and intervening in suspected cases of elder abuse.

Family Medicine in *Photos*



Photo by Dietmar Kohl

HEAL Program is proud to present the Artist & Researcher 2 Exhibition, featuring the work of the 13 artist and researcher pairs in Hoyt Gallery. This special exhibition depicts the conceptual language of science and the human impact of research in the popular context through the interpretive lens of art.



Photo by Richard Bruce

In May, the PA Program Challenge Bowl team won the national championship at the American Academy of PA forum in New Orleans. They beat out 95 other teams from around the country. They advanced to the final round as the Wild Card team and beat out Penn State, Butler, and Nova.



Photo Claire Norman

On June 23, the CHMC+USC Family Medicine Residency Program celebrated the graduation of Erin Capitena, MD, Jose Ramos, MD, Maiti Rodriguez, MD, Daniel Hans, DO, Ketia Borwn, MD, MEd, Apri Hambarchyan, DO, Kamilah Lee, MD, and Anna Pham, DO. Held at Town and Gown, faculty and graduates concluded the festivities with a champagne toast.



Photo by Tim Gruber

The second annual Family Medicine Research Seminar on May 15 was a success with a very informative and inspiring talk by Dr. Brie Williams from USCF. Dr. Williams discussed the aging crisis in the criminal justice system and how the science of geriatrics can be applied to generate policy recommendations to address this crisis.

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First annual Primary Care Program Symposium offers preceptors opportunity to earn CME and learn current practice updates



Isabel Lagomasino, MD, was the first speaker of the morning and discussed efficacy and tolerability of various drugs used in treatment of depression and anxiety with the 40 attendees at the first annual Primary Care Symposium on April 28, 2018.

On Saturday, April 28, the Department of Family Medicine hosted the first annual Primary Care Program Symposium in the Aresty Conference room. Primary care preceptors and faculty attended wanting to improve their skills and knowledge based on common clinical problems. Speakers addressed current updates and practices including management of gastro-esophageal reflux disease, challenges in managing insomnia, clinical approaches to depression, diagnosis of common rheumatologic diseases and alternative treatment modalities in aging and cognitive decline.

Family Medicine Clerkship Director Katherine Gibson, MD, and Primary Care Director Jo Marie Reilly, MD,

MPH, welcomed 40 attendees in the morning. Isabel Lagomasino, MD, assistant professor in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences led the first talk. She spoke to the attendees about efficacy and tolerability of various drugs used in treatment of depression and anxiety. Joseph E. Scherger, MD, followed with his discussion on healthy aging and preventing cognitive decline. The morning session wrapped up with Gregory Albers, MD, from University of California Irvine, who shared an update on GERD management and treatment with attendees.

“The morning offered stimulating and valued teaching and learning for all,” said Reilly. “We were excited to have such an engaging group of speakers.”

The second half of the symposium covered clinical problems related to the diagnosis of common rheumatologic diseases. Stavros Savvas, MD, assistant professor of clinical medicine and board-certified rheumatologist, spoke to attendees about improving the quality care for rheumatic patients and answered related questions. At the end, Vincent Grbach, MD, spoke about his dedicated practice to sleep medicine and insomnia.

A full day of interesting new information for attendees, the event was a successful symposium for the Department of Family Medicine and is tentatively scheduled to happen again next Fall.

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