

Dean's Bulletin – April 1, 2002

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Dr. E. Darracott Vaughan

Save the Date: May 2 **Greenberg Award to Honor Dr. Vaughan**

Dr. E. Darracott Vaughan, chairman emeritus and the James J. Colt Professor of Urology at Weill Cornell, will be honored as the 22nd recipient of the Medical Center's Maurice R. Greenberg Distinguished Service Award, which will be presented at a gala award dinner at the Plaza on Thursday, May 2.

Established in 1981 with a generous gift from Maurice R. Greenberg, the Greenberg Award is the highest honor bestowed by the New York Weill Cornell Medical Center. It is presented to a senior member of the medical staff in recognition of exceptional and longstanding service to the Medical Center.

Dr. Vaughan joined the Medical College in 1978 as head of the Division of Urology and was named the first chairman of the Department of Urology in 1994, when it became a full department. In 1993, he was also appointed senior associate dean for clinical affairs at the Medical College. Last year, Dr. Vaughan stepped down from these positions to become president of the American Urological Association. He also currently serves as medical director of Weill Cornell's Physician Organization.

For information about tickets to the Greenberg Award Dinner, contact Allyson Boyle in the Office of Development at 212-821-0578 (e-mail: acb2004@med.cornell.edu).

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Dr. Nancy Andreasen to Present Stubenbord Visiting Professor Lecture on April 3

Dr. Nancy Andreasen, the Andrew H. Woods Chair of Psychiatry at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics and the director of the Mental Health Clinical Research Center, will be the guest of Weill Cornell's Department of Psychiatry as the William D. Stubenbord Visiting Professor.

Dr. Andreasen, widely known for her important contributions to basic cognitive neuroscience and to the understanding of major mental illness, will present the featured Stubenbord Lecture on Wednesday, April 3, during the *Dean's Hour* at 5:00 p.m. in Uris Auditorium. Her topic will be "Brave New Brain: Understanding Mental Illness in the 21st Century." In addition, Dr. Andreasen will present "Imaging Studies of Schizophrenia" at the Westchester Division and Payne Whitney Clinic Grand Rounds on Tuesday from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm in the Center Building Auditorium and Wednesday from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm in Uris Auditorium.

The William D. Stubenbord Visiting Professorships were established in 1968 by a gift from the Louis Calder Foundation in memory of Louis Calder, Sr., and Louis Calder, Jr., and in recognition of the outstanding professional services and long friendship that the late Dr. William D. Stubenbord had for them and members of their families. Dr. Stubenbord, who died in 1982, was a 1931 graduate of the Medical College and was associated with The New York Hospital-Cornell Medical Center during his entire medical career.

Photo # 2 caption:

Dr. Nancy Andreasen

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Developer of Abiocr Artificial Heart to Speak Via Videoconference (April 12)

David Lederman, Ph.D., inventor of the Abiocr Artificial Heart and founder of Abiomed Inc., will speak about the vision and process of development of the artificial heart via an interactive videoconference from Cornell's Ithaca campus on Friday, April 12. Members of the Weill Cornell community may view the videoconference at New York City's Cornell Club (6 E. 44th St.). Lunch at the club will be served at 12:30 pm, followed by Dr. Lederman's talk at 1:30 pm. There is a lunch and registration fee of \$25.00 (pay at the door). RSVP to Marike Bradford 212-986-7202.

The videoconference is part of a conference on "The Convergence of Engineering and the Life Sciences" being hosted by the Cornell Society of Engineers (CSE) at the Ithaca campus April 11-13. The CSE is an alumni association for Cornell engineering graduates. Dr. Lederman received his undergraduate (1966) and Ph.D. (1973 in Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering) degrees from Cornell. For more information about the conference, visit the CSE website: <http://www.engineering.cornell.edu/alumni/cse>.

Photo # 3 caption:

David Lederman, inventor of the Abiocr artificial heart.

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Revolutionizing Medicine in the 21st Century: Lecture Series on Infectious Diseases

Weill Medical College joins New York-Presbyterian Hospital, Columbia University College of Physicians & Surgeons, and the American Museum of Natural History as co-sponsors of the third annual lecture series on *Revolutionizing Medicine in the 21st Century*. This series of four lectures will focus on how modern medicine is expanding our understanding of a variety of infectious diseases.

The four lectures are scheduled for April 30, May 7, 14, and 21 (all on Tuesday) and will be held at Rockefeller University, 1230 York Avenue (at 66th Street), Caspary Auditorium, 7:00-8:30 pm.

Dr. Samuel Silverstein, the John C. Dalton Professor and chairman of the Department of Physiology and Cellular Biophysics, and professor of Medicine at Columbia University's College of Physicians & Surgeons, will kick off the series on April 30 with a lecture on "Natural Defenses: Cellular Mechanisms of Defense Against Bacterial Infection."

On May 7, Dr. Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, will speak about “After Anthrax: Bioterrorism in America.”

Dr. Barry Hartman, clinical professor of medicine at Weill Cornell and attending physician at New York Weill Cornell Medical Center, will present a lecture on “In Our Own Backyard: Infectious Diseases of New York State” on May 14.

The final lecture in the series will be presented by Nobel laureate Dr. Joshua Lederberg, professor emeritus of molecular genetics and informatics at Rockefeller University, who will speak about “The Microbiome: Germs as Genes” on May 21.

Tickets: \$30 for the series (\$27 for Museum members, students, and senior citizens); or \$12 per lecture (\$10 for Museum members, students, and senior citizens). To register for tickets, call the American Museum of Natural History at 212-769-5200.

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Healthy People Community Health Fair 2002

Weill Cornell chapters of the Boricua and Latino Health Organization (BLHO) and the Student National Medical Association (SNMA) continued their tradition of organizing health fairs for minority communities in New York City by co-sponsoring the third annual “The Healthy People Community Health Fair 2002,” named after former President Bill Clinton’s 2010 health initiative. The fair was held on March 23 at the Hans Christian Anderson Complex (PS 242) in Harlem.

The event, which offered free admission to the public, was organized by Weill Cornell students and focused on increasing health awareness for underserved populations. Representatives from Manhattan Borough President C. Virginia Fields’ office attended the fair and awarded Weill Cornell students with a citation commemorating their “dedication and initiative.”

In addition to Weill Cornell students, many community organizations were present to answer health-related questions, including the Witness Project of Harlem, a faith-based breast and cervical cancer educational program targeting black women; Lighthouse International, a resource on vision impairment and rehabilitation; The Girl Scouts of Greater New York; and many other community agencies. Many students from SNMA’s Health Profession Recruitment and Exposure Program (HPREP), a program for 10th and 11th graders interested in careers in medicine, also helped out. New York-Presbyterian Hospital physicians and students from the New York University Dental School also volunteered their services.

The health fair included a bone marrow drive, which was conducted by the New York Blood Center. Free blood pressure, height, and weight screenings were offered. Pamphlets containing information on gender-related and children’s health, HIV/AIDS awareness, cancer awareness, and other health issues were handed out during the day, along with free books, pens, stickers, stuffed animals, and toys. More than 150 people from the Harlem community and beyond stopped by with their families to gain knowledge about their overall health and wellness, and to participate in the fun activities, including face painting, and music provided by the popular FM radio station, *Latino Mix* 105.9.

Photo # 4 caption:

Weill Cornell student Markus D. Little, class of 2005, checks the blood pressure of a health fair participant.

Photo # 5 caption:

Renee Rolston, a 2002 HPREP graduate, paints a gold star on the face of a young girl.

Photo # 6 caption:

Representatives from Manhattan Borough President C. Virginia Fields' office came to award Weill Cornell students with a citation commemorating their "dedication and initiative" at "The Healthy People Community Health Fair 2002." (from left): Carlos Rodriguez, community liaison for East Harlem and Washington Heights; Tawana Winkfield, second-year SNMA president; Barbara Johnson, community liaison for West and Central Harlem; and Javier Llano, a policy analyst.

Photo # 7 caption:

Manhattan Borough President representatives Carlos Rodriguez (foreground, second from left), Barbara Johnson (foreground, second from right), and Javier Llano with Weill Cornell students (from left): Damilola Ogunnaike, 2004; Patrick Hom, 2005; Alfredo A. Maldonado, 2003; Jenice Forde, 2004; Yael S. Varnado-Rhodes, 2005; Omololu A. da-Silva, 2004; Tawana Winkfield, 2004; Mustapha O. Saheed, 2005; Melanie Wilson, 2004; Valaine B. Hewitt, 2005; and James W. Daniels III, 2005.

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In Memoriam: Dr. Florence Marshall

Dr. Florence N. Marshall, professor of clinical pediatrics, died on February 22 from complications with cancer. She was 80.

Dr. Marshall, a pediatric community health and pediatric aids specialist, joined the faculty in 1959, and was a respected member of the Department of Pediatrics for over 40 years. In 1985, Dr. Marshall began her work with the Pediatrics AIDS clinic and worked there until her death. She co-founded the Department's Program for Children and Adolescents with AIDS and was particularly interested in the health and social problems of children born with HIV, working tirelessly to improve the services available to them. Before coming to Cornell, Dr. Marshall was the chief of pediatrics at the Albert Schweitzer Hospital in Haiti, where she worked for 24 years.

Born in Philadelphia in 1922, Dr. Marshall received her bachelor's degree from Wellesley College in Boston and her medical degree from Cornell in 1948.

Among Dr. Marshall's many honors were the Physician's Recognition Award from the American Academy of Pediatrics in May 1977, for her work in child care in Haiti; Outstanding Teacher of the Year Award from The New York Hospital's pediatric house staff in 1987; and the Wholeness-of-life Award from the HealthCare Chaplaincy in 1988. In 1993, Dr. Marshall was honored by New York City Technical College with the school's prestigious Gifts for Special Children Award, for her work with children stricken by HIV/AIDS.

Dr. Marshall also played a vital role helping children as part of the medical staff of the New York Children's Health Project.

A memorial service was held at Weill Cornell on March 19.

Dr. Marshall is survived by her two brothers, a niece, and a nephew.

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Dr. Florence N. Marshall

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Weill Cornell Faculty in the News

Dr. Brian Apatoff (neurology) was interviewed by WCBS-TV about the clinical value of the recently FDA-approved multiple sclerosis drug Rebif.

Dr. William Apfeldorf (psychiatry) was interviewed by Bloomberg Radio about continuing psychological issues in the general population six months after September 11.

Dr. Louis Aronne (medicine) was interviewed by the *New York Post* about the dangers of being overweight. He was also interviewed by Healthscout.com about the FDA's removal from the market of LipKinetix, a dietary supplement for weight loss which may cause severe liver damage (based on a study in the April 16, 2002, *Annals of Internal Medicine*). Dr. Aronne and **Dr. Wayne Isom** (cardiothoracic surgery) were interviewed by *Medizine* about health lessons from the cardiac case of David Letterman.

Dr. Phyllis August (medicine) was interviewed by Healthscout.com about how moderate alcohol consumption can lead to a reduced risk of developing hypertension in young women (from *Annals of Internal Medicine*).

Dr. Ernst Bartsich (obstetrics and gynecology) was interviewed by Healthscout.com about a possible hereditary basis for endometriosis, and, again, by Healthscout.com about alternatives to hysterectomy (for a feature story).

Dr. Gregory Bauer (surgery/Burn Center) was interviewed by the *Record* (a New Jersey newspaper), the *New York Resident*, and UPI on the occasion of the discharge of the last World Trade Center burn patient, Donovan Cowan, from the Hospital. Dr. Bauer was also interviewed by the *Philadelphia Inquirer* about the case of World Trade Center survivor Ling Young.

Dr. Diane Bersen (dermatology) was interviewed by Medstar TV about the effect of stress on the skin.

Dr. Palmer Bessey (surgery/Burn Center) was interviewed by the *Philadelphia Inquirer* about the treatment of burns. He was also interviewed by BBC about the burn treatment and recovery of a World Trade Center survivor, Brian Reeves, six months after September 11.

Dr. Eric Cassell (public health) was interviewed by *Business Week* about tissue banking, engendered by his participation in a national panel on the subject.

Dr. Mary Charlson (medicine) was interviewed by *Crain's New York Business* about a professional education series that may be starting at Weill Cornell's Center for Complementary and Integrative Medicine (CCIM).

Dr. Stephen Chasen (obstetrics and gynecology) was interviewed by a freelance writer, Jennifer Reno, about high-risk pregnancy.

Dr. Marylene Cloitre (psychology in psychiatry) was interviewed by the *Daily News* about the reaction of survivors to a television documentary about the September 11 terrorist attacks.

Dr. Joseph Cooke (medicine) was interviewed by Healthscout.com about whether long-term exposure to air pollution increases the risk of lung cancer and heart disease (from a March 6 *JAMA* article). He was also interviewed by *Women's Health Advisor* about asthma in women.

Dr. Andrew Dannenberg (medicine) was interviewed by *Newsday* about serendipitous advances in medicine, such as the new use of COX-2 inhibitors for the treatment of cancer as well as arthritis. He was also interviewed by *Glamour* magazine about the importance of COX-2 inhibitors in nutrition.

Drs. Joseph Del Pizzo and **Ernest Sosa** (urology) were interviewed by *Newsday* for a major feature about a mother-daughter kidney transplant through a hand-assisted laparoscopic method.

Dr. Richard Devereux (medicine) was interviewed for a video news release by Merck and DWJ Television about hypertension and cardiovascular disease.

Dr. Joann Difede (psychology in psychiatry) was interviewed by *The New York Times* about how World Trade Center survivors and families are coping six months after the disaster. She was also interviewed by *Crain's Health Pulse* about post-traumatic stress. Dr. Difede also provided background information to the *Philadelphia Inquirer* about exposure therapy for a WTC burn victim who is suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder.

Dr. Orli Etingin (medicine, medicine in obstetrics and gynecology) was interviewed by *Health Magazine* about the effect of changes to the menstrual cycle on overall health.

Dr. Joseph Fins (medicine) was widely quoted in the print and broadcast media after the White House Commission on Complementary and Alternative Medicine Policy, of which he was a member, held its last meeting on March 7. Media coverage included Reuters Health, Scripps Howard News Service, Yahoo! News, CNN/*Money*, KNXV-TV (Phoenix), WCPO-TV (Cincinnati), *Albuquerque Tribune*, *Knoxville (Tenn.) News Sentinel*, *Black Enterprise*, *Memphis Commercial Appeal*, *Corpus Christi Caller Times*, *Northbrook (Ill.) Monday Morning Quarterback*, *Anderson (S.C.) Online*, *Wichita Falls Times Record*, *Pittsburgh Tribune-Review*, *Abilene (Tex.) Reporter News*, *Rock Hill (S.C.) Herald*, *Anchorage Daily News*, *Minneapolis Star Tribune*, *Raleigh (N.C.) News & Observer*, *The Bakersfield Californian*, *Fresno Bee*, *The Sacramento Bee*, *Hilton Head (S.C.) Island Packet*, and *Beaufort (S.C.) Gazette*. Dr. Fins was also interviewed by *Prevention Magazine* (for a feature article), and by the *Wall Street Journal*, about advance directives for end-of-life care.

Dr. Maura Frank (pediatrics) was an editor and consultant for a special medical issue of *Kids Discover*.

Dr. Mitchell Gaynor (medicine) was interviewed by *Crain's New York Business* about complementary and integrative medicine centers, particularly Weill Cornell's CCIM, and their educational programs for practicing physicians.

Dr. Steven Goldman (neurology and neuroscience) was cited by *Newsday* for his February 18 talk to the American Association for the Advancement of Science on regenerating brain cells.

Dr. Marc Goldstein (urology) was interviewed by *Rosie* magazine about male infertility after treatment for cancer, and by *Newsweek* about advances in microsurgical treatments for male infertility (a feature article). He was also interviewed by *Popular Science* about new male fertility techniques.

Dean Antonio Gotto was interviewed by HealthNewsDigest.com and KYMX Radio (St. Louis) about the new *Cornell Illustrated Encyclopedia of Health*. He was also interviewed by *Cornell Chronicle* about the Medical College's new magazine *Weill Cornell Medicine*.

Dr. Karen Green (medicine) was interviewed by Bloomberg Radio about the importance of breast self-examination (engendered by a recent article in *The New York Times*). She was also interviewed by Healthscout.com about the value of genetic testing for the BRCA1 and BRCA2 genes for breast and ovarian cancer. Dr. Green was also interviewed by *Women's Health Advisor* about questions raised about the use of estrogen.

Dr. Roy Gulick (medicine) was interviewed by the *Record* (a New Jersey newspaper) about a Merck HIV vaccine study.

Dr. Gregory Harmon (ophthalmology) was interviewed by WNBC-TV about the use of vitamin C to prevent cataracts (engendered by a recent study in the *American Journal of Clinical Nutrition*).

Dr. Claudia Henschke (radiology) was interviewed by *Radiology Today* (a publication of the American Society of Radiologic Technologists) about the value of mammography. Dr. Henschke was also interviewed by the *Atlanta Business Chronicle* about the International Early Lung Cancer Action Project (I-ELCAP), and her work in the detection and treatment of lung cancer.

Dr. Lloyd Hoffman (plastic surgery) was interviewed by *New York Magazine* about New York Weill Cornell's Plastic Surgery Clinic.

Dr. Jeffrey Laurence (medicine) was interviewed by *Newsday* about a new anti-HIV drug, SCH C.

Dr. Bruce Lerman (medicine) was cited in an advertising supplement to *The New York Times Magazine* about modern heart pacemakers.

Dr. Alan Manevitz (psychiatry) was interviewed by the *Medical Herald* about post-partum depression and the risk of mothers committing homicide (engendered by the Andrea Yates case).

Dr. John Moore (microbiology and immunology) was interviewed by the *Wall Street Journal* about CCR5 entry inhibitors as a treatment for HIV infection. He was also cited in *Nature*, *New Scientist* (a British publication), and *ScienceNOW* for his views on a Department of Defense/National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases HIV vaccine study. Dr. Moore was also cited in *La Recherche* (a French science magazine) with regard to HIV vaccine trials.

Dr. Kutluk Oktay (obstetrics and gynecology) commented on the first human uterus transplant (which was reported in the *International Journal of Gynecology and Obstetrics*) in the *Washington Post* and WebMD. Dr. Oktay was also interviewed for the Discovery Channel (by Ivanhoe Productions) about his innovative research on ovarian tissue transplantation to the forearm to preserve reproductive function in women who undergo chemotherapy or radiation for cancer.

Dr. Sunil Panchal (anesthesiology) was interviewed by Health TV for a patient-education segment on pain management that will air in hospitals in the U.S. and Canada, including NYPH.

Dr. Cynthia Pfeffer (psychiatry) was interviewed for a Columbia School of Journalism student article about the lack of services for adolescents with mental illness.

Dr. Mark Pochapin (medicine) was interviewed by WNBC-TV's "Weekend Today in New York" on March 9, and by Bloomberg Radio on the same day, about the prevention, detection, and treatment of colon cancer (March was Colon Cancer Awareness Month). He also participated in a video news release for Pharmacia's Colon Cancer Awareness Campaign, discussing the use of COX-2 inhibitors for the treatment of colorectal cancer. Later, he appeared live on NBC's Today Show about colon cancer screening, and he spoke with Healthscout.com about diets that can lower one's risk of colon cancer (from a study in *Cancer Epidemiology, Biomarkers, and Prevention*).

Dr. Rock Positano (podiatry in medicine) devoted one of his columns in the *Daily News* to the subject of hip replacement, citing **Dr. Geoffrey Westrich** (orthopaedic surgery).

Dr. Amir Raz (psychiatry) was cited by HealthNewsDigest.com (Avantgo) for his study showing that sleeping newborns can learn to distinguish speech sounds (from his article in *Nature*—and our press release—syndicated to over 3,000 sites worldwide).

Dr. Norman Relkin (neurology and neuroscience) was interviewed by *Women's Health Advisor* about the early diagnosis of Alzheimer's.

Dr. Isadore Rosenfeld (medicine) was interviewed by the *Daily News* and KLMO (Seattle radio) about his latest book, *Power to the Patient*.

Dr. Zev Rosenwaks (reproductive medicine in obstetrics and gynecology) was interviewed by *Newsday*, by *Rosie* magazine, and by Rosie.com about the use of preimplantation genetic diagnosis (PIGD) for Alzheimer's disease (from a February 27 article in *JAMA*). He was interviewed by the *Asahi Shibun* (a Japanese newspaper) about PIGD and sickle-cell anemia. He was also interviewed by *People* about celebrities (such as Celine Dion) putting parenthood ahead of career, and by *Popular Science* about the latest IVF techniques. Dr. Rosenwaks was also interviewed by the CBS Evening News about the first human "uterus transplant" (which was reported in the *International Journal of Gynecology and Obstetrics*). Dr. Rosenwaks also commented on two March 7 *NEJM* studies on the alleged association between birth defects and in vitro fertilization, and between low birthweight and assisted reproductive technology; media coverage included the *Wall Street Journal*, *Time* magazine, WCBS-TV, WNBC-TV, and, for background information, *The New York Times*, NBC Nightly News, and ABC World News Tonight.

Dr. Glenn Schattman (obstetrics and gynecology) was interviewed by the *Daily News* about endometriosis and its treatment.

Dr. Peter Schegel (urology) introduced a community seminar, "Life After Prostate Cancer," which drew an audience of 150 on March 6. Presenters at the seminar included **Dr. Francois Eid** (urology).

Dr. Michael Schuster (medicine) was interviewed by Bloomberg Newswire about Aranesp, a recently FDA-approved medication for the treatment of anemia, currently under review for use in cancer patients receiving chemotherapy.

Dr. Robert Schwager (surgery) was interviewed by *Women's Health Advisor* about a new type of mini-facelift.

Dr. David Silbersweig (psychiatry, neurology and neuroscience) and **Dr. Emily Stern** (radiology in psychiatry) were interviewed by *Newsweek* about imaging the brains of schizophrenics (engendered by the Andrea Yates case and the movie "A Beautiful Mind").

Dr. Gregory Siskind (medicine) was interviewed by Healthscout.com about the safety of drugs and the value of clinical trials.

Dr. Dirk Sostman (radiology) was interviewed by *Newsday* about full-body scans.

Drs. Kotha Subbaramaiah and **Mark Pochapin** (medicine) were interviewed (for background information) by Bloomberg Newswire on the cell biology of COX-2 and the efficacy of COX-2 inhibitors for the treatment of colon cancer.

Dr. Carl Vaughan (medicine), joined by Olympic figure skater Peggy Flemming, appeared on a satellite-TV educational campaign, entitled "Go for the Goal," that was broadcast to 18 cities nationwide on March 5. The broadcast focused on the dangers of elevated cholesterol and was sponsored by Pfizer.

Dr. Roger Yurt (surgery/Burn Center) was interviewed by *The New York Times* for an update on World Trade Center burn survivor Lauren Manning. Dr. Yurt was also interviewed by the Associated Press about burn treatment and care.