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**146th** MEDICAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

*Virtual* REUNION

SPRING 2021

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*On behalf of the Medical Alumni Association Board of Directors, it is our pleasure to invite you to the **146th Spring Reunion**. Due to the pandemic, we are staging virtual activities to ensure everyone's safety. In order to enjoy these events, **you must** register online at [www.medicalalumni.org](http://www.medicalalumni.org).*

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# REUNION SCHEDULE

## *All-Comer Events*

### Thursday, April 29

6:00 pm (EST) Harry & Vivian Kramer **Awards Celebration & Business Meeting**

### Friday, April 30

11:45 am (EST) **School of Medicine Update**  
Dean E. Albert Reece, MD, PhD, MBA

1:30 pm (EST) **27th Historical Clinicopathological Conference**

4:00 pm (EST) **Update on the Medical School Renaissance Curriculum**  
Joseph Martinez, '98, Associate Dean for Medical Education

### Saturday, May 1

11:00 am (EST) **Patients as Art: A History of our Profession as Revealed in Forty Thousand Years of Works of Art**

Philip A. Mackowiak, '70, Carolyn Frenkil & Selvin Passen Scholar in the History of Medicine

12:00 Noon (EST) **Memorial Service for Milford M. "Mickey" Foxwell, Jr., MD '80**

Associate Dean of Admissions 1989-2019

8:00 pm (EST) **School of Medicine Gala**

**Class Parties:** Dates and details are on page 15



Thursday, April 29

## 146th Harry & Vivian Kramer MAA Awards Celebration & Business Meeting

6:00 pm (EST)

The MAA will be honoring recipients of its two annual awards over the past two years during our awards celebration and business meeting.



**Walker L. Robinson, '70**, is recipient of the 2020 Honor Award & Gold Key, presented since 1948 for outstanding contributions to medicine and distinguished service to mankind. A retired pediatric neurosurgeon, Robinson focused his career on pediatric brain tumors and the treatment of head and spinal cord injuries. From 1976 to 1997, he was head of pediatric neurosurgery at Maryland and later held appointments at Seton Hall University School of Graduate Medical Education as well as the Carle Clinic Foundation and Hospital.

**Martha E. Stauffer, '60**, is the 2021 recipient of the Gold Key. One of just three female graduates at Maryland in the class of 1960, Stauffer trained in endocrinology and later pathology and laboratory medicine. She served on the faculty at the University of Washington and in 1977 was named chief of pathology and laboratory medicine at the VA Medical Center In White River Junction, Vermont, and associate professor of clinical pathology at Dartmouth Medical School. She was elevated to professor in 1983, a post she held until retirement in 1996. She is credited with establishing a bone histomorphometry lab at the VA for research and clinical diagnosis of metabolic bone disorders. *[continued next page]*



**146th Harry & Vivian Kramer MAA Awards Celebration & Business Meeting** *[continued]*

**Gary D. Plotnick, '66**, is receiving the 2020 Distinguished Service Award, presented since 1986 for outstanding contributions to the medical school and alumni association. A recipient of numerous teaching awards, Plotnick began serving on Maryland's faculty after completing a cardiology fellowship at Johns Hopkins in 1974. He also worked in the student affairs office from 1975 to 2007. Plotnick joined the MAA Board of Directors in 2010 and was elected president in 2017. Today he continues as vice chair of the *Bulletin* Editorial Board and oversees a library of recorded lectures, grand rounds, and historical programs offered to alumni for viewing on the MAA website.

Plotnick's classmate, **Arnold Blaustein, '66**, is the 2021 recipient. His post-graduate training included a hematology/oncology fellowship at the University of Pennsylvania, and he has served as a senior attending at Mt Sinai Medical Center in the division of hematology/oncology and as clinical associate professor at the University of Miami School of Medicine. Over the years Blaustein and wife Donna—a Maryland law school graduate—have hosted numerous alumni events at their home in Miami Beach and have returned to Maryland regularly for class reunions. Since 1999, he has established three endowments at Maryland including a scholarship, fellowship, and fund in benign hematology.



The MAA will be electing five officers and three directors during the event, constituting the annual business meeting of the MAA. On the ballot for election as president is **Paul A. Tarantino, '87**.

Friday, April 30

## School of Medicine Update by Dr. E. Albert Reece, Dean

11:45 am (EST)



This annual medical school address for alumni is presented by our dean, **E. Albert Reece, MD, PhD, MBA**. His presentation summarizes recent accomplishments at the school and offers insight into future developments. Our education, research, and patient care initiatives will be discussed, and the dean will have time to field your questions at the conclusion of his 25-minute presentation.

Friday, April 30

## The 27th Historical Clinicopathological Conference

1:30 pm (EST)

# The Full Gamut of Misery



When this patient was 19 years-old he opined that he would need to live through only a few more experiences before dying to have run the “full gamut of misery.” In little more than a decade and a half he was dead, having succumbed to persistent ill health, the exact cause of which has never been determined.

The patient’s medical difficulties began in his mid-teens with a first attack of quinsy (inflammation of the throat), which recurred thereafter nearly every spring or early summer. When he was 20, he had an especially severe attack, complicated by an “ulceration in his throat,” difficulty swallowing and weight loss. He was treated with 12 leeches applied to his throat, a gargle of unknown composition, and advised to have his tonsils removed.

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A CASE HISTORY

Historical figures, whose deaths have not been satisfactorily explained, are patients for our annual conference. Past conferences have examined the deaths of Edgar Allan Poe, Alexander the Great, Mozart and others.

## The Full Gamut of Misery



At age 23 the patient spoke of a recurrent dream, in which he felt suffocated by his mother, who was pressing her hand over his heart. By then he was also having intermittent palpitations and could not climb five flights of stairs to a friend's apartment without pausing to catch his breath.

The patient had severe recurrences of quinsy at age 27 and 30, before succumbing to the disorder at age 36. In some cases, the recurrences were accompanied by what his biographers called “muscular rheumatism,” which they did not characterize further.

The patient was an only child, raised in “a state of cultivated poverty.” His mother, a talented pianist, died at age 45 of a prolonged illness of unknown etiology. His father, who lived to age 76, was a hair-dresser/wig-maker turned singing teacher.

The patient was a composer, who during his brief life wrote one of the most popular and frequently-performed operas in the entire opera repertoire. He patronized bordellos as a youth and had two mistresses, one of whom bore him a son. That son lived to age 77. When the patient was 31, he married a beautiful, but neurotic woman 11 years his junior. They had one child, a son, who committed suicide at age 50. The patient smoked a pipe and occasional cigars, drank wine, sometimes to excess, and owned a pet parrot. He was an inveterate swimmer.

The patient was a plump, vigorous man with light brown hair and a reddish-brown beard. He had blue-gray eyes and a lovely pink complexion that gave the appearance of robust health, even as he was dying of the mysterious disorder that had plagued him for nearly two decades. *[continued next page]*

## The Full Gamut of Misery



In March of his 36th year, the patient was stricken with an attack of quinsy, which proved to be his last. In the past, he had recovered quickly from such attacks. This time abscesses in his throat were accompanied by one at the root of his tongue. After a few days, the inflammation in his throat seemed to subside. However, his “muscular rheumatism” increased in intensity. A month later, he began complaining of “fits of suffocation,” and not being able to hear anything in his left ear.

Complaining that the city air was poisoning him, the patient left Paris for the countryside and for a brief period, had less rheumatic pains and was able to breath more freely. Feeling much improved, he went for a long swim in the Seine River. Shortly thereafter, he developed a high fever and pain so severe he was unable to move either his arms or his legs. Two days later the “muscular inflammation” diminished to the point that he was able to move a little more easily. However, a “heart attack” so excruciatingly painful supervened, causing the patient to think he was going to die. Within a few hours the pain lessened to the point that he was able to rest quietly. His physician applied a blistering agent over the heart, declaring that the crisis was over, though the patient’s fever remained high. An hour later, the patient had another “heart attack,” as violent and as agonizing as the first. He lost consciousness and a short time later was dead.

His physician gave the cause of death as “a cardiac complication of articular rheumatism.” Not mentioned was a suspicion that a tumor or abscess was responsible for the deafness of the left ear, as evidenced by traces of pus and blood present on the patient’s neck at the time of his death.

## The 27th Historical Clinicopathological Conference

### 2021 Participants



**David Greenberg, MD**, is an associate professor of internal medicine and microbiology at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical School. He received his medical degree from Baylor College of Medicine, where he remained for residency training in internal medicine. This was followed by a four-year fellowship in infectious diseases at the National Institutes of Health, where he was awarded a fellows' award for research excellence in 2006. He is a distinguished teaching professor and currently director of microbial genomics. His research focuses on the development of novel antibacterial therapeutics for multi-drug resistant bacteria.



**Samuel Mungo, PhD**, is associate professor and managing director of the Peabody Opera Theater at Johns Hopkins University. He received his doctorate from the University of Colorado at Boulder and his master's degree in vocal performance with honors from the New England Conservatory. He has been involved in opera as a director, singer, and teacher for more than 30 years, fostering an international reputation as an opera pedagogue, particularly for his skill adding strong acting technique to singers' vocal skills to create a true opera theater.

Friday, April 30

## School of Medicine Tour

4:00 pm (EST)



The challenge in medical education today is to equip students with all the wonderful advances in science and technology without compromising the doctor-patient relationship. **Joseph Martinez, '98**, assistant dean for student affairs and associate professor of emergency medicine, will discuss the school's new Renaissance curriculum as well as the challenges of educating students during the pandemic. At the conclusion of his presentation we'll field questions from viewers.

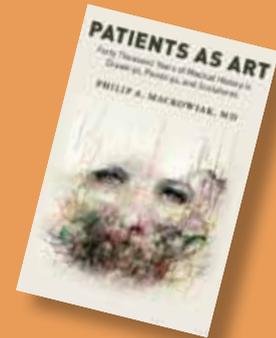
Saturday, May 1

## Patients as Art: A History of our Profession as Revealed in Forty Thousand Years of Works of Art

11:00 am (EST)



Philip Mackowiak, '70, former professor and vice chair of Maryland's department of internal medicine, and currently the Medical Alumni Association Carolyn Frenkil and Selvin Passen Scholar in the History of Medicine, published his third history book in November 2018 titled *Patients as Art: Forty Thousand Years of Medical History in Drawings, Paintings, and Sculptures*. This presentation focuses on artists' contributions to the knowledge of the history of our profession.



Saturday, May 1

## Memorial Service for Milford M. “Mickey” Foxwell, Jr., '80

12:00 Noon (EST)



**Mickey Foxwell, Jr., '80**, who served as associate dean for admissions from 1989 to 2019 will be remembered during this celebration of his life. Foxwell was responsible for admitting more than half of Maryland's 8,000 living alumni during his tenure. The master of ceremonies is Sandra M. Quezada, '06, Foxwell's successor in the admissions office, and speakers include medical school Dean E. Albert Reece, MD, PhD, MBA; colleague and senior associate dean of undergraduate medical education Donna L. Parker, '86; classmate Craig Dickman, '80; colleague Ray Flores, MD; and son Louis Foxwell.

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## Saturday, May 1

### School of Medicine Gala

8:00 pm (EST)

Please join us for the 2021 School of Medicine Virtual Gala on Saturday, May 1, 2021, at eight o'clock in the evening. This year's theme is *Partnership. Strength. Reliance*. While the battle against the COVID-19 virus continues we have not wavered from our core mission areas: providing quality, innovative patient care, conducting groundbreaking research, and educating medical students to become world-renowned clinicians, scientists, and academicians. The evening will include a video tribute to the hard work and relentless commitment displayed by entire our school community and our many partners. We will also take this opportunity to recognize some of our illustrious alumni, and the evening concludes with a special musical performance.

## Virtual Class Parties

Several of our classes from the cancelled 2020 Reunion as well as many celebrating milestone reunions this year have scheduled Zoom Happy Hours. Other classes are simply deferring until next year when we meet in-person. Below are the classes celebrating virtual events this year. Times for the Virtual Class Parties are Eastern Standard Time (EST). To participate classmates must register on the MAA website.

**Class of 1960**  
**Sunday, April 18**  
4:00 pm (EST)

**Class of 1965**  
**Sunday, May 2**  
2:00 pm (EST)

**Class of 1966**  
**Sunday, April 18**  
2:00 pm (EST)

**Class of 1970**  
**Saturday, April 24**  
2:00 pm (EST)

**Class of 1971**  
**Sunday, April 18**  
6:00 pm (EST)

**Class of 1975**  
**Sunday, April 25**  
2:00 pm (EST)

## Virtual **Class Parties** [continued]

**Class of 1976**  
**Saturday, May 8**  
6:00 pm (EST)

**Class of 1980**  
**Saturday May 1**  
2:00 pm (EST)

**Class of 1985**  
**Saturday, April 17**  
4:00 pm (EST)

**Class of 1990**  
**Sunday, May 2**  
4:00 pm (EST)

**Class of 1991**  
**Sunday, April 25**  
6:00 pm (EST)

**Class of 1995**  
**Sunday, May 2**  
6:00 pm (EST)

**Class of 2000**  
**Saturday, April 24**  
5:00 pm (EST)

**Class of 2001**  
**Sunday, April 25**  
4:00 pm (EST)

**Class of 2006**  
**Saturday, April 17**  
2:00 pm (EST)

**Class of 2016**  
**Saturday, April 17**  
6:00 pm (EST)

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## REGISTRATION

*Please register online at [www.medicalalumni.org](http://www.medicalalumni.org) to ensure participation in these events. Once received by the alumni office, you will receive an email confirmation with links to the events for which you registered.*

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