

FACULTY APPOINTMENTS & PROMOTIONS

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Effective July 5, 2009, **Gianluca Tosini, Ph.D.**, is the new Chair of the Department of Pharmacology and Toxicology. He will continue to serve as Director of the Circadian Rhythms and Sleep Disorders Program at MSM in addition to his new administrative appointment. Dr. Tosini joined the faculty of Morehouse School of Medicine in the Department of Neuroscience in 1998 as Assistant Professor in the Department of Anatomy and Neurobiology. He received his Laurea in Science Biologiche from Universita di Firenze in 1986 and Ph.D. in Zoology from the University of Bristol in 1993. He completed Post-Doctoral training at the University of Bristol in 1993 and at the NSF Center for Biological Timing from 1994-1998. Dr. Tosini has published more than sixty research papers in peer review journals, including Science, Plos Biology, Proceeding of the National Academy of Science and Journal of Neuroscience and he has authored several book chapters.



Please join us in thanking **Mohamed Bayorh, Ph.D.**, for his service to MSM as the Interim Chair of Pharmacology since 2002. Dr. Mohamed Bayorh was recruited by MSM in 1984. He has contributed to bringing millions of dollars to the school in research funds and has provided leadership to the pharmacology curriculum. Dr. Bayorh's major areas of research at MSM are in the pharmacology of substance abuse and therapeutic interventions for cardiovascular disease. His recent focus has been in salt-induced hypertension and in the role of eicosanoids in health. He was the first to introduce the Dahl rat model at MSM to aid in evaluating the hypertensive condition that is akin to that observed in African Americans. Dr. Bayorh has significantly contributed in the scientific knowledge base by having published over 80 articles in peer reviewed scientific journals. He has also served on an advisory committee for the NIH/NCRR for years.

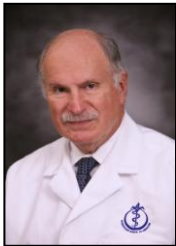


In addition, we would like to announce **Patricia Rodney, Ph.D., M.P.H.**, as the new Assistant Dean for Public Health Education. Dr. Rodney joined MSM in 1995 as Professor in the Department of Public Health. She is a graduate of Emory University where she received a Master of Public Health degree in Health Education and Health Promotion and the PhD from OISE, University of Toronto, Canada in Sociology and Adult Education. She was appointed Director of the Master of Public Health Program at Morehouse School of Medicine in October 2002. During her 14 years tenure at MSM she has served in many roles including International Health Track Coordinator, and Deputy Director of the MPH Program. Over the years, Dr. Rodney has been a recipient of various honors and awards for her dedication, hard work and tireless effort to promote public health. During her tenure at MSM, she has received three Outstanding Faculty Awards, two Meritorious Teaching Awards and a Service Award for her excellence in teaching. In 2008, Dr. Rodney was honored by the Sociedad Cubana de Educadores en

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Ciencias de la Salud (Cuban Society of Educators in Health Sciences) during the Medical Education for the 21st Century – Teaching For Health Equity conference and awarded the honor of Correspondent Member, in testimony of her many accomplishments in the field of public health and health education.



Daniel Blumenthal, MD, MPH, Chair Emeritus of the Department of Community Health and Preventive Medicine is the Associate Dean for Community Health (formerly titled Community Programs). This new title reflects the expanded scope of the responsibility of this position effective July 1, 2009. In our previous academic announcement on July 17th, we celebrated his accomplishments as Chair, a position he held for 25 years. During his tenure, he has made innumerable contributions to MSM and the Department of Community Health and Preventive Medicine. We are pleased that

Dr. Blumenthal will be continuing in his roles as Professor of CHPM and Associate Dean for Community Health at MSM.

Departmental Restructuring

Finally, as of July 1, 2009 two of our departments have been restructured to better align teaching, research and academic roles:

- The Department of Pathology, led by *Dr. Marjorie Smith* is now the Department of Pathology and Anatomy.
- The Department of Neurobiology and Anatomy, led by *Dr. Peter MacLeish*, is now the Department of Neurobiology.

This restructuring seeks to continue to enhance our productivity in the neurosciences, foster educational scholarship, and broaden translational activity among faculty members.

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