Appointments Approved by APC

Name: Kyra Clark, M.D.
Appointment: Assistant Professor of Clinical Medicine, Series II
Department: Medicine
Dr. Clark completed her medical degree at the Pennsylvania State University College of Medicine; in 2007 she completed an Internal Medicine Residency at Brooke Army Medical Center. She also completed a fellowship in Sleep Medicine at the San Antonio Military Medical Center in 2009.

Dr. Clark will be assigned to the Division of General Internal Medicine and her duties will include clinical activity at Grady Memorial Hospital, teaching residents and students, and development of a Sleep Disorders Center.

Name: Koichi Inoue, Ph.D.
Appointment: Research Assistant Professor, Series II
Department: Neurobiology
Dr. Inoue received his medical degree from Nagoya City University School of Medicine in 1996 and his Ph.D from the Tokyo Medical and Dental University in Biochemistry in 2002.

Dr. Inoue's area of expertise in research is in understanding the role of ion channels in health and disease. In additions to this research, he will teach graduate students and postdoctoral fellows in the Department of Neurobiology.

Name: David Lefer, Ph.D., Series III
Appointment: Adjunct Professor
Department: Physiology
Dr. Lefer received his Ph.D., in Physiology and Pharmacology from Bowman Gray School of Medicine in 1991. He is currently a Professor in the Department of Surgery at Emory University School of Medicine.

Dr. Lefer, as an Adjunct (voluntary) faculty member, will provide 6-10 lectures in cardiovascular physiology within the integrated first-year curriculum for medical students; cardiovascular physiology lectures in the doctoral program in biomedical sciences and the development of appropriate course materials for the Department of Physiology.

Name: Nirupama Natarajaan, MD, Series II
Appointment: Assistant Professor of Clinical Psychiatry
Department: Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences
Dr. Natarajan received her medical degree from Coimbatore Medical College Hospital in India in 1996. She recently completed a child and adolescent psychiatry fellowship at Virginia Tech Carillion Clinic.

Dr. Natarajan will have a part-time appointment in the Satcher Health Leadership Institute/Department of Psychiatry/Georgia Department of Behavioral Health initiative which focuses on integration of behavioral health into primary care settings.

Name: Meisha Graham, M.D., Series II
Appointment: Assistant Professor of Clinical Pediatrics
Department: Pediatrics
Dr. Graham received her MD and MPH from Tulane University. Dr. Graham was recruited to MSM from University of Tennessee School of Medicine.

Dr. Graham, an inductee of the Arnold P. Gold Humanism in Medicine Honor Society, will provide clinical activities and teaching to MSM medical students and residents. She will oversee several of the division of GME's initiatives to increase the ABOP board passage rate for Pediatrics residents.

Name: Barbara McMillian Persaud, M.D., Series II
Appointment: Assistant Professor of Clinical Family Medicine
Department: Family Medicine
Dr. McMillan-Persaud received her MD in 1996 and completed her Family Medicine residency training at MSM in 1999. Since graduation she has worked with Southside Medical Center where she rose to the position of Chief Medical Officer before being recruited to MSM.

Dr. McMillian-Persaud will work with the Department of Family medicine leadership to expand the rural health educational opportunities, clinical leadership and clinical teaching.

Name: Yusuf Omosun, PhD
Appointment: Instructor, Series II
Department: Microbiology, Biochemistry & Immunology
Dr. Omosun received his Doctorate Degree in Cellular Parasitology from the University of Ibadan, Nigeria in 2005. He undertook two postdoctoral training fellowships at the University of Ibadan and at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Atlanta GA respectively. As a Research Instructor at MSM Dr. Omosun's expertise will enhance Chlamydia research and will contribute to the success of Infectious Diseases Research in the MBI Department. He will also assist graduate students interested in research in Chlamydia immunopathogenesis.

Name: LeConte Dill, Dr PH
Appointment: Instructor, Series II
Department: Community Health and Preventive Medicine
Dr. Dill received her Doctorate in Public Health from the University of California Berkeley 2011. She received her MPH from University of California Los Angeles 2002. Her area of focus is in the resilience in urban minority youth, urban health and the health impact of the build environment. Her support and teaching excellence at MSM has been demonstrated through serving as Co-instructor of the MPH introduction to Environmental Health course and delivering lectures for the Methods of Program Evaluation Course. Dr. Dill will continue to serve as the Assistant Director of MSM's Institutional Evaluation Unit.

Name: Bakari Vickerson, MD
Appointment: Instructor, Series II

Department: Psychiatry

Dr. Vickerson received his Doctor of Medicine Degree from Howard University in 2008. His undergraduate degree was obtained from Morehouse College in 2004. He is licensed in the state of Georgia. As a resident at Emory University School of Medicine, Dr. Vickerson worked closely with the Assertive Community Treatment Team (ACT) which is designed to meet the need of patients with severe and persistent psychiatric illness whoa are often homeless. Dr. Vickerson joins MSM as an attending physician. In this role he will also supervise MSM residents and medical students.

Name: Kenkichi Baba, PhD
Appointment: Instructor, Series II
Department: Pharmacology &Toxicology

Dr. Baba received his Doctor of Philosophy Degree from Hokkaido University Graduate School of Medicine in Medicine and Brain Science in Japan, 2008. Dr. Baba has declared his expertise to be in the area of research. In his research Dr. Baba integrates principles of neuroscience, pharmacology and molecular biology. Dr. Baba will contribute to the teaching mission of the Department supervising students as well as post-doctoral fellow in the laboratory.

Name: Miriam Slatter, MD
Appointment: Instructor, Series II
Department: Obstetrics and Gynecology
Dr. Slatter her Doctor of Medicine Degree from University of Louisville School of Medicine in 2008. She completed her residency training in Obstetrics and Gynecology at Morehouse School of Medicine. As a resident, Dr. Slatter's she demonstrated leadership and expertise Medical Education. She is currently a member of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists as a junior fellow.

Name: Amy Lovejoy Mork, PhD
Appoint ment: Instructor, Series II
Department: Pathology& Anatomy
Dr. Mork received her Doctorate Degree in Cellular and Molecular Biology from Kent State University, August 2012. She received her M.A. degree from Kent State University in Biological Anthropology in 2002. Dr. Mork's principle activities at MSM will involve teaching in the medical education program. She will also continue her research activities and devote time to institutional service.

Name: Alexander Crosby, M.D., M.P.H.
Promoted to: Adjunct Research Associate Professor
Department: Community Health and Preventive Medicine
Dr. Crosby has been an Adjunct (voluntary) Assistant Professor in the Department of Community Health and Preventive Medicine since 1994. He currently has a full time appointment at the CDC as a Medical Epidemiologist.

Dr. Crosby was supported the program since his graduation from the residency program. He gives regularly scheduled lectures for the residents twice a month, co-chairs the Residency Advisory Committee and serves as a member on the thesis committees for the MPH program.

Name: Nkechi Mbaezue, M.D.
Promoted to: Associate Professor of Clinical Medicine
Department: Medicine
Dr. Mbaezue joined the faculty of MSM in 1999 after completing the residency program in Internal Medicine in 1997.

She serves as a skilled clinician and educator and has consistently pursued excellence in research. Dr. Mbaezue also developed an outpatient curriculum in women's health for the internal medicine residents and a clinic which is housed at Grady. She has also helped develop a web based educational module on health literacy in concert with the Morehouse/Rochester RICE (Research in Comparative Effectiveness) network.

Name: Dong Liu, Ph.D.
Promoted to: Research Assistant Professor
Department: Physiology
Dr. Liu joined MSM as a postdoctoral fellow in CVRI in 2003. He was appointed as a Research Instructor in Physiology in 2008. He received his Ph.D. from Zhejiang University, China in 1999.

Dr. Liu was encouraged to actively participate in the MSM educational program. He is now one of the lecturers in teaching an elective and a core GEBS course. Additionally, he is a mentor of international visiting scholars in his laboratory.

Name: Qing Song, Ph.D.
Promoted to: Research Associate Professor
Department: Physiology
Dr. Song joined MSM faculty in the Cardiovascular Research Institute in 2000 as a Research Instructor and was promoted to Research Assistant Professor in 2002. He received his Doctor of Medicine in 1992 from Peking Union Medical College in China. He received his second doctoral degree, Doctor of Philosophy in 1999 at the Medical University of South Carolina.

Dr. Song's research focuses on discovering the disease-causing genetic variants for cardiovascular diseases and other chronic diseases. Dr. Song is currently the Director of the MSM RCMI Genetic Variation Core Facility Laboratory. His teaching evaluations have been consistently excellent. He serves as a thesis mentor for 6 Ph.D. students as well as mentors a number of graduate students in his lab.