Dear Name,

After four months, I am thrilled to announce that we will be opening—safely and with very limited capacity—to the public on Saturday, July 18th. It also gives me great pleasure to welcome Fellows to our VIP private opening the Wednesday prior (July 15th). One-hour time slots for Fellows (with a maximum of 50 visitors at a time) will be available between 12-5pm; reserve your tickets here. (The password is "FELLOWPREVIEW2020") We will also be offering a preview for Mütter members on Friday the 17th.

Our staff are busy finalizing our safety protocols for reopening, and we will continue to monitor and assess these for the foreseeable future. While we are excited to welcome visitors back in person, we know that not everyone will feel comfortable visiting right away and that we may not be able to accommodate everyone who wishes to visit. For this reason, we will continue to develop new online content, programming, and tours.

Stay well and physically distant but spiritually close.

In Fellowship,
George M. Wohlreich, MD, MA, DSc (Hon), FCPP

President & CEO
The Thomas W. Langfitt Chair

COLLEGE FELLOWSHIP

WELCOME TO OUR NEW BOARD OF TRUSTEES

This July, the College is proud to welcome five new Fellows to our Board of Trustees. Though they are all extremely busy, we were able to touch base with three of our new Trustees to give us their thoughts on the College’s mission and collections. In the coming months, we hope to present similar interviews with all of our newly elected Trustees.

Beginning July 1, 2020 we are pleased to welcome the following Fellows to the Board of The College of Physicians of Philadelphia:

- Generosa Grana, MD, FACP, FCPP (F’2018)
  Dr. Grana is the Director of the MD Anderson Cancer Center at Cooper, and a Professor of Medicine at the Cooper Medical School of Rowan University, specializing in
Hematology and Medical Oncology.

- **Janet F. Haas, MD, FCPP (F’1999)**
  Dr. Haas is the Board Chair of the William Penn Foundation. She also serves as a Trustee for the University of Pennsylvania, the Morris Arboretum, and the Free Library of Philadelphia. Dr. Haas specializes in palliative care at the University of Pennsylvania Health System, and practices at the Abramson Cancer Center at Pennsylvania Hospital.

- **Cadence Kim, MD, FACS, FCPP (F’2015)**
  Dr. Kim practices at Urological Associates, PC in Philadelphia, and is affiliated with Jefferson Health in Philadelphia. She is a former President of the Philadelphia County Medical Society.

- **Kathleen Kinslow, CRNA, EdD, MBA, FCPP (F’2007)**
  Dr. Kinslow, who began her career in nursing, has more than 30 years of experience in health care. She recently served as the Chief Integration Officer and Executive Vice President at Thomas Jefferson University Hospitals, as well as President and CEO of Aria Health. She was also formerly CEO and Executive Director of Pennsylvania Hospital. She has served on the College’s Finance & Investment Committee since July 1, 2019.

- **Alexander Vaccaro, MD, PhD, MBA, FCPP (F’1997)**
  Dr. Vaccaro is the President, Richard H. Rothman Professor, and Chairman of the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery at the Rothman Institute. He is also Professor of Neurosurgery at Thomas Jefferson University, and Immediate Past President of the Cervical Spine Research Society.
Fellows in the News

College Trustee and Fellow Priya Mammen, MD, MPH, discusses how important she finds community support and family connection through activities like dining out but also the need to do so with attention and safety as the pandemic is ongoing. Read more [here](#).

College Fellow Ezekiel Emanuel, MD, PhD, spoke about “The Future of Philly Public Health” as part of Philadelphia Magazine’s Thinkfest, a weekend virtual event featuring cultural, business, and political leaders. Read more [here](#).

College Fellow Joseph Greenberg, DMD, discusses the importance of dental hygiene during the pandemic. Watch [here](#).

College Fellow David Fajgenbaum, MD, MBA, brings a unique perspective to his review of the medications currently being tested to treat COVID-19, as someone who found a treatment for his own life threatening illness by repurposing an existing drug. Read more [here](#).

College Fellow Bon Ku, MD, MPP, discusses a new book he co-authored titled Health Design Thinking: Creative Products and Services for Better Health. Listen [here](#).

College Trustee and Fellow Edith Mitchell, MD, MACP, discusses how people of color are not being adequately represented in studies about potential COVID-19 treatments. Read more [here](#).

On June 5, many Philadelphia healthcare workers took a knee for nearly nine minutes in solidarity with the Black Lives Matter movement and to protest specifically the brutal murder of George Floyd. Rhea Powell, MD, MPH was among the College Fellows to participate in “White Coats for Black Lives,” and
her tweet about the event was shared in a *Philadelphia Voice* article. Read more [here](#).

College Fellow **Antonia Villarruel, PhD, RN, FAAN**, hosted a conversation with Dr. Sullivan-Marx, this year’s recipient of the Penn Nursing Outstanding Alumni Award and also addressed what Penn Nursing is doing to address inequities around health, education, and social policy. Watch [here](#) and [here](#).

College Fellow **José A. Bauermeister, MPH, PhD**, spoke to the latest research and dialogue around LBGTQ topics at the University of Pennsylvania. Watch [here](#).

Congratulations to College Fellow **Patricia Danzon, PhD**, recipient of the 2020 ASHEcon Victor R. Fuchs Award. This award is given to an economist who has made significant lifetime contributions to the field of health economics. Read more [here](#).

College Fellow **Dorothy E. Roberts, JD**, gave a three-minute lecture on Racial Mythology in Medicine with Penn Arts and Sciences. Watch [here](#). In conversation this evening, Roberts and Ruha Benjamin explore a range of discriminatory designs that encode inequity. Read more [here](#).

Congratulations to College Fellow **Afaf I. Meleis, PhD**, for being recognized by Carnegie Corporation of New York as a 2020 Great Immigrants honoree. Read more about Dr. Meleis’ story [here](#).

College Fellows **Nadia Dowshen, MD, MSHP**, and **Linda Hawkins, PhD, LPC**, co-directors of the Gender and Sexuality Development Clinic at CHOP, presented a Q&A discussing empowering transgender & gender diverse youth. Read more [here](#).
College Fellow **Stanley A. Plotkin, MD**, was awarded an Honorary Doctor of Sciences degree from the University of Pennsylvania. Read more [here](#).

College Fellow **Rosemary Frasso, PhD, MSc, CPH**, wrote a poignant article, together with Denine Crittendon, PhD(c), in response to the tragedy of George Floyd's death. Read the article [here](#).

We love to highlight all of our Fellows; please let us know of the status of your projects or recent accomplishments! Email [erins@collegeofphysicians.org](mailto:erins@collegeofphysicians.org)

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**IN MEMORIAM**

*It is with great sadness that we report the deaths of four College Fellows over the past month.*

**Howard M. Snyder, III, MD**, died on June 4, 2020 from complications due to COVID-19. Dr. Snyder was a pioneer in pediatric urology. He had been a Fellow of the College since 1981, serving as Board Trustee, Board Treasurer, and Chair of the Admissions Committee for many years.

**Edward Jaeger, MD**, died on June 11, 2020 and had been a Fellow since 1967. Among other accomplishments, Dr. Jaeger was a dedicated educator and was Director of Undergraduate Education in Ophthalmology at Jefferson for 35 years.

**Wolfram Rieger, MD**, died on June 23, 2020. Dr. Rieger, who practiced psychiatry in Philadelphia for more than 50 years, became a Fellow in 1983. He recently attended College Night to celebrate the Fall 2019 inductees, including the induction of a Fellow he sponsored, Stephen A. Ryan, JD. Mr. Ryan, a dear friend of Dr. Rieger, informed us of the sad news.
Berton “Bert” E. Korman died on July 1, 2020. Mr. Korman was Chair of Korman Residential Properties, founded by his family in 1919. He was also involved in many civic and cultural institutions throughout Philadelphia. Mr. Korman became a Fellow in 2001, serving on the Board of Trustees from 2002 to 2012, and was active on several committees.

COLLEGE IN THE NEWS

- College Librarian and Robert Austrian Chair Beth Lander spoke to The Inquirer about the ways in which the College is documenting this pandemic. Find the full article here.

- College President and CEO Dr. George Wohlrich discussed how the College is preparing to reopen in The Inquirer. Read more here.

- As part of Wawa's virtual Welcome America Festival, our virtual tour of the exhibition, Spit Spreads Death, has been featured in a number of outlets including Philly Voice and NBC10.

- The New York Times Magazine explores the story of a woman seeking medical attention for breathing trouble. Though it is many years later, what she and her doctors found linked back to the work of Chevalier Jackson, whose collection of swallowed foreign objects can be found in our Museum. Read more here.

VIEW CONTENT FROM HOME
• After many requests to view our *Spit Spreads Death* exhibition from home, this month staff completed and launched an online tour of the exhibition. More than 4,600 have already watched and we have received over $17,500 in donations.

• Nearly 100 people joined Museum Educator Marcy Engleman for her first in a series of virtual Mütter Lessons on Body Modifications. Stay tuned for a Fellows and Museum members-only lesson on August 6!

NEW COLLEGE HIRSES

The College is excited to welcome part-time accounting clerk Kecia Brame and consulting scholar Charis Boke.

Kecia previously worked for Substitute Teachers Services as a payroll specialist and before that worked at Pride Garden Products as an accounts receivable clerk. She first heard about the College from a musician friend who has been hired for many weddings here and is excited to
work for such an interesting institution.

As a Wood Institute grantee and cultural anthropologist, Charis has conducted research using the collections of the Historical Medical Library. Charis’ ethnographic and historical research on herbal medicine has already provided compelling points of engagement with our Benjamin Rush Medicinal Plant Garden programming, and we look forward to further work together.

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**BLOG HIGHLIGHT**

**Fugitive Leaves**

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**FUGITIVE LEAVES**

“As Only An Anatomist Can Feel:” Joseph Hyrtl and the **Values of a Cranial Collection**

By Paul Wolff Mitchell, Consulting Research Scholar at the Mütter Museum of The College of Physicians of Philadelphia and PhD Candidate, Anthropology, University of Pennsylvania

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

NOTICE: ALL OF OUR EVENTS WILL CONTINUE TO BE **VIRTUAL** UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE
VIRTUAL EVENT

Office Hours: Combing the Collection

THURSDAY, JULY 9 • 4:00 PM
VIRTUAL EVENT

I Am a Leech and So Can You!

MONDAY, JULY 20 • 10:30 AM

SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHT

On June 29, the Mütter Museum participated in the virtual Wawa Welcome America festival with the premiere of our virtual Spit Spreads Death Tour. The tour, and the amazing face masks pictured, enabled us to raise crucial funds to assist with the reopening of the Museum. We can’t wait to welcome you back!
If you would like additional information about anything mentioned in this newsletter, please contact:

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