The celebration took place this year at Venue by 4M in Ann Arbor after the annual Moses Gunn symposium. Attendees enjoyed drinks, tacos, and cake to end the evening. Directors, Drs. Jenn Waljee and Andrew Ibrahim recognized the fellows with statements and gifts as a small token of our appreciation.

In addition, a special announcement was made regarding the growing program. Please see CHOP’s Growing Leadership Team (page 3).

Congratulations CHOP Class of 2023!
WELCOME CHOP CLASS OF 2025

By Ashley Chang

Welcome one and all! With one class leaving to continue their professional careers, another class’s research journey begins. This year we welcome:

J’uandra (Jay) Pegues  Alex Luby  Crystal Taylor
Patrick Johnson  Drew Braet  Johnathan William
Tyler Bauer  Cole Roblee  Nikhil Shah
Vanessa Niba  Catherine Jensen  Brigit Baglien
Joy Obayemi  Erin Isenberg
Leah Schoel  Dominic Alessio-Bilowus

As in past years, we have fellows joining us from different areas throughout our health system and beyond. Look out for future emails with introductions on each fellow.

REMODELING OUR OFFICE SPACE TO MAXIMIZE COLLABORATION IN A NEW HYBRID WORLD

By Clarice Gaines

Our CHOP home has evolved over the past 1-2 years from a maze of cubicles into a beautifully neurodiverse space. We now offer touchdown spaces for teams, lounge areas, our collaborative and dynamic center point called Base Camp, a coffee bar, cubicles for focused work, and of course a putting green.

The new layout offers functionality with moving tables, chairs, and whiteboards all on wheels. The space can be rearranged into countless configurations to best suit the needs of each meeting or team. The space also encourages more engagement between faculty, fellows, and staff by making it easier to mingle with one another in shared spaces.

A special thank you goes out to the facilities and space teams on working with us to support our vision!
UPCOMING FELLOW LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

By Ashley Chang

August 11th: Writers Workshop: Methods & Results
August 18th: STATA - Using Medicare Claims Data II
August 25th: Writers Workshop: Discussion
September 1st: Getting the Most Out of Your Research Time
September 15th: Anatomy and Physiology of a Specific Aims Page with Dr. Justin Dimick
September 22nd: Didactic quantitative methodology presentation (topic TBD) with Dr. Edward Norton

UPCOMING EVENTS AND DEADLINES

By Clarice Gaines

- The 19th annual Academic Surgical Congress (ASC) meeting will be held in Washington DC, February 6th-8th. Abstracts for this popular conference are due by Friday, August 18th.
- The IHPI Tailgate this year will be on September 9th 12:30-3pm.
- Mark your calendar for the Department of Surgery tailgate on September 23rd from 9am-4pm!
- The Society of Black Academic Surgeons (SBAS) 2023 meeting will take place on September 28th-30th in Ann Arbor. Early bird registration rates end on September 1st.
- The American College of Surgeons Clinical Congress 2023, will take place October 22nd-25th in Boston, MA.
- The 2023 Michigan Women in Surgery Leadership Development Conference will take place on November 2nd and 3rd in Ann Arbor.

Check out these recent publications

We would like to extend a warm welcome to the new CHOP Directors!

Pasithorn Amy Suwanabol, MD - Director of Student Research
Dr. Suwanabol leads the mentorship and engagement of students within CHOP.

Susan Pitt, MD, MPH, FACS - Director of Engagement
Dr. Pitt leads coordination of didactic research and career development related educational programming.

Edward Norton, PhD - Director of Quantitative Analytics
Dr. Norton leads our Center in the development of curricula and experiential learning in quantitative methods and novel analytic techniques.

Mike Thompson, PhD, MPH - Director of Analytic Strategy
Dr. Thompson leads the Center in the acquisition and use of data sources and emerging methodologies.

Scott Regenbogen MD, MPH - Director, Healthcare Administration Fellowship
Dr. Regenbogen leads our new 2 year Healthcare Administration Fellowship focused on providing didactic and experiential learning in healthcare delivery.
Welcome to our 20th Year of CHOP! As we start that year, we’re taking time to reflect on the ways we have changed and how we will evolving going forward.

If you have not been to CHOP in-person recently, you will notice some physical changes. Our middle cubicles have been replaced with a large place of gathering that we call, “Base Camp.” Similar to the base camp found at the start of major hiking trails, Base Camp is a place to gather, eat and share expertise. It is full of people who are about to make their way up as well as people who have recently come back down with tacit knowledge. Knowing that all of us at CHOP ultimately have different summits to climb, we hope this common ground helps everyone start their journey.

We have also made important leadership and organizational changes. We’re thrilled to welcome five new Directors leading important initiatives for our center: Edward Norton (Quantitative Analytics), Mike Thompson (Analytic Strategy), Amy Suwanabol (Student Research), Susan Pitt (Engagement) and Scott Regenbogen (Healthcare Administration Fellowship). Their efforts are incredibly important to ensure that CHOP stays a leading health services research center with rigorous methods, innovative approaches and programming, and optimal infrastructure to accommodate the needs of our members. Throughout the year we will be highlighting more of their efforts.

Finally, we are excited to welcome a new group of Fellows. Several are in the National Clinician Scholars Program or on one of the several T32 grants we are fortunate to have at our institution. They are all participating in the 3rd Annual CHOP Bootcamp. Throughout this 8 week program over the summer fellows will learn the fundamental of writing a CHOP-style manuscript and gain proficiency in coding administrative claims data in STATA. We hope this help jump start what we will know will be a successful two years for them in our center.

With gratitude and excitement for the year ahead!

Andrew and Jenn