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## What's New May 19, 2017



### Nesbit Reception Recap

#### Urology Department Faculty and Staff

#### 4 Items, 9 Minutes

This past weekend, U-M Urology faculty, staff and friends of the department converged on Boston, Massachusetts for the annual conference of the American Urological Association. The weekend was full of activity and accomplishment, both in the AUA's convention hall and out at the hotspots of downtown Boston. This week's edition of What's New will provide a recap of the busy weekend.

#### Nesbit Reception

Our annual gathering of U-M Urology faculty, staff, fellows, residents, alumni and friends of the department has been growing larger and larger, and this year was no exception. More than 125 guests enjoyed food and drink at the harbor-side John Joseph Moakley Courthouse, where the only thing that kept our party from going late into the night were the federal limits on how long we could keep the bar open.



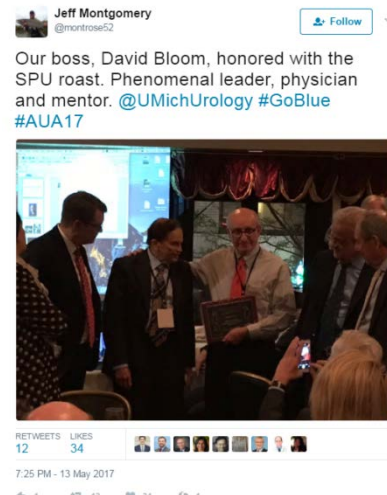
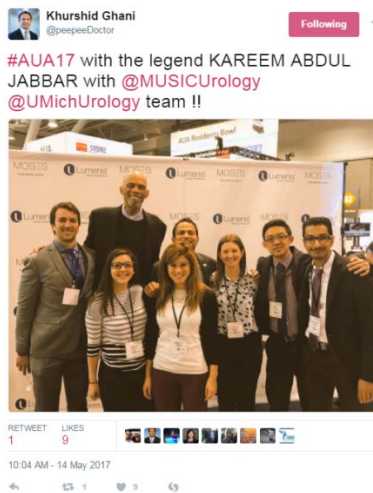
In all seriousness, it was a great night, thanks to everyone who attended! I'd also like to give a HUGE THANKS to Tammie Leckemby and April Malis. They were the unsung heroes of the evening and without their efforts, the night could not have been a success. I was incredibly fortunate to work with both of them on this great event!



### AUA Presence

As usual, our Department of Urology was well represented on the presentation floor. In total, our department was represented in nearly 100 instances over the course of the AUA weekend. [Check out the running list we compiled](#) (and even though the presentations have concluded, please let me know if I overlooked or missed a presentation of yours, I want the list to be as complete as possible!).

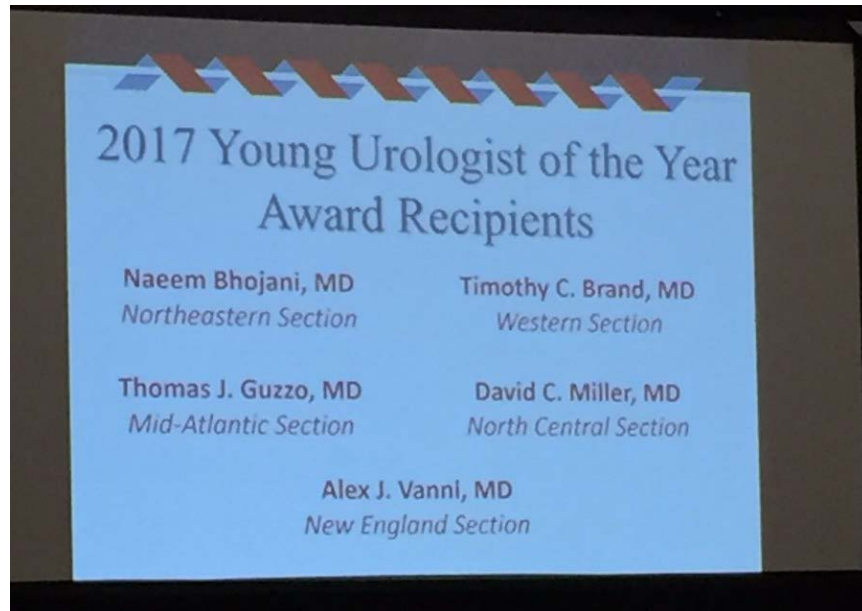
We were also active on the social media front, documenting success on the AUA floor and out on the town. Here is a sampling of some of the fun:



If you're interested in seeing more of the commentary and dialogue surrounding the AUA on social media, [check out a collection compiled here](#). I'd also recommend perusing the Twitter accounts of MUSIC ([@MUSICUrology](#)), the AUA ([@AmerUrological](#)), and our many tweeting faculty for more AUA action.

### Awards

In addition to strong representation in the AUA program, U-M Urologists were once again at the forefront of earning recognition and distinctions. Chief among these honors was our own Dr. David Miller earning the 2017 Young Urologist of the Year award for the North Central section of the AUA.



U-M Urology fellows were also recognized for awards they'd won, which included Dr. Courtney Shepard being honored with the Elizabeth Pickett Research Award and Dr. Simpa Salami placing 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Showcase for 2017 Early Career Investigators.



Photos c/o Dr. Daniela Wittmann (left) and Dr. Carolyn Best (Right)

And finally, although he's departed the department, we're still happy for Dr. Gary Faerber, who was drawing glowing reviews for his Quizmaster duty during the Resident Quiz Bowl. Congratulations to Dr. Faerber on a successful hosting experience!



### Social Overview

As is tradition, every year of presentations, meetings and learning is coupled with bountiful opportunities for networking and socializing. In addition to the Nesbit reception, U-M Urology attendees enjoyed wonderful events hosted by MUSIC (Michigan Urological Surgery Improvement Collaborative) and our division of Health Services Research. I was able to attend the MUSIC reception for the first time this year, and it was an exceptionally well organized and executed event, so congratulations to the MUSIC team that helped make that a reality!



*Photo c/o the @MUSICUrology Twitter Account*

Outside of the formal receptions, U-M Urologists hit some of the biggest tourist draws in the Boston area. Among these experiences was an outing to Fenway Park, where members of the Department of Urology watched the Boston Red Sox take on the Tampa Bay Rays. Although the home team ultimately came up short, it was a perfect night for baseball and a great experience!



A contingent of U-M Urology staff was also lucky enough to attend the Urology Care Foundation's 2017 Benefit, which featured the Lexington Symphony and the New World Chorale performing selected work from famed composer John Williams. The evening included appearances from memorable characters of the Star Wars movies scored by John Williams, including Darth Vader, Kylo Ren and Rey. It was a wonderful night of music and fun!



All in all, it was another successful AUA trip! I hope all attendees enjoyed themselves, and thank you again to those who came and enjoyed the Nesbit Reception. Next year's AUA Conference will be hosted in San Francisco, where I'm sure there will be just as many presentations and events to enjoy. Until then, I'll leave you with some additional photos

from the weekend (and feel free to check out our University of Michigan Urology Facebook where I'll be posting a complete set).



*Upper left: Tammie, Dr. Mike Kozminski and April pose next to the Nesbit banner; Upper right: a view of the Courthouse from the Boston Harbor; Lower left: a few intrepid U-M Urology staff taking a water taxi from the airport; Lower center: the hazy windows at the Courthouse on a rainy Sunday (fortunately the rain cleared up and the view improved significantly!); Lower right: NPR faculty, fellows and friends enjoy the baseball game*

Thank you for taking the time to read this week's edition of What's New!

-Eric Anderson