

HEALTH POLICY FELLOWSHIP GRADUATES

The Class of 1998

Jack Bragg, D.O. Kirksville, Missouri

Dr. Bragg is Section Chief of internal medicine and faculty member at Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine. As an undergraduate he studied biology and political science at Truman State University and received his Doctor of Osteopathy from KCOM in 1981.

He was board certified in internal medicine (gastroenterology) in 1991 after a Fellowship at Botsford Hospital in Michigan under former Health Policy Fellow Larry Wickless. He is licensed in Missouri, Iowa, and Michigan and serves on the board of Northeast Regional Medical Center (Kirksville) and is an inspector of internal medicine programs for the American College of Osteopathic Internists Council on Education and Evaluation.

A popular teacher, Dr. Bragg received the Gutensohn Award as outstanding teacher of the year in 1994 and the A.T. Still Staff Teaching Award for clinical instructor in 1995. He has been active in state and local osteopathic organizations, especially in legislative affairs.

KCOM is sponsoring Dr. Bragg's participation in the AOA Certificate Program in Health Policy.

Russell G. Gamber, D.O. Fort Worth, Texas

Dr. Gamber received his B.S. in premedical studies from West Virginia University in 1965 and graduated from Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine in 1969. After completing his post-doctoral work in Lansing, Michigan, Dr. Gamber pursued certification in family practice (1978), preventive/occupational medicine (1987) and osteopathic manipulative medicine (1995). He joined the faculty at Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine in 1972.

He moved to the Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine (now University of North Texas Health Science Center) in 1976, where he is now Associate Professor of Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine. He is co-investigator and reviewer for AOA sponsored research grants and an editorial consultant for the JAOA. His numerous committee assignments in the college and the profession have contributed to his interest in policy formation at the local, state, and national levels.

Russell hopes to join a "cadre of policy decision makers who can operate effectively in the health care policy arena on behalf of the profession." His major sponsor in the program is UNTHSC.

Steven Hinshaw, D.O.
Waurika, Oklahoma

Steven is a 1984 graduate of the University of Health Science in Kansas City where he studied after completing his B.S. in biology at Washburn University in Topeka, Kansas. He has been in private family practice since 1985 in Colorado, Kansas, and Oklahoma, and is currently a member of the Board of Directors. Oklahoma Osteopathic Association which will sponsor his year of study in the Health Policy Program.

Gary James, D.O.
Cadiz, Kentucky

Dr. James is president-elect of the Kentucky Osteopathic Medical Association and in a private, solo practice of family medicine in Cadiz, Kentucky.

Licensed in Kentucky, Tennessee, and Florida, he completed his internship and served as a physician in the U.S. Army following his graduation with the Doctor of Osteopathy from Oklahoma State University College of Osteopathic Medicine in 1983. Previously, he earned a B.S. in pharmacy from the University of Oklahoma.

He is certified in family practice and pain management and is a Fellow of the American Academy Disability Evaluating Physicians. His practice includes family medicine, pain management, and osteopathic manipulative medicine. The Kentucky Osteopathic Medical Association is sponsoring Dr. James' participation in the Health Policy Program.

Hollis King, D.O., Ph.D.
San Diego, California

Dr. King has just joined the Western University of the Health Sciences College of Osteopathic Medicine faculty, which is sponsoring his participation in the AOA Certificate Program in Health Policy.

He is board certified in family practice and osteopathic manipulative medicine and is a licensed psychologist. He completed his studies in psychology with a Ph.D. in clinical psychology from Louisiana State University in 1971 after receiving a B.A. at Duke University and a M.S. at Trinity University in San Antonio.

Hollis practiced and taught psychology, entering the Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine in 1979 where he added the D.O. to his credentials. Dr. King has been active in the American Academy of Osteopathy and the Cranial Academy since 1983 and has edited corrections of the papers of I.M. Korr and Viola Frymann. Until his recent appointment, he was in the private medical practice of osteopathic medicine and served as an adjunct clinical professor for the California program.

He has returned to academic life prompted by the opportunity to do research on osteopathic manipulative treatment efficacy and cost-benefit factors, especially in the treatment of women.

G. Bradley Klock, D.O.
Scottsdale, Arizona

Dr. Klock is a private practitioner specializing in osteopathic manipulative medicine in Phoenix, Arizona. He completed his B.S. in biology at the University of Arizona in 1977 and his Doctor of Osteopathy at the College of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery in Des Moines, Iowa in 1981, after serving a one-year fellowship in the department of osteopathic manipulative medicine, for which he received the Ram's Head Award.

He returned to Tucson General Hospital for post-doctoral work. He received board certification in Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine in 1991 from AOBSPOMM and received his F.A.A.O. in 2001 from the American Academy of Osteopathy. His teaching appointments include Assistant Professor in the Department of OMM at the College of Osteopathic Medicine & Surgery (1982-84), Clinical Assistant Professor of Family Medicine and OMM at the College of Osteopathic Medicine at Western University College of the Pacific in California (1995-present), Clinical Instructor at Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine (1987-present), and Affiliate Faculty at Midwestern University/Arizona College of Osteopathic Medicine (1997-present).

Dr. Klock has served as an appointed member of the Bureau of Osteopathic Health Care Facilities Accreditation for the AOA (1990-present) and served on the AOA's Clinical Committee on Outcomes Accreditation (1989-90). He is currently President of the Arizona Osteopathic Medical Association, which sponsored his participation in the Health Policy Program, and is preparing for a more active role in health policy. He has served on the Academy's Board of Governors since 1997 and is an appointed member of their Bureau of Experts in Manipulative Medicine.

Dr. Klock received the Dick Darby Award for Outstanding contributions to Osteopathy in Arizona in 1994 and has been listed in Who's Who in the Midwest and Who's Who in Arizona. He has served as Chairman of the Department of Manipulative Medicine at Phoenix General Hospital (1984-90), and while there has held positions of Vice Chief, Chief of Staff, and Chairman of the Board of Directors. He continues to be President of the Phoenix General Osteopathic Foundation and is chair of the OMM Department at John C. Lincoln Hospital/Deer Valley (formerly Phoenix General).

He has lectured at regional, state, national and international venues and continues to be involved as a visiting clinician and preceptor for students and interns.

Carol L. Monson, D.O.
East Lansing, Michigan

Dr. Monson is a family physician and is also on the faculty of Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine. She is assistant professor in the Department of Family and Community Medicine. Dr. Monson served as the Family Medicine Residency Director from 1994-1997. Currently, her efforts are directed toward teaching undergraduate medical students.

She was one of the founding members of The Family Practice Advisory Committee of the Consortium of Osteopathic Graduate Medical Education and Training. She completed a faculty development fellowship with this group in 1994. Her preparation includes a B.S. in education and an M.S. in community mental health from Northern Illinois University as well as the Doctor of Osteopathy from Michigan State University. She is board certified in family practice.

Dr. Monson has developed her interest in health policy through active membership in local, state, and national professional organizations. She is currently on the Board of Trustees of the Michigan Osteopathic Association and has served as the president of the Michigan Association of Osteopathic Family Physicians. Dr. Monson was recently named a fellow in the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians. She is listed in Who's Who in America and Who's Who in the World, as well as several other similar publications.

Dr. Monson practices family medicine at the Michigan Capital Private Care Center in Okemos, Michigan.

David A. Plundo, D.O.
Toledo, Ohio

Dr. Plundo is director of the osteopathic family practice residency program at St. Vincent Mercy Medical Center in Toledo. Formerly the residency director at Parkview Hospital in Toledo, he was named Physician Educator of the Year in 1993.

He is a 1985 graduate of the University of Osteopathic Medicine and Health Sciences in Des Moines, Iowa, after completing his B.S. in biology at the University of Pittsburgh.

Dr. Plundo is licensed in Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Iowa and is board certified in family practice. He has been listed in Who's Who Executives and Professionals and contributed to the chapter on Primary Care in a 1996 Textbook on Osteopathic Medicine published by the AOA.

Thomas A. Stevenson, D.O.
Alto, Michigan

Dr. Stevenson brings a special interest in medical informatics to the Health Policy Program. He is a family physician practicing at Metropolitan Hospital in Grand Rapids, Michigan where he utilizes his skills in information systems in their MSO. He has acted as an advisor to a medical software company in regards to their electronic medical record.

He is a 1986 graduate of the Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine where he also completed his B.S. in Psychology. He is on the board of the Michigan Osteopathic College Foundation, the Metropolitan Hospital MSO, and the Michigan Association of Osteopathic Family Physicians.

D. Keith Watson, D.O.
Clive, Iowa

Dr. Watson was the Outstanding Graduating Senior at the Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine in 1975. He is currently the Associate Dean for Clinical Affairs at the University of Osteopathic Medicine and Health Sciences in Des Moines, Iowa.

He is board certified in surgery and a Fellow of the American College of Osteopathic Surgeons, which honored him with the President's Award in 1994 for the development of an in-service exam in surgery. He is a member of the American Osteopathic Board of Surgery and is the immediate past chairman. He completed his surgery residency at Tulsa Regional Medical Center in 1980 and a fellowship in Surgical Oncology at the University of Texas System Cancer Center/M.D. Anderson Hospital and Tumor Institute in 1982.

Keith has numerous publications and reports to his credit, and has been an active participant in osteopathic education and professional policy for many years.
