

HEALTH POLICY FELLOWSHIP GRADUATES

The Class of 2000



L to R back row: Martin Levine, DO; Peter Bell, DO; Michael Weiss, DO; Roger Wohlwend, DO. Middle row: Robert Trenchel, DO; Deborah Blackwell, DO; Joseph Yasso, DO. Front row: Felecia Waddleton-Willis, DO; Myral Robbins, DO; Susan Zonia, PhD; Deborah Heath, DO

Peter A. Bell, D.O.
Hilliard, Ohio



Dr. Bell received his D.O. degree from the University of New England in 1984. After completing his internship at Firelands Community Hospital in Sandusky, Ohio, he did a Family Practice Residency at the Metropolitan Hospital/Parkview in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and an Emergency Medicine Residency at Grandview Hospital in Dayton, Ohio. He is AOA Board Certified in Emergency Medicine and Family Medicine.

Dr. Bell is Assistant Dean, Central CORE, and Associate Professor of Emergency Medicine at the Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine. He is also a board member for the Ohio University COM Centers for Osteopathic Regional Education and the American College of Osteopathic Emergency Physicians National Board of Directors. He has served as a delegate for both the AOA & OOA House of Delegates.

Dr. Bell has received grants from the American Lung Association for asthma research and the Pew Charitable Trust for Partnerships for Quality Education.

Dr. Bell is sponsored by Doctor's Hospital in Columbus.

Deborah Blackwell, D.O., FACOP
Ft. Worth, Texas



Dr. Blackwell was recently named Interim Dean for University of North Texas Health Science Center, Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine in Fort Worth, Texas. She was previously the Associate Dean for Clinical and Health Affairs at the school.

Dr. Blackwell received her D.O. degree from the Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine in Fort Worth, Texas and completed an osteopathic pediatric residency program at Doctors Hospital in Columbus, Ohio. She is board certified by the American Osteopathic Board of Pediatrics and is currently still active in the practice of general pediatrics.

Dr. Blackwell's past appointments have included Director of Medical Education at Osteopathic Medical Center of Texas, the main teaching hospital for the Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine, and she has also served as the acting chairperson for the Department of Pediatrics during a transition phase for that department. During her appointment at the Health Science Center she has chaired many important committees, including the Student Performance Committee, the OPTI Implementation Committee, Dual Degree Committee, Dual Degree Admissions Committee, and the SACS Committee for Student Services.

Dr. Blackwell has been active in the community serving as Board Member for the Osteopathic Health Group, Chair of the Due Diligence Committee, Chair for Harris Select Community Benefits Committee, Vice President for Easter Seals of Tarrant County, and as an advisor to the Texas Department of Health Chronically Ill and Disabled Advisory Committee. Nationally, Dr. Blackwell serves as President Elect for American Osteopathic Directors of Medical Education, inspector for the American Osteopathic Association Accreditation Team, and as a consultant for the United States Public Health Service Primary Care Effectiveness Review. Dr. Blackwell's current research interest includes current membership in the AOA National Health Policy Fellowship Program for the 1999-2000 year, managed care education for students and residents, and development disorders for children. Previous citations received include Teacher of the Year at Osteopathic Medical Center in 1991 and Clinical Faculty award at UNTHSC in 1991 and 1993.

Prior to her faculty appointment at the University of North Texas Health Science Center in 1989, Dr. Blackwell served as the Medical Director for the Laredo-Webb County Health Department during her commitment to the United States Public Health Service National Health Service Core. In that role she was the director of a large central clinic and satellite facilities, managing both the clinical and pharmaceutical operations.

Dr. Blackwell is currently married to Mike and has two sons, Charlie and Benjamin.

Deborah Heath, D.O.
Phoenix, Arizona



Dr. Heath received her D.O. degree from the Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine. She was a pre-doctoral osteopathic manipulative medicine fellow and general rotating intern at Chicago Osteopathic Hospital. She is board certified in osteopathic manipulative medicine and board certified in homeopathy in Arizona.

She has served as a member of the Board of Trustees for the Arizona Osteopathic Medical Association for four years. She has served as chair of the AOMA Steering Committee for a Physician Driven Network and is current chair of the Managed Care Committee. Nationally, she has served as Chair of the Louisa Burns Clinical Osteopathic Research Committee for the American Academy of Osteopathy and a member of their Board of Governors.

Dr. Heath is vice-president of the Arizona Board of Homeopathic Medical Examiners. She is currently the osteopathic medicine consultant for Andrew Weil, M.D., at the University of Arizona and NIH Grant, "A Randomized, Controlled Trial of the Use of Osteopathic Manipulative Treatment and of Botanical Treatment on Recurrent Otitis Media in Children" awarded 1999-2004. She has taught nationally and internationally on the principles and practice of osteopathic medicine for sixteen years. She authored the chapter, "Somatic Dysfunction: Effects of Manipulative Treatment and Impact on Health Status," in the AOA textbook, "Foundations for Osteopathic Medicine" (1997), edited by Robert Ward, D.O. In the same text, she co-authored a chapter with Albert Kelso, PhD, "Planning Research on Health Care, Access to Safe, Quality Health Care".

She has recently returned to private practice from her position as director of clinical osteopathic services at the Arizona Center for Health and Medicine in Phoenix, Arizona. She plans to apply the AOA Health Policy Fellowship toward a degree in Masters of Public Health. As part of the fellowship training and future research, she is investigating "Clinical Outcomes Studies on Infant Mortality and Infant Health Status with the use of Osteopathic Manipulative Treatment.

Dr. Heath's interest in treating her patients and in her research is finding the "health of the patient, not the disease" as A.T. Still originally described the task of the osteopathic physician.

Dr. Heath is sponsored by the Arizona Osteopathic Medical Association.

Martin Levine, D.O., MPH-HP, FACOFP
Bayonne, New Jersey



Martin S. Levine, D.O. has been in private practice in Bayonne and Jersey City, New Jersey for over twenty years. Dr. Levine received his Doctor of Osteopathy degree from the Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine and completed a rotating internship and Family Practice residency at Kennedy Memorial Hospital in Stratford, New Jersey. He completed the Family Practice Faculty Development Fellowship at the Office of Medical Education Research and Development at Michigan State University and the American Osteopathic Association National Health Policy Fellowship. He also completed a Masters in Public Health-emphasis in Health Policy. Dr. Levine is board certified and re-certified in Family Medicine.

Dr. Levine established and served as Director of Medical Education and Family Medicine Residency Director for a post-doctoral training program affiliated with the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey/School of Osteopathic Medicine where he is a Clinical Assistant Professor, Department of Family Medicine. Dr. Levine obtained and served as principal investigator on two grants awarded for Graduate Training in Family Medicine, Bureau of Health Professions, Department of Health and Human Services. The Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine appointed Dr. Levine as Assistant Dean/Northeast Region and Assistant Professor, Department of Family and Community Medicine, a position he vacated when he was elected to the college's board of trustees. He holds volunteer faculty appointments to UMDNJ/SOM and MSNJ as well as NYIT/NYCOM and Mt. Sinai School of Medicine.

Dr. Levine has been active in sports medicine at the local, high school, college and professional levels; recently as Elite Athlete Recovery Area Physician at the Boston Marathon for the past five years. He has spoken numerous times on sports related topics as a member of the New Jersey Governor's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports. He has been a member of the United States Olympic Sports Medicine Team since 1992, and served as a Doping Control Officer for Drug Testing for the USOC and later the United States Anti-Doping Agency. Dr. Levine was selected for inclusion in the "Best Doctors in New York" metropolitan area for the past six years.

Dr. Levine served two terms as President of the New Jersey Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons becoming their "Physician of the Year" in 2000. He has served on committees of the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians, the American Academy of Osteopathy, and the American Osteopathic Association. He is in his fourth year on the AOA Board of Trustees, this year as First Vice President. He is Chair of the AOA Bureaus of Osteopathic Clinical Education and Research and State Government Affairs.

Myral R. Robbins, D.O., FAAFP
Huntington Woods, Michigan



Dr. Robbins received her D.O. degree from Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine in East Lansing. After completion of a rotating internship at Zeiger-Botsford Hospitals in Farmington Hills, Michigan, she did a year residency in Internal Medicine at Oakland General Hospital in Madison Heights, Michigan. She is Board certified since 1988 by ABOFP and was awarded the FAAFP designation from the American Academy of Family Physicians in 1998.

Dr. Robbins is also board certified by ABQUARP since 1987 in Quality Assurance and Utilization Review. She served as the Assistant Medical Director of the Michigan Peer Review Organization for three years and was chairperson of the Quality Intervention Committee. Dr. Robbins is often called upon as an expert witness for physician defense case evaluation, chart review, and legal testimony.

She has served the Macomb County Osteopathic Society as President and on its Board of Directors. Dr. Robbins has been a delegate since 1981 to the House of Delegates of the Michigan Osteopathic Association and also to the AOA House of Delegates since 1993. She was recently appointed to the newly created AOA Bureau of Clinical Effectiveness. Currently, she serves as Chairperson of the M.O.A. Education Committee and a member of its Healthcare Policy Committee. She helped to develop an osteopathic physician organization, MICARE, and served on its Executive Committee and Board of Directors for three years. She is a member of the Board of Directors of the MSUCOM Alumni Association. Dr. Robbins is a member of the staff of Riverside Osteopathic Hospital and serves as a faculty trainer for the Family Medicine Residency program.

In her leisure time, Dr. Robbins enjoys golf, skiing, travel, and theater. She is sponsored by the Michigan Osteopathic Association.

Robert Trenchel, D.O., M.P.H.
Wellington, Florida



Dr. Trenchel received his D.O. degree from Nova Southeastern University. In 1999 he received his M.P.H. from Florida International University in Miami. He did his residency in Preventive Medicine at Palm Beach County Health Department in West Palm Beach. He is currently serving as Chair of the Managed Care Quality Assurance/Utilization Review, Medical Review Subcommittee, Healthy Palm Beaches, and just completed the term as Chair, of the Quality Assurance/Assessment Committee at the C.L. Brumback Health Center in Belle Glade.

He is an Associate Professor in the Department of Family Medicine at Nova Southeastern University College of Osteopathic Medicine and College of Allied Health in Fort Lauderdale. He is also Director of Medical Education at the C.L. Brumback Health Center in Belle Glade.

Dr. Trenchel enjoys mountain hiking, racquetball, fishing, and reading. He is sponsored by Nova Southeastern College of Osteopathic Medicine.

Felecia S. Waddleton-Willis, D.O., FACOFP
Silver Spring, Maryland



Dr. Waddleton-Willis received her D.O. degree at the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine. She conducted a rotating internship at Northeast Community Hospital where she also completed her Family Practice Residency. As a resident, Dr. Waddleton-Willis' academic research projects included "Varicella Pneumonia-Three Case Histories-A Primary Care Perspective", co-authored with Dr. David Ostransky.

Dr. F.S. Waddleton-Willis was an advocate for Osteopathic Medicine in the East Texas region. She was a pioneer for Osteopathic Medicine by becoming the first African-American, primary care physician to serve in the Gregg County community. She began her solo practice six years ago and has served as staff member at Longview Regional Medical Center and Good Shepherd Medical Center (Longview, Texas). During her tenure as medical staff member at Longview Regional Medical Center, Dr. Waddleton-Willis served as board member of the Emergency Room, Credentialing, and the Medical Records Committees.

She served her second term as Vice-President of the Texas Osteopathic Medical Association District III; and was a delegate to the Annual Texas Osteopathic Medical Association Meeting and Scientific Conference in Austin, Texas in 1998.

Dr. Waddleton-Willis has traveled as an Ambassador for the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine serving as an advisory speaker for the Student National Medical Association. She was recognized as an International Who's Who Entrepreneur for 1999. She is board certified by the American Board of Osteopathic Family Practitioners. She was named a fellow for the AOA National Health Policy Fellowship Program for the year 1999-2000. She was a featured 2001 guest seminar leader, hill-experienced former fellow, presenting "The Day On Capitol Hill Experience" to the Osteopathic Heritage Health Policy Program Class of 2001.

Currently, she resides in the Washington, D.C./Virginia/Maryland area, assuming residence in Silver Spring, Maryland. She is an associate fellow in the think tank at Emeritus Manor, candidate for several policy positions in the Washington, D.C. Metro area, and is involved in critical inquiry from a dynamic model of assisted living.

Michael Weiss, D.O., FACOOG
Troy, Michigan



Dr. Weiss received his D.O. degree at Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine. After completing his internship at Chicago Osteopathic Hospital, he did his residency at Detroit Osteopathic Hospital. He has a solo practice in Rochester Hills, Michigan.

He is an Associate Professor of OB/GYN at MSU-COM. He received the honor of Distinguished Fellow from AOBG in 1999. He has served as President of the Macomb Osteopathic Association. Currently, he is a representative to the Michigan State Malpractice Education Committee and Chairman of the Education Committee of the Michigan Osteopathic Association.

Dr. Weiss is sponsored by the Michigan Osteopathic Association.

Michael D. Weiss, D.O., was installed as **President of the Michigan Osteopathic Association** on May 15, 2013.

Roger Wohlwend, D.O.
Toledo, Ohio



Dr. Wohlwend is on staff at Riverside Mercy Hospital in Toledo, Ohio. He is a Junior Member in the General Practice Department and Pediatrics at Parkview Hospital, also in Toledo. He is board certified in general practice by the ACOFP.

Dr. Wohlwend's outside interests include Bible study, personal computers, fishing, and travel. He is sponsored by St. Vincent Mercy Medical Center.

Joseph Yasso, D.O., F.A.C.O.F.P.
Lee's Summit, Missouri



Dr. Yasso received his D.O. degree from the University of Health Sciences College of Osteopathic Medicine in Kansas City, Missouri. He did an internship at Lakeside Hospital in Kansas City. He has received board certification from AOBFP, and was recertified in May, 2001.

He is Medical Director and Assistant Professor at UHS-COM. He is currently serving on the Missouri Drug Utilization Review Board and the Missouri Patient Care Review Foundation Board. He is also on the Board of Trustees of the M.A.O.P.S.

Dr. Yasso is sponsored by the University of Health Sciences College of Osteopathic Medicine.

Susan Zonia, Ph.D.
Novi, Michigan



Dr. Zonia received her doctorate in sociology from Michigan State University in East Lansing. She is the Administrative Director of Medical Education at Botsford General Hospital. She develops and supervises formal academic programs for house staff and implemented their multi-source program evaluation plan. She is responsible for faculty development programs and works with the teaching faculty to improve and enhance the programs.

Dr. Zonia is well published and received both the Robert C. Witt Research Award for Outstanding Shorter Article and the Best Paper Award from the Journal of Organizational Behavior. Dr. Zonia makes presentations across the nation and provides consultations for many Osteopathic Colleges and related organizations.

She is sponsored by Botsford General Hospital and the Michigan Osteopathic Association.
