

HEALTH POLICY FELLOWSHIP GRADUATES

The Class of 2002



L to R back row: Robert E. Kessler, D.O., P.C., Thomas R.C. Reutter, Jr., D.O., F.A.C.O.F.P., Stephen D. Laird, D.O., F.A.C.O.S., Charles Finch, D.O. L to R middle row: Earle M. Pescatore, Jr., D.O., John Kylan Lynch, D.O., Jeffrey W. Morgan, D.O., Susan Payson, D.O. L to R front row: Charlene E. Smith (deferred to 2003), Ph.D., Michelle C. Powell-Cole, D.O., Dale J. Carlson, M.M., Darrell Lynn Grace, D.O.

**Dale J. Carlson, M.M.
Laingsburg, Michigan**



Dale Carlson received her Bachelor of Science Degree from Ferris State University in Business Administration and completed her Master of Management Degree at Aquinas College. Ms. Carlson recently completed the American Osteopathic Heritage Health Policy Fellowship.

Nationally, Ms. Carlson is a member of the American Osteopathic Directors of Medical Educators, and American Hospital Medical Educators. Locally she serves as President-Elect of the Michigan Association of Osteopathic Directors of Medical Education, and chairs the By-laws Committee, is on the Membership Committee, Curriculum Development Committee, and Evaluation Committee for the Michigan State College of Osteopathic Medicine (MSUCOM) Statewide Campus System. At Ingham Regional Medical Center, Ms. Carlson heads the Legislative Advocacy Committee and is also a member of the Director's Team, Strategic Leadership Committee, Medical Education Committee, Osteopathic Program Director Team, Osteopathic Internal Medicine Advisory Committee, and, Emergency Medicine Residency Affiliation Team. Ms. Carlson has a Clinical Faculty Appointment from the dean of MSUCOM.

Ms. Carlson is currently employed at Ingham Regional Medical Center in Lansing, Michigan as the Administrative Director of Medical Education and is responsible for overseeing daily operations of the department. She began her career in medicine upon graduating from nursing school at Oakland Community College. She has nursed many years and also has experience working in the pharmaceutical industry where she trained sales representatives, developed research projects and managed staff. Ms. Carlson has published articles and presented information and posters related to current issues in Medical Education.

**Charles Finch , D.O.
Scottsdale, Arizona**



Dr. Charles Finch received his D.O. degree from Des Moines University College of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery in 1994. He completed his transitional internship, as well as his residency in Emergency Medicine, at Maricopa Medical Center. Dr. Finch is board-certified in Emergency Medicine and currently practices as an Emergency Physician in Scottsdale, Arizona. Dr. Finch also practices as an Attending Physician in the Pediatric Emergency Department at Maricopa Medical Center. He has been appointed as an Adjunct Assistant Clinical Professor of Emergency Medicine at the Arizona College of Osteopathic Medicine. Dr. Finch is currently the Medical Director for Emergency Medical Services, as well as the Director of Continuing Medical Education at Scottsdale Healthcare at Shea.

Dr. Finch serves on the Board of Trustees for the Arizona Osteopathic Medical Association, where he chairs the New Physicians in Practice organization. He also serves on the Board of Directors for the American Lung Association of Arizona, Des Moines University Osteopathic Medical Center National Alumni Association Board of Directors, as well as a committee member for EMS Services for the Arizona Department of Health Services.

In addition to his academic, administrative, and clinical duties, Dr. Finch is the Camp Director of Camp Paz. This is a bereavement camp for children between the ages of 6-18 who have experienced the death of a loved one.

The Arizona Osteopathic Medical Association sponsors Dr. Finch.

Darrell Lynn Grace, D.O.
Youngstown, Ohio



Dr. Grace received her D.O. degree from Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine in 1992. She graduated from Youngstown State University in 1975 with an A.A.S. in Nursing, and a B.S.A.S. in Health Sciences in 1987. She completed her internship at Cuyahoga Falls General Hospital, in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio in 1993. She completed two years of her internal medicine residency at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Youngstown, Ohio, from 1993-1995, and one year of internal medicine at the State University of New York at Buffalo from 1995-1996.

She was the recipient of the Richard L. Alper award for community service at Michigan State University's College of Osteopathic Medicine.

In May of 2000, she was presented an award for community service during National Minority Health month and was presented with a proclamation and a key to the city of Youngstown, Ohio from Mayor George McKelvey for community service. She has been a nominee for the Athena award. The Phi Beta Lambda Sorority named her Business Woman of the Year. She helped establish Grace Place Medical Services, in association with the Greater Youngstown Coalition of Christians, a clinic for the underserved, uninsured and the underinsured.

Dr. Grace is a member of the American Osteopathic Association, Vice President of the National Osteopathic Medical Association, and a member of Pilgrim Baptist Church. She is a physician in private practice in association with Forum Health's Northside Hospital, Assistant Medical Director at Grace Place Medical Services, Medical Director at Windsor Nursing Home, and a Clinical Assistant Professor At Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine. She is married to Charles Grace, and she is the daughter of Robinette Burnett and Alonzo (Teddy) Jackson. Her sponsor for the fellowship is the Center of Excellence, and the Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine.

Robert E. Kessler, D.O., P.C.
Boulder City, Nevada



Dr. Robert Kessler received his D.O. degree from the Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine in 1977. He did a rotating internship at the Grand Rapids Osteopathic Hospital. He is board certified in family practice, osteopathic manipulative medicine, and pain management.

He has served his profession in many capacities, including as President of the Nevada Osteopathic Medical society, Trustee of the Nevada Osteopathic Medical Society, And as a member of its educational and political action committees. He also represents N.O.M.A. as its representative on the Medicare Carrier Advisory Committee, and serves on the pre-professional committee of U.N.L.V. He is a past chief of staff of the Boulder City Hospital.

Dr. Kessler has been in private practice in Boulder City, Nevada since 1978. He specializes in family practice and osteopathic manipulative medicine.

The Nevada Osteopathic Medical Association sponsors Dr. Kessler.

**Stephen D. Laird, D.O., F.A.C.O.S.
Kirksville, Missouri**



Dr. Laird received his D.O. Degree from the Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine, Ft. Worth Texas. He recently received his Masters of Health Professions from Midwestern University, Glendale Arizona. He completed a general rotation internship at Ft. Worth Osteopathic Hospital and his general surgery residency at Grandview Hospital, Dayton Ohio. He is board certified in General Surgery by the American Osteopathic Board of Surgery.

He has served as a member of the Board of Trustees as well as chairman of the Membership/Credentials committee for the Arizona Osteopathic Medical Association. He has also served as Vice Chief of Staff of Community Hospital Medical Center, Phoenix Arizona and Chairman of the Department of Surgery at Phoenix General Hospital, Phoenix Arizona. In 1996 the American College of Osteopathic Surgeons presented him the award of Fellow.

Dr. Laird was in practice with Arizona General Surgeons Ltd. from 1983 until 1986 after which he continued in Solo Practice in Phoenix Arizona. During his surgery practice he has served as Affiliate Professor of the Arizona College of Osteopathic Medicine, College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific, and the Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine. In February 2001 he assumed the position of Associate Professor, Chairman Department of General Surgery, Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine, Kirksville Missouri.

The Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine sponsors Dr. Laird's participation in the Fellowship.

John Kylan Lynch, D.O.
Bethesda, Maryland



Dr. Lynch received his D.O. degree from the University of Health Sciences College of Osteopathic Medicine, Kansas City, Missouri, where he graduated magna cum laude. He completed an internship in internal medicine at Evanston Hospital/Northwestern University and a residency in Neurology at Northwestern University. After residency, Dr. Lynch went on to complete a fellowship in Cerebrovascular disease at Yale University. While at Yale, Dr. Lynch also received training in Chronic Disease Epidemiology at the Yale University School of Public Health. Currently, Dr. Lynch is a Senior Staff Fellow in the Neuroepidemiology Branch at the National Institutes of Neurological Disorders and Stroke in Bethesda, Maryland.

Dr Lynch has received several awards including an Outstanding Teacher Award from the Northwestern University Neurology department, a national Neurology Resident Scholarship Award from the American Academy of Neurology, Certificate of Recognition from the Office of Scientific Education at the National Institutes of Health, and a Special Service Award from the National Institutes of Health. Dr. Lynch has also received an award for Young Alumnus of the Year, by the University of Health Sciences College of Osteopathic Medicine in Kansas City, Missouri.

Dr. Lynch is president-elect of the Maryland Association of Osteopathic Physicians and was a state representative to the American Osteopathic Association House of delegates meeting 2001. He is a grant reviewer for the American Osteopathic Association and serves on an external advisory committee for research at the University of Health Sciences College of Osteopathic Medicine in Kansas City, Missouri. Dr. Lynch is on the executive committee for the Hispanic Employee Organization at the National Institutes of Health and is a member of the Hispanic Medical Association and the National Council of La Raza. He also serves on the Speakers Bureau at the National Institutes of Health, Office of Science Education.

Dr. Lynch has been a neurologist investigator on a number of clinical trials and is currently a co-investigator on a pilot study of strokes in children at the National Institutes of Neurological Disorders and Stroke.

Dr. Lynch is being sponsored by the Center for Multicultural Medicine at Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine.

Jeffrey W. Morgan, D.O.
Glendale, Arizona



Dr. Morgan received his D.O. degree from Michigan State University College of Medicine and is board certified in Internal Medicine by the American College of Osteopathic Internists (ACOI). He completed his Internship and Residency in Internal Medicine at Mount Clemens General Hospital, Mt. Clemens, MI and during that time served as Chief Resident from 1994-95.

He has served as a member of the Board of Trustees for the Arizona Osteopathic Medical Association (AOMA) for the past three years and serves as co-chair of the Public Awareness committee. He is currently a Delegate to the AOMA House of Representatives and has also served as chairperson to the Southwest chapter of the ACOI.

Dr. Morgan is currently in private practice in Glendale, Arizona at Desert Harbor Internal Medicine, PLLC. His previous practice experience was in group practice at Mercy Integrated Health (1997-2000), and Thomas Davis Medical Centers (1995-1997).

Dr. Morgan is sponsored by the Arizona Osteopathic Medical Association and the American College of Osteopathic Internists.

Susan Payson, D.O.
Huber Heights, Ohio



Dr. Payson received her D.O. medical degree from the Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine in 1995. She completed a one-year special emphasis Emergency Medicine internship as well as a three-year Emergency Medicine residency at Grandview and Southview Hospitals in Dayton, Ohio. She earned her bachelor's degree from the University of Dayton in 1991.

Dr. Payson is involved with the American Osteopathic Association (AOA) and is an active member of her specialty college, the American College of Osteopathic Emergency Physicians (ACOEP). She sits on the Government Affairs Committee through the ACOEP and has made several trips to Capitol Hill to lobby lawmakers on issues pertaining to patient safety. She is a regular contributing author on legislative and medico-legal issues for two medical journals, *Emergency Physicians Monthly* and *The Pulse*. Dr. Payson has donated her time and medical services to the community at such events as the Day in the Country music festivals, the LPGA tournament, and the Dayton Air Show.

Dr. Payson currently provides full-time emergency services at the Emergency Departments of Grandview and Southview Hospitals. She is a member of the Credentialing Committee and the Utilization Review Committee at these hospitals. She participates in the teaching of Emergency Medicine residents and interns of both hospitals. Dr. Payson is also the Medical Director for the Huber Heights Fire Department and the Bethel Township Fire Department.

Earle M. Pescatore, Jr., D.O.
Rockford, Illinois



Dr. Pescatore received his D.O. degree from Nova Southeastern University. He served as a General Surgery Intern at Naval Hospital Oakland. After spending a year as a General Medical Officer with the 12th Marines in Okinawa, Japan, he completed a residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology at University of California Davis/David Grant Medical Center. He is board certified by the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

Dr. Pescatore has served as a Board Member and Secretary Treasurer of the Cleveland Academy of Osteopathic Medicine. He received the Award for Excellence in Osteopathic Principles and Practice in 1989 from Southeastern University. He has served on multiple hospital and medical group committees including credentials, family advocacy, regional quality and medical management.

Currently Dr. Pescatore is in group practice with the Rockford Clinic in Rockford, Illinois. He serves as the medical director for the Continence Center at the Rockford Clinic. Previously, he was the Director of Women's Services at Mount Sinai East in Richmond Heights, Ohio. In this position he reintroduced women's services to the facility, provided education to residents and developed a continence center at the facility. From 1996 to 1999 he was a Lead Physician for Ohio Permanente in Cleveland, Ohio. While in this position he developed a comprehensive fertility program which saved the organization \$300,000 over a 2 year period. From 1994 to 1996 he served in the United States Navy in Guam. While working in the department of Obstetrics and Gynecology he developed a new workflow through the department that increased access by fifty percent.

The Rockford Health System is sponsoring Dr. Pescatore's participation in the Fellowship.

Michelle C. Powell-Cole, D.O.
Miami, Florida



Dr. Michelle Powell-Cole is a board certified family physician. She received her Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree from Nova Southeastern University College of Osteopathic Medicine. She completed both her internship and residency training at Palmetto General Hospital in Miami, Florida and is currently completing her master's degree in Public Health.

Dr. Powell-Cole currently serves as the chairperson for the Nominating Committee and Health Policy Authority of the Public Health Trust for Jackson Memorial Hospital in Dade County, Florida. She is the founder of Women of H.O.P.E. (Health Occupations Promoting Education), a non-profit organization for health empowerment and education of communities and churches. She has served as the Assistant Coordinator for the NSU/SNMA medical missions to Haiti and Jamaica in 2000 and 2001, which have provided medical care to over 3000 people.

Dr. Michelle Powell-Cole is currently an Assistant Professor of Family Medicine for Nova Southeastern University College of Osteopathic Medicine. She currently practices Family Medicine and teaches residents and students in the NSU Health Center in North Miami Beach.

Her professional mission in life is to be an agent of change that will increase the level of health education in underserved communities. To this end, Dr. Powell-Cole regularly speaks to clubs, schools and organizations concerning health education and HIV and STD prevention, as well a personal empowerment.

Nova Southeastern University sponsors Dr. Powell-Cole's participation in the Osteopathic Heritage Health Policy Fellowship.

Thomas R.C. Reutter, Jr., D.O., FACOFP
Woodbury, New Jersey



Dr Reutter received his DO degree from Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine in 1967. He completed a rotating internship at Flint Osteopathic Hospital. He practices Family Practice and Sports Medicine in Woodbury, N.J.

Dr. Reutter served as President of the New Jersey Osteopathic Association and is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Family Practice. He is on the Committee for American College of Physicians and Executives and the Executive Board of the Peer Review of New Jersey, and was on the board of directors of The Physician Health Plan of New Jersey. He is the Chairman of the Legislation Committee of the New Jersey Osteopathic Association of Physicians and Surgeons (NJOAPS), and was the chairman of the New Jersey Osteopathic Political Action Committee for ten years.

Dr. Ruetter received the Physician of the Year award from the NJOAPS, a congressional National Leadership Award, and the Johns Hopkins Alumni Award.

The New Jersey Osteopathic Education Foundation sponsors Dr. Ruetter's Health Policy Fellowship.
