

HEALTH POLICY FELLOWSHIP
GRADUATES

The Class of 2006



Terry Mulligan, D.O.; Alina Perez, J.D.; Robyn Phillips Madson, D.O., MPH; David Elkowitz, D.O.; Brian Little, D.O.; Michael Wieting, D.O.; Kit McCalla, D.O.; Michael Cooper, D.O.; Rodney Wiseman, D.O. in Colorado Springs 2006.

Michael K. Cooper, D.O., FACOFP
Claremore, Oklahoma



Graduation PowerPoint: [Can Nurse Practitioners Deliver Primary Care?](#)

Dr. Cooper received his Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree from the Oklahoma State University College of Osteopathic Medicine in 1990. He graduated from Oklahoma State University in 1983 with a Bachelor of Science degree in physiology. He completed a one-year rotating internship at Hillcrest Health Center and a family practice residency at OUHSC/Garfield County Family Practice Residency Program in 1993. He is board certified in family medicine by the American Board of Family Practice and the American Osteopathic Board of Family Practice.

He has been in family practice for the last thirteen years in Claremore, Oklahoma. During this time Dr. Cooper has served in many medical staff positions including Chief of Staff in 2003.

Dr. Cooper is a member of the American Osteopathic Association (AOA), American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians (ACOFP), American Academy of Osteopathy, Oklahoma Osteopathic Association, American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians – Oklahoma State Society. He is currently a trustee on the board of the Oklahoma Osteopathic Association. Dr. Cooper is a past-president of the Oklahoma State Society of the ACOFP and its current secretary/treasurer. He was awarded the degree of fellow by the ACOFP in 2002.

Dr. Cooper's participation in the Health Policy Fellowship is sponsored by the Oklahoma Osteopathic Association.

**David Erick Elkowitz, D.O.
Old Westbury, New York**



Graduation PowerPoint: [Establishing Academic Pre-Doctoral Medicine Fellowships to Alleviate the Trained Medical Educator Shortage](#)

Policy Poster: [The Merits of a Formalized Training Program to Develop Academic Physicians: Establishing Academic Pre-Doctoral Medicine Fellowship](#)

Dr. Elkowitz received his Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree from the New York College of Osteopathic Medicine in 1997. He graduated from Norwich University/ Military College of Vermont in 1989 with a Bachelor of Arts in political science and a minor in public health studies. He completed a four-year combined residency in anatomic and clinical pathology at North Shore University Hospital in Manhasset, New York, in 2000. He also served as chief resident during the last two years of his residency. Dr. Elkowitz then went on to complete a surgical pathology fellowship at North Shore University Hospital in 2001.

Dr. Elkowitz was an attending pathologist and director of autopsy service at North Shore University Hospital in Manhasset, New York, where he also served on the graduate medical education committee. Dr. Elkowitz is currently an assistant professor in the Department of Biomedical Science and Director of the Office of Academic Medicine Fellowship at the New York College of Osteopathic Medicine in Old Westbury, New York. He has served on the Dean's council, admissions committee, and curriculum committee. He is a member of the academic senate, serving as president in 2003-2004. Dr. Elkowitz was awarded Mentor of the Year at the New York College of Osteopathic Medicine in 2004 and was a finalist for American Osteopathic Association Educator of the Year in 2004.

Dr. Elkowitz's sponsor for the Health Policy Fellowship is the New York College of Osteopathic Medicine.

Brian T. Little, D.O., M.A.
Cherry Hill, New Jersey



Graduation PowerPoint: (not available)

Dr. Little received his Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree from the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey (UMDNJ) School of Osteopathic Medicine in 2000. He graduated from Georgian Court College, Lakewood, New Jersey in 1993 with a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology. He also graduated from Fairleigh Dickinson University, Teaneck, New Jersey, in 1995 with a Master's in Psychology. Dr. Little is currently enrolled in the Master of Public Health program at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey School of Public Health. He is board certified in Internal Medicine by the American Osteopathic Association.

Since completing his Internal Medicine Residency in 2003, he has been in practice in Cherry Hill, New Jersey. He is also currently an Associate Professor with the University of Medicine and Dentistry School of Osteopathic Medicine in the Department of Internal Medicine. Throughout 2005, he has served as the sub-acute Medical Director for Innova Health and Rehabilitation, Mount Laurel, New Jersey.

Dr. Little is a member of the American Osteopathic Association as well as the American College of Osteopathic Internists.

UMDNJ School of Osteopathic Medicine sponsors Dr. Little's participation in the Health Policy Fellowship.

Kit C. McCalla, D.O.
Phoenix, Arizona



Graduation PowerPoint: (not available) [Abstract](#)

Kit C. McCalla, D.O., received his Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree from Des Moines University College of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery in 1996. He graduated from St. Cloud State University in 1991 with a degree in Biomedical Science with Excellence in Leadership honors. He completed a traditional osteopathic rotating internship at Mt. Clemens General Hospital in 1997. In 2001, Dr. McCalla completed his orthopedic surgery residency at Michigan State University Mt. Clemens General Hospital. He is board eligible in general orthopedic surgery by the American Osteopathic Board of Orthopedic Surgery.

Dr. McCalla has been in private practice in Phoenix, Arizona since 2001. Dr. McCalla practices general adult and pediatric orthopedic surgery in both acute inpatient and outpatient clinics. He is the president of Arizona Orthopedic Surgeons, PLC, and is currently employed by the prestigious Institute of Bone and Joints Disorders in Phoenix, Arizona. In addition, Dr. McCalla serves as team physician for several local high school and semi-professional sports teams around the Phoenix metropolitan area.

Dr. McCalla is a member of the American Osteopathic Association (AOA), Arizona Osteopathic Medical Association (AOMA), and the American Orthopedic Association of Orthopedists (AOAO). He is an adjunct clinical professor at Midwestern University Arizona College of Osteopathic Medicine and Michigan State University OSS. He has been active in the AOMA, serving as a member of the House of Delegates and participating on several committees and discussion panels. In addition, Dr. McCalla serves as medical director or consultant to several entrepreneurial local medical and financial businesses.

Arizona Osteopathic Medical Association sponsors Dr. McCalla's participation in the Health Policy Fellowship.

Terrence Mulligan DO, MPH, FACOEP
Washington, DC



Graduation PowerPoint: (not available) [Abstract](#)

Policy Poster: [Proposal for DO/MPH Fellowships in International Osteopathic Medicine Development](#)

Dr. Mulligan received his Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree from the Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine in 1997. He completed a one-year rotating internship with special emphasis in emergency medicine at St. Barnabas Hospital in Bronx, New York, in 1998, and a residency in emergency medicine at the same hospital in 2001. In addition, he completed a one-year residency in osteopathic manipulative medicine at St. Barnabas Hospital in 2002. He completed a Fellowship in international emergency medicine at George Washington University in 2003, where he also completed a Masters in Public Health in epidemiology and biostatistics in 2003. He is double board-certified in emergency medicine (American Osteopathic Board of Emergency Medicine), and in osteopathic manipulative medicine (American Osteopathic Association).

Dr. Mulligan is currently the Director of International Emergency Medicine at Washington Hospital Center / Georgetown University Medical Center in Washington, DC, and an attending physician in emergency medicine. He teaches at the Georgetown University School of Medicine, and at the George Washington University School of Public Health. He has worked as an attending physician at St. Barnabas Hospital in Emergency Medicine, and at George Washington University. Over the last six years, he has initiated and participated in international emergency medicine development programs in numerous countries, including Iran, India, Chile, Oman, Kuwait, Guatemala, El Salvador, Poland, Turkey, Macedonia, Afghanistan, Pakistan and the United Arab Emirates. He has assisted in establishing international residencies in emergency medicine, schools for emergency nursing, training schools for paramedics, relief agencies for underserved areas, disaster medicine and disaster preparation, hospital disaster preparedness and hospital trauma system development in over fifteen countries. He has lectured nationally and internationally for the American Osteopathic Association, American College of Osteopathic Emergency Physicians, American College of Emergency Physicians, American Academy of Osteopathy, World Osteopathic Health Organization, Society of Academic Emergency Medicine, American Academy of Emergency Medicine, and the Royal Academy of Medicine in London, England.

Dr. Mulligan is a Fellow of the American College of Osteopathic Emergency Physicians (ACOEP). He serves as chairperson for the ad hoc Committee on International Emergency Medicine and chairperson for the sub-committee on Osteopathic Manipulation in Emergency Medicine, and served as past president (2001) and vice-president (2000) of the Resident Chapter of ACOEP. He is a founding member of the World Osteopathic Health Organization and is an active member on several committees. He is a member of the American Academy of Osteopathy, the American Osteopathic Association, the American College of Emergency Physicians and the Cranial Academy.

The American College of Osteopathic Emergency Physicians has generously provided sponsorship for part of the expenses for Dr. Mulligan's participation in the Health Policy Fellowship.

Alina M. Perez, J.D., L.C.S.W
Ft. Lauderdale, Florida



Graduation PowerPoint: Providing Primary and Preventative Care to Undocumented Immigrants: Issues of Access, Quality and Cost

Alina Perez, Esquire, received her Juris Doctor degree from University of Miami Law School in 1997. She graduated from Barry University in 1988 with a Master's degree in Social Work. She is licensed both as a social worker and as an attorney in Florida.

Ms. Perez is currently an Assistant Professor of Public Health at Nova Southeastern University College of Osteopathic Medicine where she teaches osteopathic medical students and public health students public health classes including Legal and Ethical Issues in Public Health, Social and Behavioral Sciences Applied to Health and Culture, and Ethnicity and Health. She received the Golden Apple Award for Teaching Excellence in 2004 and 2005. From 1984 to 1998, Ms. Perez was a medical social worker in a variety of settings, including mental health, inpatient cancer units, and hospice. As an attorney, she practiced in the areas of Worker's Compensation and Family Law.

Ms. Perez is a member of the American Public Health Association (APHA), the Florida Public Health Association (FPHA), and the American Society of Law, Medicine and Ethics. She serves as a member of the Ethics Committee for Broward General Hospital and was the past chair for the South Florida Bioethics and Health Law Working Group. She is the co-author of a book about mental health in Florida, and is the author of articles addressing end of life issues and public health practices.

Nova Southeastern University College of Osteopathic Medicine sponsors Ms. Perez's participation in the Health Policy Fellowship.

**Robyn Phillips-Madson, D.O.
Lake Forest Park, Washington**



Graduation PowerPoint: [The Problems with PEPFAR](#)

Dr. Phillips-Madson received her Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree from Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine in 1979. In 1980 she completed her rotating internship at Waldo General Hospital in Seattle, Washington, and is board certified in Family Practice. She graduated with a degree in pharmacy from the University of Washington in 1975.

She was in private practice for fourteen years prior to joining Northwest Hospital's Lake Forest Park Medical Clinic where she currently serves as medical director. She is on the active staff of Northwest Hospital in Seattle, Washington, and is a founding board member of Reach Beyond Borders, a nonprofit organization sponsoring medical/dental outreach in Guatemala and other developing nations.

Dr. Phillips-Madson is a member of the American Osteopathic Association, the Washington Osteopathic Medical Association (WOMA), King County Medical Society, and the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians. She serves as the current president of WOMA, after serving in various capacities for the association. Dr. Phillips-Madson is the current WOMA member on the Advisory Board of the Pacific Northwest University of Health Sciences College of Osteopathic Medicine in Yakima, Washington.

WOMA sponsors Dr. Phillips-Madson's participation in the Health Policy Fellowship.

J. Michael Wieting, DO
East Lansing, Michigan



Graduation PowerPoint: 75% Rule: A Barrier to Healthcare Access For a Vulnerable Population

Dr. Wieting received his Doctor of Osteopathy degree from the Oklahoma State University College of Osteopathic Medicine. He completed internship training at Hillcrest Health Center, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; residency training in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at the University of Minnesota Hospital and Clinics; and a fellowship in Electrodiagnosis and Sports Medicine at Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine (MSUCOM). He is certified by the American Osteopathic Board of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation and the American Board of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation. Dr. Wieting holds a certificate of added qualification in Occupational Medicine from the American Osteopathic Board of Preventive Medicine.

Dr. Wieting currently serves as a member of the board of trustees of the Michigan Osteopathic Association and the Ingham Osteopathic Association component society. He is a current member and former chairperson of the American Osteopathic Board of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation. Dr. Wieting serves on the Bureau of Osteopathic Specialists (BOS) and on the BOS Standards Review Committee. Dr. Wieting is a Fellow (and past national president) of the American Osteopathic College of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation and a Fellow of the American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation.

Dr. Wieting is Professor in the Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine, and is the director of the AOA residency program in physical medicine and rehabilitation at MSUCOM. He is medical director of The Rehabilitation Center at Ingham Regional Medical Center in Lansing, Michigan, where he is the co-chair of the Critical Care Neurology Committee and the chairperson of the Patient Safety Committee.

Dr. Wieting's participation in the Health Policy Fellowship is sponsored by the Michigan Osteopathic Association and Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine.

Rodney M. Wiseman, D.O., FACOFP
Tyler, Texas



Graduation PowerPoint: [Impact of Medical Student Debt on the Physician Workforce](#)

Dr. Wiseman received his Doctor of Osteopathy degree from the University of North Texas Health Science Center, Ft. Worth, Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine (UNTHSC/Ft.Worth/TCOM) in 1978. He graduated from the University of Houston in 1974 with a Bachelor of Science degree in biology. He completed an American Osteopathic Association (AOA) certified one- year rotating internship at William Beaumont Army Medical Center, El Paso, Texas. Dr. Wiseman is board certified in Family Medicine through the American Osteopathic Board of Family Physicians (ACOFP), and is a Fellow of the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians.

After completing his service in the U.S. Army as Battalion and Flight Surgeon with the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment, Dr. Wiseman entered private practice in Whitehouse, Texas, in 1981. He continues to remain active in his community, serving as school and local team sports physician, and as the City of Whitehouse Public Health Officer.

Dr. Wiseman is a member of the AOA, and currently serves on the Bureau of Osteopathic Clinical Research and Education. He is a member of the ACOFP and currently serves on the Board of Governors as the Speaker of the Congress of Delegates. He has served terms as President of the Texas Osteopathic Medical Association (TOMA) and the Texas Society of ACOFP. Dr. Wiseman also serves as a Clinical Associate Professor for UNTHSC/Ft.Worth/TCOM, training student preceptors. He also serves the state of Texas as a District Review Committee Member for the Texas State Board of Medical Examiners. Dr. Wiseman provides service to TCOM Alumni Association as an active member of the Board of Trustees.



Class of 2006 at Orientation in Old Westbury, NY.