



**Office of Medical Education**  
**Phil Gruppuso, MD**  
*Associate Dean*

I'd first like to welcome the Class of 2013. It has been a pleasure getting to know you. And welcome back to the Classes of 2010, 2011 and 2012. I hope you had an enjoyable and productive summer.

Here at AMS, the summer was a busy time on several fronts. Considerable progress was made on redesigning our clinical curriculum. A paper summarizing last spring's deliberations by the MD Curriculum Committee has been published in the September issue of *Medicine & Health Rhode Island*. After arriving at a set of educational goals and a planning process, eight working groups were convened over the summer. These groups are focused on a variety of educational and student life spaces that will have a transforming effect on the medical school.

Finally, it is with great pleasure that I announce that the National Institutes of Health (Heart, Lung and Blood Institute) saw fit to fund a training grant that Dr. Sharon Rounds and I prepared and submitted last year. This grant will provide support for students to undertake basic and translational research during the summer between years 1 and 2. Six slots were funded, and the grant was approved for five years. As part of the project, we will develop a seminar series that will focus on the conduct of research, including aspects relating to human investigation and animal welfare. This grant will bolster our summer assistantship program. Details will be forthcoming during the fall when the summer assistantship and Scholarly Concentrations programs are introduced to the first year class.

In closing, I'd like to wish the third and fourth year students well in discovering their career goals during the upcoming months and taking the next step of achieving those goals in applying for residency. Here's to a great start to the 2009-2010 academic year.

**Office of Admissions**  
**Barbara Fuller, Director**

The Office of Admissions welcomes all medical students in the MD Class of 2013!

Believe it or not, we begin the interview season on Thursday, October 1. If you love your classmates and your experience so far as a medical student, please consider taking part in the interview day as an overnight host, a Q&A panel member, or a campus tour guide. We would love to have more PLME students engaged in the process, so if you're interested and haven't read your Brown email in a month, please contact [Melissa.Whiteley@brown.edu](mailto:Melissa.Whiteley@brown.edu) to sign up.

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**Call for Hospital Tour Guides:** Do you love to talk with prospective applicants about your experiences at Brown? Would you enjoy showing applicants around our hospitals? If the answer to either question is “yes,” and you are in your third or fourth year, please contact Melissa Whiteley. You will be paid a fabulous sum to give 1.5 hour, hospital-based tours to admissions applicants on interview days from October 1 through March 11.

Best wishes for a productive year!

### **Office of Financial Aid**

**Linda Gillette, Director**

On behalf of the Office of Financial Aid (OFA), I hope the 2009-2010 academic year is off to a great start for all of our new and returning medical students!

Our office has several events planned for students this fall that I hope you'll be able to attend. Please review the descriptions and event dates and locations printed in this issue. Already in September, the OFA hosted the HPSP luncheon, inviting military representatives from the Air Force, Army, Navy and National Guard to talk with students about their respective educational assistance programs. If you missed that opportunity, please contact our office for information about the programs they offer.

**Please save the following dates for events that we have planned this fall:**

**PLME & EIP Financial Aid Briefing** will take place on Wednesday, October 28, from 5:00pm to 6:30pm in room 291 of the BMC. This program is intended to familiarize juniors and seniors in the PLME and EIP programs with financial aid information at the medical school.

**We have also planned a Financial Wellness Program which includes the following 3 events this year:**

**Budgeting 101:** Take Your Financial Pulse! To achieve your goals, you must successfully manage your personal finances. Managing your resources and obligations is crucial throughout your education and beyond. Information from this workshop will assist you in creating and maintaining an organized and realistic budget. Put National Financial Planning Week to use with us, by learning to establish a borrowing strategy, and managing your current and future debt!

**Wednesday, October 7, 2009. Please RSVP by Monday, October 5, 2009**

**Understanding your Credit Report:**

Understand how to build credit, the importance of maintaining good credit, and the reasons for poor credit. Learn where to obtain your credit report, understand what it means, and the warning signs of credit trouble. **Wednesday, October 21, 2009. Please RSVP by Monday, October 19, 2009.**

**Tax Planning:** Everything you ever wanted to know (or maybe didn't want to know) about taxes. This workshop presents the basics related to tax filing requirements (e.g., types of tax forms, when to file, how to treat scholarships/loans on a return) Education-related tax benefits are also discussed.

**Wednesday, November 11, 2009. Please RSVP by Monday, November 9, 2009**

**All workshops will be held from 6:00 - 7:30 pm  
Eddy Auditorium in the BMC**

**Please contact our office to RSVP for these events by emailing us at [md\\_finaid@brown.edu](mailto:md_finaid@brown.edu) or by calling, 401-863-1142. We look forward to seeing you there.**

**Scholarship Match Program:**

Are you looking for extra scholarships or grants but aren't sure where to go? We can help you – the OFA is now offering additional resources to help in securing grants and scholarships. Students can check out the latest book on grant resources, or sit down to discuss scholarship match information. Stop by for a meeting with one of our representatives at the OFA, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Arnold Lab or call 401-863-1142 to make an appointment.

Lastly, our office closely monitors the delivery of financial aid to your student account, ensuring that you have made decisions about aid offered to you, taken care of any paperwork, for example promissory notes, that need to be negotiated and then ultimately ensuring that you have received a refund if eligible to help with your living expenses. As always, if you encounter any problems with the delivery of your financial aid, receiving funds for living expenses or getting funds posted to your student account, please contact our office so we can help resolve the issues.

### **PLME**

**Hilary Sweigart/Dean Julianne Ip**

**A very warm welcome to all PLME students, veterans and new!** It is very exciting to begin a new year and we hope that you will make full use of the PLME Office in Biomedical Center Suite 222 as a resource. We are here to support you in any way we can and our door is always open.

Our freshman PLME Class of 2013 is 55 and includes 40 women and 15 men, from Arizona 1, California 12,



Connecticut 1, Florida 5, Hawaii 1, Indiana 1, Kansas 1, Louisiana 1, Massachusetts 2, Maryland 3, Michigan 1, Minnesota 1, New Jersey 2, New Mexico 1, New York 11, Ohio 1, Pennsylvania 2, Rhode Island 3, Texas 4, Washington 1.

**FRESHMEN:** The first **Whole Patient Program** is scheduled for **September 30 at 5:30 PM in Chancellor's Dining Room, Sharpe Refectory** (note new location). Our speakers will be **Dr. Anthony Caldame** and a patient. *All freshmen are expected to attend and reservation for dinner is required by contacting [Teresa\\_McAllister@Brown.edu](mailto:Teresa_McAllister@Brown.edu) by September 21.*

**SOPHOMORES:** We will be holding a PLME Education Plan meeting for the sophomore class on December 2, 12:00-1:00 in Biomedical Center Room 291, Eddy Auditorium. Please mark your calendar and be present for this important PLME program requirement.

**WHOLE PHYSICIAN PROGRAMS** are open to all PLME students and we sometimes open them up to the larger medical and Brown communities. Erica Alexander and Emily Li are working on two events for each semester. In first semester, they hope to have a panel of surgeons, followed by a nationally-known speaker/author in November or December. In second semester, they are planning a health care reform presentation, and with a medical student panel. So stay tuned!

**FAMILY  
WEEKEND  
OCTOBER 16–18, 2009**

## **Office of Women in Medicine (OWM)**

**Debra Abeshaus**

Greetings! This year's **Women in Medicine Mentor Program** is underway. The program promotes connections between women medical students early in their educational and professional studies, with women physicians based at Brown affiliated hospitals and in the community. We welcome interested students to sign up for a "mentor match." There are excellent opportunities available. A reception to bring together WIM physician mentors and student mentees will be held in late October. For more information and to request a mentor, visit <http://bms.brown.edu/wim/mentor.html>, e-mail [officeofwomeninmedicine@brown.edu](mailto:officeofwomeninmedicine@brown.edu) or call 863-2450/7960.

**Nancy Hopkins, PhD**, the Amgen Inc, Professor of Biology at MIT, will speak on "Mirages of Equality: Progress of Women in Science at MIT, 1971-2009," Wednesday, October 21, 2009, 4:30-5:30pm in the Life Sciences Building, Sidney E. Frank Hall, Marcuvitz Auditorium, Rm 220. Dr. Hopkins lecture will be sponsored by the ADVANCE Program, the Office of Women in Medicine and The Office of the Dean of the Faculty at Brown University. For questions or to RSVP, please contact [officeofwomeninmedicine@brown.edu](mailto:officeofwomeninmedicine@brown.edu) or call 863-7960/24450.

The Office of Women in Medicine's website <http://bms.brown.edu/wim/> links to many organizations related to women in medicine, women's health and women in leadership. We welcome you to visit it and to bookmark the OWM "What's New" page for the latest updates and announcements of upcoming OWM events.

## **Office of Minority Affairs**

**Zoila Quezada, Manager**

The 2010 Petersen Educational Enhancement Fund applications are available! The deadline for project submissions is Wednesday, October 28, 2009. Awards will be announced at the end of November and funds will be ready to use in January of 2010. Please email [Zoila\\_Quetzada@Brown.edu](mailto:Zoila_Quetzada@Brown.edu) for an application.

### **Petersen Fund**

The goal of the Petersen Fund is to **support innovative service or research initiatives designed to have a positive impact on individuals, families, and communities.** These projects may positively serve a community by, for example, generating insights into barriers to quality health care or devising a solution to a recognized problem.

The Fund encourages students to undertake projects in the United States or abroad that not only will foster their own development and enrich their educational experience but, just as importantly, will enable them to give back to the community at large. Such socially relevant projects embody the Warren Alpert Medical School's mission of producing physicians and scientists who view medicine as a human service profession, as well as its tradition of student activism. In addition to support for larger projects, smaller amounts will be available to supplement projects that are in keeping with the goals of the Fund.

Upon completion of projects, recipients are expected to share results and insights with peers and colleagues via a presentation, publication or other means, thereby making a concrete contribution to the Warren Alpert Medical School community.



**Medical and Sciences  
Information Services  
Brown University Library**  
Tovah Reis, *Head*

**Library Update - Access to the  
Brown Network from Off-Campus**

In general, to access medical library resources and services, go to Medical Connections at: <http://dl.lib.brown.edu/gateway/medcon/>. Then click on "Off Campus Access Service".

For assistance with off-campus access issues, please contact [eresources@brown.edu](mailto:eresources@brown.edu). Can also watch a video tutorial (less than 2 minutes) at: <http://dl.lib.brown.edu/libweb/proxy.php>.

There are now three methods of off-campus access:

**WebVPN** The new Brown University Clientless WebVPN service allows members of the Brown community to securely access campus-based web services such as Library resources without the need of a software-based VPN client. By opening a web browser and authenticating through <http://webvpn.brown.edu>, you will be directed through Brown's network, to give you the same access as a campus-based user.

**The Virtual Private Network (VPN)** client makes your network traffic appear to originate from on campus. This is the most reliable method for remote authentication and is your best choice if you have a broadband Internet connection, via a cable modem or direct subscriber line (DSL). If you use the Lifespan or other VPN client you will not be able to use the Brown VPN; use WebVPN instead. For assistance with the VPN client, contact the CIS Help Desk: [help@brown.edu](mailto:help@brown.edu) or 863-HELP (863-4357).

**EZProxy** allows authorized users to access licensed resources without installing additional software. Use this service if you are unable to obtain off-

campus access with the other methods listed above. With EZProxy, unlike the VPN client, each time you open a new browser session you will need to re-authenticate. For the off-campus medical community, the Library recommends choosing WebVPN since it requires no download to your computer and it is compatible with hospital web services. Also, unlike EZProxy, WebVPN is compatible with PubMed's MyNCBI. When using PubMed, remember to first log on to the Brown network in order to see the links to full text articles from the abstracts.

When you select WebVPN you are not returned to the Medical Connections homepage. Therefore, to proceed select "Continue," then "Library Resources" which will take you to the Library home page. From here click on "Medical School" under "For You" to take you back to Medical Connections. Please keep in mind that there is no off-campus access service that works for everything. Some access issues are browser-related, system software related while others are products of publisher preferences. We recommend first trying the WebVPN. If that does not work, try the VPN client. You can have the VPN client installed on your computer and still use WebVPN; just don't open the VPN client connection and then try to use the WebVPN. Use EZProxy if you are unable to access via the other two methods.

**Additional Scholarship**

Turkish American Doctors  
Association of Midwest  
Amount: Two \$1,000.  
Deadline: December 30, 2009  
Two scholarships will be awarded  
to medical and/or dental students  
with a Turkish-American heritage or  
ancestry. [www.tadam.org](http://www.tadam.org)

**The Osler Medal 2010**

The William Osler Medal is awarded annually for the best unpublished essay on a medical historical topic written by a student enrolled in a school of medicine or osteopathy in the U.S. or Canada. The writer of the winning essay will be invited to attend the 2010 AAHM meeting, where the medal will be conferred. Reasonable travel expenses will be provided, as will a two-year complimentary membership in the AAHM (American Association for the History of Medicine, Inc.) If the Osler medal committee also selects an essay for honorable mention, its author will receive a certificate and a two-year complimentary membership in the Association.

The essay (maximum 9000 words, including endnotes) must be entirely the work of one contestant.

For additional info contact the Osler Medal Committee Chair:

Douglas Bacon, Dept of Anesthesiology, Mayo Clinic, 200 First St., SW, Rochester, MN 55905, [bacon.douglas@mayo.edu](mailto:bacon.douglas@mayo.edu)

Entries must be postmarked or submitted electronically via e-mail (preferred method) by January 15, 2010



# Alpert Medical School Summer Research Program

## Program Overview

Supported by a T35 training grant from the National Institutes of Health, the Basic & Translational Research (BTR) Program at the Alpert Medical School links medical students with faculty and their research projects on the molecular basis and pathobiology of cardiovascular, blood, and pulmonary diseases, and/or the outcomes of prevention and treatment of these diseases. Funded by the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute, the BTR Program is a longitudinal experience that includes didactic training and a mentored research experience, with a goal of promoting the career development of potential physician researchers.

We encourage students participating in the BTR Program to also participate in the Scholarly Concentrations (SC) Program. For example, a student conducting research on the molecular aspects of atherosclerosis may want to join the scholarly concentration in Aging. A student conducting research on the efficacy of a new drug-impregnated cardiac stent may want to join the scholarly concentration in Medical Technology and Innovation. However, participation in the SC Program is not required to participate in the BTR Program.

## CRP Summer Stipend

First year medical students who are accepted into the BTR Program will receive a summer stipend of \$4,370. The stipend will be distributed in 3 installments. The first will be distributed in early June upon completion of an Activation Report (see Cynthia Fenner). The second installment will be at the beginning of July. The third and final installment will be distributed in August upon completion of a Progress Report and a Termination Report. The stipend is considered taxable income by the government.

Students participating in the BTR Program are not eligible to receive any other summer funding.

## Program Timeline

### Year I

Students review available project descriptions and contact the appropriate faculty member(s). Together, the student and faculty member develop a summer research project and construct a proposal to be submitted by the February deadline.

### Summer

During the summer months between Years I and II, students engage in a 10-week research project and participate in a seminar series on core research topics, including the ethical conduct of research. (These didactic sessions will be open

to all medical students, but required for BTR Program participants.)

### Year II

Student participants will present a poster at the annual Summer Showcase in December. Students are encouraged to continue their research projects during the year, utilizing the Wednesdays that are set aside for self-directed learning. Students who are also participating in the SC Program will continue to attend concentration area meetings and events throughout the year.

### Year III

Students are encouraged to continue their research project.

### Year IV

Students are encouraged to continue their research project. Students will submit a final scholarly work (likely in the form of a scholarly manuscript) to be evaluated.

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## Medical Alumni Association

The Brown Medical Alumni Association voted unanimously at their May, 2009 meeting to allocate funds from their budget in support of the Charles C. J. Carpenter Traveling Fellowship. This fund was established to honor Dr. Carpenter, Professor of Medicine and Principal Investigator Center for AIDS Research. The fellowship assists to defray the expenses incurred by Brown medical students attending national meetings.

The Charles Carpenter Traveling Fellowship is available to medical students who have been selected to attend national meetings in which they are presenting (oral or posters). The student **MUST** be the first author on the abstract. For more information about applying for Fellowship funding, please contact Alexandra Morang, Director of Medical Student Affairs.

Ph: 401-863-1616 / [Alexandra\\_Morang@Brown.edu](mailto:Alexandra_Morang@Brown.edu)

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website: [www.alphaomegalpha.org](http://www.alphaomegalpha.org)

### Pharos Poetry Competition

Purpose: To encourage medical students to write effective poetry using imagery and rhythm or rhyme to structure the poem. See the attached "What Poetry Does" for more help in writing effective poetry.

Prizes: \$500 first; \$250 second; \$100 third, honorable mention \$75.

Eligibility: Authors must be enrolled at medical schools with active AWA chapters (Class of 2010 or later), but need not be members of AWA.

Dates: Entries must be postmarked no later than January 31, 2010, and sent by first-class mail, express mail, or by courier. Winners will be announced about May 1, 2010.

Requirements for the poems:

1. Poems must be written while the student is in medical school, must be the work of a single author, and must represent original work. Only one poem may be submitted to the competition per author.
2. The poem may be on any subject related to medicine.
3. The poem must be single spaced, single column, and not exceed two pages of 12-point type with minimum 1-inch margins. The author's name and poem title must be on each page, and pages must be numbered.
4. The poem must not have been offered to or published by any other journal or entered in any other contest and must be submitted to *The Pharos*, the official publication of AWA, which has the right of first refusal.

### Medical Student Service Project Award

Purpose: To aid the establishment of a medical student service project benefiting the medical school or the local community, and to recognize students who dedicate their time and effort to these endeavors. Only one proposal will be accepted from a school during an academic year. Initial applications must be for new projects with the potential to generate future support from the medical school or other sources, not for supplemental funding for existing programs.

Eligibility: Any group of students at a school with an active A&!A chapter (A&!A membership is not required).

The award: The school will receive up to \$2000 per year, renewable for a second year up to \$1000 and a third year up to \$500 to fund the project. Funding for the second and third years will be dependent on review by the national office of a progress report on the first or second years.

Dates: The A&!A councilor and office of the dean will set a deadline for proposals to be submitted to the school. One proposal will be chosen from among those submitted to the councilor to be sent to the national office by the student(s) involved. The selected proposal may be sent at any time.

Proposal requirements:

Proposals describing the project and the involvement of the organizing student(s) should be prepared by the involved student(s). The application must be no longer than two single-spaced pages (1-inch margins, 10-point or larger type).

It must include: an explanation of the project's goals and objectives; a proposed budget with plans for evaluation; a support letter from the A&!A chapter councilor; a support letter from the dean of students.

Within 60 days of receipt, the national office will notify the student(s) and the school of its decision regarding funding. Send applications to:

Medical Student Service Project Award  
Alpha Omega Alpha  
525 Middlefield Rd., Ste 130  
Menlo Park, CA 94025

More information: Contact Judy Yee, (650) 329-0291, [j.yee@alphaomegalpha.org](mailto:j.yee@alphaomegalpha.org)  
[www.alphaomegalpha.org/student\\_service.html](http://www.alphaomegalpha.org/student_service.html)

### Visiting Professorship

Eligibility: Any medical school with an active A&!A chapter can host one visiting professorship during each academic year.

Requirements for the visit: The visiting professor shall contribute one full day of clinical rounds, research discussions, interactions with students and residents, and the opportunity to present a major address to the medical school community or to attendees at the annual A&!A banquet.

Organization and arrangements: The A&!A councilor, in consultation with the chapter's student members and other members of the faculty, will invite the visiting professor. When arrangements are confirmed, the councilor should contact the national office to provide the following information:

Dates of the visit; Visiting professor's information; Name and title; affiliation; full address; phone and email address; and proposed schedule.



Submit notification at least one month prior to the visit via: online :[www.alphaomegalpha.org/professor\\_visit.php](http://www.alphaomegalpha.org/professor_visit.php)

email: [j.yee@alphaomegalpha.org](mailto:j.yee@alphaomegalpha.org)

mail: **Visiting Professorship; Alpha Omega Alpha;**

**525 Middlefield Road, Suite 130; Menlo Park, CA 94025**

Funds provided by the National office of A&!A include:

- (1) Actual coach airfare and/or coach ground transportation
- (2) Standard hotel room for one or two nights
- (3) Meals, exclusive of official functions planned and funded by the chapter or school
- (4) Honorarium of \$1500 paid at time of expense reimbursement

Requests for expense reimbursement should be submitted on the [Visiting Professorship Reimbursement form](#). Funds will be paid directly to the professor, his/her university, or to the inviting chapter.

[www.alphaomegalpha.org/visiting\\_professors.html](http://www.alphaomegalpha.org/visiting_professors.html)

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### **Helen H. Glaser Student Essay Awards**

Purpose: Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society instituted this competition to encourage medical students to write creative narratives or scholarly essays relevant to medicine.

Prizes: \$2000 first, \$750 second, \$500 third, and honorable mention awards of \$250 each. Prizes will be paid after the receipt of required documentation (see **Requirements for winning essays**, below).

Eligibility: Authors must be enrolled at medical schools with active AWA chapters (Class of 2010 or later), but need not be members of AWA. Only one entry may be submitted by each student.

Dates: Entries may be sent by online form ([www.alphaomegalpha.org/student\\_essay.html](http://www.alphaomegalpha.org/student_essay.html)), e-mail ([info@alphaomegalpha.org](mailto:info@alphaomegalpha.org)), or USPS or courier and must be received or postmarked no later than January 31, 2010. Winners will be announced no later than June 1, 2010.

For more information and requirements for the essays: Contact managing Editor Debbie Lancaster at (650) 329-0291 or [info@alphaomegalpha.org](mailto:info@alphaomegalpha.org). See examples of winning essays and optional forms on AOA's web site: [www.alphaomegalpha.org/student\\_essay.html](http://www.alphaomegalpha.org/student_essay.html)

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### **Volunteer Clinical Faculty**

Volunteer clinical faculty members are often inadequately appreciated and rarely recognized. Alpha Omega Alpha's Volunteer Clinical Faculty Award is presented annually to recognize a community physician who contributes with distinction to the education and training of clinical students.

The national office of AWA provides a permanent plaque for the Dean's office; a plate with the name of each year's awardee may be added each spring. The awardee receives a framed certificate from Alpha Omega Alpha. Recipients of the award are not eligible to receive it more than once. **Nominees need not be members of AWA, nor does the award confer AWA membership.**

Nominations for the Volunteer Clinical Faculty Award may be made by all clinical students, with the recipient chosen by student members of the AWA chapter. The AWA councilor at each school is responsible for implementation of the process for nomination and election.

Please notify the national office as soon as election is made. Allow 2 to 3 weeks to receive the plaque and certificate.

[www.alphaomegalpha.org/volunteer\\_faculty.html](http://www.alphaomegalpha.org/volunteer_faculty.html)

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### **Carolyn L. Kuckein Student Research Fellowships**

The opportunity: Research support for a continual period of a minimum of 8 to 10 weeks, 30 hours or more per week, for clinical investigation, basic laboratory research, epidemiology, or social science/health services research. Funds from the fellowship are expected to be the major source of support for the student. **Only one candidate from each school may be nominated.** Councilors should keep "runners-up" applications on file in case additional funds become available. The name of the fellowship program honors Carolyn L. Kuckein, long-time administrator of A&!A and an honorary member of the society, who died in 2004. The awards: \$5000, one-half paid on announcement of the award, and one-half on approval by A&!A of a final report of the research. Up to \$1000 will be reimbursed for travel to present research results at a national meeting.

Eligibility: First-, second-, and third-year students from schools with active A&!A chapters are eligible. Ph.D.s and candidates for Ph.D. or M.D./Ph.D. are not eligible.

Dates for application:

1. Proposals must be submitted to the councilor before **December 31, 2009**.
2. The final application to the national office must be postmarked no later than **January 31, 2010**.

Application to the councilor:

The councilor and his or her selection committee will choose the proposal judged to be the most promising and with a high probability of completion during the summer.

1. A three-page summary of the research project written by the applicant in 12-point type with 1-inch margins, as follows: title, hypothesis, rationale, background information, methods and sample size, plan for data analysis, and potential



significance. Details of the role of the student in preparation and execution of the project must be provided, along with an estimate of the number of weeks that the student will devote to the project.

2. The student's curriculum vitae and bibliography, social security number, current address, telephone number, e-mail, school and year of graduation.

3. A letter of support from the faculty supervisor that indicates his or her commitment of time and interest to the project and student.

4. The mentor's curriculum vitae.

Application to the national office:

The proposal selected by the councilor's selection committee must be sent to the national office, and should include, in addition to the items included in the submission to the councilor:

1. A letter of endorsement from the A&!A councilor; and

2. A dean's endorsement that should comment upon the student's achievements and potential and the suitability of the faculty sponsor for mentoring.

All materials must be submitted in triplicate. All supporting letters **MUST** accompany the original submission; incomplete applications will not be accepted.

Mail the original and two copies of the application to:

*Research Fellowship Selection Committee*

*Alpha Omega Alpha*

*525 Middlefield Road, Suite 130*

*Menlo Park, California 94025*

The review process: A committee of physician scientists and A&!A's board of directors will evaluate each proposal. Additional information or clarification may be requested.

Date of award announcement: On or about April 15, 2010.

Other important information:

**1. Approval of clinical or animal projects by the local medical center IRB or IACUC will be necessary before funding is approved.**

2. No later than December 31, 2010, the student must submit a report of the research to the Menlo Park office, detailing methods, results and discussion. Any publication of the A&!A-supported research project should contain the following acknowledgment: *Supported in part by an Alpha Omega Alpha Carolyn L. Kuckein Student Research Fellowship.*

More information: Contact Carol Wong at (650) 329-0291 or [c.wong@alphaomegaalpha.org](mailto:c.wong@alphaomegaalpha.org). This notice and checklist may be found on A&!A's web site: [www.alphaomegaalpha.org/student\\_research.html](http://www.alphaomegaalpha.org/student_research.html)

## Fellowships at Auschwitz

**Museum of Jewish Heritage—A Living Memorial to the Holocaust** announces the **Fellowships at Auschwitz for the Study of Professional Ethics (FASPE)**, a groundbreaking initiative taking place in New York, Berlin, and Poland that challenges medical and law students to consider contemporary ethical issues facing their professions — using the Holocaust and the conduct of their professions in Nazi Germany as a framework for the study. **FASPE** is now accepting applications for the inaugural program, which will take place in summer 2010.

Applications are available at [www.mjhnyc.org/faspe](http://www.mjhnyc.org/faspe). Professional school students will be chosen based on demonstrated superior academic ability and interest. Applicants will be required to submit academic transcripts, references, and a letter of recommendation, in addition to two essays. Completed applications are due no later than **December 15**. The committee will inform all candidates of their decisions by January 31, 2010. Those chosen for the program will have all costs of the program covered, including travel, lodging, and food. For more information, please contact Shiri Sandler at [ssandler@mjhnyc.org](mailto:ssandler@mjhnyc.org).



# The Seventeenth Annual Harriet W. Sheridan Literature and Medicine Lecture

## “A Child’s Book of Sickness and Death”

Wednesday, October 7, 2009

5:00 PM

MacMillan Hall, Room 117

Brown University

(A reception and book signing will follow)

### Chris Adrian, MD

#### Keynote Speaker

Clinical Fellow, Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Department  
University of California, San Francisco

Chris Adrian is a Fellow in Pediatric Hematology/Oncology at the University of California, San Francisco and a student at Harvard Divinity School. He is the author of two novels, *Gob’s Grief* and *The Children’s Hospital*, and a collection of short stories, *A Better Angel*. His fiction has appeared in *The Paris Review*, *Esquire*, and *The New Yorker*, and his work has been supported by the National Endowment for the Arts and The John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation.

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By attending this meeting you will:

- \*Gain insight into the Patient-Centered Medical Home care model.
- \*Hear from local and national experts on the PCMH and how it is affecting their practices and patient care.
- \*Learn about the Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Rhode Island/United Health Group plans to support PCMH.
- \*Observe a demonstration of the Electronic Health Record and the PCMH by five leading national vendors.
- \*Gain knowledge of about NCQA standards and a demonstration of a "Tier 3" practice.
- \*Find out about the CSI-RI PCMH demonstration project.
- \*Listen to the State Health Commissioner talk about primary care initiatives in Rhode Island.
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