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Dr. Levy received the Ph.D. in Developmental and Cellular Biology at the University of California, Irvine, and did postdoctoral studies at LSU Medical Center prior to joining the Tulane faculty in 1984.

Dr. Levy has served on numerous NIH special review committees, as a member of the NIH Virology Study Section, and currently serves as Chair of that study section. She is also a member of the Editorial Board of Journal of Virology. Here at Tulane, she has served on numerous strategic committees and she received a Mauverney "Honorable Mention" Award for Excellence in Cancer Research in 2003.

Dr. Levy's research area is mechanisms of retroviral-induced cancers. Her research is currently funded by NIH grants focused on feline leukemia virus and associated malignancies and on pathogenesis of lymphoma in SIV-infected rhesus monkeys.

Recent publications include:

Rulli, K., J. Lenz, L.S. Levy. Disruption of hematopoiesis and thymopoiesis in the early premalignant stages of infection with SL3-3 MuLV. *J. Virol.* 76:2363-2374, 2002.

Ruff, K., G.B. Baskin, L. Simpson, M. Murphey-Corb, L.S. Levy. Rhesus rhadinovirus infection in healthy and SIV-infected macaques. *J. Med. Primatol.* 32: 1-6, 2003.

Fortgang, I., S. Srivastav, G. Baskin, P. Schumacher, L.S. Levy. Retrospective analysis of clinical and laboratory factors associated with lymphoma in Simian AIDS. *Leukemia and Lymphoma* 45: 161-169, 2003.



Jeanette Magnus, M.D., Ph.D. is Professor of Community Health Sciences, Clinical Professor of Medicine, and Director of the DHHS-funded Tulane Xavier National Center of Excellence in Women's Health.



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M.D., Ph.D.

Dr. Magnus received the M.D. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Tromsø, Norway. As part of her clinical training she completed residencies in rheumatology and fellowships in nephrology, cardiology, and neurology. Her academic career has included faculty appointments in the Department of Rheumatology, Institute of Clinical Medicine, University of Tromsø, and as Senior Researcher in the Department of Medicinal Chemistry, University of Lund, Sweden. She joined the faculty at Tulane in 1999.

Dr. Magnus was a member of the Tulane President's Task Force on Diversity and Equity and serves as a member of the LA Governor's Commission on Women's Policy and Research.

Dr. Magnus's research interests include osteoporosis, breastfeeding, health literacy and women's health.

Relevant publications include:

Søgaard AJ, Tollan A, Berntsen GR, Magnus JH. Hormone replacement therapy. Knowledge, attitudes and self reported use and sales figures in Nordic women. *Maturitas* 35: 201-214, 2000.

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Achievements of Women Faculty In Science and Medicine

Sue Ellen Abdalian, MD, Professor of Clinical Pediatrics; Adolescent Medicine Clinical Trials Unit grant renewal; hired Sybil Schroeder, MSW, to spearhead new Connect to Protect project.

Solange Abdunour-Nakhoul, PhD, Associate Professor of Medicine: Veterans Administration Merit Grant, "Submucosal gland secretion: Mechanisms and role in esophageal defense", 2004-2009, \$635,000.

Ann Anderson, PhD, Senior Associate Dean, SPHTM: funded South Central Public Health Training Center, HRSA, \$350,000; South Central Center for Public Health Preparedness (with UAB School of Public Health), CDC, \$ 2 million; South Central Public Health Leadership Institute, CDC, \$200,000.

Barbara Beckman, PhD, Professor of Pharmacology: appointed Assistant Dean for Medical School Admissions and Recruitment, August 1, 2003.

Karen DeSalvo, MD, MPH, Associate Professor of Medicine and Section Chief of Internal Medicine: appointed Fellow, Building Interdisciplinary Research Careers in Women's Health (BIRCWH) Training Grant, TUXCoE, Tulane University Health Sciences Center; published Block, DeSalvo, Fisher. "Are physicians equipped to address the obesity epidemic?" *Preventive Medicine* 3: 669-675, 2003; DeSalvo, Block, Muntner, Merrill. "Physician practice variation in RVI assignment in actual practice". *Int. J. Quality in Health Care* 15: 399-405, 2003.

Jane El-Dahr, MD, Professor of Clinical Pediatrics: Adolescent Medicine Clinical Trials Unit grant renewal; hired Sybil Schroeder, MSW, to spearhead new Connect to Protect project.

Anna Cherrie Epps, PhD, Emeritus Professor at Tulane Medical School and Senior Advisor to the President for Academic Affairs and Dean Emeritus at Meharry Medical College: Herbert W. Nickens Award for outstanding contributions to promoting justice in medical education and health care, AAMC Annual Meeting, 2004.

Lucy Cardenas-Freytag, PhD, Assistant Professor of Microbiology and Immunology: received NIH R21 "Novel Immunization Strategies Against Anthrax", 08/15/2003 - 07/31/2005, \$297,000/yr.

Karen Friday, MD, Professor of Medicine: published Friday, K.E. Aggressive lipid management for cardiovascular prevention: evidence from clinical trials. *Exp. Biol. Med.* 228: 769-778, 2003.

Lisa M. Harrison-Bernard, PhD, Research Associate Professor of Physiology: Women in Nephrology Programming Committee; American Physiological Society, Membership Committee; Abstract Reviewer, American Heart Association; presented Harrison-Bernard, L.M., S. Dipp, and S.S. El-Dah. Bradykinin B2R-/-CRD mice exhibit renal dysgenesis, salt wasting and salt-sensitive hypertension. *Pediatr. Res.* 53: 525A, 2003; published Harrison-Bernard, L.M. A.K. Cook, M.I. Oliverio, and T.M. Coffman. Renal segmental microvascular responses to AngII in AT1A receptor null mice. *Am. J. Physiol. Renal Physiol.* 284 538-545, 2003; Harrison-Bernard, L.M., S. Dipp, and S.S. El-Dah. Renal and Blood Pressure Phenotype in 18 Month-old Bradykinin B2R-/-CRD Mice. *Am. J. Physiol* 285: R782-R790, 2003.

THE Women's Corner

For Academic/Professional Advice

This TUXCoE Leadership Core Newsletter column addresses professional/academic problems encountered by women faculty. Problems to be addressed should be sent to M. Walters, Ph.D. (mwalters@tulane.edu or Box SL-39).

Congratulations to our colleagues who have moved to new opportunities:

Linda Hyman, PhD, Associate Professor of Biochemistry has moved to Vice Provost for Health Sciences, Montana State University and Associate Dean, University of Washington.

Elaine Urbina MD, Associate Professor of Pediatrics has moved to Associate Professor of Preventive Cardiology, Division of Cardiology, Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center.

Cathy J. Lazarus, MD, Professor of Medicine, Assistant Dean for Graduate Medical Education: Participant, Executive Leadership Program in Academic Medicine (ELAM) program, 2003-04.

Sherri Longo, MD, Assistant Professor of OB-Gyn: published S. A. Longo, C. Dola, G. Pridjian. Preeclampsia and Eclampsia Revisited, *S. Med. J.* 96: 891-899, 2003.

Cheryl A. Nickerson, PhD, Associate Professor of Microbiology and Immunology: participated in NASA Astronaut Candidate Finalist selection week, NASA Johnson Space Center, July 7-12, 2003, as one of 20 finalists culled from several thousand applicants for the 2004 astronaut class.

Gabriella Pridjian, MD, Associate Professor of OB-Gyn: appointed Interim Chair of OB-Gyn.

Marian R. Walters, Ph.D., Professor of Physiology: funded NSF ADVANCE: Leadership/Tulane University, 2003-2006, \$296,384 , PI.

Dawn Wesson, PhD, Associate Professor of Tropical Medicine: funded NIH-AI058303-01, Control of Urban Container Breeding Arbovirus Vectors, 9/03-2/08, \$1,650,129, PI; contract Louisiana DHH, Office of Public Health, Epidemiology Section, Renovations to Louisiana ARBONET website, 8/03-8/04, \$40,000.

