

PRESIDENT – Choose 1

Name: Kevin Claffey, Ph.D.
Academic Rank: Professor
Department(s)/Center: Cell Biology
Position sought: President

Dr. Kevin Claffey is Professor of Cell Biology (tenure), Center for Vascular Biology, The Neag Comprehensive Cancer Center and the Department of Cell Biology. Areas of interest include; mechanisms of pathological vascular permeability in cancer and cardiovascular diseases, cancer cell and human tumor signal transduction under metabolic stress, and translational breast cancer research focusing on recovery, synthesis and antigen identification of patient-derived anti-cancer antibodies from sentinel lymph nodes. Dr. Claffey has been continuously funded by the NIH since 1990. Academic Background: PhD in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, Boston University School of Medicine (1989), Post-Doctoral Fellow at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute and Harvard Medical School (1989-1992), Assistant Professor at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center and Harvard Medical School (1992-1998) and UCONN Health Center Faculty since 1998. AAUP Trainee at the National AAUP Summer Institute for Collective Bargaining, Current Member of Basic Science Collective Bargaining Council, Executive Council and AAUP Faculty Union Chief Negotiator. Other activities: Hiking, Biking, Running, Golf and Motorcycling. Twenty-nine years married with three outstanding kids.

VICE PRESIDENT – Choose 1

Name: Ibrahim El-Ali, M.D.
Academic Rank: Assistant Professor
Department(s)/Center: Medicine
Position sought: Vice President

Dr. Ibrahim Elali is an active faculty member in the Division of Nephrology at UConn. Dr. Elali has background training in pediatrics, internal medicine and nephrology. After finishing his nephrology fellowship training at UConn, he joined the Division of Nephrology as an Assistant Professor of Medicine. Dr. Elali has been very active in public work by serving as past treasurer of the American College of Physicians, Arizona Chapter. He also served as a member of the Governor's Council where he contributed to the development and strategic planning of the Arizona chapter. Dr. Elali has also worked with the ACP on national issues like immigration reform to improve the national delivery and implementation of the J-1 visa waiver program. He is also active in the arena of medical innovations and is currently working on a medical device. In addition, he is developing a medical application addressing dietary adherence of patients with chronic diseases utilizing artificial intelligence techniques. Dr. Elali carries numerous recognitions in patient care and has a passion for academic excellence and clinical teaching. His goal is to work with UConn leadership on improving overall work satisfaction and work-life balance.

SECRETARY/TREASURER – Choose 1

Name: Ann Cowan, Ph.D.
Academic Rank: Professor
Department(s)/Center: MBB
Position sought: Secretary/Treasurer

Dr. Ann Cowan is Professor of Molecular Biology and Biophysics, Deputy Director of the Center for Cell Analysis and Modeling, and Core Director for the CCAM Microscopy Service Facility. A non-tenure track basic science faculty member at UConn Health Center in the Medical Educator track since 1991, Dr. Cowan has effort in Research, Teaching (in medical, graduate, and professional courses and workshops) and Administration, and currently serves on the Health Center Research Advisory Council (HCRAC) and the Health Center Faculty Review Board. Dr. Cowan has been a member of the UCHC-AAUP executive committee since its inception, and a member of the UCHC-AAUP 2011, 2012-13, 2014-15 and current Negotiating Teams.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

At Large – Choose 1

Name: Bruce Mayer, Ph.D.
Academic Rank: Professor
Department(s)/Center: Genetics and Genome Sciences
Position sought: Executive Council – At Large

Dr. Bruce Mayer has worked as a basic science researcher at UConn Health since 2000. Dr. Mayer has been committed to education and research for many years, serving on several institutional committees including Medical Council, Education Council, Oversight Committee, Health Center Research Advisory Council (HCRAC), Graduate Programs Committee (GPC), and Senior Appointments and Promotions Committee (SAPC). He has also been involved with UCHC-AAUP since its formation in 2010. He participated actively in the constitution committee that developed the chapter's constitution and the framework for the first elections, and was elected to serve as the first President of UCHC-AAUP. Dr. Mayer served in that position for 2 ½ years, during which the chapter negotiated its initial contract and also the agreement for distribution of wage increases. Along with the other elected officers and representatives, he worked hard to set up a union from scratch that could effectively represent and advocate for all members of the bargaining unit. He believes that the union is most effective when it listens to membership, and when it takes advantage of opportunities to work together with other groups to achieve common goals. The coming years promise to be challenging, due to rapid changes in healthcare and the ongoing financial constraints for the institution and the state. Dr. Mayer believes that his previous experience will be helpful to the union in this critical period.

Basic Science – Choose 1

Name: John Carson, Ph.D.
Academic Rank: Professor
Department(s)/Center: MMSB
Position sought: Executive Council – Basic Science

Dr. John Carson has been a basic science faculty member at the Health Center since 1979. He is currently a Professor in the MMSB department and a member of the Center for Cell Analysis and Modeling. He has served on the Constitution committee, the Collective Bargaining Council, the Grievance Committee and the Executive Council. The main issue he has worked on is salary inequity. If elected to the Executive Council, he will continue to work on salary inequity, faculty evaluation, faculty grievances and promotion of female faculty.

Dental – Choose 1

Name: John R. Agar, D.D.S., M.A.
Academic Rank: Professor
Department(s)/Center: Department of Reconstructive Sciences
Position sought: Executive Council – Dental

Dr. John Agar has been at the UCHC SDM since 1996. He received his BA from the University of Virginia, a DDS from the Medical College of Virginia, Prosthodontic Specialty training in the Army and an M.A. in higher education and human development from George Washington University. He served as Director of Education for the AEGD program at Fort Jackson South Carolina, as Director of Graduate Prosthodontics at Walter Reed Army Medical Center for 4 years and the UCHC SDM for 18 years. He was Commander of the Southeast Regional Dental Commands and The Army's Major Dental Laboratory at Fort Gordon, GA. He was the Prosthodontic Consultant to 4 consecutive Chiefs of the Dental Corps/ Surgeons General of the Army. Dr. Agar served as Chair for the Council of Hospitals and Advanced Education Programs of ADEA. He has served many years as a prosthodontic site visitor for the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) and has served on the CODA Prosthodontic Review Committee. He has been President of the American Academy of Fixed Prosthodontics and the American College of Prosthodontics (ACP). He was President and examiner for the American Board of Prosthodontics. Dr. Agar served as chair of the task force for the recent major revision of the prosthodontic specialty standards and currently chairs the task force for development of position statements for the ACP. He will start a four-year term as Commissioner for CODA in 2018.

Clinical (Medical-Clinical) – Choose 2

Name: Ranadeep Mandhadi
Academic Rank: Assistant Professor
Department(s)/Center: Rheumatology, Internal Medicine
Position sought: Executive Council- Clinical

Dr. Ranadeep Mandhadi finished medical school in India in 2007. He then did his residency at Chicago Medical school from 2009 to 2012 before pursuing rheumatology fellowship at University of Connecticut Health Center (UConn Health). He served on the Faculty of the Department of Medicine /Rheumatology as an Assistant Professor since finishing Rheumatology fellowship in 2014. As a Rheumatologist, he treats patients with multiple arthritis and autoimmune Connective Tissue Diseases including Lupus, Scleroderma and RA. On the education front, he remains involved with trainees from all levels, from medical students through fellowship. He is very committed to medical education and betterment of working conditions for physicians. He is frustrated and concerned with the direction the health care is going and is sincerely interested in working towards improving it. He remains committed to the advancement of UConn Health. As a member of our AAUP Executive Council he hopes to serve the faculty and the entire UConn Health community.

Name: Sanjay Mittal, M.D.
Academic Rank: Assistant Professor
Department(s)/Center: Neurology
Position sought: Executive Council- Clinical

Dr. Sanjay Mittal is an Assistant Professor of Neurology and Director of Stroke Program. Erosive financial squeeze affects the current and future practice of academic faculty across the nation and influences patient access to the best and the brightest. We pride ourselves in academic brilliance but political endorsements and discussions of different health care policies and procedures have become aversive determinants of current academic health care environment. He believes that a robust political debate leads to the formulation of more effective strategies and policies enabling efficient delivery of quality academic health care while safeguarding our professional interests and integrity. He graduated from Medical school in 1989 and have extensive training in medicine and neurology in India as well as United States. While undergoing residency training in India he was an elected official of resident doctor's association and was at the forefront of victories on several key issues, significant pay raise being one of many. He would like to get involved in the Executive Council and continue advocacy for my physician colleagues.

Name: Anthony Luciano
Academic Rank: Professor
Department(s)/Center: Obstetrics and Gynecology
Position sought: Executive Council- Clinical

Dr. Anthony A. Luciano, is Professor and Vice-Chair of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the University of Connecticut School of Medicine and Director of Reproductive Surgery at The Center for Assisted Reproductive Technologies (CARS), in Farmington, Connecticut. After completing a Fellowship in Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility at the University of Connecticut, Dr. Luciano served as Assistant and Associate Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the University of Iowa, director of the REI division at Tufts University and director of the REI fellowship program at the University of Connecticut School of Medicine, where he now serves as Professor and Vice-Chair of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

Dr. Luciano is past editor of the *Journal of AAGL* and a member of the editorial board of the JMIG. He is a reviewer for *Obstetrics and Gynecology*, the *American Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology*, *Fertility and Sterility*, the *Journal of Minimally Invasive Gynecology* and the *Journal of Reproductive Medicine*. He is past President of AAGL, past President of the Fellowship in Gynecologic Endoscopy, past President of the Society of Reproductive Surgeons and past President of the Accreditation Council for Gynecologic Endoscopy. Dr. Luciano has co-authored more than 100 publications in peer-reviewed journals, one book on laparoscopic surgery and has co-edited reviews and books on reproductive endocrinology, reproductive surgery and the management of menopause. Dr. Luciano has been selected among top doctors nationally for past 20 years, published by Castle Connolly Medical Ltd, and has been the recipient of the annual Residents' Teaching Award on several occasions, from 1997 to 2015.

Dr. Luciano has conducted basic and clinical research in the areas of infertility, endometriosis, adhesion prevention, power sources in minimally invasive gynecologic surgery, and HRT in menopause. He has published extensively on these topics and he is a frequent lecturer nationally and internationally.

COLLECTIVE BARGAINING COUNCIL

Basic Science – Choose 1

Name: Vladimir Rodionov, Ph.D.
Academic Rank: Professor
Department(s)/Center: Cell Biology
Position sought: Collective Bargaining Council – Basic Science

Dr. Vladimir Rodionov is Professor of Cell Biology and his lab is a part of the Center for Cell Analysis and Modeling. He has received a PhD in biochemistry in 1980 from Moscow State University where he continues working as a researcher. In 1993, he got appointed as Assistant Scientist at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He joined UConn Health Center as Assistant Professor in 1999 and has served on various committees in the past.

Name: James Grady, Dr. PH, MPH, PSTAT
Academic Rank: Professor
Department/Center: Community Medicine
Position sought: Collective Bargaining Council – Basic Science

Dr. James Grady received his doctoral degree in Biostatistics from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill in 1992 and joined the University of Texas Medical Branch faculty in 1993. He also has an MPH from Yale and went to Fordham University in New York City for undergraduate. He was a Professor in the Department of Preventive Medicine and Community Health in Texas until 2010. He is currently director of the Biostatistics Center for the Connecticut Institute for Clinical and Translational Science (CICATS) at the University of Connecticut and Professor in the School of Medicine.

He has spent his entire career working in collaborative research at Academic Health Centers in Texas and at UConn Health. He has many years of research experience as the lead biostatistician for numerous NIH-funded collaborative studies, in both population based studies and basic science. He is a regular grant reviewer for NIDCR and past president of the Association of Clinical and Translational Statisticians.

Dr. Grady is aware that being a member of a committee is only useful if you are willing to put in the time to be effective. As a member of the Collective Bargaining Council, he will set aside time to attend all meetings, prepare as needed to participate fully in the process, and be available to answer questions. He will work hard to represent the views and issues of all faculty.

Name: David Gregorio
Academic Rank: Professor
Department/Center: Community Medicine
Position sought: Collective Bargaining Council – Basic Science

David Gregorio, Professor of Community Medicine, is a past president of UHC AAUP. He has been on the faculty since 1986 and served on numerous Health Center and Storrs committees.

Clinical (Medical-Clinical) – Choose 2

Name: Kevin Manning, Ph. D.
Academic Rank: Assistant Professor
Department/Center: Psychiatry
Position sought: Collective Bargaining Council –Clinical

Dr. Kevin Manning is clinical assistant professor of Psychiatry. His academic training includes a PhD in Clinical Neuropsychology from Drexel University in Philadelphia, Internship in Clinical Neuropsychology from the Warren Alpert School of Medicine of Brown University, and fellowship in Clinical Neuropsychology from the Weill Cornell Medical College. Dr. Manning joined the Psychiatry Department of the UConn Health Center in 2014, and provides clinical neuropsychological evaluations to patients from Psychiatry, Neurology, Internal Medicine, and Geriatrics. He also collaborates on research projects investigating cognition, disease processes, and everyday functional performance. He lives in West Hartford with his family.

Name: James D. Whalen, MD.
Academic Rank: Associate Professor
Department/Center: Dermatology
Position sought: Collective Bargaining Council – Clinical

Dr. James Whalen is a dermatologist at the University of Connecticut Health Center (UConn Health). He is a Professor in the clinical teaching tract, Vice Chair of the Department of Dermatology and Director of both the Mohs and dermatologic surgery portion of the dermatologic residency and the Micrographic Surgery and Dermatologic Oncology Fellowship. He has served on most of the various compensation committees that have existed since his arrival in 1994. Therefore, he has a good understanding of the issues and problems that occur with compensation from the clinician's perspective. He has also served on the union's Bargaining Council as a medical-clinical representative.

Name: Anat Bergner, MD.
Academic Rank: Associate Professor
Department/Center: Medicine
Position sought: Collective Bargaining Council –Clinical

Dr. Anat Bergner has been at UConn Health since March 2007. She is an Assistant Professor on the Hospitalist service and has been involved in the education of Medical Students and Residents. She graduated from the Mount Sinai School of Medicine in New York and completed her residency at UMASS. She is also trained in Acupuncture and participates in the training of medical students and residents in wellness and complementary medicine.

Dental – Choose 1

Name: Liisa Kuhn, Ph.D.
Academic Rank: Associate Professor
Department/Center: Reconstructive Sciences
Position sought: Collective Bargaining Council – Dental

Dr. Liisa Kuhn has been a faculty member in the Reconstructive Sciences Department, UConn Dental School since 2002. She runs a research lab at UConn Health and is a biomaterials scientist focused on discovering new bone repair strategies for elderly patients. She teaches in the Biomedical Engineering program at Storrs and recently became Associate Head of BME for the UConn BME initiative. Dr. Kuhn is funded by the NIH and through an internal CICATS grant. She looks forward to representing your interests within the UCHC-AAUP.