

**Dear Einstein Community:**

It is my privilege and honor to share some exciting news resulting from our recent meeting of the Einstein Board of Trustees. Four faculty members were given new appointments as named chairs and an endowed professorship.

The faculty members are as follows.

- [Julio Aguirre-Ghiso, Ph.D.](#), is the new Rose C. Falkenstein Chair in Cancer Research. Julio is an international leader in cancer cell dormancy and metastasis and has helped lead a major shift in the cancer biology field by investigating how cancer cells hibernate, undetected, for long periods of time and what causes them to suddenly awaken to seed deadly, treatment-resistant metastases. His work is revealing ways to maintain residual cancer-cell dormancy, kill dormant cancer cells, and identify biomarkers for cancer recurrence. Julio is co-leader of the Tumor Microenvironment and Metastasis Program and founding director of the Cancer Dormancy and Tumor Microenvironment Institute at the Montefiore Einstein Cancer Center (MECC), as well as professor of cell biology, of oncology, and of medicine.
- [Jacqueline Bello, M.D.](#), is the new Zimmer-Hardy Chair of Neuroradiology. She is widely recognized for her leadership and mentoring at both Einstein and Montefiore. Jacqueline is professor of radiology and in the Leo M. Davidoff Department of Neurological Surgery at Einstein, and director of

neuroradiology at Montefiore, where she also has served as Medical Staff President from 2012-2016. She has been elected to Einstein's Davidoff Society for teaching excellence and received similar acclaim while at Columbia. Jacqueline is also a past president of NY Roentgen Society, NY State Radiological Society, and the American Society of Neuroradiology.

- [H. Dean Hosgood, Ph.D., M.P.H.](#), is the new Atran Foundation Chair in Epidemiology & Population Health. His research focuses primarily on cancer susceptibility in populations with unique environmental and occupational exposures, and he has deep experience conducting complex epidemiological studies integrating molecular markers and exposure assessment methodologies. Dean is associate professor of epidemiology & population health at the College of Medicine, and co-leader of the Cancer Epidemiology Prevention & Control Program of the MECC. He also serves as director of global environmental health within the Einstein Global Health Center, associate director for population and clinical sciences within the Clinical Research Training Program, and co-director of the Ph.D. in Clinical Investigation Program. His work globally includes a project aimed at expanding cancer research capacity in Nigeria.
- [Ulrich Steidl, M.D., Ph.D.](#), now holds the Edward P. Evans Endowed Professorship for Myelodysplastic Syndromes. Uli's investigations have made key contributions to the discovery and molecular characterization of myelodysplastic syndromes and acute myeloid leukemia as diseases driven by heterogeneous pools of premalignant and malignant stem cells. This work has led to the discovery, study, and therapeutic targeting of disease-driving stem cells in hematologic malignancies, resulting in innovative clinical trials. His significant contributions in the field were recognized when he was selected to receive an Outstanding Investigator Award from the National Cancer Institute. Uli is also professor of cell biology, of oncology, and of medicine, deputy director of MECC, co-director of MECC's Blood Cancer Institute, and interim director of the Gottesman Institute for Stem Cell and Regenerative Medicine Research.

Another Cause for Celebration

In addition to these honors, there was a celebration of another kind at Einstein in recent weeks—[Matthew D. Scharff, M.D.](#), turned 90 on August 28, 2022.

Matty, as he is affectionately known throughout Einstein and the research community, has been a member of the Einstein family for seven decades. He has served in many leadership roles, including former chair of cell biology and former director of our cancer center. He is renowned as a mentor to more than 70 individuals and for his role in advancing the science of antibodies, laying the groundwork for the use of monoclonal antibodies to treat cancer and other diseases. At age 50, Matty was elected to the National Academy of Sciences, among the highest honors a scientist can receive. He is also a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

Please take a moment to [watch a tribute video to Matty](#), which includes praise from many of his colleagues.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Tomaselli', with a stylized, flowing script.

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