

Spotlight on
**Dr. Daniel
Correa**



Drs. Daniel José Correa and Nico Moshé mentored Neha Chauhan (BS candidate, Princeton '21) this summer. She worked with the EpiBioS4Rx Public Engagement Core on a project assessing the readability of informed consent forms (ICFs) used in U.S. Clinical Trials. She presented preliminary results at the Epilepsy Conference Sept 6th, describing significantly better readability (lower reading grade level) for ICFs in studies that did not include key information sections, and those that include any child/pediatric participants. Her summer also included shadowing with a variety of Montefiore medical services. Dr. Daniel José Correa recently graduated from the American Academy of Neurology's Diversity Leadership Program! Along with his colleagues, he presented the AAN Board of Directors with recommendations on how the Academy can engage patients, caregivers, the public and other organizations to help advocate for those who are affected by neurologic disease, demonstrate the value of neurologists, and promote funding for research in neurology.



Welcome!

Dr. Seon-Kyu Lee, M.D., Ph.D. has been appointed as a Professor to the

Department of Radiology and Neurosurgery. He will also have a tertiary appointment in the Department of Neurology.

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Anne Louise Oaklander, MD, PhD will be the first Rapin lecturer on October 3rd, 2019. She is the daughter of the late Dr. Isabelle Rapin. She will discuss scientific advances in and clinical approaches to small-fiber polyneuropathy. Dr. Oaklander is Associate Professor of Neurology at Harvard Medical School. Her Nerve Unit at Massachusetts General Hospital studies peripheral neuropathy. They discovered a new multisymptom disease sickening children and young adults and reported first disease-modifying treatment, with immunotherapy. Advisory roles include NIH Council, the FDA, and Institute of Medicine.



Congratulations!

Dr. Karen Ballaban-Gil, the recipient of the 2019 CNS-PCN Outstanding Training Director Award has been the leader (and poster child) of the Child Neurology residency program at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine/Montefiore Medical Center since 2001. Upon assuming the role of director, Karen modified the training program, restructuring it to reflect the changing nature of child neurology. She added many outpatient experiences, including outpatient rotations in developmental pediatrics, rehabilitation medicine, and subspecialty outpatient clinics, including epilepsy clinic, and autism clinics. Karen has been instrumental in setting up centers of excellence for pediatric neurology care at Montefiore Medical Center/Albert Einstein College of Medicine, helping to coordinate multidisciplinary clinics that care for children with complex neurological disorders, such as the Tuberous Sclerosis and Neuro-Cutaneous clinic and the Tri-state Rett Center, and the Multiple Disciplinary Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) clinic. She developed a core curriculum for the pediatric neurology trainees and organized lectures with subspecialties on this curriculum. She has worked with various subspecialties to develop treatment protocols and guidelines. Karen serves as a mentor for pre-medical students, medical students, residents and junior faculty. In recognition of her excellence, Karen was appointed as Associate Director of the Isabelle Rapin Division of Child Neurology at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine/Montefiore Medical Center. Isabelle must be smiling, indeed, as she was the proud mentor and guiding light in Karen's career in Child Neurology.



Dr. Solomon L. Moshé gave the 2019 Blume-Girvin Lecturer. Each fall, the Department of Clinical Neurological Sciences, Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry, Western University, hosts The Blume-Girvin Lecture in Epilepsy, in recognition of the Innovative efforts of its Epilepsy Program's founders, Dr. Warren T. Blume, neurologist and epileptologist, and Dr. John P. Girvin, neurosurgeon and neurophysiologist. Dr. Moshé is the Charles Frost Chair in Neurosurgery and Neurology, and Professor of Neurology,

Neuroscience, and Pediatrics at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine/Montefiore Medical Center in the Bronx, New York. He is also the Vice Chair of the Saul R. Korey Department of Neurology, Director of the Isabelle Rapin Child Neurology Division and Director of Clinical Neurophysiology. The title of his talk was "Kindling and Rekindling the "Truths" in Epilepsy." This talk took place on Sept 24, 2019.

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