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A New Chapter for the Sarver Heart Center



In May, we wished farewell to Director **Nancy K. Sweitzer, MD, PhD**, as she embarks on the next step in her professional career. It's been a pleasure to work alongside her as Co-Director for the last few years. Since she stepped into the Sarver Heart Center as director in 2014, Dr. Sweitzer has worked hard to move toward a future free of heart disease and stroke, the leading cause of death in the United States.

Under her leadership, Dr. Sweitzer unified scientists, clinicians and students in collaborations to push the Sarver Heart Center and the University of Arizona to the forefront of cardiovascular medicine, scientific discovery and education. With a passion in clinical research, she expanded the number of active clinical trials by dozens, central to the Heart Center's mission to providing the highest-quality, cutting-edge patient care. She also led the expansion of the advanced heart disease and heart transplant program.

A search is underway to find a new Director of the Sarver Heart Center and Chief of Cardiology. I am a member of the search committee to ensure the Center's commitment to research and patient care remain a focus. Until a new leader is hired, I am serving as the Interim Director of the Sarver Heart Center to facilitate in a seamless transition between hires.

We look forward to a bright future here at the Sarver

Heart Center and sharing our successes with you in these monthly e-newsletters, our annual printed newsletter, and on our social media channels.

Best,
Carol Gregorio, PhD
Interim Director
Sarver Heart Center

We're moving email systems. Move with us so you don't miss out on future communications!

After many years, the Sarver Heart Center is migrating to a new platform for our email communications. As we transition, we're taking this opportunity to make sure than you want to continue to be a part of our outreach list.

If you wish to continue to receive news and updates from the Sarver Heart Center such as the monthly newsletter, we need you to re-subscribe and update your information via the link below.

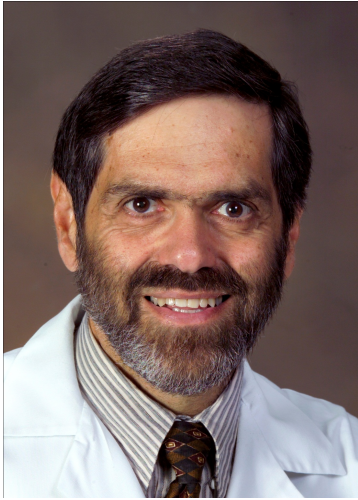
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Your Support Has Big Impact Congratulations, 2022 Fellows!

The University of Arizona Sarver Heart Center and the Division of Cardiology at UArizona College of Medicine – Tucson celebrated the graduation of ten cardiologists, including eight who completed the three-year Cardiovascular Disease Fellowship Program and two who completed an additional year of specialized training in the Interventional Cardiology Fellowship Program. **Read about their next steps**



Sarver Heart Center Members Recognized



Arthur Sanders, MD was presented with the Mentoring Award at the College of Medicine - Tucson 2022 Faculty Excellence Awards.



Lawrence Mandarino, PhD was honored with the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Excellence award at the College of Medicine - Tucson 2022 Faculty Excellence Awards.



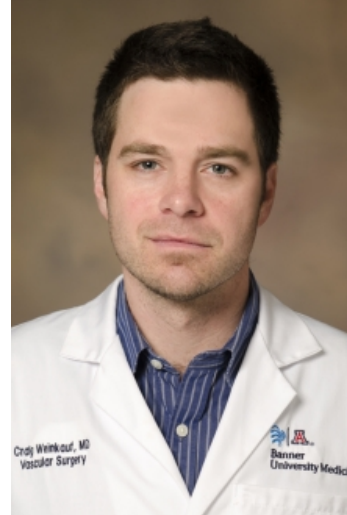
Brett Colson, PhD, 2018-2019 recipient of the William J. "Billy" Gieszl Endowment for Heart Research Investigator Award, has been promoted to Associated Professor with Tenure.



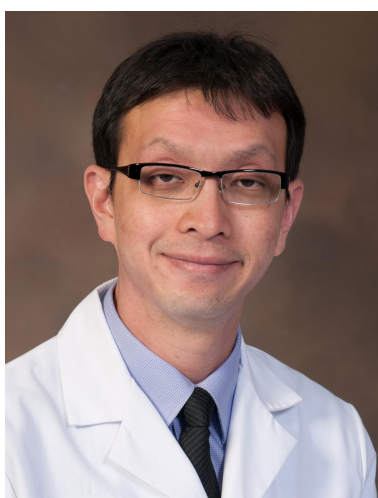
Casey Romanoski, PhD has been promoted by the College of Medicine as Associate Professor with Tenure.



Mohamed Ahmed, MD, PhD, was promoted to Associate Professor with Tenure.



Craig Weinkauff, MD, PhD, was promoted to Associate Professor with Tenure.

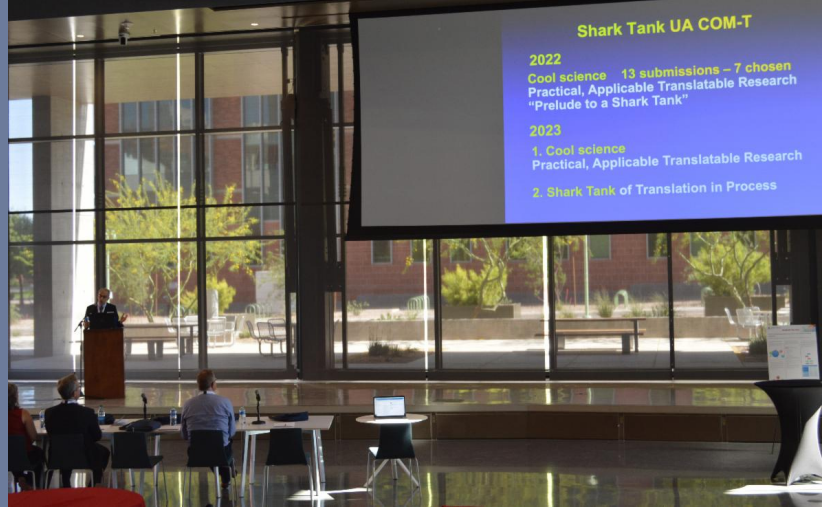


Kwan Lee, MD, interim Chief of the Division of Cardiology, has been promoted to Professor of Medicine.



The American Heart Association granted Yana Roka-Moiia, PhD, Senior Research Scientist and **2019-2020 Investigator Award Recipient** the Career Development award.

Sarver Heart Center Members Participate in College of Medicine – Tucson Research Day



Six scientists representing the Sarver Heart Center (SHC) presented at the 2022 University of Arizona College of Medicine – Tucson Research Day. The daylong event targets basic scientists, clinicians, and learners to spur transdisciplinary collaboration in COM-T.

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Expanding Our Reach

Outgoing Director Speaks Virtually in Hong Kong

Nancy K. Sweitzer, MD, PhD presented "State-of-the-Art in Invasive Hemodynamics" virtually at the Asia Pacific Advanced Heart Failure Forum in Hong Kong, organized in conjunction with the Heart Failure Society of America and the Journal of Cardiac Failure.



Sarver Heart Center Member Participates in Australia Conference

Rajesh Janardhanan, MD, MRCP, FACC, FASE participated in the Structural Heart – LA Appendage and HCM session at the World Congress of Echocardiography and Allied Techniques convention in Adelaide, Australia.



In the News



Sarver Heart Center member Michael Grandner, PhD, director of the Sleep and Health Research Program at the College of Medicine – Tucson, **commented on a study** which found climate change is impacting sleep.



KTAR-FM quoted **Jason Karnes, PharmD, PhD**, Sarver Heart Center member and director of scientific programs for All of Us on a **goal to diversify the health care system**.



The Yuma Daily News used cardiac arrest statistics provided by the Sarver Heart Center for a story on emergency calls to Yuma Fire.

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