

# ACADEMIC CONNECTIONS

THOUGHTS AND UPDATES FROM DR. W. P. ANDREW LEE

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Dear Colleagues,

I am writing to share the news that **Kim B. Yancey, M.D.**, holder of the Mary Kay Inc. Distinguished Chair in Dermatology, has announced his intention to step down from his position as Professor and Chair of the Department of Dermatology after a successor is identified.

Under Dr. Yancey's leadership in the last 15 years, the national prominence held by the Department in basic and clinical investigation has continuously increased, and the Department currently holds over \$4.2 million in annual research support. The Department's clinical footprint has also grown significantly in the region, accounting for more than 85,000 encounters annually. Because of its commitment to education, Department of Dermatology residents consistently rank among the top of their peer groups, and many have become important contributors to the field.

Dr. Yancey earned his medical degree from the Medical College of Georgia, where he completed an internship in internal medicine and dermatology residency. Thereafter, he pursued a postdoctoral fellowship in the Dermatology Branch of the National Cancer Institute (NCI). He came to UT Southwestern in 2007 after serving as Professor and Chair of the Department of Dermatology at the Medical College of Wisconsin. He also held leadership positions in the Dermatology Branch of the NCI and the Department of Dermatology at the Uniformed Services University.

With support from the NIH for over 25 years, his research enhanced the understanding of autoimmune and inherited blistering diseases. Dr. Yancey has published extensively on these topics and served as Deputy Editor of the *Journal of Investigative Dermatology* and member of numerous editorial boards. A dedicated mentor, his trainees have held leadership positions in the field nationally and internationally.

Dr. Yancey is a former President of the Society for Investigative Dermatology, a former President of the Dermatology Foundation, and served as a Director and the Vice President of the American Board of Dermatology.

His contributions to the field have been recognized with the American Academy of Dermatology's Marion Sulzberger Award in 2007 and the American Skin Association's Research Achievement Award in 2016, among other honors.

I am pleased to announce that **Robert Timmerman, M.D.**, Professor and Chair, Department of Radiation Oncology, will serve as Chair of the committee that will conduct a national search to identify Dr. Yancey's successor. Other members of the Search Committee are:

- Bonnie Bermas, M.D., Professor of Internal Medicine
- Russell Debose-Boyd, Ph.D., Professor of Molecular Genetics
- J. William Harbour, M.D., Professor and Chair of Ophthalmology
- Susan Hedayati, M.D., Professor of Internal Medicine
- Lora Hooper, Ph.D., Professor and Chair of Immunology
- Sean Morrison, Ph.D., Professor of Pediatrics; Director, Children's Medical Center Research Institute at UT Southwestern
- Gail Peterson, M.D., Professor of Internal Medicine
- Rinarani Sanghavi, M.D., Associate Professor of Pediatrics
- James Thornton, M.D., Professor of Plastic Surgery
- Eric Peterson, M.D., M.P.H., Vice Provost and Senior Associate Dean for Clinical Research (ex-officio)

The search will be launched shortly. We look forward to building on the success made possible by Dr. Yancey's leadership as we continue to advance dermatology research, education, and clinical care at UT Southwestern.



Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Andy". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

W. P. Andrew Lee, M.D.

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