



TEXAS HEART INSTITUTE CARDIAC SOCIETY

Fall 2018

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The Texas Heart Institute Cardiac Society board is excited as we pass the halfway point of our term. In case you missed it, THICS turned 30, and the THICS Symposium celebrated its 10-year anniversary. Special thanks to all of the THI faculty who participated, including Dr Willerson, who delivered the noon plenary. We had another outstanding year of attendance and education, and we look forward to year 11 in Spring 2019.



The new academic year has started for 2018-2019, and we welcome new fellows to our cardiovascular disease program. Please welcome them when you meet them.

We also bid farewell to one of THI's legendary patriarchs, Dr Robert J Hall. Please join us in celebrating his life at the St Luke's Atrium (5th floor green elevators, Cooley Building) on Friday, September 28th, 2-4 PM.

THICS's 5th Annual Tennis Day hosted by Dr Jain is back, and fellows, faculty, alumni, and family are invited to participate

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REMEMBERING DR HALL



Robert J. Hall, MD

As many of you have heard, Dr Robert J Hall passed away on July 3, 2018.

Some of you were fortunate to attend his funeral on July 12th at St Michael the Archangel Catholic Church. It

was inspiring to see many generations of cardiologists he had trained and, therefore, many lives he had touched. The pictures and eulogies were a beautiful glimpse of the man, who had been such a pillar of the Texas Heart Institute through its formative and most productive years. If you did not have an opportunity to read his obituary, you can find it [here](#).

He was truly an officer and a gentleman for our country, as well as an adored husband and father.

Dr Robert J Hall became the first Medical Director of the Texas Heart Institute when he arrived in Houston in 1969. With Efrain Garcia, he was a cofounder of one of the most prestigious clinical practices in the medical center, Hall-Garcia Cardiology. As an amazing teacher, he served as the first director of cardiology education at Texas Heart Institute/St Luke's Episcopal Hospital. When I was a medical student, he taught the heart sound lectures to the core clerkship students rotating through St Luke's. He declined being awarded the Attending Teaching Award so many times that, in 2002, the fellows named the best Cardiology Teaching Attending of the Year award after him. Past Robert J Hall Teaching Award recipients include:

- 2000 – Zvonimir Krajcer
- 2001 – Ali Massumi
- 2002 – Andrew Civitello
- 2003 – Kamal Gupta
- 2004 – Pranav Loyalka
- 2005 – Warren Moore
- 2006 – Mehdi Razavi
- 2007 – J Michael Wilson
- 2008 – Surendra Jain
- 2009 – Arup Achari
- 2010 – Gerardo Kalife
- 2011 – Mohammad Saeed and Raymond Stainback
- 2012 – Ali Massumi and Neil Strickman
- 2013 – Mehdi Razavi
- 2014 – Ali Massumi and Mohammad Saeed
- 2015 – George Younis
- 2016 – R David Fish
- 2017 – Stephanie Coulter
- 2018 – Reynolds Delgado

Dr Hall was also Editor-in-Chief of the Texas Heart Institute Journal for over 2 decades, and a reflective Journal article by Dr Denton Cooley in 2002 summarized Dr Hall's achievements until his retirement. You can read that article [here](#).

The conference center in the Denton A Cooley building is named for Robert Hall, and it is fitting that these master clinicians, cardiologist and surgeon, will forever stay together in the memories of patients and providers when cardiac care, education, and research are considered. The Texas Heart Institute Cardiac Society has been blessed to have him as one of our historical father figures, and countless clinicians and patients have benefited from the progress in education and advances he brought to the treatment of cardiovascular diseases.

THE YIN AND YANG OF CARDIOLOGY CHIEFS, MED/PEDS CARDIOLOGY, THI CLASS OF 2006

Training in a cardiovascular disease fellowship can be challenging. Completing two cardiology fellowships in adult and pediatric cardiology is an achievement. Such is the case for THICS's two pioneers, Wayne Franklin and John Lynn Jefferies who from 2001 to 2006, completed a five-year training experience after combined internal medicine-pediatrics residencies. Upon completing their fellowship, both stayed at Texas Children's Hospital as faculty and embarked on different paths.



John Lynn Jefferies, MD

Dr Jefferies worked in the realm of pediatric advanced heart failure and cardiomyopathy, exploring novel genetic therapies for early-onset

cardiac conditions. He helped run the cardiovascular genetics clinic at Texas Children's Hospital before moving to Cincinnati to continue that work. Dr Franklin founded the Texas Adult Congenital Heart Program, a subsection of pediatric cardiology aimed at caring for adult survivors of cardiac conditions—some requiring life-saving operations, and many needing repeat interventions. He expanded his care to TCH's Pavilion for Women, organizing the adult medicine services at the maternity hospital.



Wayne Franklin, MD

The year 2018 marks another milestone in both of their careers. In June, Dr Jefferies was named Chief of Car-

diology at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center, the same program from which he obtained his medical degree, and co-director for the newly formed UT Methodist Institute for Cardiovascular Science. In September, Dr Franklin starts as Co-Director of the Heart Center and Chief of Cardiology at Phoenix Children's Hospital. No doubt, their leadership, forged through THI fire, will help these programs soar to new heights.

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or spectate. Mark your calendars for the afternoon of Saturday, September 29th at Life Time Tennis in the Houston Galleria.

And don't miss out on our annual holiday party with casino night and karaoke! Please save the date: December 14, 2018.

Today, we reflect on the 1-year anniversary of Hurricane Harvey. Many lives were affected and homes flooded, but our providers cared tirelessly for our patients, and the Texas Heart Institute remains strong!

Sincerely,

Wilson Lam

UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 28, 2018
Robert Hall, MD Memorial Celebration

OCTOBER 5-6, 2018
THI International Symposium on Cardiovascular Regenerative Medicine

OCTOBER 20-21, 2018
14th Annual Diabetes Symposium for Primary Care Physicians

DECEMBER 14, 2018
Cardiology Fellows Annual Holiday Party

2018-2019 CARDIOLOGY FELLOWS

FIRST YEAR FELLOWS



Robert Bagwell



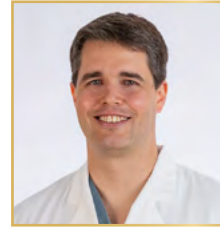
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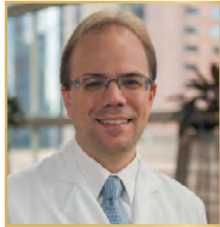


Heather Pemberton

SECOND YEAR FELLOWS



Aaron Bush



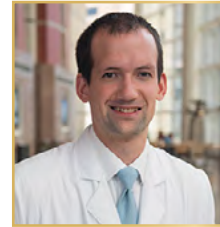
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Austin Howard



Justin Maxfield



Michael Millard

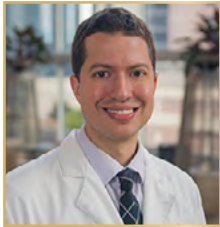


Agam Patel

THIRD YEAR FELLOWS



Briana Costello



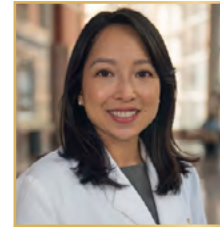
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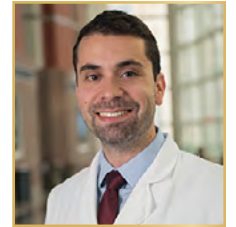
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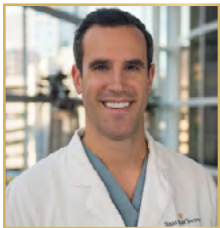


Carol Lai

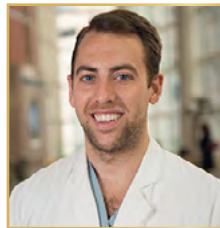


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INTERVENTIONAL FELLOWS (4TH YEAR)



Robert Godley



Michael McArdle



Dhaval Parekh



Anoop Shah



John Tyler

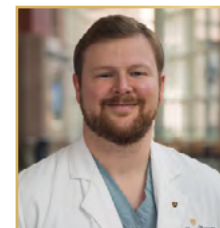
EP FELLOWS (4TH YEAR)



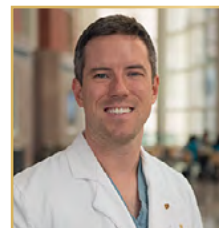
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Mark Pollet



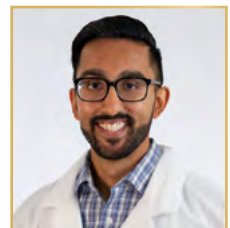
David Burkland



Brian Greet

EP FELLOWS (5TH YEAR)

ADVANCED HEART FAILURE



Vishal Parikh