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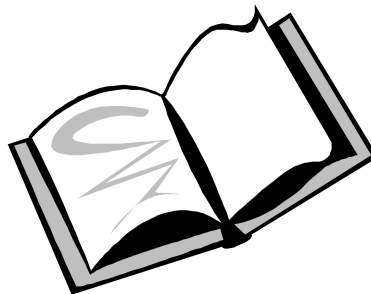
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## **FACULTY DEVELOPMENT COURSE VII**

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# **DIRECTORY OF COURSE LECTURERS**



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## FACULTY/STAFF BIOGRAPHIES

### MEET THE FACULTY DEVELOPMENT COURSE LECTURERS

This directory has been compiled to acquaint course participants with the faculty and staff who will present classes during the Faculty Development Course series. Participants are encouraged to foster professional relationships with course lecturers and utilize these contacts as resources in support of academic responsibilities in the areas of teaching, patient care, and scholarly activities. Please feel free to contact the lecturers by phone or e-mail.



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Dr. Akins joined the faculty of Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center at El Paso in 2006. She is currently an Academic Assistant Professor, and Associate Director of Residency Program, Department of Pediatrics.

Education: M.D., Medical University, Varna, Bulgaria, 1994; Ph.D., Texas A&M University, College Station, TX, 2004. Post-doctoral Research Associate, Texas A&M University System Health Science Center, College Station, TX, 2004.

Dr. Akins has received numerous honors, from the Harvard Macy Institute, Pediatric Residency Program for "Best Administration"; and "Outstanding Faculty" award.

*Courses: How to Prepare and Present a Poster at a Scientific Meeting, and Presentation on Your Research Project.*



**Paul Casner, M.D., Ph.D.**

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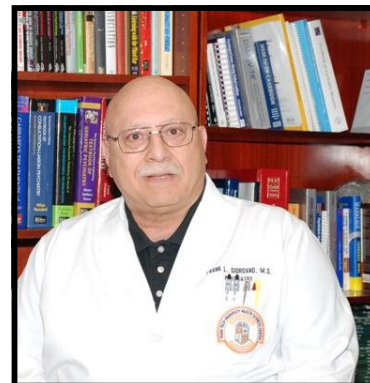
Dr. Casner joined the faculty of Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center at El Paso in 1983 and is currently a Professor of Medicine and Assistant Professor of Pharmacology. His specialties include internal medicine, geriatrics, and Pharmacology.

Education: M.D., New York Medical College; Residency, Internal Medicine, Westchester County Medical Center, Valhalla, NY; Fellowship, Pharmacology, New York Medical College; Ph.D., Pharmacology, New York Medical College.

Dr. Casner was awarded the

NDEA and NSF graduate fellowships. He currently serves as IRB Chairman.

*Courses: Ethical Issues in Clinical Research and Good Clinical Practice, Roles and Functions of the IRB, How to Write and Submit a Scientific Article in Peer-Review Journal, and Presentation of Your Research Project.*



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Dr. Giordano joined the faculty of Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center at El Paso in 2005. He is currently an Associate Professor in the Department of Psychiatry.

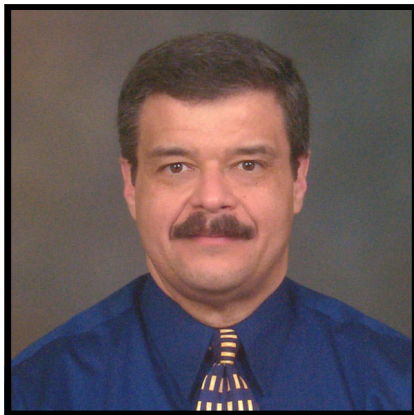
Education: M.D., Creighton University School of Medicine, Omaha, NE, 1967; Residency, Letterman Army Medical Center, San Francisco, CA, 1971.

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*Courses: How to Monitor Stress Level in our Trainees*

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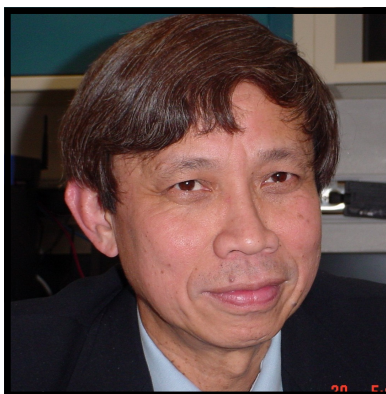
Dr. Gonzalez, Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology, joined the faculty of Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center in 2002 and was appointed Associate Dean for Graduate Medical Education in 2007.

Education: M.D., University of Puerto Rico School of Medicine, San Juan, Puerto Rico; Residency, Obstetrics and Gynecology, University District Hospital, San Juan, Puerto Rico; Maternal Fetal Medicine Fellow, Lecturer III, University of New Mexico School of Medicine; Faculty Development Course III, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, El Paso, TX, 2004; Advanced Teaching and Technical Writing Course, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, El Paso, TX, 2005.

Dr. Gonzalez served as residency program director in Obstetrics and Gynecology until March 2007. He received the Dean's Clinical Faculty Teaching Award in 2007.

*Courses: Workshop: Why We Couldn't Evaluate our Trainees and How to Fix It*

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**HOI HO, M.D.**

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Dr. Ho, Professor of Medicine, joined the faculty of Texas Tech in 1986 and was named Assistant Dean of Faculty Affairs and Development in 2002 and appointed Director of the Clinical Skills and Clinical Simulation Center. His practice specialties include internal medicine, infectious diseases, and geriatrics.

Education: M.D., University of Saigon School of Medicine; Residency, Internal Medicine, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, El Paso; Fellowship, Hematology/Oncology, Wadley Institute of Molecular Medicine, Dallas, TX.

Dr. Ho has received various TTUHSC teaching awards, including the Internal Medicine Department Residents "Outstanding Faculty Award" for 15+ consecutive years; "Clinical Faculty Award for Clinical Excellence", 1988-2002; President's

Excellence in Teaching Award for the School of Medicine, 1990, 2004; and Students "Lifetime Teaching Award" 1999-2001. He was also a finalist for the ACGME's Parker J. Palmer "Courage to Teach" Award in 2001. Recipient of "The Dean's Educational Innovation Award", 2006 & 2007; El Paso's Best Doctors, 2007 & 2008.

*Courses: Welcome, Course Overview, and House Keeping,, Introduction to Personal Digital Assistant (PDA), Advanced Applications of PDA in Medical Education, Workshop: Adult Learning and Effective Teaching, Part I & II, How to Improve your Oral Presentation, Resurrection of the Lost Art: How to Improve your Bedside Teaching, Evidence-Based Medicine I: A Challenge to the Teachers and Learners, Evidence-Based Medicine II: Practice Medicine with Confidence, Advanced Applications of Computers and PDA in Evidence-Based Medicine, How to Prepare and Teach A Clinical Presentation Lecture, Introduction to WebSP, Workshop: How to Use Effectively Technology in Medical Education, Workshop: How to Prepare and Teach the Medical Skills Course, Workshop: How to Organize and Conduct a Journal Club, How to Use the Teaching Podium to Enhance your Teaching, and How to Prepare for your Tenure and Promotion.*

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Dr. Horn joined the faculty of Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center at El Paso in 1988 and was appointed Associate Dean for Student Affairs in 2007.

Education: M.D., Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX, 1984; Residency, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, El Paso, TX, 1987.

Dr. Horn previously served as the clerkship director in the Department of Family and Community Medicine and is an associate professor in the department.

*Courses: How Will We Select, Teach and Train Students of The Paul L. Foster SOM, and Introduction to OSCE.*



**C. Antonio Jesurun,  
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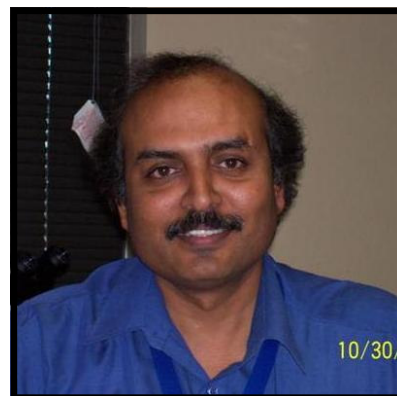
Dr. Jesurun joined the faculty of Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center in 1979. He is a Professor of Pediatrics and serves as Director of the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at Thomason Hospital. His practice specialty is neonatal-perinatal medicine.

Education: M.D., Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX; Residency, Pediatrics, Children's Hospital of Michigan, Detroit, MI; Fellowship, Neonatology, Children's Hospital of Michigan & Wayne State University School of Medicine, Detroit, MI; M.M.M., Tulane School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine; Fellowship, National Association of Public Hospitals.

Dr. Jesurun has been listed in *The Best Doctors in America* in 1996-1997, 1997-1998, 2003-2004, and 2005-2006, and received the Health Care Provider of the Year Award in 2004 by the Vista Hills Optimist Club.

During his tenure, Dr. Jesurun has served on various committees and has twice been elected Chief of Staff. He is in demand as a speaker on subjects ranging from neonatology to bioethics.

*Courses: How to Improve Your Oral Presentation, Participant's Oral Presentation Session, What is Professionalism and How Can We Measure It, and Workshop: Basic Skills for Negotiation and Conflict Resolution*



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Dr. Lakshmanaswamy joined Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center at El Paso in 2004. He is an Assistant Professor in the Biomedical Sciences department.

Education: M.S., University of Madras, Madras, India, 1988; M. Phil., University of Madras, Madras, India, 1990; Ph.D., University of Madras, Madras, India, 1997.



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Dr. Lakshmanswamy was awarded the Cornelius L. Hopper Scientific Achievement Award for Best Poster: Highest Impact on Breast Cancer, for the poster entitled "Breast Cancer Prevention with Estrogen" awarded at the 2005 California Breast Cancer Research Symposium: Research to Action: Seeking Solutions in 2005. He was invited to serve as an expert on the panel advising the Avon Foundation's Breast Cancer Crusade on issues regarding pregnancy and breast cancer in April 2006 in Washington, D.C.

*Courses: The ABC's of Writing a Seed Grant Proposal, Workshop: Develop Networking for Research at TTUHSC, and Presentation of Your Research Project.*

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**KATHYRN MCMAHON, Ph.D.**

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Dr. McMahon, Professor of Pharmacology of Medical Education, joined the faculty of Texas Tech University of Health Sciences Center at Lubbock in 1988 and joined the faculty at El Paso in 2008.

Dr. McMahon is the Interim Chair for the Department of Biomedical Science, Interim Associate Dean of Research and Interim Associate Dean of Graduate School.

Education: Postdoctoral, University of Health Sciences / The Chicago Medical School, NIH Postdoctoral Fellowship, University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, Ph.D., North Dakota State University, B.S., Chemistry, New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology.

In 1994, Dr. McMahon was elected member of the Teaching Academy for TTUHSC School of Medicine. In addition to having been awarded numerous grants, Dr. McMahon has been honored for teaching awards which include Dean's Basic Science Teaching Award, and Dean's Teaching Scholar in Geriatrics

*Courses: Workshop: How to Conduct Team Learning, Research Opportunities and Available Resources fro Faculty at TTUHSC-El Paso, Workshop: Develop Networking for Research at TTUHSC, and Presentation of Your Research Project.*

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**ZUBER MULLA, Ph.D.**

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Dr. Mulla joined the faculty of Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center in 2006 and is currently an Associate Professor and Director of Epidemiologic Research in the department of Obstetrics & Gynecology.

Education: B.A., University of Arizona, 1991; Diploma, Apollo College, 1992; M.S.P.H., University of South Florida, 1994; Ph.D., University of South Florida, Epidemiology, 2001.

Dr. Mulla has practiced epidemiology for 11 years and has 26 publications in clinical and public health journals. He is a recipient of the "Outstanding Teacher Award" from the University of Texas School of Public Health at Houston. His recent research interest is in the area of OB/GYN especially preeclampsia. His research also focuses on the clinical epidemiology of invasive group A streptococcal infections, and anaphylaxis.

*Courses: Participant's Oral Presentation Session, Critical Literature Appraisal, and Presentation of Your Research Project.*

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Dr. Nuwayhid joined the faculty of Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center at El Paso in 2002. Dr. Nuwayhid is currently a Professor and Regional Chairman of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

Education: M.D., American University of Beirut, Beirut, Lebanon; Residency, Cleveland Metropolitan General Hospital, Cleveland, OH; Fellowship, UCLA School of Medicine, Fellow in Reproductive Physiology, Los Angeles, CA; Ph.D., Physiology and Biophysics, University of Mississippi Medical Center, Jackson, MI.

Dr. Nuwayhid is the recipient of the Public Health Service Research Career Development Award.

*Courses: How Do We Review/ Evaluate a Seed Grant Proposal, Workshop: Develop Networking for Research at TTUHSC, Presentation of Your Research Project, and Workshop: Basic Skills for Negotiation and Conflict Resolution.*

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Ms. Ruddock currently serves as Associate Director, Gallo Library of the Health Sciences. She became a Faculty Associate with the Texas Tech University School of Medicine's Department of Health Communications in 1993.

Education: MALS, University of Missouri, 1992; BA, Idaho State University, 1991, Certification: Medical Library Association's Academy of Health Information Professionals.

*Courses: Workshop: Accessing Library and Information Resources, and How to Uses Available Resources for Learning and Practicing EBM.*

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Mrs. Schaaake joined Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center in 2005 as a Faculty Associate and Unit Assistant Director for the Gallo Library of the Health Sciences.

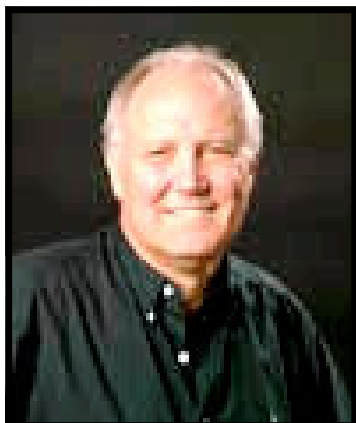
Education: B.S., University of Texas at El Paso, 1978; M.S., The University of North Texas, Forth Worth, TX, 1984 in Information Science.

*Courses: Workshop: Accessing Library and Information Resources, and How to Uses Available Resources for Learning and Practicing EBM.*

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Dr. Stocco joined the faculty in the Department of Biochemistry at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center in Lubbock in 1974. Dr. Stocco has served as the Vice Dean for Research, Interim Dean, Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences and appointed Executive Vice President for Research in 2007.

Education: B.Sc., University of Windsor, Windsor, Canada, 1967; M.Sc., University of Windsor, Canada, 1969; Ph.D., University of Toronto, Toronto, Canada, 1972; Postdoctoral, University of Los Angeles, L.A., CA., 1974.

Dr. Stocco has received several honors during the course of his scientific career including an NIH Research Career Development Award in 1985, and an NIH MERIT Award in 1996. Dr. Stocco was named a Grover E. Murray Distinguished Professor in 1997, the highest distinction a faculty member at TTUHSC can attain. In 1998, Dr. Stocco was awarded a University Medical

Center Endowed Chair and he was also named the Robert A. Welch Endowed Chair in Biochemistry in 1998. In 2003 he was honored with the distinction of University Distinguished Professor and in 2005 was elected as an AAAS Fellow.

Dr. Stocco's scientific research career has been continuously funded by the NIH since 1984 and has mainly been focused on the mechanisms whereby the synthesis of the steroid hormones is acutely regulated. During the course of this research, his laboratory identified and characterized a novel protein, named the Steroidogenic Acute Regulatory or StAR protein. In recognition of his work, Dr. Stocco was awarded the Research Award by the Society for the Study of Reproduction in 1997, the Achievement Rewards for College Scientists (ARCS) Distinguished Scientist Award for 1997 and was also presented with the Transatlantic Medal Award by the British Endocrine Society in 1999. He was also awarded a Raine Distinguished Professorship at the University of Western Australia in Perth, Australia in 2001. In 2005 Dr. Stocco was awarded the Dean's Research Award, the President's Research Award, the Chancellor's Council Distinguished Research Award at TTUHSC and was elected as a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Dr. Stocco has served as a permanent member of the Reproductive Biology Study Section for the NIH from 1997-2001 and as an *ad hoc* reviewer for several additional NIH Study Sections and other

granting agencies. He is currently a member of the Editorial Board for seven scientific journals and serves as an Associate Editor for *Biology of Reproduction*. Dr. Stocco is also the current President of the *Society for the Study of Reproduction*.

**Courses:** *Workshop: Develop Networking for Research at TTUHSC.*

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Dr. Steele joined the faculty of Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center at El Paso in 2007. Dr. Steele was appointed Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education and Director of Curriculum, Evaluation, and Accreditation.

Education: B.A., University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT, 1971; M.A., University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI, 1975; Ph.D., University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI, 1982; Post-Doctoral Fellowship, Health Psychology and Behavioral Medicine, University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI.

Dr. Steele has additional training in medical education research through the Association of American Medical College Group on Education Affairs.

**Courses:** *Comparison of the PLFSOM's Curriculum with Those of Other SOM's, How Will We Select, Teach and Train Students of The Paul L. Foster SOM,*

*Participant's Oral Presentation Session, Workshop: How to Write and Ask Good Questions that Measures the Student Understanding, and Presentation of Your Research Project.*

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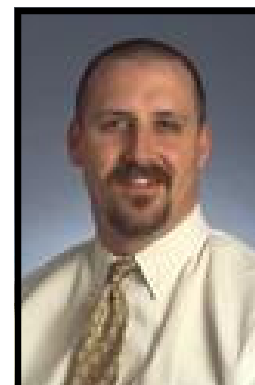
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Dr. Suskind joined the faculty of Texas Tech University Health Sciences in 2006. Dr. Suskind is a Professor in the Department of Pediatrics.

Education: M.D., University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine; Residency, John Hopkins Medicine; Postdoctoral degree in tropical medicine from the University of Dakar, Africa.

**Courses:** *Do I Need a Mentor and What Can I Expect from Him/Her.*

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Dr. Tarwater joined the faculty of Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center in 2008 and is currently an Associate Professor of Biostatistics in the Biomedical Sciences Department.

Education: B.S., Texas Tech University; 1990; M.S., Texas Tech University, 1992; Ph.D., University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston, 1999.

Dr. Tarwater's expertise and research interests are in biostatistics, analytic methods for cohort studies, longitudinal data analysis and infectious diseases epidemiology.

**Courses:** *Biostatistics Without Tear, and How to Report Statistics in Peer-Review Publications.*

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Dr. Tobin is an Associate Dean for Education and Founding Chair for the Department of Medical Sciences. He joined the faculty of Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center in 2007.

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Pennsylvania State University,  
University Park, Pennsylvania, 1980;  
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IV Program, Indian University of  
Pennsylvania College of Human  
Ecology, Indiana, Pennsylvania,  
1985; Postdoctoral fellow of the Ca-  
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Division of Endocrinology and Me-  
tabolism, and the Surgical-Medical  
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Oral Presentation Session.*