

## Section on Medical Education Newsletter

Spring 2021



### Welcome Rosemary!

Rosemary Adamson will take the baton from me at our virtual membership meeting on May 26<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 PM ET and bring her visionary ideas to the chair for the next two years. She just produced a webinar with Drs. Batchelor and Kannappan entitled [Discussions about Health Disparities – A Primer for Medical Educators](#) that is “must-see” tv! Like Hank Fessler before me I leave the Section in good health and good hands. To learn more about our Section and meet Rosemary [please register](#) for our membership meeting. We will review the progress of the section (now over 2600 members), announce our award winners ([Alison Clay Early Career Award](#) and [ATS Medical Education Research Grant](#)), and welcome new members to our Section Executive team. As in the past we also discuss future programming ideas with our incoming Programming Chair Stacey Kassutto as we turn our eyes to the ATS new year.

### Featured Teachers

One way we can connect with each other to brainstorm scholarly projects, celebrate accomplishments, and highlight new educational strategies is through our [featured teacher page](#). We would like to fill this page with photos and bios of section members who are doing amazing work. Please nominate your colleagues for this recognition. You can do so by e-mailing [Breana Portelli](#) who will send you the details. This is also a terrific CV builder and nice recognition from our society – *let’s show the world who we are!*

### Love teaching? Hate smoking?

If so...please reach out to [Michelle Eakin](#). Michelle leads the ATS Tobacco Action Committee. She is looking for some folks to help improve education on tobacco dependence treatments. They are planning to work on some policy pieces addressing the lack of training on tobacco treatment across all levels of

medical education. This is a great way to engage with the ATS and potentially generate some scholarship with national recognition.

### Mentoring Is Making Waves

[Jared Chiarchiaro](#) is currently serving our section as Planning Chair and he has been diligently working with the various Assemblies to funnel Med-Ed mentors and mentees to our Section for pairings. We expect a bolus of mentees this year and he would love for you to sign-up to be a mentor or mentee. We use an algorithm to “match” people with common interests at different institutions. Virtual meetings allow the pairs to give advice and perspectives. Sometimes this results in fruitful scholarly pursuits as well. If you are looking for another way to engage with us look for opportunities to sign up soon!

### Bridging over...

As this is my final section Newsletter, I thought I would share a hometown image I love that is quintessential Indiana – our covered bridges. Parke Country in western Indiana is my favorite place to visit – it is home to the most covered bridges in the US. The builders would cover these wooden bridges to extend their lifespans from 20 to 120 years! If you are ever in Indiana in October be sure to check out our bridge festival! They also serve as a reminder to me of how important a positive mindset is to “stay covered” in health, humility, and togetherness – preserving ourselves for our patients and learners. With this I also bridge our section over to Rosemary – THANK YOU all for your encouragement, well wishes, and engagement. I can’t wait to celebrate with you in person some year soon!

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