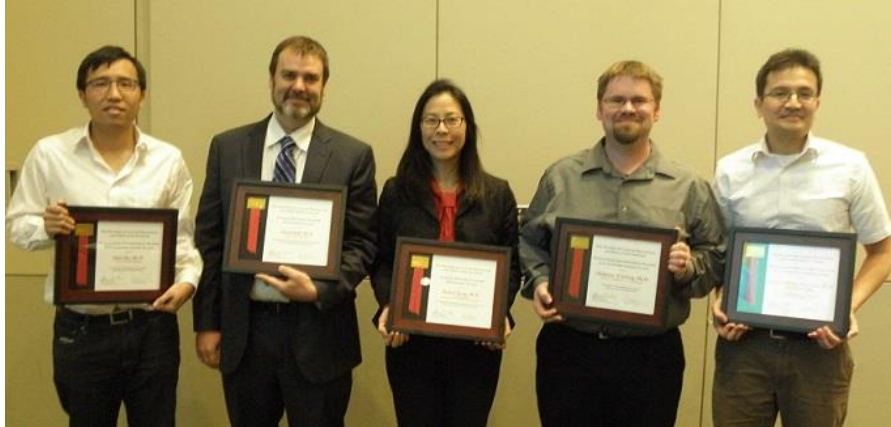


## WHAT'S NEW IN THE CP RTP?



DCPPS Outstanding Trainee and Leading Mentor Award Recipients (L to R): Drs. Hao Hu, Chad Huff, Shine Chang, Nicholas Whiting, and Francis "Anthony" San Lucas.

### What's New in CP RTP?

#### 7th Annual DCPPS Leading Mentors and Outstanding Trainees in Cancer Prevention Awards

This year's Division of Cancer Prevention and Population Sciences seventh annual awards in excellence for training and mentorship in cancer prevention took place on Friday, January 9, 2015. It featured keynote speaker, Dr. Ellen Gritz, Professor of Behavioral Science. Listed below are this year's recipients. Congratulations to the mentors and trainees on their noteworthy accomplishments.

**2014 Predoctoral Outstanding Trainee in Cancer Prevention: Francis "Anthony" San Lucas, Ph.D. (Mentor: Dr. Paul Scheet, Epidemiology and Dr. Eduardo Vilar-Sanchez, Clinical Cancer Prevention)**

*Predoctoral Honorable Mentions:* Jeanne Pierzynski, M.P.H., Epidemiology (Mentor: Dr. Xifeng Wu) and Xiang Shu, M.S., Clinical Cancer Prevention (Mentor: Dr. Powel Brown)

**2014 Postdoctoral Outstanding Trainees in Cancer Prevention (tie): Dr. Nicholas Whiting, Cancer Systems Imaging (Mentor: Dr. Pratip Bhattacharya) and Dr. Hua Hu, Epidemiology (Mentor: Dr. Chad Huff)**

*Postdoctoral Honorable Mentions:* Dr. Jennifer Davis, Epidemiology (Mentor: Dr. Shine Chang); Dr. Matthew Cox, Behavioral Science (Mentors: Dr. Karen Basen-Engquist); Dr. Sarah Prinsloo,

General Oncology (Mentor: Dr. Lorenzo Cohen) and Dr. Svasti Haricharan, Clinical Cancer Prevention (Mentor: Dr. Powel Brown)

**2014 Leading Mentors in Cancer Prevention (tie): Dr. Shine Chang, Professor, Epidemiology and Director, Cancer Prevention Research Training Program and Dr. Chad Huff, Assistant Professor, Epidemiology**

*Mentor Honorable Mentions:* Dr. Karen Basen-Engquist, Professor, Behavioral Science; Dr. Carrie Cameron, Assistant Professor, Epidemiology; Dr. Yuanqing Ye, Assistant Professor, Epidemiology

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**Congratulations to CPRTP Associate Director, Dr. Carrie Cameron!**



Carrie Cameron, Ph.D., was selected to join the UT Kenneth I. Shine, M.D., Academy of Health Science Education.

*"I am most honored to have been inducted into [the Kenneth I. Shine, MD, Academy of Health Science Education](#). In joining this distinguished group, I will have the opportunity to see educational efforts throughout the UT system and be able to learn from and apply approaches and ideas of other innovative and dedicated educators as well as to make contributions myself. My experiences as an educator working in scientific communication throughout MD Anderson have given me a broad perspective and appreciation of both the similar needs and the unique and sometimes surprising challenges in educating faculty, trainees, and staff of a wide variety of disciplines and backgrounds. This has been tremendously helpful in honing my skills as an educator. I have enjoyed every minute of it!"*

Carrie Cameron, Ph.D.

Assistant Professor

Department of Epidemiology

## Upcoming Events

### CPRTP Trainee Brown Bag Seminars

- **Clayton Boldt, Ph.D.**, R25T Postdoctoral Fellow (Clinical Cancer Prevention), Thursday, March 12, 2015, 10am to 11am, Mays Clinic, 1st Floor, Room ACB1.2325a
- **Nicholas Whiting, Ph.D.**, R25T Postdoctoral Fellow (Cancer Systems Imaging) - **11am**, and **Oksana Zagorodna, Ph.D.**, Halliburton Postdoctoral Fellow (Clinical Cancer Prevention) - **Noon**, Thursday, March 19, 2015, 11am - 1pm, Duncan Building, CPB 8th Floor, Room 8
- **Georges Khalil, Ph.D. Candidate**, R25T Predoctoral Fellow (Behavioral Science), Wednesday, March 25, 2015, Noon to 1pm, Duncan Building, CPB 8th Floor, Room 8

- **Jeanne Pierzynski, M.P.H.**, R25T Predoctoral Fellow (Epidemiology), Thursday, March 26, 2015, Noon - 1pm, Mays Clinic, 1st Floor, Room ACB1.2345

## Trainee Accolades

- Former trainees **Jennifer Davis, Ph.D.** (*Gordon Postdoc Fellow, Clinical Cancer Prevention, Mentor: Dr. Xiangwei Wu*) and **Emilyn Banfield** (*R25E GRA, Epidemiology*) will present a poster titled [Associations of race and obesity with NSAID use: implications for cancer prevention](#), at the 39th Annual [American Society of Preventive Oncology \(ASPO\)](#) Conference, March 15-17, 2015, at the University of Alabama at Birmingham.
- **Scherezade "Scher" Mama, DrPH** (*R25T Postdoc, Health Disparities Research, Mentor: Dr. Lorna McNeill*) received a travel award to the American Association for Cancer Research (AACR) - Cancer Health Disparities meeting.
- **Stephanie Melkonian, Ph.D.** (*R25T Postdoc, Epidemiology, Mentor: Dr. Xifeng Wu*) submitted a K07 award, Title: *Energy Balance, Obesity-Associated Genetic Variation, and Early-Onset Colorectal Cancer Outcomes*.
- **Adolfo Cuevas, Ph.D.** (*Former R25E Graduate Research Assistant, Health Disparities Research, Mentor: Dr. Lorraine Reitzel*) was awarded a postdoctoral fellowship with Harvard's Cancer Prevention Program.
- **Samantha Farris, Ph.D.** (*Former R25T Predoc, Behavioral Science, Mentor: Dr. Jan Blalock*) was awarded a clinical internship with Brown University.
- **Georges Khalil, Ph.D. Candidate** (*R25T Predoc, Behavioral Science, Mentor: Dr. Alex Prokhorov*) was recently awarded an R25T Postdoctoral Fellowship with CPRTP.
- **Linda Armstrong, B.S.** (*Former R25E Graduate Research Assistant, Mentor: Dr. Marsha Frazier*) was accepted into the Entry-to-Practice RN/MS program at Columbia University School of Nursing in New York.
- **Svasti Haricharan, Ph.D.** (*Halliburton Postdoc, Clinical Cancer Prevention, Mentor: Dr. Powel Brown*) was awarded postdoctoral fellowship with Dr. Matthew Ellis at Baylor College of **Medicine**.
- **Demetrice Jordan, M.A.** (*Former R25E Graduate Research Assistant, Health Disparities Research, Mentor: Dr. Lovell Jones*) was awarded a 5-year fellowship to pursue a Ph.D. at Michigan State University.
- **Maria Chang-Swartz, Ph.D.** (*Former R25T Predoc, Behavioral Science, Mentor: Dr. Karen Basen-Engquist*) was awarded a postdoctoral fellowship in the Division of Rehabilitation Sciences at University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston, TX as part of the Interdisciplinary Rehabilitation Research Training Program.

The following CPRTP trainees served as members of the review committee for the Leading Mentor in Cancer Prevention Awards this year. We are appreciative of their efforts and would like to acknowledge and commend their service:

- **Emily Cox-Martin, Ph.D.**, R25T Postdoc (Behavioral Science)
- **Nicholas Whiting, Ph.D.**, R25T Postdoc (Cancer System Imaging)
- **Ashish Deshmukh, Ph.D.**, Gordon Postdoc (Health Services Research)
- **Scherezade "Sher" Mama, DrPH**, R25T Postdoc (Health Disparities Research)