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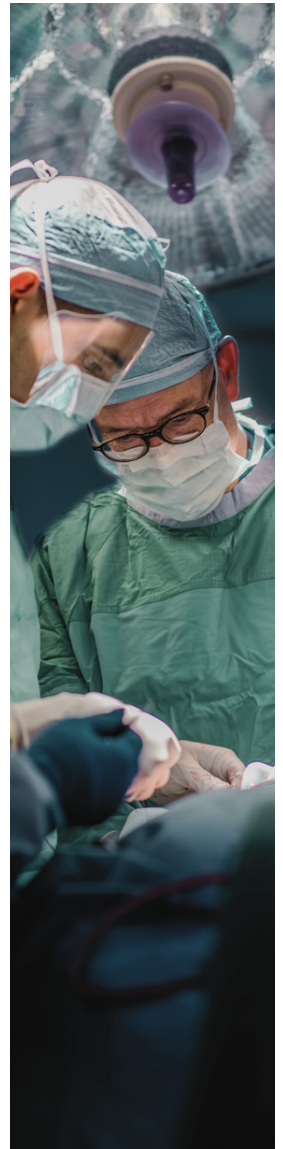
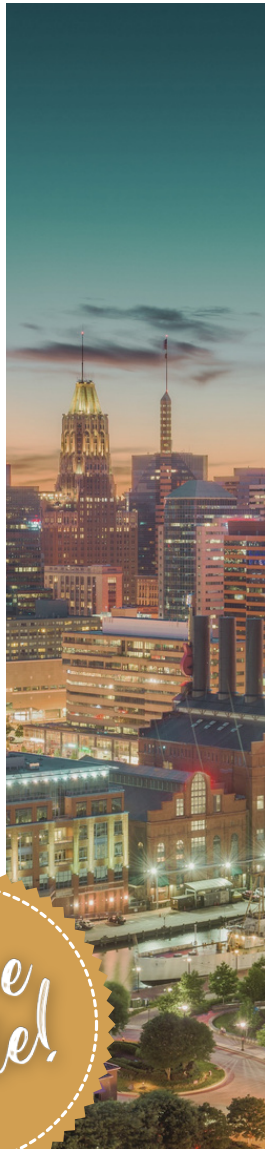
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# IT'S A MATCH!



**Kevin Kim, MD**  
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**Kevin Kim, MD** was raised in Clarksville, MD and graduated from UCLA with a BS in neuroscience. Kevin completed a research year in neuroscience at Johns Hopkins before attending the University of Maryland, School of Medicine. Outside of the hospital, Kevin plays competitive soccer and enjoys hiking, golfing, and anything outdoors-related. His girlfriend is joining him in Baltimore, and will be working as a PA in the city. Kevin is currently interested in cerebrovascular and skull base surgery, but is open to all fields of neurosurgery.

"I'm super excited to join the team here...I feel very lucky and privileged to stay at Maryland. I look forward to contributing to the work being done in the department under the residents and faculty who have mentored and inspired me to pursue neurosurgery. Thank you!" Kevin says.



**Steve Yarmoska, MD, PhD**  
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**Steve Yarmoska, MD, PhD** has spent the last seven years in Atlanta, GA at Georgia Tech and Emory. His dad is a quality control chemist at Phillips 66 and his mom was formerly a vocational math teacher. Steve's current clinical interests in neurosurgery are in functional and neuro-oncology. He also thoroughly enjoyed his time helping to manage neurotrauma at Grady and Harborview, and hopes to bring the same enthusiasm to Shock Trauma. Research-wise, he would like to leverage his graduate studies at Tech to work on expanding the utility of intraoperative ultrasound.

Steve enjoys cooking and baking, as well as trying new restaurants and breweries. He is an avid soccer (Atlanta United, Chelsea, USMNT) and college sports (Long Horns, Blue Devils) fan. Steve is excited for the tight-knit camaraderie of the residency program at Maryland, as well as the department's commitment to training and supporting surgeon-scientists.





**Sophie White, MPH**  
*Academic Specialist*

*Another Match season is in the books! This year, faculty, residents, and staff invested great effort in attaining innovative and ambitious trainees for the residency program. Our time and energy were certainly rewarded; Kevin Kim and Steve Yarmoska are exceptional, and both welcome additions to the Maryland Neurosurgery team!*

Here's a look at Match 2022 by the numbers:



**347 Neurosurgery Residency Candidates**



**56 Candidates Interviewed**



**4 Days of Virtual Interviews**



**6 Days of In-Person Visits**



**2 Outstanding Resident Matches!**

## FACULTY SPOTLIGHT

*Dr. Schwartzbauer and fellow colleagues rallied together on March 15th to oppose the legislation that would repeal Maryland's all-rider motorcycle helmet law*

"For the last several decades, deaths due to motor vehicle crashes have dramatically decreased with an uptick due to COVID-related driving conditions in the last two years," **Dr. Gary Schwartzbauer** says. "Over the same decades, motorcycle crash-related deaths have skyrocketed."

Dr. Schwartzbauer states this is thought to be due to older riders on ever increasingly powerful machines. The single, low, and cost-effective measure to prevent traumatic brain injury and death from a motorcycle crash is wearing a helmet. To support this, Maryland enacted an all-rider helmet law in 1992, and deaths per 10,000 riders dropped 56% over the following 5 years.

Un-helmeted riders are twice as likely to have a TBI and/or cervical spinal injury. Dr. Schwartzbauer, along with **Carla Aresco, CRNP**, joined a group from Shock Trauma, the School of Medicine, and colleagues from Trauma Net, the National Transportation Safety Board, Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, and the affected families to oppose the repeal of the law. The presented oral and written arguments were made on March 15th at the Maryland Senate Judiciary Proceedings Committee. "We are doing the right thing by keeping Marylander's safe!" Dr. Schwartzbauer says. You can view the proceedings at 1:44:29 on YouTube [here](#).





# DEPARTMENT UPDATES

## NEW TO THE DEPARTMENT



### Henry Reed, Executive Operations Specialist

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Henry is our newest team member coming to us from the Department of Anesthesiology, he is now serving as our Executive Operations Specialist. Born and raised in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, Henry now resides in Baltimore County with his wife and daughter, Zoe (4). He is the co-owner and -founder of Zoe & Co. Candle Company with his wife. Cheering on the hometown team the Miami Dolphins, Henry also enjoys traveling/being outdoors, and meeting new people is a huge priority for him.

The Executive Operations Specialist is a new position for the department; some of Henry's responsibilities include supporting Dr. Woodworth, our Leadership Team, and the Business Operations Division by providing essential administrative, office management, and business operation functions towards the success of the department. *Welcome to the team, Henry!*

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the address bar displaying [www.MDNRSYGratefulpatients.com](http://www.MDNRSYGratefulpatients.com). The website has a white background with the word 'GRATEFUL' in large, bold, black capital letters, and 'patients' in a smaller, cursive, multi-colored font. Below the title, there are five testimonials, each in a colored speech bubble with a star rating and a profile icon:

- Testimonial 1 (Teal):** 5 stars. "I have already referred another patient to Dr. Schwartzbauer. I can't say enough good things about him."
- Testimonial 2 (Brown):** 5 stars. "Very friendly and professional staff. Excellent physician. Felt at ease from the moment we met him."
- Testimonial 3 (Blue):** 5 stars. "Excellent service. Very attentive. Dr. Sansur is a pleasure to be my doctor!"
- Testimonial 4 (Red):** 5 stars. "I had an excellent meeting with Dr. Labib. We wouldn't go anywhere else - this group is the best."
- Testimonial 5 (Purple):** 5 stars. "Dr. Kenneth Crandall is my neurosurgeon, and he is the best! Great experience."



## BREAKING NEWS IN NEUROSURGERY!



### *Dr. Labib Interviews for TODAY.com!*

On March 4th, **Dr. Mohamed Labib** had the incredible opportunity to be interviewed by Kerry Breen for TODAY.com! Dr. Labib and his team performed life-saving neurosurgery on Ilona Down-Hicks, who survived, not one...not two...but *five* brain aneurysms. Read the full story on TODAY.com [here](#)! *Amazing neurosurgical work, Dr. Labib!*

### *Baltimore (WJZ) Channel 13 Exclusive!*

Kelsey Kushner from Baltimore (WJZ) interviews **Dr. Howard Eisenberg** March 1st on the non-invasive ultrasound treatment for Parkinson's disease, describing this revolutionary, incisionless procedure in full detail. Dr. Eisenberg and fellow UMSOM researchers continue to lead this pivotal trial, which effectively expands access to focused ultrasound beyond clinical trial participation. Check out the full WJZ exclusive [here](#)!



## RESIDENT HIGHLIGHTS!



**Tim Chryssikos, MD, PhD, PGY-7** was awarded the best abstract by the American Association of Neurological Surgeons (AANS) related to spinal cord injury. Titled the *Charles Tator Spinal Cord Injury Resident Research Award*, Tim will receive a plaque, as well as an honorarium. Tim will be presenting the awarded abstract at the upcoming AANS Annual Scientific Meeting in Philadelphia, PA on Sunday, May 1st. *Congratulations, Tim!*



# AANS2022



## PHILADELPHIA SCHEDULE

### FRIDAY, APRIL 29TH

10:36 AM - 11:04 AM | **Kenneth Crandall, MD** | *Clinical: Spinal Jeopardy: APP Edition*

02:31 PM - 02:59 PM | **Kenneth Crandall, MD** | *Surgical: Burning Questions: Spine Edition - When is More Than One Approach Necessary?*

### SATURDAY, APRIL 30TH

02:00 PM - 02:03 PM | **Charles Sansur, MD** | *Welcome (Session Speaker)*

02:00 PM - 05:30 PM | **Charles Sansur, MD** | *Scientific Session II, Spine*

02:51 PM - 03:11 PM | **Bizhan Aarabi, MD** | *Geriatric Odontoid Fractures*

07:00 PM - 09:00 PM | **DEPARTMENT-ALUMNI NETWORKING EVENT AT BARBUZZO!!**

### SUNDAY, MAY 1ST

04:10 PM - 04:15 PM | **Tim Chryssikos, MD, PhD** | *Comparison of Intraoperative Ultrasound with Post-operative MRI in the Assessment of Spinal Cord Decompression from a Posterior Approach (Presenting Author)*

### MONDAY, MAY 2ND

08:45 AM - 08:49 AM | **Tim Chryssikos, MD, PhD** | *The History of Closed Skeletal Traction in the Management of Cervical Facet Dislocations (Presenting Author)*

02:40 PM - 02:44 PM | **Charles Sansur, MD** | *SI Fusion*

02:45 PM - 03:00 PM | **Charles Sansur, MD** | *Spine: Debate/Discussion*





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## NEUROSURGERY ALUMNI NETWORKING EVENT

HOSTED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, DEPARTMENT OF NEUROSURGERY

Join us at Philadelphia's famous Mediterranean restaurant, Barbuzzo, for food, drinks, and fun immediately following AANS activities!

*Connect with old friends, meet new ones, and make professional contacts. Bring your spouse or partner!*

*We look forward to seeing you there!*

**SATURDAY**  
**APRIL**  
**30TH**

**7:00 PM**

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**9:00 PM**

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# MARCH 2022

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS & HOLIDAYS

### EVENTS

Fri, March 18 12:00 PM	Match Day! <i>Welcome Kevin &amp; Steve!</i>
Tue, March 22 5:15 PM - 6:15 PM	Journal Club - Spinal Deformity <i>S12D Conference Room</i>
Fri, April 29 - Tue, May 3	<b>AANS 2022</b>
Sat, April 30 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Alumni Networking Event <i>Barbuzzo Restaurant, Philadelphia</i>
Fri, June 10 7:00 PM - 11:00 PM	<b>Graduation!</b>

### GRAND ROUNDS

Thu, March 3 7:30 AM - 8:30 AM	Jesse Stokum, MD, PhD <i>12th Floor &amp; Zoom</i>
Thu, March 10 7:30 AM - 8:30 AM	Guest Speaker: Philip Robilotto, DO <i>12th Floor &amp; Zoom</i>
Thu, March 17 7:30 AM - 8:30 AM	M&M w/ Gary Schwartzbauer, MD, PhD <i>12th Floor &amp; Zoom</i>
Thu, March 24 7:30 AM - 8:30 AM	Marc Simard, MD, PhD <i>12th Floor &amp; Zoom</i>
Thu, March 31 7:30 AM - 8:30 AM	Abdul-Kareem Ahmed, MD, SM, PGY-4 <i>12th Floor &amp; Zoom</i>

### March

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28	29	30	31			

### Holidays

#### Mardi Gras

Tuesday, March 1, 2022

#### National Women's History Month

Tuesday, March 1, 2022

#### Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, March 2, 2022

#### Brain Awareness Week (14th)

#### St. Patrick's Day

Thursday, March 17, 2022

#### National Physicians Week (25th)

#### Epilepsy Awareness/Purple Day

Saturday, March 26, 2022





# HAVE A STORY YOU WANT TO SHARE?

We are looking for stories, achievements, heroics, tidbits, and fun stuff to feature in *In the Loupes* and to share within University of Maryland and our surrounding communities. If you are interested in writing a column or want to share what type of news you want to hear more, feel free to email at [rcmcgowan@som.umaryland.edu](mailto:rcmcgowan@som.umaryland.edu)

If you would like to submit your news via the Neurosurgery News Portal, scan the QR code or copy and paste the link below into your browser.



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## SPRING INTO MARCH WITH MARYLAND NEUROSURGERY!

