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## New directions for the Sealy Center on Aging

*UTMB has a long history of a commitment to addressing issues of health disparities, which is also reflected within one of its core values: DIVERSITY. At UTMB, we are committed to employing and educating a health care workforce whose diversity mirrors the population they serve.*

It has been another exciting year for the Sealy Center on Aging. The Center has recently received grant awards for two very important initiatives—the **UTMB Center for Population Health and Health Disparities**, and the **East Texas Geriatric Education Center**. These initiatives highlight a new direction for the SCoA with an increased emphasis on community participatory research. Developing community-based partnerships have been shown to increase the effectiveness of prevention/intervention research, especially involving activities targeting economically disadvantaged and underserved populations. By focusing on issues of health disparity, we seek to expand our knowledge and understanding of differences in health outcomes among older populations in different settings.

### THE UTMB CENTER FOR POPULATION HEALTH AND HEALTH DISPARITIES TARGETS HEALTH CARE GAPS ▶

The UTMB **Center for Population Health and Health Disparities (CPHHD)** is a \$9.2 million five-year grant funded through the National Institutes of Health (NIH). The principal investigator is Dr. James S. Goodwin, director of the Sealy Center on Aging. The overall goal of the CPHHD is to increase understanding about the causes and causal pathways of health disparities among populations and to use that understanding to design and conduct community-based participatory research of interventions to reverse health disparities.

The CPHHD consists of three projects which were stimulated by our recent findings that overall mortality and the incidence of most major cancers are significantly decreased among Hispanics living in census tracts with high percentages of Hispanics compared to those living in neighborhoods with low percentages of Hispanics. These findings provide a

powerful “experiment in nature” with which to investigate mechanisms operable in the so-called “Hispanic paradox”—the finding that the health of many Hispanic populations in the U.S. is similar to that of non-Hispanic whites even though those Hispanic populations are clearly disadvantaged in terms of income, health insurance, housing, education and other factors that correlate strongly with health.

#### CPHHD Projects:

**Project I. (PI, Karl Eschbach, Ph.D.)** *Psychosocial and physical characteristics and health behaviors of older Mexican Americans as a function of neighborhood percentages of Mexican Americans.* This project further explores the influence of the community context on cancer incidence and mortality and addresses the reasons for the lower cancer incidence of older Mexican Americans living in neighborhoods with a high percentage of Mexican Americans.

**Project II. (PI, Malcolm Cutchin, Ph.D.)** *Environmental Health Risk, Stress, Coping and Illness in a Hispanic Population.* This study will assess how

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neighborhood and individual characteristics influence the impact on the health of Mexican Americans living near a petrochemical complex. The aim is to examine associations among neighborhood context, perceived risk from residing near a potential environmental hazard, coping, stress, and health outcomes over time.

**Project III. (PI, Billy Philips, Ph.D.)** *Community-based participatory research project.* This project will build on the community-based research of UTMB CPHHD investigators in promoting health behaviors in the Piney Woods area of East Texas, which worked with a mostly rural, mostly African American population. The project will conduct community-based participatory research to test interventions to reduce cancer risks in Mexican Americans.

The CPHHD also consists of two cores: 1) **Administrative Core (James Goodwin, M.D., core leader)** which will provide overall direction and administrative support and coordination of all components; 2) **Survey, Data Management and Statistical Analysis Core (Daniel Freeman, Ph.D., core leader)** will conduct the population-based surveys required in Projects I and II and provide analytical support to all investigators.

**EAST TEXAS GERIATRIC EDUCATION CENTER ESTABLISHED** ▶ The **East Texas Geriatric Education Center (ETGEC)** is a five-year \$1.1 million grant funded by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). The Executive Director is Dr. James S. Goodwin. The mission of the

ETGEC is to provide enhanced interdisciplinary geriatric education and training to health professionals, faculty and students in allopathic medicine, nursing, occupational therapy, physical therapy, physician assistant studies, and social work. Whereas the center is headquartered at UTMB, the emphasis will be to build partnerships with the East Texas Area Health Education Centers (AHEC) and affiliations within the region at Lamar University, Sam Houston State University and Stephen F. Austin State University to bring interdisciplinary geriatric education and training to health professionals in the East Texas region.

The ETGEC will develop culturally sensitive curriculum and continuing education efforts targeting issues of health disparities with the long-term goal of increasing the delivery of interdisciplinary health care services to older minorities, rural and institutionalized elderly in medically underserved areas (MUAs) of East Texas.

The project will utilize a variety of educational modalities, including didactic presentations, advanced distance learning, teleconferencing and the instillation of a large array of CD-ROM and web-based modules containing interdisciplinary geriatric content. The ETGEC will also expand on existing programs developed by East Texas AHEC and UTMB to promote careers in health professionals among diverse populations and outreach efforts to provide geriatric health care training to rural areas of East Texas.

For additional information, please contact Tony DiNuzzo, ETGEC program director, at (409) 772-5367.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

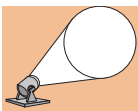
**7<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL FORUM ON AGING** ▶ Once again the Sealy Center on Aging in conjunction with the Office of the Vice President for Research will be sponsoring the Forum on Aging. The event is scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 25, 2003, from 5–7 p.m. in the Levin Dining Hall. This poster forum is designed to inform gerontology researchers and the general UTMB community, of the types of aging research, programs and educational initiatives being conducted at UTMB.

All are invited to attend, so please mark your calendars. All guests and participants will have the opportunity to visit with presenters and view posters representing a wide variety of topics and study areas. There will be monetary prizes awarded for the best student posters. Wine and cheese will be served.

For more information, please visit our web site: <http://research.utmb.edu/posters/aging/>

**THE WINTER SERIES ON AGING** ▶ Every year the Sealy Center on Aging sponsors six weeks of nationally and internationally known speakers on topics in aging. This year, the Winter Series on Aging begins Tuesday, Jan. 20, 2004, and continues each Tuesday until February 24. All lectures will be held from 5–6 p.m. in Levin Hall North Auditorium on the UTMB campus. A wine and cheese reception will follow each lecture in the Levin Hall lobby. *All are welcome!*

A listing of topics and speakers will be available in the next Sealy Center on Aging newsletter.



## SPOTLIGHT ON FACULTY

The Sealy Center on Aging is proud to welcome and spotlight two new faculty:

### ► MARIA E. CAMACHO, M.D.



Maria E. Camacho, M.D., earned her medical degree from the Universidad Nacional de Columbia, Bogota, Columbia. Following a residency in internal medicine at Hospital Militar Central, Bogota, Colombia, she completed a two-year clinical fellowship with the Division of Geriatric Medicine, University of Western

Ontario, London, Ontario, Canada. She then completed a one-year Geriatric Research Fellowship at the Medical College of Virginia, Richmond, Va., Division of Geriatric Medicine. She is board certified in internal medicine and geriatric medicine.

Dr. Camacho joined the Sealy Center on Aging at UTMB on July 1, 2003 as an assistant professor in the Department of Internal Medicine and the Division of Geriatrics providing patient care at the Santa Fe Clinic. Her research interests include examining risk factors for cardiovascular disease and sleep disorders, particularly among older Mexican Americans.

### ► KARL ESCHBACH, PH.D.



Karl Eschbach, Ph.D., received his Ph.D. from Harvard University in Sociology in 1992. He served as a Lecturer at Harvard and the University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wis., and most recently as an associate professor of sociology with tenure at the University of Houston. He joined the Sealy Center on Aging as a post-doctoral fellow in

Minority Aging in 2001, and is now an associate professor at UTMB's Department of Internal Medicine, Division of Geriatrics. His overall research focus is migration of Mexican Americans to the United States. At UTMB, his research is on neighborhood context and the health of older Mexican Americans. Dr. Eschbach is currently the principal investigator for Project 1, Hispanic Neighborhoods and Cancer Risks and Outcomes as part of the UTMB Center for Population Health and Health Disparities.

## REPRESENTATIVE PUBLICATIONS FROM FACULTY AND STUDENTS

Du X.L. 2003. "Re: Trends in use of adjuvant multi-agent chemotherapy and tamoxifen for breast cancer in the United States: 1975-1999." *Journal of the National Cancer Institute*, 95(9), 683-5.

Otiniano M.E., Du X.L., Ottenbacher K., Markides K.S. 2003. "The effect of diabetes combined with stroke on disability, self-rated health and mortality in older Mexican Americans: Results from the Hispanic EPESE." *Archives of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation*, 84(5), 725-730.

Otiniano M.E., Ottenbacher K., Markides K.S., Ray L.A., Du X.L. 2003. "Self-reported heart attack in Mexican American elders: Examination of incidence, prevalence, and seven-year mortality." *Journal of the American Geriatrics Society*, 51(7), 923-929.

Otiniano M.E., Du X.L., Ottenbacher K.J., Black S.A., Markides K.S. 2003. "Lower extremity amputation in diabetic Mexican American elders: Incidence,

prevalence, and predictive factors." *Journal of Diabetes and Its Complications*, 17, 59-65.

Ottenbacher K.J., Smith P., Illig S., Linn R.T., Ostir G.V., Gonzales V.A., Granger C.V. 2003. "Disparity in health services and outcomes for persons with hip fracture and lower extremity joint replacement." *Medical Care*, 41, 232-241.

Ottenbacher K.J., Smith P., Illig S., Peek M.K., Granger C.V. 2003. "Hospital readmission of persons with hip fracture following medical rehabilitation." *Archives of Gerontology and Geriatrics*, 36, 15-22.

Thomas R.P., Guigneaux M., Wood T., Evers B.M. 2002. "Age-associated changes in gene expression patterns in the liver." *Journal of Gastrointestinal Surgery*, 6, 445-454.

Thomas R.P., Slogoff M., Smith F.W., Evers B.M. 2003. "Effect of aging on the adaptive and proliferative capacity of the small bowel." *Journal of Gastrointestinal Surgery*, 7, 88-95.



## IN THE NEWS

**GRANTS** ▶ The following grants have recently been awarded funding:

▶ **Kenneth Ottenbacher, Ph.D.**, associate director, Sealy Center on Aging. Grant# K02 AG19736-01A2 Independent Scientist Award, *National Institute on Aging, NIH—\$504,620 (five years, 5/1/03–4/30/08)*.

*Goal:* The goal of this project is to provide support to conduct research related to disabilities and functional status in aging.

▶ **B. Mark Evers, M.D.**, Department of Surgery. “Surgical Studies of Ontogeny, Aging and the Gut,” *National Institutes of Health MERIT Award—\$1,862,500 (10 years, 2002–2012)*.

The National Council on Aging (NACA) for the National Institutes of Health (NIH) informed Dr. B. Mark Evers, a Sealy Center on Aging fellow and professor with the UTMB Department of Surgery, that his grant application was selected for the Method to Extend Research in Time (MERIT). The MERIT Award recognizes Dr. Evers’ outstanding record of scientific achievements as a principal investigator on National Institute on Aging (NIA) research projects. In selecting the application for the MERIT Award, the NIA is recognizing his sustained contributions to aging and leadership and commitment to the field. At the same time, the NIA is expressing its conviction that Dr. Evers will continue to make significant advances in aging for many years to come.

▶ **Kyriakos Markides, Ph.D.**, Preventive Medicine and Community Health. “Longitudinal Study of Mexican American Elderly Health.” *NIH/NIA Award—\$4,627,531 (five years, 2003–2008)*.

### **NIH funding awarded for next Hispanic EPESE wave:**

NIH funding has been obtained for the Hispanic EPESE (Established Population for Epidemiologic Study of the Elderly), to conduct two additional waves of data collection, providing a total of six contacts over a 12-year period. The Hispanic EPESE is a longitudinal study of a representative sample of 3,050 Mexican Americans aged 65 and older residing in Texas, New Mexico, Colorado, Arizona and California. The Principal Investigator is Kyriakos Markides, Ph.D., professor with the Department of Preventive Medicine and Community Health and director of the Division of Sociomedical Sciences with collaborators from the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio and the University of

Texas at Austin. The study has provided important data on the health of older Mexican Americans to numerous aging research investigators at UTMB, UTMB students, and aging researchers throughout the United States. Details of the study have been highlighted in previous SCoA newsletters (see Fall, 1998 and Fall, 2000).

▶ **M. Kristen Peek, Ph.D.**, Preventive Medicine and Community Health. “Health Concordance in Older Mexican American Couples.” *National Institute on Aging. \$755,000.00/three years*.

Individuals who are married tend to have lower mortality, morbidity and better mental health. The potential protective effect of marriage on both physical and mental health is of particular importance to older couples as the number of older married adults rises and mortality rates continue to decrease. However, there is very little information on the connection between the health statuses of older married couples. This study utilizes data on 553 married couples from the ongoing Hispanic Established Populations for Epidemiologic Studies of the Elderly (Hispanic EPESE). The study addresses the association between spouses’ health more extensively by examining the potential influence of physical functioning and health events in one spouse on the health of the other spouse over a two to five year time period in older Mexican American adults. One of the benefits of examining concordance in spouses’ health in older Mexican Americans lies in the health disparity paradox in which compared to older Whites, older Mexican Americans demonstrate higher rates of certain diseases and disability, yet have similar mortality rates.

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### **PEPPER CENTER RECRUITMENT**

To answer their question about why muscle function deteriorates with age, researchers with the Pepper Center will recruit volunteers who are 60 years-old or older, and in good general health. For information contact: Susan Minello (409) 772-8350, Roxana Hirst (409) 772-3588 or call us toll free (800) 298-7015.

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**THE SEALY CENTER ON AGING VOLUNTEER REGISTRY**  
There are more than 700 volunteers who have joined the UTMB Sealy Center on Aging Volunteer Registry to participate in a variety of UTMB research projects. If you are 55 or older and would like information on becoming a volunteer, please call Roxana Hirst or Susan Minello, registry coordinators, (409) 772-3588 or toll-free at (800) 298-7015.

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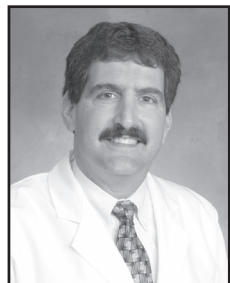
## AWARDS

### DR. PATSY KOEPPE AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN GERIATRICS

The Division of Geriatric Medicine would like to thank the residents from The Department of Internal Medicine Residency Program who rotated through the ACE Unit during 2002–2003, and recognize and confer an award to the three highest-scored evaluations.

The Geriatrics Interdisciplinary ACE Unit team participates in evaluating the resident’s performance in 10 different areas covering: clinical knowledge; management skills involving the clinical team, the patient and their family; and wonderful docs “going the extra mile” actions.

- First-Place Honors to **Dr. David Khurana**
- Second-Place Honors to **Dr. Erica Campagnaro**
- Third-Place Honors to **Dr. Maria Montoya**



### LIEBERMAN HONORED WITH POTTHAST PROFESSORSHIP APPOINTMENT

**Dr. Steven A. Lieberman**, associate dean for educational affairs in the School of Medicine and a Sealy Center on Aging Fellow, has been

appointed to hold the Dr. and Mrs. A.H. Potthast Professorship in Teaching Excellence. The Potthast Professorship was established in December by Dallas-based financier John H. Massey and his wife, Libba, to honor the memory of Mr. Massey’s grandparents. Dr. Adolph H. Potthast graduated from UTMB with his brother,

Dr. Otto Potthast, in 1915, and was remembered for his generosity and kindness to children, and as a man who refused to let the physical limitations of his later years hinder his care for citizens in his hometown of Weimar.

The Potthast Professorship recognized Lieberman for his leadership role in advancing educational innovations at UTMB and for his dedication to students. “I’m extremely honored to hold this professorship,” Lieberman said. “I will do my best to ensure that our students emulate the same high ideals and standards that were demonstrated by the Potthasts.”

### STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS/ RECOGNITION

**Carlos Reyes-Ortiz, M.D.**, received the Arthur V. Simmang Academic Scholarship from the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences, at the Annual GSBS Ceremony Award on May 9, 2003. Dr. Reyes-Ortiz is a research fellow in the Sealy Center on Aging and a Ph.D. graduate student in the Department of Preventive Medicine and Community Health.

**Kushang Patel**, a graduate student in the Department of Preventive Medicine and Community Health, received two awards: Don W. Micks Scholarship in Preventive Medicine and Community Health and the Jason E. Pearlman Research Award.

**Nuha Lackan, Ph.D.**, received two awards: April 2003, Graduate Scholars Incentive Program, Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences, the University of Texas Medical Branch, and Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality Dissertation Award (R03 HS13547-01) awarded April 2003. Agency for Healthcare Quality and Research, Rockville, Md.



### NEW GRADUATES \_\_\_\_\_ Congratulations to new GSBS doctoral graduates! \_\_\_\_\_

**Debra Newell, Ph.D.**, Dissertation title: “Tamoxifen Use, Adherence to Therapy and Quality of Life in Older Breast Cancer Patients.” Degree awarded May, 2003 from the Department of Preventive Medicine and Community Health. Dissertation Committee Chair: Jean Freeman, Ph.D. Dr. Newell is currently with the Office of Educational Development as a geriatric medical educator and is director of the Hartford Excellence in Geriatric Education Program.

**Nuha Lackan, Ph.D.**, Dissertation title: “Ethnic Variation in the Use of Hospice Care among Cancer Patients.” Degree awarded August, 2003 from the Department of Preventive Medicine and Community Health. Dissertation Committee Chair: Jean Freeman, Ph.D. Dr. Lackan has accepted a postdoctoral position with the Sealy Center on Aging, Health of Older Minorities Training Grant beginning in September, 2003.



## EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

### UTMB ACADEMY FOR LIFELONG LEARNING—OPEN TO ALL SENIORS

*An Initiative of the Sealy Center on Aging and the Institute for the Medical Humanities*

#### What is the Academy for Lifelong Learning?

- College level courses open to all seniors regardless of previous education
- No credits, no exams, no grades—just learning for the love of learning
- Curriculum presented by local experts

Fall semester 2003 offers fascinating new courses and some popular encores. In addition to regularly scheduled classes, learners will participate in new activities added this year, including seminars offered by local experts, field trips, and UTMB related lectures and presentations. You can become a member of the academy if you are 55 years of age or older.

### UTMB'S ACADEMY FOR LIFELONG LEARNING—FALL 2003 CURRICULUM

*Angels to Stethoscopes—Explorations in Spirituality* will be led by Rabbi Jimmy Kessler beginning Tuesday, Sept. 9, from 9:30–11:30 a.m. and ending Oct. 28.

*Lifestory Theater*—beginning Wednesday, Sept. 10 and running for 10 weeks through Wednesday, Nov. 12 from 12:30–2:30 p.m. Classes will be taught by theater professional John Sullivan.

*Lifestory Theater—Advanced Section*—begins on Wednesday, Sept. 17 from 2:45–4:45 p.m., and concludes on Wednesday, Nov. 19.

*The History, the Mystery and the Practice of Contemplative Prayer*—scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 10–Oct. 29, from 10 a.m.–noon at the William Temple Center. The course will be taught by the Rev. Dr. Helen W. Appelberg.

*The Value of Wetlands*—offered by estuary expert Evangeline Whorton, chair of Scenic Galveston. The course will meet Fridays from 10 a.m.–noon from Sept. 26–Nov. 14, and may include field trips and other outings.

*Poets (for and) Against Time* will meet Thursdays, from 2–4 p.m. from Sept. 11–Oct. 30. Popular instructor Dr. John Gorman will lead the course.

*FUNDamentals of Jazz*—an eight week course taught by local professional musician and music teacher Izola Collins begins Thursday, Sept. 18 and continues through Thursday, Nov. 6 from 10 a.m.–noon.

*Migratory Birds of the Texas Gulf Coast*—taught by respected ornithologist Richard Peake, Ph.D., begins Monday, Oct. 20 and meets twice a week for four weeks from 1–3 p.m..

*Share Your Life Story*—a popular technique involving writing, reflecting and sharing stories in a safe and caring environment. Classes will be held at the William Temple Center on Mondays from 1–3 p.m., beginning Sept. 22 and concluding Nov. 10. Michelle Sierpina will facilitate the course. No prior writing skills are required.

*Meaning Among the Memories—Writing and Sharing Your Life Story*—meets Sept. 24 through Nov. 19 on Wednesdays from 9:30–11:30 a.m. There will be no class on Oct. 22. No prior writing skills required.

### REGISTRATION BEGINS MONDAY, AUGUST 25, 2003

Registration is limited and will be made on a first-come, first-served basis.

Classes will be held at Moody Memorial First United Methodist Church  
2803 53rd Street, Galveston; or

The William Temple Center at  
427 Market Street

Ample free parking is available for learners at both locations.

To register, please call: Michelle Sierpina, M.S.,  
(409) 747-4657 or email [msierpin@utmb.edu](mailto:msierpin@utmb.edu).



## CHECKING IN WITH THE UTMB CLAUDE PEPPER OLDER AMERICANS INDEPENDENCE CENTER

**Posters by UTMB Pepper Center investigators presented at the Pepper Center Annual meeting, April, 2003 in Durham, North Carolina:**

### **PROTEOMIC ANALYSIS OF VASTUS LATERALIS MUSCLE IN HEMIPARETIC STROKE PATIENTS: A PROGRESS REPORT**

J.P. Rabek, M. Marchette, W.H. Boylston III, J. Papaconstantinou, R.F. Macko and C. Hafer-Macko. Department of Human Biological Chemistry & Genetics, the University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston, Texas and Baltimore VA and University of Maryland School of Medicine, University of Maryland, Baltimore, Md.

### **A DOSE RESPONSE STUDY EXAMINING THE PROTEIN METABOLIC EFFECTS OF ESSENTIAL AMINO ACID SUPPLEMENTATION IN THE ELDERLY**

M. Sheffield-Moore, D. Paddon-Jones, C. Gilkison, S.E. Wolf, D.W. Lackan, R.R. Wolfe and R.J. Urban. Departments of Surgery and Internal Medicine, the University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston, Texas.

### **LEG MUSCLE METABOLISM IN ELDERLY SUBJECTS WITH PERIPHERAL ARTERIAL DISEASE**

L. Killewich, M. Moore, M. Murakami, J. Goodwin, R. Wolfe. Departments of Surgery and Medicine and Sealy Center for Aging, the University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston, Texas.

## **RECENT PEPPER CENTER PUBLICATIONS**

Copland J.A., Davies P.J., Shipley G.L., Wood C.G., Urban R.J. 2003. "The use of DNA microarrays to assess clinical samples. The transition from bedside to bench to bedside." *Recent Progress in Hormone Research*, 58, 25-53.

Ferrando A.A., Sheffield-Moore M., Paddon-Jones D., Wolfe R.R., Urban R.J. 2003. "Differential anabolic effects of testosterone and amino acid feeding in older men." *Journal of Clinical Endocrinology and Metabolism*, 88, 358-362.

Hsieh C.C. and Papaconstantinou J. 2003. "The Effect of Aging on p38 Signaling Pathway Activity in

## **Call for Applications to UTMB Pepper Center Seed Money Program**

The UTMB Claude Pepper Older Americans Independence Center is soliciting ideas for seed money projects, for those projects to be funded this year, and also for those to be included in the competitive renewal for the Pepper Center which will be submitted this Fall. For the projects to be funded this year, funding for up to \$50,000 per project is available.

For projects that will be included in our competitive renewal, funding of up to \$100,000 per project, over one or two years, is available.

Projects should be relevant to maintaining independence in older individuals. This can be laboratory-based work involving experimental animals or humans, or clinical work.

The current thrust of the UTMB Pepper Center is on muscle function and on studies relevant to the maintenance of functional status and walking ability.

Interested UTMB faculty and fellows should send a brief description of the study they are proposing, along with a biosketch or CV to James S. Goodwin, M.D., director, Sealy Center on Aging, Route 0460. We are encouraging both junior and established investigators to apply.

By "brief," we mean a one-paragraph description. If that description fits in with the overall aims of the Pepper Center, the applicant will then be asked to provide a slightly longer description, with budget. All questions can be directed to Dr. James Goodwin at (409) 747-1987 or by email to [jsgoodwi@utmb.edu](mailto:jsgoodwi@utmb.edu).

the Mouse Liver and in Response to ROS Generated by 3-Nitropropionic Acid." *Mechanisms of Aging and Development*, 123, 1423-1435.

Tipton K.D., Borsheim E., Wolf S.E., Sanford A.P., and Wolfe R.R. 2003. "Acute response of net muscle protein balance reflects 24h balance following exercise and amino acid ingestion." *American Journal of Physiology (Endocrinology and Metabolism)*, 284, E76-89.

Peek M., Ottenbacher K.J., Markides K.S. and Ostir G.V. 2003. "Examining the disablement process in older Mexican Americans." *Social Science and Medicine*, 57, 413-425.



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**THE SEALY CENTER ON AGING** at UTMB has openings for predoctoral and postdoctoral positions for Fall of 2004. Funded by a training grant from the National Institute on Aging, these research positions focus on the health of older minorities, with a particular emphasis on older Hispanics. Fellows will collaborate with any of more than 15 Center faculty, located in Galveston with over \$25 million in aging research in the areas of medical outcomes, health service utilization, social epidemiology, psychosocial stress, and health promotion as they pertain to older minorities. The salary stipend for predoctoral positions is \$21,000 and ranges from \$28,260–\$44,412 for postdoctoral positions depending on experience level. Applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents. Application deadline is March 1. Applicants should send a letter stating research interests, relevant prior training, and a curriculum vitae to: M. Kristen Peek, Ph.D., Department of Preventive Medicine and Community Health, The University of Texas Medical Branch, 301 University Blvd., Galveston, TX, 77555-1153. Email: [mkpeek@utmb.edu](mailto:mkpeek@utmb.edu). UTMB is an equal opportunity, affirmative action institution which proudly values diversity.

**Donations and Bequests** UTMB's Sealy Center on Aging welcomes contributions to further geriatric research, education and training. You can help by contributing to the Fund for the Study of Aging, or contact us for information on how to select a particular program to support. Donations can be made to honor an individual and are deductible for income tax purposes to the extent allowed by law. Donations and bequests may be sent to:

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