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Oh yeah, to renew my  
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## Where Are They Now?



**Tim McAdams, MD**  
Class of 2000

On the Sunday afternoon back in January when the San Francisco 49ers were one winning game away from the NFC Championship and a Super Bowl shot, UNM alum (2000) Timothy McAdams was working the sidelines in Candlestick Park, ready to head to Indianapolis if things went the right way against New York. They didn't - the Giants prevailed that day, so Dr. McAdams went back to his day job as an Associate Professor of Sports Medicine at Stanford University. That doesn't mean he left the training room behind though. Tim is a team physician for the 49ers, as well as for the San Francisco Giants and the Golden State Warriors.

Dr. McAdams graduated from Georgetown University School of Medicine and did his orthopaedics residency at UNM, then went on to complete a fellowship in hand and upper extremity surgery at Stanford. He joined the Hand Division faculty there after his fellowship but soon got interested in working with sports teams. He did a knee arthroscopy fellowship at the Santa Monica Orthopaedic Group in 2007, then transitioned to the Sports Medicine Division at Stanford.

Tim and his wife Myriam live in Los Altos Hills with their three children: daughter Tatiana and twins Dylan and Alyssa. He's always been an athlete himself, remembering gulping a quick cup of coffee post-call at UNM, then hitting the mountain bike or ski trails. "We'd come back refreshed and ready to go the next day," says McAdams. He plays tennis and soccer in California but sees progressive knee chondropenia forcing him to buy some new cycling gear in the near future.

When asked what he remembers most about his time at UNM, he said, "There are too many great memories to name everyone. My co-residents Mike Willis, Jeff Racca, and Dean Smith were the best teammates ever. Oral boards were a breeze thanks to Drs. DeCoster and Moneim. Attention to detail by Drs. Rivero, Pribyl, and Miller have always stuck with me. Calm demeanor and good judgment epitomizes Dr. Wascher. Lastly, I was always reminded of why I loved orthopaedic surgery when I worked with Drs. Echols, Fahey, and Brown."

He went on to add, "I am so grateful for all of those I was lucky enough to work with at UNM. Whenever someone asks me how I got to where I am, I think of my residency training at UNM. There are NO cases or clinical scenarios that would scare a UNM grad, our clinical exposure is unparalleled. Now I see previous co-residents like Drs. Becker, Veitch, Hanosh, Paterson, and Benson on staff and I know that the tradition will continue for a long, long time."

## Letter from the President



**Dean Smith, MD**

Dear Colleagues,

This past April was a very difficult and sad time for all of us after learning of the passing of Dr. Joel Lubin, Class of 2001. Joel will be missed by all of us and our hearts go out to his wife Jenny and his children. For those who did not know Joel, he was a brilliant, hilarious, and dedicated surgeon, father, and outdoorsman. Times like this remind us all of the importance of family, friendship, and support of our comrades.

Our personal lives and orthopaedic practices may be completely different but we all have a common thread with our University of New Mexico training. Through SOAS, we are creating various avenues for our alumni to get together as well as interact with the current and recent graduates of the program. I encourage each and every one of you to stay in touch and reach out to your fellow alumni so that we can continue to cultivate our UNM family culture.

If you haven't taken a recent look, the Department of Orthopaedics faculty has grown significantly and there have been many changes to the hospital and clinic. The residency program has expanded to 5 per year as well as the addition of multiple fellowship positions. Each year, our alumni reception at the AAOS has had increasing attendance and our inaugural Eric Thomas Memorial Golf Tournament in 2011 was a huge success.

Please visit our webpage at <http://orthopaedics.unm.edu/soas/join-soas.html> for information about SOAS and the Department of Orthopaedics.

You can also call Ryan Wood at (505) 272-8745, should you have any questions about your 2012 membership or upcoming events such as the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Eric Thomas Memorial Golf Tournament September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

I hope that this newsletter finds you well and that you will make plans to attend the Annual UNM Alumni Orthopaedic Conference this June as well as our next Golf Tournament this September.

Sincerely,

Dean W. Smith, M.D.

Class of 2000

SOAS President



## 2012 Graduates

### Chief Residents



**C. Jan Gilmore, MD**

**Medical School:** University of New Mexico  
**Fellowship:** Sports Medicine, University of Virginia



**Bryon Hobby, MD**

**Medical School:** University of Washington  
**Fellowship:** Trauma, University of California Davis



**L. Johnson Patman, MD**

**Medical School:** University of Texas Houston  
**Fellowship:** Sports Medicine, University of Utah



**Daniel Stewart, MD**

**Medical School:** University of Texas Houston  
**Fellowship:** Hand, University of Colorado



**David Rust, MD**

**Medical School:** Creighton University  
**Fellowship:** Sports Medicine, Fairview Southdale Hospital

### Fellows



**Matthew Green** (Hand) completed his Juris Doctorate in 2001 from BYU, then his Orthopaedic Residency in 2006 from the Albert Einstein College of Medicine. Dr. Green plans to start his career as a hand surgeon in Provo, UT at Intermountain Healthcare.



**Adam Johnson** (Sports) will begin with the Orthopaedic Associates in Farmington, NM immediately following his fellowship training. Dr. Johnson is a talented young surgeon and the rural community of Farmington will certainly benefit from his services.



**Gavin O'Mahoney** (Hand) will begin his orthopaedic career as a faculty member in the Department of Orthopaedics at the University of Oklahoma School of Medicine.



**Leroy Rise** (Trauma) has accepted an offer in Santa Fe, NM with Christus St. Vincent's Hospital. The native Floridian and his wife and son are looking forward to staying in NM and enjoying the beautiful year round weather and unique culture of Santa Fe.



**Jonathan Wyatt** (Sports) upon completion of his fellowship, Dr. Wyatt will be moving to Little Rock, Arkansas where he will practice orthopaedic sports medicine at OrthoArkansas. Dr. Wyatt will be the only UNM orthopaedic alumni in the state of Arkansas.

## Upcoming Events

### *2nd Annual Eric Thomas Memorial Golf Tournament*



**9:00 a.m. Shotgun Start  
Saturday, September 15, 2012  
UNM Championship Golf Course  
Awards Banquet**

**immediately following golf**

*Register online at*

<http://orthopaedics.unm.edu/soas/et>

*or contact Ryan Wood at  
rwood03@salud.unm.edu*





## Incoming Residents & Fellows



### **Michael Decker, MD**

**Undergraduate:** Human Physiology, University of Boston

**Medical School:** University of Illinois



### **Katherine Gavin, MD**

**Undergraduate:** Human Biology, Ausburg College

**Medical School:** Medical College of Wisconsin



### **Keith Gill, MD**

**Undergraduate:** Biology, Chemistry, Classics, Texas Tech University

**Medical School:** Texas Tech University



### **Drew Newhoff, MD**

**Undergraduate:** Biology, Walburg College

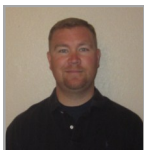
**Medical School:** University of Iowa



### **Ian Power, MD**

**Undergraduate:** History, Criminology, University of New Mexico

**Medical School:** University of New Mexico



### **James Clark, MD - Hand**

**Medical School:** Texas Tech University

**Residency:** Texas Tech School of Medicine



### **Matthew Ferguson, MD - Sports**

**Medical School:** University of Texas Medical School at Houston

**Residency:** Mount Sinai School of Medicine



### **Aaron Hoblet, MD - Hand**

**Medical School:** Ohio State University

**Residency:** Madigan Army Medical Center



### **Urvij Modhia, MD - Trauma**

**Medical School:** Gujarat University, Ahmedabad, India

**Residency:** SMT. NHL Municipal Medical College, Ahmedabad, India



### **Benjamin Olson, MD - Sports**

**Medical School:** Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine

**Residency:** Ohio University - Affinity Hospital

## Incoming Faculty



### **Brad Blankenhorn, MD**

Dr. Blankenhorn specializes in the treatment of common and complex disorders of the foot and ankle. His practice focuses on the treatment of acute and subacute traumatic injuries to the foot and ankle and reconstructive surgery of the foot and ankle including arthritic and flatfoot deformities. His practice also includes the arthroscopic treatment of sports related injuries of the foot and ankle.

Dr. Blankenhorn received his medical degree from the University of Pittsburgh, and also holds a Master of Science degree in Bio-engineering from The Pennsylvania State University. He completed an orthopaedic residency at Brown University, and fellowships in Orthopaedic Trauma at Brown University and Foot and Ankle Surgery at the University of Utah. His research interests include the normal and pathologic biomechanics of the foot and ankle as well as the biomechanics of fracture fixation in the ankle and total ankle arthroplasty. Dr. Blankenhorn is a member of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons and the American Orthopaedic Foot and Ankle Society. He is a Board-Eligible Orthopaedic Surgeon with the American Board of Orthopaedic Surgeons.



### **David Chafey, MD**

Dr Chafey obtained his medical degree at Ponce School of Medicine in Puerto Rico. He completed his residency in orthopaedic surgery at Baylor College of Medicine. He then went on to complete a fellowship in orthopaedic trauma at Sonoran Orthopaedic Trauma Surgeons in Scottsdale, Arizona. He is currently at the University of Texas - MD Anderson Cancer Center training in Musculoskeletal Oncology. He is expected to join the UNM Orthopaedics team in August of 2012. His clinical interests include limb salvage, pelvic reconstruction, and metastatic disease to the bone.



### **Ali Zahrai, MD**

Dr. Ali Zahrai grew up in Toronto, Canada where he completed his Bachelor of Science degree at the University of Toronto. He is a graduate of the University of Manitoba medical school in Winnipeg, Canada. He completed residency in Orthopaedic surgery at the University of Toronto. During residency he was selected to the Surgeon-Scientist Program obtaining a Master of Science degree with his research focusing on patient education and outcomes in spine surgery. During this time he developed an educational tool for patients undergoing spine surgery. He then traveled to Atlanta, Georgia for fellowship in spine surgery at Emory University. Dr. Zahrai is a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons of Canada (FRCSC) – board certified in Orthopaedic surgery. His clinical interests include degenerative disorders of the spine and minimally invasive spine surgery. Ali and his wife Lucy are the proud parents of their son Darius who will be celebrating his first birthday this September.



## Remembering Joel



Joel Lubin, MD  
Class of 2001

*“Joel was a person whose company made me a better person, and certainly a better doctor,” Mike Willis Class of 2000.*

Dr. Joel Lubin passed away March 31, 2012, and he is deeply missed by friends and family. Joel was a spirited man who loved to ski, bike, fly fish, hike, and camp. But most importantly, he was a great doctor who strove to meet the highest standards he could set for himself.

Joel was born June 5, 1969, in Oxnard, California to Linda Fingerhut and Michael Lubin. He graduated with a B.S. with honors from the University of California Davis and went to Tufts Medical School. After medical school, Dr. Lubin completed his orthopaedic residency at the University of New Mexico in 2001.

Dr. Lubin is survived by his wife, Jennifer Lubin; his three children, Joshua, Taylor, and Parker; his parents; and his brother, Mark Lubin. After reading all the amazing comments his friends left on Dr. Lubin’s Comment Board, it is easy to realize that his heart and his humor are still alive in the memories he left behind. Patrick Fitch says he will always remember Joel as “a person with a great spirit, quick wit and compassion for those he cared about.” Amit Argarwala says “He

brought such a fun loving nature to everything we did and was never short on hilarious quips on moments from skiing in Whistler (Sunshine puking on the slopes) to fishing with everyone for salmon in Colorado (making dorsal fin hooking a sport). Then when it came to work, he seemed to know how to turn on the professional side, and what a surgeon and teacher he was.” And Michael Willis spoke of all the amazing trips they went on saying, “I often was left laughing at the impression that moguls were left moaning in his wake; that he tested, and discovered, the weaknesses of ski equipment and design (I personally witnessed him destroy two skis and at least one pole that I recall); and as a fisherman I could only hope to aspire to his absolute mastery of the often discussed but rarely witnessed skill of hooking a fish in the dorsal fin, a technique that Joel would coin as ‘sticking them in the sweet spot.’”

Joel will be missed by many, but all his hard work, the family he was a part of, the effort he put into orthopaedic residency, and the fun he had with his friends are truly a legacy many should envy and, we can hope, many will follow. It is sad to see such a person go at such a young age. But if we keep Joel in our hearts and think of him at least once a day to remind ourselves what hard work and good humor can do, we will know that not only are we better for knowing him, but we get better by remembering him.

## The Joel Lubin Memorial Lecture Fund

Friends,

We hope this letter finds you well. Unfortunately, we have some sad news to report. There has been a tragic loss in our UNM Orthopaedic family. As many of you know, Joel Lubin, UNM Orthopaedics Class of 2001, passed away earlier this year. Joel was an outstanding person, doctor, friend, and father. His loss has shocked and saddened all of those who knew Joel well. As many of us are, Joel was a lifelong scholar of orthopaedics. Despite the demanding schedule that residency requires, he would rise early every day to read before rounds. He was dedicated to learning and teaching his craft and he did it well. He was a valued member of our UNM Orthopaedic family and will be greatly missed.

Several UNM Orthopaedic alumni have inquired on a way to do something positive in Joel’s memory. After discussion with Joel’s wife, Jenny, we have started a fund to support a visiting professor lectureship in Joel’s memory. These funds would be used to bring a nationally recognized professor for a day with the residents to enhance their education. It is our hope to raise enough funds to make this a permanent annual experience for the residents to honor Joel’s passion for learning and teaching. This would be a unique opportunity to broaden the UNM residency experience.

We realize that there are numerous causes to which you can donate your money. We believe this is a unique opportunity to give back to your residency program in a meaningful way. Even if you did not know Joel directly, he shared the enthusiasm for learning that many of you do and this would be a fantastic opportunity to help enhance the residency experience for those who follow in your footsteps. Any support you are able to contribute would be greatly appreciated to make this memorial realty.

Please make these contributions directly to the UNM Sandia Orthopaedic Alumni Society, Joel Lubin Memorial Lectureship. These funds will be controlled directly by the Alumni society. As with any donation to the department, your contribution would be tax deductible. Thank you for your consideration of this worthy cause. Please feel free to contact us directly with questions or suggestions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dean Smith'.

Dean Smith (Class of 2000)  
SOAS President

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jeremy Becker'.

Jeremy Becker (Class of 1997)  
SOAS Vice President



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## *The Joel Lubin Memorial Lecture*

*The UNM Department of Orthopaedics and the Sandia Orthopaedic Alumni Society have established the Joel Lubin Memorial Lecture Fund through the UNM Foundation. This fund will require an annual contribution of \$5,000 that will support a nationally recognized professor to present at Grand Rounds, and spend a day with the residents to enhance their educational experience at UNM. For more information or to make a contribution please contact Ryan Wood at [rwood03@salud.unm.edu](mailto:rwood03@salud.unm.edu).*

*Details Coming Soon.*

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