

# Cooper Dermatology Newsletter

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## A word from the Program Director Dr. Lacy Sommer

With only a few short months left in the 2025-2026 Academic year, we look forward to the transitions ahead. We will celebrate the graduations of our Chief Residents, **Kristen Randolph, MD** and **Erika Tvedten, DO**. Kristen will be joining Dermatology Associates of Morris in Parsippany, NJ. Erika will begin her Mohs Fellowship at Lehigh Valley Health Network in Allentown, PA. Our graduating Mohs Fellow, **Kyle Lauck, MD**, will be splitting time between a private practice in Princeton, NJ and Memphis, TN. We wish our graduates the utmost success on their future endeavors!

We will welcome **Christopher Farkouh, MD** and **Carissa Walkosak, MD** as our incoming first year dermatology residents and **Pooja Rambhia, MD** as our incoming Mohs fellow.

We will expand the faculty with the addition of **Mia Do, MD, PhD**. Dr Do is completing her Dermatopathology Fellowship at the University of Pennsylvania and will join us full-time on August 1. We plan to highlight Dr Do in a future edition of our newsletter.

We thank you all for your continued support and engagement of our residency program. Wishing you all a Happy Spring and Summer!





## Highlights from Denver: Cooper Dermatology at AAD 2026

Cooper had another successful turnout at the AAD in Denver!

**Kristen Randolph (PGY-4)** presented her case of “[Extensive Cutaneous Metastases of Gastric Adenocarcinoma](#)” at the Resident Gross and Microscopic Symposium, which she wrote with **Dr Jennings**.

**Dr Heymann** gave multiple talks including, “[A Clinician's Perspective: Commentaries From the Journal of the American Academy of Dermatology](#)” and “[Dermatological Urgent Care: When Banalities Surprise You.](#)” **Dr Lawrence** directed the session, “[Dermatology Review: Skin Cancer, Surgical, and Cosmetic](#)” where **Dr Jennings** and **Dr Renzi** shared “*Advice for the first ten years of surgical practice; mistakes/missed opportunities, efficiencies, tips, and pearls.*”

Thank you to those who stopped to visit at our alumni reunion! Pictured below is **Bilal Fawaz, Lindsay Eminger, Carrie Cobb, Christian Millet, Camille Introcaso, Maryam Liaqat, Kristen Randolph, Mike Renzi, Donald Baker,** and **Lane Neidig**. Looking forward to San Francisco in 2027!



## Congratulations on the Match!

Congratulations

We are thrilled to welcome back **Luke Scherz, MD** - one of our prior research fellows, as our Dermatology Resident Match for 2025-2026. Luke is finishing up medical school at Geisinger Commonwealth School of Medicine before completing his transitional year at Mercy Catholic Medical Center in PA. Luke will join us at Cooper in July 2027. Welcome back, Luke!

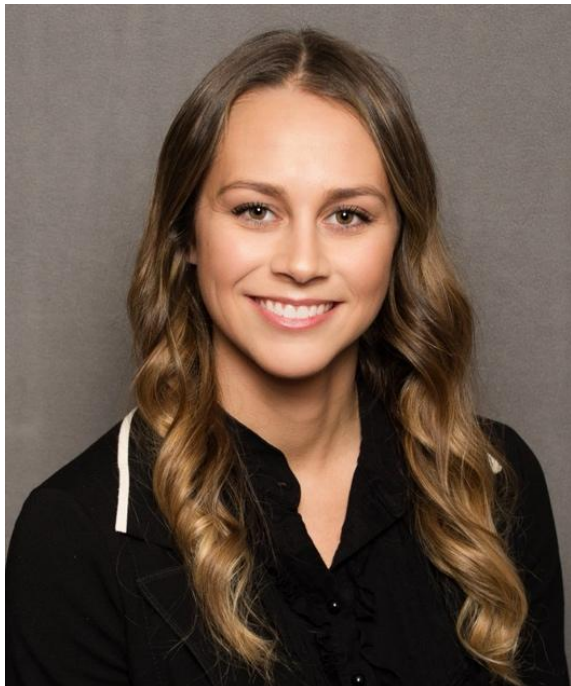
**WELCOME TO COOPER  
DERMATOLOGY**

Class of 2030

**Luke Scherz**  
Geisinger Commonwealth School of  
Medicine

 **Cooper Medical School  
of Rowan University** **Match Day 2026**

## Cooper University Hospital - Resident of the Quarter



Congratulations to **Erika Tvedten, DO (PGY-4)** on receiving Cooper University Hospital's Q4 Resident of the Quarter award. Erika was nominated by several faculty where her compassion and altruism were extolled: "We had a patient who needed an urgent medication that was difficult to obtain, and Dr Tvedten went above and beyond spending a significant amount of time reaching out to pharmacy, outpatient facilities, and the drug manufacturer to coordinate care for the patient. In addition to her clinical duties, her altruism extends to the community; she raised funds and set records completing a 24-hours charitable event for Legacy of Hope, a local cancer support non-profit."

Way  
to go!

## American College of Mohs Surgery's 2026 Distinguished Fellowship Educator Award



Congratulations to **Dr Lawrence** for being awarded the prestigious 2026 Distinguished Fellowship Educator Award!

Former trainees and colleagues nominated and awarded **Dr. Lawrence** this honor recognizing her years of as an exceptional surgeon and mentor as the Fellowship Director of the Cooper Micrographic Surgery and Cutaneous Oncology Fellowship. The award was announced during the American College of Mohs Surgery Annual Meeting in Austin, Texas in May.

## 2026 Johnson-Beerman and Stelwagon Competition Winners



The Philadelphia Dermatological Society with the Section on Dermatology of The College of Physicians of Philadelphia sponsors the annual Johnson-Beerman and Stelwagon awards competition.

We are proud to recognize **Kristen Randolph (PGY-4)** (left) and **Diana Zarowin (PGY-2)** (right) as 2026 Honorable Mentions!

Award winners were recognized by the Philadelphia Dermatological Society and College of Physicians Section on Dermatology at The College of Physicians in Philadelphia on April 10.

### Stelwagon Honorable Mention for Original Research:

*Bachmann- Bupp Syndrome: Recognizing Rare Pattern of Alopecia Leads to Diagnosis of Genetic Condition.* **Diana Zarowin, MD**, Cooper Medical School of Rowan University.

*Cutaneous manifestations of injection drug use.* **Kristen Randolph, MD**, Cooper Medical School of Rowan University.

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## Alumni Spotlight



## Maryam Liaqat, MD

**Hometown:** Lahore, Pakistan

**Undergraduate:** Stanford University, Stanford, CA

**Medical School:** University of Utah School of Medicine, Salt Lake City, UT

**Internship:** UCSF-Fresno, Fresno, CA

**Current Location:** Kaiser Permanente Medical Group / Santa Clara, CA



**Clinical interests and scope of practice:** Pigmented lesions and hair loss

**What is your fondest memory of Cooper Dermatology?** Hang outs with Dr. Green and Dr. Halpern after clinic or during clinic on Cooper clinic days. Long evenings spent with my coresidents, Tia Pyle and Niraj Butala, in the resident room catching up on messages or cancer logs. Reading path with Dr. Heymann on Friday and Kodachromes with Dr. Manders. Both of which I floundered but thoroughly enjoyed. Lunch time with Dr. Lawrence - life lessons were taught.

**Words of advice to current dermatology residents:** Pay attention to the teaching pearls from all the attendings - you won't find them in textbooks or OpenEvidence. Seek a close bond with your co-residents, they become like family. Find one aspect of dermatology you enjoy and immerse yourself in it - it will prevent burn out. Volunteer - it will help you appreciate your privilege and keep you grounded.

**Words of advice to recent graduates:** As Dr. Lawrence says, "if you want something done, give it to a busy person." Say yes to things at your current or future employment whether that is mentoring residents in clinic or research projects, whether it's taking on a specialty clinic or being tasked to create social media content for your hospital. You won't like everything, but trying things early will enrich your practice and increase your joy in medicine.

**Favorite clinical pearl:** A recurrent quote during grand rounds, "swim to the edge of the lesion." I have taught it to many trainees and it has guided my own clinical decision making.



## Fellow Spotlight

## Kyle Lauck, MD

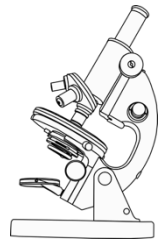
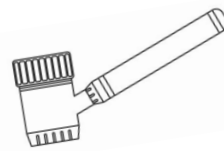


Kyle is our current Mohs Fellow graduating in June 2026. Upon graduation he will be splitting time between a private practice in Princeton, NJ and Memphis, TN.

**Hometown:** Wichita Falls, TX

**Medical School:** McGovern Medical School at UT-Houston, TX

**Residency:** Baylor University Medical Center, Dallas, TX



**Why did you choose dermatology or Mohs fellowship?** I enjoy taking care of cancer patients and doing a wide array of complex procedures.

**Favorite clinical pearl:** Regarding subtle tumors, "when in doubt, track it out (through the deeper cuts)"

**What will you take away from your fellowship training here?** Surgical and pathology knowledge beyond the scope of description here, but equal to that, a deep and humbling respect for the integrity and process of Mohs surgery.

**Words of advice to current dermatology residents?** Focus on mastering morphology and clinicopathologic correlation, seek mentors early, and stay curious about the breadth of dermatology. The habits you build during residency, especially how carefully you observe and think about disease, shape the rest of your career.

**If you weren't a doctor, what would you be:** Teacher/Professor

**If not in derm clinic where are you/what are you doing:** At the gym or exploring Philadelphia.

**Historical person you'd like to have dinner with:** Leonardo Da Vinci - art, anatomy, and Italian wine, what more can you ask for?

**Celebrity you'd most want to meet:** Neil deGrasse Tyson

**Dream vacation location:** Patagonia

**Favorite Podcast:** The DermSurgery Digest

**Favorite show to watch or stream:** *The Knick*, grungy fictional period piece chronicling the advent of the surgery at the turn of the 20th century. Solid recommendation for anyone in medicine.



## Departmental Scholarly Activity

### 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Cooper Scholars Forum Posters:

Leukocytoclastic vasculitis localized to herpes zoster: a unique presentation of locus minoris resistentiae. Sirover L, **Manders SM**.

Xoxe M, Scherz LA, **Tvedten E**, Finkelstein M, **Introcaso CE**. Effect of Pre-discharge Scheduling on Outpatient Follow-up After Inpatient Dermatology Consultation. Presented as a poster at the Cooper Scholars Forum, Camden, NJ 2026. Winner of the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Cooper Scholars Poster Contest, Quality Improvement Category

Sinibaldi S. Spina O. **Zarowin D. Green JJ**. Hookim K, **Introcaso CE**. Rare Presentation of Calcinosis Cutis in Previously Irradiated Skin.

Fiore A, Spandorfer S, **Zarowin D**, Hookim K, **McMahon P**, Doktor K, **Introcaso CE**. Comprehensive Multidisciplinary Care in the Management of Multibacillary Leprosy.

Spina O. **Introcaso CE**. Lymphomatoid Papulosis: An Additional Challenge in Patients with Skin of Color.

Xoxe M, **Randolph K**, Lee JB, **Jennings, T**. Cutaneous Metastases in Gastric Adenocarcinoma.

Olechowski V, Muhammad M, Wang E, **Randolph K, Sommer LL**. Blastomyocsis-like Pyoderma.

*Have you published something recently? Please let us know and we will share it in our next newsletter!*



Don't miss *The DermSurgery Digest*, a monthly podcast hosted by **Dr Naomi Lawrence** and co-host **Dr Mike Renzi** (Chief Resident 2020-2021 and Mohs Fellow 2021-2022) where you can hear a concise monthly review of journal articles from "*Dermatologic Surgery*."



## From the Archives



**Ancient artifacts: who remembers carrying this tackle box to Peds Derm clinic for procedures and then dictating charts?**

*Please send photos you'd like to highlight. We love seeing these blasts from the past!*

## Shared Alumni Database



Since the Program's inception by **Dr. Warren Heymann** in 1995, our Program has aimed to promote and foster competent and compassionate care for patients and instill in our residents a commitment to excellence and life-long learning.

We are proud of you, **our alumni**, for carrying on our mission and the many successes you have achieved along the way.

The goal of the shared database is to help our alumni, faculty, and current trainees to connect to one another for professional opportunities. Please add or edit your information as appropriate.

[Cooper Alumni Shared Database Google Doc](#)

## Important Dates for 2025-2026

Please join us for **Virtual Grand Rounds** for the upcoming academic year. You may use the Zoom Link below. The usual format is 7:45-8:00am Lightning Rounds, 8:00-9:00am in-depth case discussions, and 9:00-10:00am Guest Speaker Lecture. Dr Heymann and the residents present Journal Club 10:00-11:00am.

### Join Zoom Meeting

Meeting ID: **815 3680 0511**

Passcode: **769928**

### Grand Rounds Dates:

- May 7, 2026 - **Dr Kyle Lauck** (Cooper) Mohs Micrographic Fellow
- June 4, 2026 - Case discussion only, no guest lecture

### Philadelphia Dermatologic Society Meetings: (Virtual)

- The Lewis Katz School of Medicine at Temple University - May 22, 2026



## From the Division Head

Dear friends and colleagues,



**Dr. Camille Introcaso**

We are so proud that Dr. Lawrence was recognized by the American College of Mohs Surgeons with the 2026 Distinguished Fellowship Educator Award! Her work as the Fellowship Director at Cooper exemplifies the excellence in teaching and mentoring to which all of our faculty strive.

The annual Cooper Scholars Forum and Poster Contest is an opportunity for our Division to mentor trainees. As detailed above, this year Dermatology had seven entries, representing collaboration between medical students, residents, and attendings. You might remember the challenges of writing your first case report or designing your first poster, as well as the excitement of seeing your work in print. Depending on where you are in your career, you might also think of the hurdles of mentoring a learner through their first manuscript and the satisfaction of watching their growth. At Cooper Dermatology we are lucky to have many students who express interest in our field, and our residents and faculty offer mentoring and clinical research experiences whenever possible.

If you are interested in making a connection with a medical student, please let us know. You might consider having someone shadow you for a day, work on a case report, or simply have phone conversation about your career. We are lucky to work in a rewarding field where we can make significant improvements in the lives of our patients, and we can share that message with the next generation.

***The Dermatology Education, Research, and Training Fund of the Cooper Foundation now has its own direct link. Click below or scan the QR code:***  
<https://foundation.cooperhealth.org/online-giving-form/dermatology-education-research-training/>



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