

# Faculty News

## Dr. Colvin Named Chairman of New Department of Cardiothoracic Surgery; Dr. Galloway to be Successor

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Stephen B. Colvin, M.D., has been named Chairman of the newly created Department of Cardiothoracic Surgery. He will also serve as the first Seymour Cohn Professor of Cardiothoracic Surgery. He will be succeeded in January 2007 by Aubrey C. Galloway, M.D., Professor of Cardiothoracic Surgery, who was named Vice Chairman and Chairman Designate.

Dr. Colvin earned his M.D. from the Albert Einstein College of Medicine and completed his internship and residency at NYU. After a fellowship at the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, he returned to NYU for training in cardiothoracic surgery and soon joined the faculty. For seven years he directed the cardiothoracic surgery residency program, and in 1995 he was named Director of the Division of Cardiothoracic Surgery.

Dr. Colvin pioneered mitral valve repair surgery in the United States and is a clinical leader in the development of minimally invasive valve surgery. He is a member of the American College of Cardiology the American College of Surgeons, the Society of Thoracic Surgeons, and the American Association for Thoracic Surgery.

Dr. Galloway earned his M.D. from the Tulane School of Medicine and completed his internship and general surgery residency at the University of Colorado Health Science Center, and did a research fellowship with Dr.



*Stephen B. Colvin, M.D. (right) and Aubrey C. Galloway, M.D.*

Judah Folkman of Harvard Medical School. After completing a residency in cardiothoracic surgery at NYU, he joined the faculty in 1985.

Dr. Galloway is currently the director of the cardiothoracic surgery residency program. His research includes development of techniques for valve repair and minimally invasive cardiac surgery, studies on restorative surgery for heart failure and off-pump coronary bypass grafting, and the investigation of intracellular signaling pathways leading to cell proliferation or cell death in vessel wall remodeling.

## Jonathan D. Brodie, M.D., Ph.D., Chosen Interim Chairman of Psychiatry

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Jonathan D. Brodie, M.D., Ph.D., ('75) the Marvin Stern Professor of Psychiatry, has been appointed Interim Chairman of the Department, until a successor is found to replace Robert Cancro, M.D., the Lucius N. Littauer Professor of Psychiatry, who recently stepped down after serving as Chairman for nearly 29 years.

Dr. Brodie received both his B.S. in chemistry as a Ford Foundation Scholar and his Ph.D. in physiological chemistry from the University of

Wisconsin, Madison. After completing an NIH Postdoctoral Fellowship at the Scripps Clinic and Research Foundation in La Jolla, Calif., he became an Assistant Professor and then Associate Professor in the Department of Biochemistry at the State University of New York at Buffalo. He then decided to pursue a career in medicine and earned his M.D. at NYU. After completing residencies at Bellevue and Tisch hospitals, he returned to the School as a faculty member.

Dr. Brodie has published more than 100 peer-reviewed articles and has contributed chapters to numerous books and monographs in the area of brain imaging. He has also contributed to a number of educational films about brain imaging and, with several colleagues, has been awarded nine United States patents related to a pharmacological strategy that involves the use of gamma vinyl-GABA for the treatment of numerous addictions.

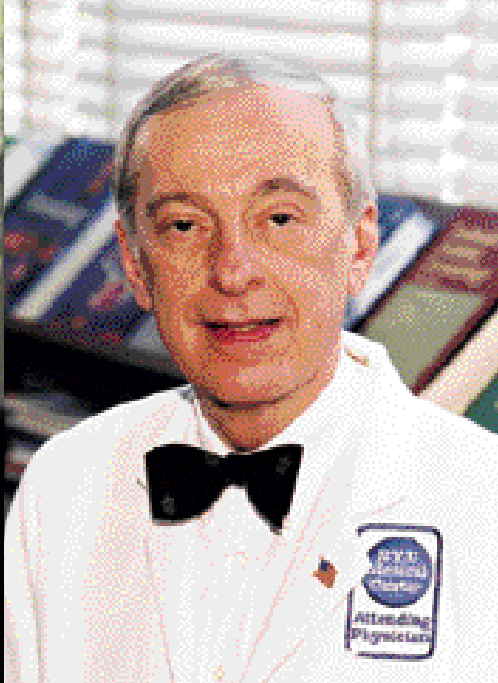
## Nicholas A. Soter, M.D., Appointed Interim Chairman of Dermatology

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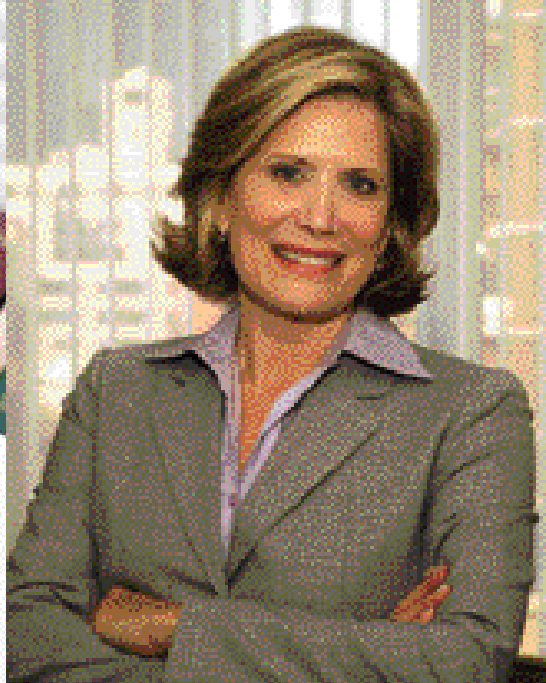
Nicholas A. Soter, M.D., Professor of Dermatology, has been appointed Interim Chairman of the Ronald O.



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Susan Kind

Perelman Department of Dermatology while the search is ongoing for a permanent Chairman to replace Irwin Freedberg, M.D., who recently died (see page 44).

Dr. Soter received his M.D. from the University of Texas Southwestern Medical School in Dallas. After completing an internship in medicine at the Boston City Hospital and residencies in dermatology at Baylor University Affiliated Hospitals in Houston and at Massachusetts General Hospital, he became a research fellow in immunology at Harvard Medical School in 1971, eventually becoming Associate Professor of Dermatology. He joined NYU in 1983 as a Professor of Dermatology and was appointed Vice Chairman for Clinical Affairs last year.

Dr. Soter has published more than 100 peer-reviewed articles and has contributed to over 150 books and periodicals. His research focuses on mast cell biology, inflammatory mediators in dermatologic disorders, and the pathophysiology of urticaria and angioedema. He has been active on numerous national and regional professional committees and task forces, including the Society for Investigative Dermatology, the American Academy of Dermatology, and the American Dermatological Association.

## Susan Kind Named Vice Dean for Development

Susan Kind, B.A., M.A., has been chosen to be Vice Dean for Development at NYU School of Medicine and Vice President for Development at NYU Hospitals Center. Before coming to NYU, Ms. Kind was Senior Vice President for Development at Continuum Health Partners, Inc. From 1997 to 2002, as Vice President for Development at Montefiore Medical Center, she managed and directed a \$120 million capital campaign for that institution's children's hospital.

Previously she served as Senior Director of Development for the Tisch School of the Arts at NYU's Washington Square Campus. She has also held several positions in Development at Vassar College.

Ms. Kind earned her bachelor's and master's degrees from the State University of New York at New Paltz.

## Ruth Lehmann, Ph.D., Elected to National Academy of Sciences

Ruth Lehmann, Ph.D., the Julius Raynes Professor of Developmental Genetics at the Skirball Institute of

Biomolecular Medicine and an Investigator at the Howard Hughes Medical Institute, has been elected a foreign associate member of the National Academy of Sciences (NAS). Election to the NAS is widely considered one of the highest accolades that can be accorded to a scientist or engineer.

Dr. Lehmann received her Ph.D. from the University of Tübingen, Germany, in 1985. There she worked with Christiane Nüsslein-Volhard, Ph.D., now a Nobel laureate, and discovered the gene responsible for assembling germ plasm in fruit flies. In 1988 Dr. Lehmann joined the Whitehead Institute at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and continued her research on the molecular genetics and biochemistry of development. In 1996 she joined NYU's Skirball Institute of Biomolecular Medicine, where she and Alexandra Joyner, Ph.D., Professor of Cell Biology and Physiology and Neuroscience, coordinate the research program in developmental genetics.

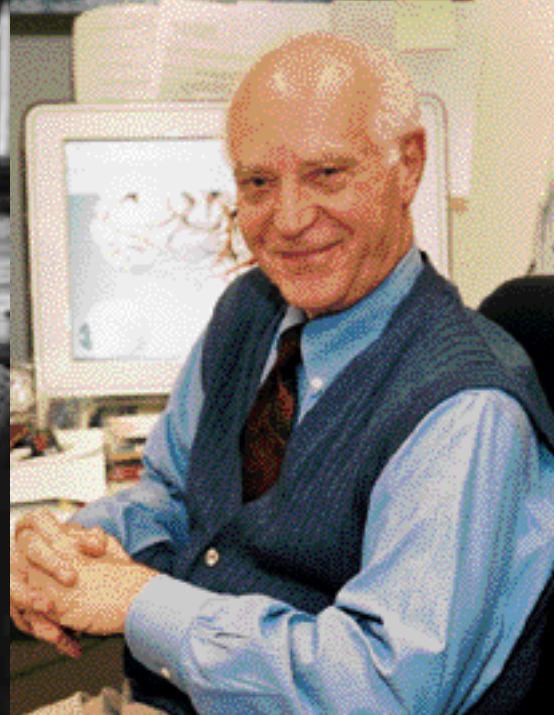
Dr. Lehmann is also Director of the new Helen L. and Martin S. Kimmel Center for Stem Cell Biology and Director of the Developmental Genetics Program at the Sackler Institute of Graduate Biomedical Sciences. Her work on germ cells, which give rise to egg and sperm, during early develop-



*Ruth Lehmann, Ph.D.*



*Saul J. Farber, M.D.*



*Martin S. Nachbar, M.D.*

ment of the embryo has led to a better understanding of what may cause germline cancers and sterility.

Other faculty who are members of the National Academy of Sciences are Dan R. Littman, M.D., Ph.D., the Helen L. and Martin S. Kimmel Professor of Molecular Immunology; Rodolfo Llinas, M.D., Ph.D., the Thomas and Suzanne Murphy Professor of Neuroscience and Chairman of the Department of Physiology and Neuroscience; and David D. Sabatini, M.D., Ph.D., the Frederick L. Ehrman Professor of Cell Biology and Chairman of the Department of Cell Biology.

## Bellevue Auditorium Named in Honor of Former Dean Saul J. Farber, M.D.

“Dr. Saul Farber,” wrote his friend Lewis Thomas, M.D., the renowned writer and former Dean of NYU School of Medicine, was “in love with Bellevue—the whole hospital.” Indeed, if there’s one physician who has become synonymous with Bellevue Hospital over the years, it is Saul J. Farber, M.D. (’42). During his six decades of service at NYU School of Medicine, Dr. Farber served as Provost of NYU Medical

Center, 13th Dean of the School, Chairman of the Department of Medicine, and Chief of Medical Services at Bellevue, where his major office was always located. On May 10, 2005, Bellevue recognized Dr. Farber for his longtime service and devotion by dedicating the Saul J. Farber, M.D. Auditorium in his honor. With many dignitaries in attendance, Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg extolled Dr. Farber’s dedication and accomplishments.

Located just inside the entrance of Bellevue’s new Ambulatory Care Pavilion, the 75-seat Farber Auditorium will be a venue for medical conferences, hospital events, and community gatherings. At the dedication ceremony, NYU officials announced the creation of the Saul J. Farber, M.D., Lectureship in Public Health. Sponsored by Phillips Medical Systems, it will be awarded to one medical student each year—in the Farber Auditorium.

## Martin S. Nachbar, M.D., Awarded Distinguished Teaching Medal

Martin S. Nachbar, M.D., (’62) Associate Professor of Microbiology and Medicine, has received the Distinguished Teaching

Medal, New York University’s highest award for teaching. He is the fourth member of the School’s faculty to be so honored.

After graduating from the School, Dr. Nachbar spent two years in the Navy. He completed his residency in internal medicine at Bellevue in 1966, and followed it with a training fellowship in the Department of Microbiology. After serving as Assistant Professor and Associate Professor of Medicine and Microbiology at NYU for 19 years, he took on the added role of microbiology course coordinator from 1989 to 2001.

In 1987 Dr. Nachbar started the Hippocrates Project, the School’s first organized effort to apply computer technologies to its curriculum for more efficient learning. The multimedia program he created, which allows students to learn various aspects of the basic and clinical sciences of medicine in a virtual environment, evolved into the Advanced Educational Systems (AES). As Director of AES, he led the development of the Surgical Interactive Multimedia Modules, or SIMMs, computerized tutorials based upon an apprenticeship model that offers students a more in-depth and interactive experience than a traditional surgical lecture.