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AAPath E-News: March 2026

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ANNOUNCING THE 2026-2027 AAPath COUNCIL LEADERSHIP

AAPath 2026 Election Outcomes

The AAPath Nominating Committee, chaired by Past President Chen Liu, MD, PhD (Yale University), recently conducted elections for open positions on the AAPath Council, including President-Elect, Practice & Management Committee Chair, and Research Committee Chair. We are pleased to congratulate the newly elected candidates:

President-Elect



Practice & Management Committee Chair



Research Committee Chair



Jenny Libien, MD, PhD

*Chair of Pathology at SUNY
Downstate Health Sciences
University*

Merce Jorda, MD, PhD, MBA

*Chair of Pathology and
Laboratory Medicine at the
University of Miami Miller
School of Medicine*

Daniel Brat, MD, PhD

*Chair of Pathology at
Northwestern University
Feinberg School of Medicine*

AAPath is privileged to be guided by diverse, talented, and dedicated volunteer leadership. The AAPath Council encourages all Chair members to explore pathways to Council service by participating in AAPath committees. For more information about volunteer opportunities, please see the AAPath Committees webpage at: www.academicpathology.org/committees and contact info@academicpathology.org.

2026-2027 Member Section Councils and Senior Fellows Group Executive Committee

Member Section activities are driven by dedicated volunteer leaders who work throughout the year to advocate for members and develop valuable professional development opportunities, including programming for the Annual Meeting. We invite you to learn more about each Member Section Council using the links below. Councils are currently conducting nominations and elections for leadership positions for the 2026-2027 academic year.

- [PRODS Council](#)
- [UMEDS Council](#)
- [APEX Council](#)
- [GMEAS Council](#)

[The Senior Fellows Group \(SFG\)](#) is governed by an Executive Committee elected by their Senior Fellow colleagues. The following Senior Fellows were recently elected to serve two-year terms (2026-2028) in the roles indicated:

- **Secretary:** Douglas C. Miller, MD, PhD
- **Councilor:** Debra G.B. Leonard, MD, PhD

They will join the other SFG Executive Committee members with terms ending in 2027:

- **Chair:** Barbara S. Ducatman, MD
- **Vice Chair:** James M. Crawford, MD, PhD
- **Councilor:** William A. Muller, MD, PhD
- **Immediate Past Chair:** David N. Bailey, MD

Established in 2017, the Senior Fellows Group comprises former academic department Chairs who continue to support AAPath's mission through active engagement in programs, committees, and projects. Senior Fellows also provide valuable guidance, consultation, and mentorship to current Chairs, AAPath members, and pathology faculty interested in leadership development.

APEX Operating Procedures Approved!

The APEX Council is pleased to announce that APEX members have approved amendments to the APEX Operating Procedures. To learn more, please [click here](#) to view the full announcement. The updated Operating Procedures are available on the AAPath website at: www.academicpathology.org/apex

AAPath 2025 Compensation Benchmarking Study

Initiate Today and Complete in April

Departments that demonstrate interest in completing the AAPath Faculty & Administrator Compensation survey **by STARTING their submissions TODAY** will have **additional time** to complete their submissions in the month of April. Don't miss out on being included in the data collection that represents compensation trends in academic departments of pathology. *TIP: Submit something/anything to initiate and hold your department's place to complete your submission by the end of April.*

Don't delay – START your submission TODAY!

Access the collection platform at: apc.dynamicbenchmarking.com/

If your department has already submitted data, THANK YOU! You have saved 5% off the next round of AAPath departmental membership dues in 2027! Encourage your other member Chair (and APEX) colleagues to do the same. The aggregate data will be the data you need to:

- advocate for your faculty and executive administrator compensation at your academic medical center
- determine the most competitive salary levels to support recruitment and retention
- compare your department's compensation levels with other participating member departments

Initiate today and complete in April! apc.dynamicbenchmarking.com/

AAPath ADVOCACY UPDATE

Advocacy Update

From the desk of AAPath's Deputy Director, [Lydia P. Howell, MD](#)

Collaboration and partnership continue to be important advocacy strategies to ensure that the voice of academic pathology is heard. Here are some of AAPath's key efforts over the past couple of months:

- [AAPath participated in College of American Pathologists' annual National Pathology Organizations meeting](#) on February 27, 2026. Each of the seven participating organizations shared their 2026 advocacy priorities, including AAPath posted at: www.academicpathology.org/statements. As the only organization devoted to academic pathology, AAPath has some unique priorities related to NIH research funding and education. Additionally, there are many shared priorities across the participating pathology organizations, including workforce, immigration, payment reform, and appropriate regulation of laboratory tests. One topic of discussion was the dissolution of the Department of Health and Human Services' Clinical Laboratory Improvement Advisory Committee (CLIAC) on March 31, 2025, and whether an alternative committee should be established regardless of federal participation. AAPath will be following this topic along with other areas of mutual interest and participating as appropriate to our membership.
- [Reform to the Protecting Access to Medicare Act \(PAMA\) of 2014 continues to be a hot topic](#). In February 2026, Congress updated the laboratory data reporting requirements and delayed cuts to Medicare's Clinical Laboratory Fee Schedule to December 26, 2026, via

the Clinical Appropriations Act of 2026. Cuts up to 15% are still planned for 2027. Since private payors also based their reimbursement on the Medicare rates, AAPath shares the concerns of many other organizations that these financial losses to laboratories will negatively impact patient access to testing and prevent investment in the next generation of clinical tests. Note that the new PAMA data reporting period opens on May 1, 2026. For more information on reporting data and other details on PAMA, please see the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services' [CLFS & PAMA Reporting and Resources webpage](#).

AAPath participates in the American Clinical Laboratory Association's (ACLA) Clinical Laboratory Coalition, an advocacy group of 60+ leading pathology organizations. AAPath attended the group's March 18, 2026 meeting which highlighted their approach to intensify legislative advocacy for the [Reforming and Enhancing Sustainable Updates to Laboratory Testing Services \(RESULTS\) Act](#), including grassroots outreach that led to 180,000+ e-mails via [StopLabCuts.org](#), the group's advocacy hub. The coalition is currently focusing on the physician caucuses within the Democratic and Republican parties to gain the required co-sponsorship for RESULTS. To learn more about PAMA, RESULTS advocacy efforts and the issues which affect access to laboratory testing and patient care, check out [StopLabCuts.org](#). Your own grassroots advocacy continues to be critical too – especially related to immigration and the biomedical workforce. Below are links to helpful resources from AAMC that can provide key information to you and your university's government affairs representative. ***We encourage you to check these out and use them to make all of our voices stronger!***

- [Academic Medicine and the J-1 and H-1B Visa Programs Fact Sheet](#) provides an overview on the J-1 exchange visitors and H-1B specialty occupations visa programs and their role in academic medicine, the impact of recent executive and regulatory actions on these visas, as well as related AAMC comment letters, sign-on letters and other resources.
- [How Visa Policies Help Address Health Care Workforce Shortages and Advance Medial Breakthroughs](#) is a “leave behind” document intended for Congressional offices which highlights the importance of the International Medical Graduates physicians and provides an overview of how the J-1 and the H-1B visa programs deliver care to the academic medicine communities in need.

AAPath 2026 ANNUAL MEETING



AAPath 2026 Annual Meeting

Updated Preliminary Program Now Available!

The **59th AAPath Annual Meeting** will be held at the historic **Hilton Boston Park Plaza in Boston, MA, July 19–22, 2026**. Join your colleagues for this once-yearly, highly anticipated opportunity to network with leaders in academic pathology. Arrive in time for the Welcome Reception on Sunday, July 19th, and engage in educational programming over three days – Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, concluding with the Awards Lunch to honor your colleagues of

their achievements and service to academic pathology. If you are unable to attend the meeting in person, registration for remote participation by Zoom for most of the ballroom sessions is available. All registered attendees, whether attending in-person or remotely, will have access to session recordings online after the meeting has ended.

The AAPath Annual Meeting is open to all AAPath members — join us and be part of this premier gathering of leaders in academic pathology. AAPath now offers a **General Membership** category for individual faculty and staff affiliated with AAPath Departmental Member institutions who are not otherwise affiliated with a Section, Committee, or Group. This membership option is designed for those interested in advancing the mission of academic pathology and developing their leadership through engagement with the AAPath community. We encourage eligible individuals to apply for membership and take advantage of these valuable opportunities to get involved. For more information or to apply, please contact Angela Chopin at achopin@academicpathology.org, or visit: www.academicpathology.org/membership

Updated Preliminary Program Now Available! AAPath Section Councils and Committees are finalizing their programs of timely and high-quality educational content for the AAPath 2026 Annual Meeting. An updated preliminary program is now available at: www.academicpathology.org/aapath2026.

Travel Information: To help you plan your visit, the Hilton Boston Park Plaza has provided a Boston City Guide and Meet Boston has created a curated microsite for attendees. Learn more at: www.academicpathology.org/AAPath2026-Travel

Register by May 31st to avoid the late registration rate increase of \$200.

REGISTER TODAY

Exhibitor Information

Exhibit at the AAPath 2026 Annual Meeting – Space Limited!

Exhibitor Prospectus Now Available! AAPath is excited to welcome back exhibits to the AAPath 2026 Annual Meeting! The AAPath Annual Meeting exclusively convenes pathology decision makers in academic practice, undergraduate and graduate medical education, and research. Network with over 400 Academic Pathology leaders in an intimate setting for exchanging ideas and information on current and cutting-edge topics and technology in Practice Management, Medical Education, and Research. All exhibitor and sponsor opportunities are explained in the 2026 Exhibitor Prospectus. To learn more and apply today, visit the AAPath website at: www.academicpathology.org/AAPath2026-Exhibits.

We want your help! If you have any questions or know of a vendor, company, or organization who needs to be at the AAPath Annual Meeting, please share the link with them and contact exhibits@academicpathology.org.

APPLY TODAY

FELLOWSHIP APPLICATION MATCH INFORMATION

Fellowships Moving Towards the Match!

As the fellowship recruitment season for the 2027-28 academic year kicks off, the AAPath Fellowship Directors Committee would like to share [an informational fellowship recruitment flyer](#), that will help those who are applying to fellowships in 2026 and 2027 navigate the recruitment process. Please share this flyer with residents applying to pathology fellowships for the 2027-28 and 2028-29 academic years. This comprehensive document provides information on where pathology subspecialties are in recruitment plans, key dates, and helpful links to subspecialty resources. You can also explore more details about pathology fellowships by visiting the Fellowship Application Resources webpage at: www.academicpathology.org/fellowship-application-resources. Inquiries may be directed to Madeleine Markwood at mmarkwood@academicpathology.org. We hope everyone has a successful recruitment season!

RESIDENCY MATCH OUTCOMES

Residency Match Outcomes

In recapping the 2026 residency Match outcomes, preliminary reporting from the NRMP indicates that all 636 pathology residency positions have been filled by the Match or the SOAP process! Be on the lookout for more summary analyses on the demographics from the NRMP this Spring. In general, PRODS Council acknowledges that signaling with five tokens and indicating geographic preferences by applicants have created a pool of high-quality candidates to interview. Furthermore, the timing of having virtual interviews and submitting rank lists prior to having in-person visits, if permitted by the institution/program, helps applicants validate their preferences in the Matching process. Congratulations to your medical students who have matched into Pathology!

Congratulations to 2025 Kinney Scholars Matching into Pathology!



SOCIETY OF '67 TRAINEE PROJECT GRANTS

Congratulations to the 2026 Society of '67 Trainee Project Grant Recipients!

The Society of '67 Pathology Trainee Project Grants in Health Services Research and Education provide up to \$5,000 to support innovative trainee-led projects in health services research or education. Awarded annually, these highly competitive grants are designed to advance work that addresses important issues in health services research or education, including but not limited to healthcare quality, cost, or access. Explore full program details at: www.academicpathology.org/m-s67-grants

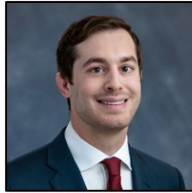
We are pleased to recognize the 2026 Awardees:

Society of '67 2026 Trainee Project Grant Recipients

Health Services Research Projects in Education and Research

UCSF

University of California
San Francisco



John Coukos, MD, PhD
IHC surrogates for CNAs

UCSF

University of California
San Francisco



Shane D. Falcinelli, MD, PhD
Effective HLA-Compatible Platelet Use

UCSF

University of California
San Francisco



Charles Herndon, DO
Unlocking Institutional Pathology Knowledge

Geisinger



Shan Huang, MD
AI Screening for Microsatellite Instability

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UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN



Lauren J. Miller, MD
Open-source Laboratory Education Modules

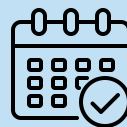
Support the Next Generation of Academic Pathologists

Your contribution to the Society of '67 helps fund these impactful programs and empowers future leaders in academic pathology. Make a difference by supporting trainee innovation and excellence.

[DONATE TODAY](#)

VIRTUAL EVENTS

Upcoming Virtual Events



Thursday, April 23rd

1:30-3:30pm ET (12:30pm CT/11:30am MT/10:30am PT)

2026 PRODS Spring Meeting

This webinar is intended for PRODS Members only and is organized by the PRODS Section Council. Topics will include ACGME tips for new Program Directors, what every new PD needs to know from ABPath, guidance on managing difficult resident situations, and breakout room sessions for small group discussions on priority topics.

Registration: [Click Here to Register!](#)



Tuesday, May 5th

1:00-2:30pm ET (12:00pm CT/11:00am MT/10:00am PT)

GMEAS Bootcamp Essentials

This webinar is intended for GMEAS Members and is organized by the GMEAS Council. Join us for the 2026 GMEAS Bootcamp Essentials Meeting, featuring a welcome from GMEAS leadership, an overview of ACGME accreditation basics with Cindy Riyad (*ACGME Executive Director for the Review Committee*), guidance on key resources for new GMEAS members, and a preview of what to expect at the Annual Meeting. The session will also include breakout groups focused on MedHub and New Innovations.

Registration: [Click Here to Register!](#)



Monday, May 11th

2:00-3:00pm ET (1:00pm CT/12:00pm MT/11:00am PT)

Voices in Academic Pathology Town Hall: Supporting International Individuals in Your Department

Members are invited to attend a virtual Town Hall, which will focus on sharing challenges, successes, and experiences in managing and supporting international trainees, faculty, and staff in your department.

Registration: [Click Here to Register!](#)



Thursday, May 28th

1:00-2:00pm ET (12:00pm CT/11:00am MT/10:00am PT)

AAMC Specialty Spotlight Webinar

The AAMC will host its annual Specialty Spotlight webinar series beginning in late May and continuing through the summer. Join this session highlighting Pathology, where ERAS applicants and medical school advisors will hear directly from a Pathology program director and advisor as they share insights, best practices, and resources to support preparation for the 2026–2027 application season.

Visit the AAMC website for complete information: [Click Here to Register!](#)



Tuesday, June 2nd

4:00-5:00pm ET (3:00pm CT/2:00pm MT/1:00pm PT)

“The Editor is In” Session for *Academic Pathology*

Considering submitting a manuscript, but not sure you have enough data for acceptance? Wondering if your manuscript fits the scope of *Academic Pathology*? Want to talk through an idea for an article? Interested in becoming a reviewer, advisor or editor? Meet with Editor-in-Chief James Crawford, MD, PhD and Executive Editor Priscilla Markwood, each with decades of editorial experience, to discuss anything of interest related to journal publishing.

[Click Here to Join the Session!](#)

Past Virtual Events

Stay current with AAPath's latest virtual programming! If you were unable to attend, recordings of this past month's exclusive member events are now available at: www.academicpathology.org/past-virtual-events. **Highlights include:**

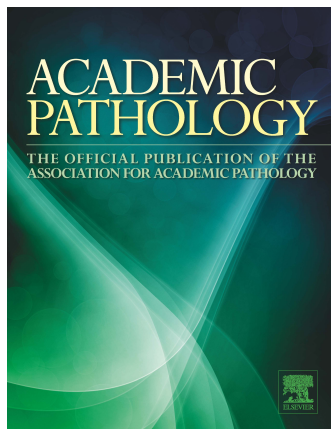
The Fundamentals of Effective Health Science Education Program Q&A Forum, held on Tuesday, March 10th from 12:00–1:00pm ET, featured Dr. Barbara Ritschel (*Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences*), Chair of AAPath's Academy for Distinguished Educators. The session introduced the new Fundamentals of Effective Health Science Education Program, outlined its purpose and expectations, and provided participants with the opportunity to ask questions and learn how the program can support their professional development goals.

[Click Here to View Past Recordings](#)

ACADEMIC PATHOLOGY ARTICLES AND EDITOR-IN-CHIEF SESSIONS

What's NEW in *Academic Pathology*

Academic Pathology is AAPath's fully open-access, PubMed-indexed, peer-reviewed journal and part of the world-class collection of journals and pathology resources published by Elsevier, with visibility to a global audience of academic leaders through Science Direct and Clinical Key. *Academic Pathology's* 2024 impact factor increased to 1.3 (from 1.2 in 2023 and 1.0 in 2022) and the journal is now ranked 61 of 90 journals in the Pathology category – one more reason to [submit your manuscript](#) to AAPath's official journal!



Recently Published Articles

- **Cultivating competence in error management: The development and impact of a tailored quality improvement and patient safety curriculum in pathology training**, N. Khorsandi, et al. Research Article First Published March 19, 2026:
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.acpath.2026.100245>
- **Visualizing pathology: The development of a narrated video autopsy for medical students**, C. Wraith, et al. Research Article First Published March 17, 2026:
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.acpath.2026.100241>

“The Editor is In” Sessions: Office Hours with the Editor-in-Chief for *Academic Pathology*:

Scholarly publishing is not just a meaningful way to document and share important observations and research milestones with a global audience; it is often a critical step toward professional advancement and academic promotion. Since its inception in 2014, *Academic Pathology* has focused on filling a

unique content niche among journals, while developing the careers of faculty and administrators. By publishing peer-reviewed administrative and educational scholarship and creating a platform for exploring new areas of study, *Academic Pathology* has grown steadily into a worldwide showcase for achievements in academic pathology; now amplified by our publishing relationship with Elsevier – a global leader in advanced information and decision support to accelerate progress in science and healthcare worldwide.

Considering submitting a manuscript, but not sure you have enough data for acceptance? Wondering if your manuscript fits the scope of *Academic Pathology*? Want to talk through an idea for an article? Interested in becoming a reviewer, advisor or editor? Meet with Editor-in-Chief James Crawford, MD, PhD and Executive Editor Priscilla Markwood, each with decades of editorial experience, to discuss anything of interest related to journal publishing. **You can find upcoming session information posted on the AAPath's Virtual Events webpage at: www.academicpathology.org/virtual-events**

MEMBER RECOGNITION

AAPath Member Recognition

AAPath seeks to highlight major member accomplishments in this Member Recognition section of the e-News, where we spotlight special announcements, such as advancement to national leadership positions, inductions into national academies, national and international awards, national press coverage, Chair retirements, new Chair appointments, and more! If you have an announcement to share, please contact the AAPath Office at: info@academicpathology.org.

Chair Leadership Update



Arief A. Suriawinata, MD, Chair,
*Geisel School of Medicine at
Dartmouth*

Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth

Arief A. Suriawinata, MD, was appointed Chair of the Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, effective March 15, 2026. Dr. Suriawinata previously served as Interim Chair of the department from May 1, 2022, to March 14, 2026. [Click here](#) to read the full announcement.

For a complete listing of new Chair members, visit the AAPath website at: www.academicpathology.org/new-chairs

Member Spotlight

IAMSE 2026 Edward Patrick Finnerty Lifetime Achievement Award

Congratulations to Dr. Peter Anderson on receiving the 2026 Edward Patrick Finnerty Lifetime Achievement Award from the International Association of Medical Science Educators (IAMSE). This distinguished honor recognizes his decades of impactful contributions to medical education—particularly in pathology—and his leadership in fostering collaboration across pre-clinical disciplines. [Click here](#) for the full announcement.



*Peter G. Anderson, DVM, PhD
Professor Emeritus, University of
Alabama at Birmingham*

MEMBERSHIP CORNER

Please contact the AAPath Office at info@academicpathology.org if you have any questions about AAPath membership eligibility or resources.

Member Directory

Only members in good standing have access to AAPath member resources, including the exclusive online member directory. AAPath's member list is always live and searchable. [Click here to search the directory today!](#)

Member Profile

Each AAPath Member has a profile that allows you to post information and even upload a photo to let others know who you are and what you do! Your member profile is searchable in the AAPath Member Directory. Update your information today by logging in to the [AAPath website](#).

Job Postings

Do you have a job opening at your institution? Members can share openings with their section listserv network for free as a member benefit. Job openings can also be posted directly to the AAPath Career Center (Job Board), which has broad national visibility. Post or Search for Jobs at: careers.apcprods.org/

Listserv Networks

Guidelines: Members are expected to abide by the [AAPath listserv policies](#). For more information on AAPath's listservs, visit the AAPath website at: www.academicpathology.org/m-lists

Best Practices: When sending messages to the listserv, **please always include your email address in the content of your email message or signature line**, so you can receive direct messages that are not necessary nor informative for the whole listserv membership.

Membership Updates

New Members who serve in a role aligned to one of AAPath's membership Sections, i.e., Chairs, Vice Chairs, Executive Administrators, Residency Program Directors, Medical School Educators, or GME Coordinators, should complete a [New Member Inquiry Form](#). *Departments with AAPath membership may add eligible members at any time of the year with no additional cost.*

New Members who are **not** currently members of an AAPath Section or Affinity Group are now invited to join in the new General Membership

Archives: To view the archive of listserv messages, [log in to your member profile](#) and access the E-lists under **My Features**.

category! [Click here to complete the online enrollment form today!](#)

Need to remove a member from your roster? Please submit a [Member Removal Request](#).

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