Over the last three weeks our lives have changed in a way that no one could have predicted. The Department’s research, educational, and administrative functions are mostly accomplished remotely with only essential research and clinical activities underway today. As you can see from this quarter’s newsletter, our faculty, staff, and students have made meaningful contributions and accomplishments. They have done this through acts of kindness and going the extra mile under extraordinary conditions and expectations.

Please contact me directly if you can tell me more about your Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Reproductive Biology.

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RECENTLY APPOINTED OR ELECTED COMMITTEE MEMBERS

- Ron Chandler, member, MSU CMB Executive Committee
- Asgi Fazleabas, member, Academic Advancement Network Fellow, MSU Graduate School
- Sabrina Ford, member, MSU University Athletics Council
- Jennifer Johnson, Chair, MSU Steering Committee/Faculty Senate
- Jeffrey MacKeigan, Chair, MSU CHM College Advisory Council
- Joel Mauer, member, MSU CHM, Student Performance Committee
- Cris Meghea, member, MSU CHM, Reappointment, Promotions and Tenure Committee

DOUG MEIJER MEDICAL INNOVATION BUILDING

Construction of the Doug Meijer Medical Innovation Building, the 2nd phase of the Grand Rapids Innovation Park, began in November.

Updates will be sent out by the GRRC facilities group.

Parking at GRRC is available via the Trowbridge Lot. Should you need to visit the GRRC—please contact Jenna, Harmony or Amanda for temporary parking lot access to the lot.

TRAVEL

International and Domestic travel, has been suspended through May 15, 2020.

SEMINARS

OBGYN RIP Series—Resumes Sept. 9, 2020
OBGYN/SHMG Visiting Professors Program—Resumes Sept. 2020
RDSP Seminars—Cancelled through May 2020.
**CONGRATULATIONS!**

**Dr. Jose Teixeira** has been featured on [MLive](https://mlive.com) and in the [MSU Today](https://www.msu.edu) for his study, in collaboration with Van Andel Institute and Spectrum Health, regarding how uterine fibroid tumors develop and grow, a leading cause in hysterectomies.

Congratulations, Jose!

**Dr. Jens Schmidt** has been featured in [MSU Today](https://www.msu.edu) as co-author, with Dr. Matt Comstock in the design of a pair of “optical tweezers”.

To the left, Jens and Matt are pictured with the optical tweezers.

Way to go, Jens!

**Dr. Asgi Fazleabas** has been awarded the [Carl G. Hartmann Award](https://www.msu.edu). The Carl G. Hartmann Award is the highest award of the SSR and is given in recognition of a career of research and scholarly activities in the field of reproductive biology.

Congratulations, Asgi!

Nicely Done!
GRANTS

Ryan Marquardt has been awarded a Research Fellowship Award, from NIH, for project title: “The role of ARID1A in endometriosis-related infertility”. Congratulations, Ryan!

PRESENTATIONS

- Johnson, J. E. (2020, March 3). Suicide prevention in the context of substance use: Justice-involved individuals. Webinar hosted by the SAMHSA’s Great Lakes Addiction Technology Transfer Center/Prevention/Mental Health Technology Transfer Center. The ROSE Sustainment (ROSES) Study: How much clinic support is necessary to scale and sustain a postpartum depression prevention program in prenatal clinics serving women on public assistance? Talk given as part of the NIMH-organized Special Session on Perinatal Mental Health at the American Public Health Association annual meeting in Philadelphia, PA.
- Johnson, J. E. (2020, January 8). Reach Out, Stay Strong, Essentials for Mothers of Newborns (ROSE)

PUBLISHED RESEARCH

Johnson, J. E., Hailemariam, M., Zlotnick, C., Richie, F., Sinclair, J., Chuong, A., Wiltsey Stirman, S. (in press). Mixed methods analysis of implementation of Interpersonal Psychotherapy (IPT) for major depressive disorder in prisons in a Hybrid Type I randomized trial. Administration and Policy in Mental Health and Mental Health Services Research. NIHMS1545001


Published Research cont.


