

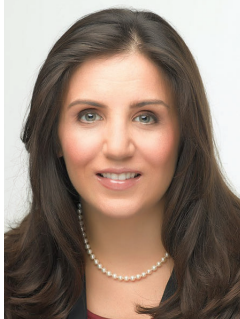


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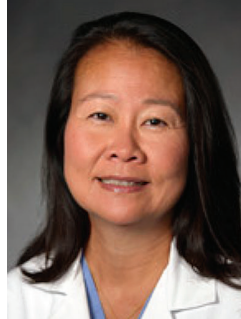
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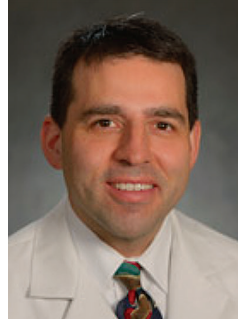
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Daniel Farber, MD



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Keith Wapner, MD

2022 was a year of scholarship, transition, and growth for the Foot and Ankle Division.

Dr. Lorraine Boakye joined the division after completing fellowship at Harvard-Brigham and Women's Hospital. Prior to this she completed medical school, and residency training at the University of Pittsburgh and her undergraduate education at Yale. Dr. Boakye is on the Clinician-Educator track and took on the role of Director of Clinical Research for the Foot and Ankle Division. She is excited to collaborate with the McCabe lab in their work on Achilles rupture and tendinopathy. She is working to optimize our collection and use of patient reported outcomes within the division and throughout the department. Additionally, she received the AOFAS sponsored position to participate in the Orthopaedic Research Society's Career Scholars Career Development Program this fall. She was also honored with the Ruth Jackson Orthopaedic Society's 2023 Courage Award. She currently serves as the RJOS Liaison to the AAOS Diversity Advisory Board. She, alongside Dr. Coastales, will be leading the Intern Skills Curriculum for next year's class.

Dr. Wen Chao continues to be the orthopaedic foot and ankle consultant to the Philadelphia Ballet since 2001. She also serves as a member on the Public Education Committee for AOFAS, as well as reviewer for Foot and Ankle International and Foot and Ankle Orthopaedics. She is a member of AAOS, AOFAS, AOA and the Orthopaedic Foot Club. Dr. Chao is interested in ultrasound applications to foot and ankle practice, particularly correlating intraoperative and ultrasound findings compared to the MRI imaging. This is an ongoing IRB research project.

Dr. Anthony "Bobby" Ndu continued to build his clinical practice, as well as his role as fellowship director. He has expanded his clinical practice to include the cutting-edge technology of Minimally Invasive foot and ankle reconstruction surgery, performing large reconstructions through keyhole incisions. He also serves as a member of

the committee for Diversity Equity and Inclusion for AOFAS and was recently nominated as a candidate for a position on the national board of the AOFAS. Dr. Ndu continues his dedication to teaching with multiple technique papers submitted for publication while working closely with and mentoring undergraduate and junior medical students interested in a career in orthopedics.

Dr. Daniel Farber has continued to lead the educational mission of the department as Vice Chair for Education and Residency Program Director while maintaining a busy clinical practice. He serves on the education committee of AOFAS and he was the Program Chair for the Pennsylvania Orthopaedic Society Annual Meeting in Hershey, PA. He also was selected for the inaugural European Foot and Ankle Society / AOFAS traveling fellow program for the fall of 2023. He continues as Chair of the AAOS Resolutions committee as well as on the ABOS Committee selecting MOC/WLA articles. He serves as a reviewer for Foot and Ankle International, Foot and Ankle Orthopaedics as well as the American Journal of Sports Medicine. He continues his basic science research efforts in collaboration with Lou Soslowsky, PhD and the McKay lab. He is also a collaborator with Josh Baxter, PhD of the Human performance lab on his K01 and R01 awards exploring Achilles pathology.

Dr. Casey Humbyrd worked to build her clinical and research endeavors at Penn. She was awarded the Ruth Jackson Orthopaedic Society research award to study gait in pregnancy. She served as the Program Chair for the AOFAS Winter meeting in Phoenix, Arizona and AOFAS Annual Meeting in Quebec City, Quebec. She also served as the chair of the Conflict-of-Interest Committee for the AOFAS. She continued representing AAOS at the AMA. Dr. Humbyrd continued her column "Virtue Ethics in a Value-Based World" in Clinical Orthopaedics and Related Research. Dr. Humbyrd serves as a reviewer for Foot and Ankle International, the Journal of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons, and Clinical Orthopaedics and

Related Research. Dr. Humbyrd also expanded her clinical practice, including participating in the care of collegiate and professional athletes.

The year also included exciting developments in the realm of translational research, with the awarding of a P50 research grant on Achilles tendinopathy. This five-year, nearly 8-million-dollar Center of Research Translation Grant, focused on furthering an understanding of how and why the Achilles tendon breaks down. The grant is led by Drs. Soslowky, Mauck, and Humbyrd. The tissue core section will be led by Drs. Farber and Baxter.

Finally, 2022 marked the final full year of clinical practice for Dr. Keith Wapner, who plans to retire June 30, 2023 after 37 years in practice. His contributions to Penn and Foot and Ankle Orthopaedics can't be overstated. A department-wide celebration is planned to honor his work and career, and his presence at Penn lives on both with the Keith Wapner academic scholarship and the June Wapner annual lectureship.