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AAPath E-News: January 2026

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ADVOCACY UPDATES

Now Available – AAPath Advocacy Priorities for 2026!

AAPath 2026 Advocacy Priorities: Under the leadership of Steven Kroft, MD (Medical College of Wisconsin), Chair of the AAPath Advocacy Committee, the 2026 AAPath Advocacy Priorities approved by AAPath Council are now posted at: www.academicpathology.org/statements. The priorities remain focused on the academic missions of education, practice and research, while adjusting to the evolving political and regulatory landscape at the national level. Take a moment to reflect on how the AAPath is your voice for academic pathology by reviewing the [AAPath 2026 Advocacy Priorities](#).

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

AAPath Membership Renewals ***Grace Period Ends January 31, 2026!***

The 2026 AAPath membership renewal season has come to an end! We thank you for being valued members of the AAPath! **Members who do not pay their dues by the grace period deadline of January 31st will be unsubscribed from their respective listservs and will not**

have access to members only material, including reduced registration fees for meetings, webinars and listservs, and voting privileges (if applicable).

Need to Update Your Department's Membership Roster? For those on the AAPath Departmental roster, your one departmental dues rate provides access to education, training, information resources, and networking opportunities for Chairs and Vice Chairs, department executives (through APEX), residency program directors and associate program directors (through PRODS), GME program coordinators and administrators (through GMEAS), and directors of medical student curricula or programs (through UMEDS), and other professionals in our academic affinity groups. Keeping the membership roster current is vital for your department to maximize the value of AAPath membership. If you need to update your membership roster (at any time of the year), please review the instructions and FAQs on the AAPath website at: www.academicpathology.org/membership-updates or contact us at info@academicpathology.org.

General Membership Option Available – For faculty and staff who do not serve in the traditional AAPath Section leadership roles but are interested in advancing the missions of academic pathology and developing their leadership connections and opportunities through engagement with the AAPath community, the new General Membership category allows benefits that include the opportunity to receive AAPath announcements, attend members-only virtual events, access members-only resources, secure annual meeting membership pricing, and network with academic colleagues and leaders. General Membership is renewable annually on the anniversary of membership. Direct any inquiries to info@academicpathology.org.

We hope you enjoy the community and other benefits of AAPath membership, as we strive to better serve and represent you each year! Updates on all AAPath's activities are provided in our monthly e-News, which are [archived here](#).

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 that you would like to share, please contact the AAPath Office at: info@academicpathology.org to let us know!

Chair Transitions – AAPath Welcomes New Chair Members!

For a complete listing of new Chair members, visit the AAPath website at:

www.academicpathology.org/new-chairs

Vanderbilt University School of Medicine

Adam Seegmiller, MD, PhD, was appointed as Permanent Chair of the Department of Pathology, Microbiology and Immunology, effective 1/1/2026, following Alice Coogan, MD, who previously served as Permanent Chair since 12/11/2020.



Adam Seegmiller, MD, PhD



Alice Coogan, MD

University of California, Irvine School of Medicine

Ryan O'Connell, MD, MBA, was appointed as Interim Chair of the Department of Pathology & Laboratory Medicine, effective 1/1/2026, following Edwin Monuki, MD, PhD, who previously served as Department Chair since 2012.



Ryan O'Connell, MD, MBA



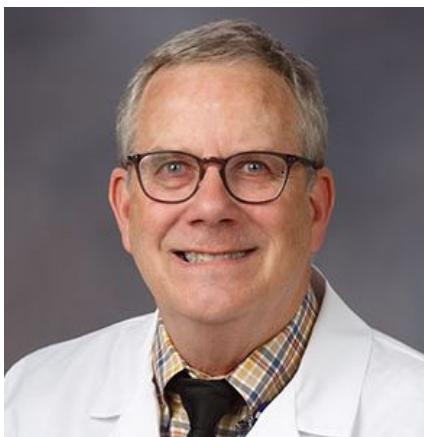
Edwin Monuki, MD, PhD

University of Mississippi School of Medicine

Ericka Olgaard, DO, MBA, was appointed as Permanent Chair of the Department of Pathology, effective 1/20/2026, following Robert T. Brodell, MD, FAAD, FRCP, who previously served as Permanent Chair since 07/01/2022.



Ericka Olgaard, DO, MBA



Robert T. Brodell, MD, FAAD, FRCP

In Memoriam

Members who recently passed and who served AAPath in leadership roles, such as Presidents and Council Members among the AAPath Sections, or who received AAPath honors or awards are recognized in this section if the AAPath Office is notified. Pause and reflect on the legacy, impact, and memories these colleagues have made on you:

Avrum Gotlieb, MD (1946-2026) – Received the AAPath Distinguished Service Award in 2013, was a member of the Senior Fellows Group, and an inaugural member of the Academy of Distinguished Pathology Educators. [Obituary as published by Steeles Memorial Chapel](#)

AAPath 2026 ANNUAL MEETING – *Early Bird Discount Ends in 2 Weeks!*



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!

Learn More! AAPath Section Councils and Committees are hard at work developing exceptional and timely educational content for the AAPath 2026 Annual Meeting. Program details will be updated as they evolve at: www.academicpathology.org/aapath2026.

Early Bird Discount: Register TODAY to lock-in with the same meeting registration rates as AAPath 2025! For just **TWO MORE WEEKS through February 17, 2026**, use the discount code **EARLY2026** for **\$100 off your meeting registration!** Learn more about pricing and registration details, including the AAPath Health and Safety Policy and Cancellation Policy at: www.academicpathology.org/AAPath2026-Pricing

NEW – Travel Guide Information: For customized tourist information for AAPath 2026 attendees, the Hilton Bost Park Plaza has provided a Boston City Guide and Meet Boston has provided a curated microsite. Learn more at: www.academicpathology.org/AAPath2026-Travel

NEW – 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 AAPPath website at: www.academicpathology.org/AAPPath2026-Exhibits.

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

AAPPath 2025 COMPENSATION BENCHMARKING STUDY

AAPPath 2025 Compensation Benchmarking Study

Open through March 2026!

Take Action! AAPPath Member Departments (Chairs or APEX Members) may [log-in now](#) to participate and submit data! For insights on how to submit academic pathology compensation data and how to leverage this specialty data in conversations with hospital and medical center executives, even when your institution uses other national benchmarks, like MGMA and AAMC, [replay the recorded webinar](#) from October 30th. The webinar on the AAPPath Compensation Benchmarking Survey was produced by the Practice & Management Committee with APEX Council members and is accessible through the Past Virtual Events page: www.academicpathology.org/past-virtual-events (member login required).

Key takeaways on completing the data:

- Plan ahead – block dedicated time
- Build once, re-use yearly – pull data from previous collection year (if participated in the past) and update accordingly
- Delegate wisely – export the form to an Excel spreadsheet, then segment components to share with your relevant admin team members for completion, then compile and submit data
- Leverage your network – connect within your community of Chair and/or APEX membership
- Prioritize data quality over quantity

Leverage the data from AAPPath member departments with other leaders at your medical center or health system – see a slide, created by Dr. Merce Jordà (University of Miami), Chair of the P&M Committee, and Melissa Stedman (University of Miami), APEX Council Southeast Regional Representative, from the webinar that summarizes the key groups of leaders who could be influenced with timely and relevant departmental data reporting:

How to Leverage Data with Other Leaders

Who?	Why?	Outcome
Department Compensation Committee	Informational Awareness, Review Compensation, Create Action Plan Proposals	Proposals that lead to changes to reflect compensation alignment with other AMCs
Department Faculty	Informational Awareness	Retention, Recognition
Faculty Recruits	Informational Awareness	Successful Recruitment, Process Transparency
Central Physician Recruitment Team	Informational Awareness, Data Source	Approval of Position Requests
Central Physician Compensation Team	Informational Awareness, Data Source, Perform Analysis	Approval of Compensation Enhancement Requests
Chief Human Resources Officer	Informational Awareness	Assurance, understanding, and support of constant compensation improvement practices

Why submit data? The [AAPath Compensation Benchmarking Survey](#) addresses a critical need for member departments to access comparative regional and national data that informs recruitment, retention, and discussions with institutional leadership. The annual survey platform is designed to confidentially collect data from participating departments and transform into a member-interrogated reporting system when the data collection period is closed. For participating departments that complete the required questions (to be eligible to access data), the anonymized and aggregated results are accessible and sortable by a variety of self-selected metrics for analysis.

Why participate as an AAPath departmental member? The strength of the data is only as good as the participation level of the AAPath membership, so please make the time to submit your departmental data! The 2025 data collection period is now open through March 2026. To make participation in the 2025 study easier, no new questions will be added and, if you participated previously, data may be quickly copied from the previous year.

How to submit and access data: Chairs and APEX members with data entry privileges have received an email alert with instructions from Dynamic Benchmarking, or you may go directly to [start data entry here](#). For those departments who have participated in the past, access up to three years of data and customize reports to your precise needs.

Questions? Contact: info@academicpathology.org

GOVERNANCE UPDATES

AAPath Member Section Governance Updates

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

Member Section activities are driven by volunteer leaders, who work hard throughout the year to advocate for members and plan professional development opportunities such as the Annual Meeting programming. Click the links below to learn more about each Member Section's Council. Section Councils are currently in or will soon begin the nominations/elections process for leadership governance for the 2026-2027 academic year.

- [AAPath Council](#)
- [PRODS Council](#)

- [UMEDS Council](#)
- [APEX Council](#)
- [GMEAS Council](#)
- [Senior Fellows Group \(SFG\) Executive Committee](#)

If you have any questions about serving in a leadership role within the AAPath, please contact Amelia Stephenson at astephenson@academicpathology.org.

Operating Procedures Updates: The APEX and UMEDS Councils have proposed updates to their respective Operating Procedures. Both Sections have circulated these amendments for member review with deadlines at the end of this month. After members have the opportunity to vote on the proposed changes, they will be notified of the outcome and any updates to their membership Sections. For additional information or to get in touch with the APEX or UMEDS Council Secretary, please contact Amelia Stephenson at astephenson@academicpathology.org.

APLF PROGRAM INFORMATION



AAPath Pathology Leadership Fellows (APLF) Program

Application Deadline: February 9th!

The 2026-27 APLF Program application period is NOW OPEN and closes on February 9, 2026! The AAPath Pathology Leadership Fellows (APLF) program cultivates leadership potential and opportunities by providing experiences and education that accelerate understanding and competency in the skills required for academic administration. The APLF program offers mentoring, three exercises to develop self-promotion skills and career path awareness, monthly webinars covering key leadership topics, and two live leadership workshops. This well-received year-long (July to July) course has filled all classes since it was first offered in 2021. The APLF program is suitable for mid-to-senior level faculty (assistant, preferably associate, professor level faculty) pursuing vice chair, director, chief or chair roles. No more than two participants will be selected from any one AAPath member department in good standing (current dues paid). For information about the program and how to apply, visit www.academicpathology.org/aplf.

[Click Here to Learn More](#)

ACADEMY OF DISTINGUISHED PATHOLOGY EDUCATORS

Announcing New Members!

Announcing New Members: Congratulations to the Newest Inductees to the AAPath Academy of Distinguished Pathology Educators! The Academy welcomes its newest members in two newly established categories: Associate Members[^] and Regular Members. Associate Members are regionally or locally recognized pathologist-educators who demonstrate a strong record of achievement and clear potential to attain Regular Membership within five years. A mentoring relationship from an existing Member of the Academy will serve as a mentor to help guide the newer members into becoming more established. Regular Members are nationally or internationally recognized pathologist-educators who have demonstrated the highest levels of accomplishment and who are committed to advancing the future of pathology education through active participation in the Academy's activities. Congratulations again to the newest members of the Academy of Distinguished Pathology Educators:

- Phyus Aung, MD, PhD[^], University of Texas, MD Anderson Cancer Center
- Bronwyn Bryant, MD[^], University of Vermont Medical Center
- Shahla Masood, MD, University of Florida, Jacksonville
- Kristin Olson, MD[^], University of California, Davis
- Fred Sanfilippo, MD, PhD, Emory University

New Program – Enroll Today!

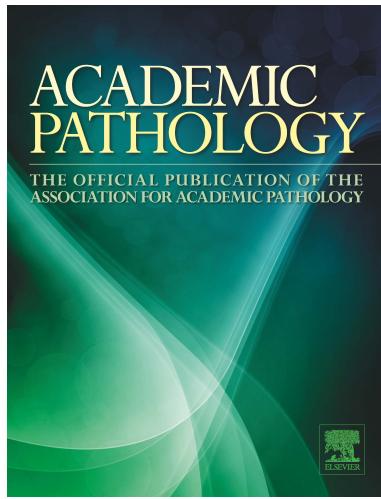
Enroll TODAY in the NEW AAPath Fundamentals of Effective Health Science Education Program:

The AAPath's Academy of Distinguished Pathology Educators is pleased to welcome applications for the new 2026-2027 Fundamentals of Effective Health Science Education Program. The Fundamentals Program provides participants with a certificate-eligible program that enhances educator effectiveness and professional opportunities by providing focused essential knowledge and skills. This program is suitable for health science faculty at all levels of experience who seek professional development to enhance their effectiveness, enrich their knowledge and experience, and develop their career as a health science educator. AAPath membership is not a requirement to participate in this program. This program will admit a limited number of participants, so the application process is expected to be competitive. **The 2026-2027 Fundamentals Program participants will be selected from applications received by March 20th, 2026.** For further information about the program and how to apply, visit: www.academicpathology.org/fundamentals-program.

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 Article in Academic Pathology

- **Free for all: Exploring next of kin consent for autopsy**, M. Chambers, et al. Research Article First Published January 22, 2026: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.acpath.2025.100238>
- **The role of web-based platforms as a novel approach to addressing access to pathology education: The PathElective.com experience**, C. Lilley, et al. Research Article First Published January 21, 2026: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.acpath.2025.100235>
- **Whole slide imaging in medical education: A comparative study of learning experience and engagement using cognitive diagnostic modeling**, M. Khacheishvili, et al. Research Article First Published January 2, 2026: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.acpath.2025.100232>
- **Easing the transition into pathology residency: four years of experience implementing and optimizing an integrated anatomic pathology onboarding course tied to core ACGME competencies**, D. Poljak, et al. Research Article First Published December 28, 2025: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.acpath.2025.100231>

New in 2026 – “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 (Tuesday, February 3rd at 4pm ET) below and posted on the AAPath’s Virtual Events webpage at: www.academicpathology.org/virtual-events**

VIRTUAL EVENTS

Upcoming Virtual Events



Tuesday, February 3rd

GMEAS Mid-Year Meeting

This meeting will provide an overview of the GMEAS Section and leadership, highlight available resources and upcoming events, address key topics impacting graduate medical education, and offer interactive breakout discussions on MedHub and New Innovations.

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



Tuesday, February 3rd

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

“The Editor is In” Session for Academic Pathology

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



Wednesday, February 11th

3:00–4:00pm ET (2:00pm CT/1:00pm MT/12:00pm PT)

Survey Results: Landscape of Promotion and Tenure in Academic Pathology

Dr. Aparna Mahajan (University of Wisconsin) and Dr. Susanne Jeffus (University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences) from the Clinical Service Leaders Committee (CSLC) of the AAPath Practice & Management Committee will be presenting the Promotion and Tenure (P&T) survey results and will provide an overview of key findings, highlight faculty perceptions of the P&T process and its career impact, address challenges related to clarity, fairness, protected time, and alignment with daily responsibilities, and foster discussion on implementation barriers, communication strategies, and the need for clearer criteria and tracking systems.

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



Thursday, February 12th

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

PathPresenter®

Hot Topics Webinar Series: Dialing into Digital Pathology

PathPresenter – Industry Update Webinar*

This Industry Update webinar is designed for pathology leaders and administrators interested in remote second opinion and consultation workflows. Dr. Rajendra Singh, founder of PathPresenter, will discuss how digital pathology platforms are being used to support secure, scalable consultation services across institutions. The webinar will walk participants through key components of digital consultation workflows, including case management, communication with referring laboratories, system integration, and security considerations. Attendees will gain practical insight into how institutions are approaching operational efficiency, reducing reliance on physical slide transport, and supporting compliant digital workflows for consultation services.

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

**AAPath Industry Updates are promoted to AAPath membership to keep them up to date on the latest products or services from commercial companies or other organizations. AAPath does not endorse any products or services in these Industry Updates.*

Past Virtual Events

In case you missed any of the latest virtual events, see the recordings of this past month's AAPath Virtual Events for members only at www.academicpathology.org/past-virtual-events, including:

The UMEDS Essentials Program, held on Monday, January 26th from 2:00–3:30pm ET, featured presentations for undergraduate medical educators organized by the UMEDS Section Council. The first half of the program focused on key topics for new educators, including perspectives from major pathology stakeholders such as the USMLE and LCME, along with practical tips shared by experienced educators. The session concluded with interactive breakout discussions that allowed participants to explore different aspects of undergraduate medical education in greater depth.

[Click Here to View Past Recordings](#)

AAPath CONSOLIDATED REGIONAL MEETING

AAPath 2026 Consolidated Regional Meeting Reflection

Thank you to the participants who attended the AAPath 2026 Consolidated Regional Meeting of Chairs and Administrators from January 16th through 19th at The Ritz-Carlton, Amelia Island, Florida! The joint and intimate breakout sessions focused on (1) Implementing and Preparing for Digital Pathology and Artificial Intelligence, (2) Leadership in Education and Training, (3) Advocating for the Academic Department, and (4) Faculty Recruitment and Development, all with an overarching question on “What can AAPath do?” in each of these areas. The deep and engaging discussions in smaller groups helped focus on the needs of pathology departments, as well as potential avenues to address these gaps to make the AAPath the professional home for academic pathology leaders. The reception, breakfasts, and recreational activities provided an intentional but relaxed atmosphere for networking and socializing among colleagues and friends. Chairs and APEX members should mark your calendars now and save the date for the **2027 Consolidated Regional Meeting (January 15th-18th) when we return to the Terranea Resort in Ranchos Palos Verdes**, California (southwest of Los Angeles and west of Long Beach)! *Registration will open later this summer.*



MEMBERSHIP CORNER

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:** <https://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 Practice: When sending messages to the listserv, please be sure to include a **short signature line with at least your name, role, institution, and email address** so that other members can reach you directly if needed.

Membership Updates

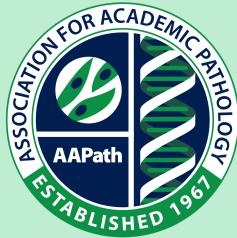
New Members who serve in a role aligned to one of AAPATH's membership Sections, i.e., Chairs/Vice Chairs, Executive Administrators, Residency Program Directors, Medical School Educators, or GME Coordinators, should complete a [New Member Inquiry Form](#).

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

Please contact the AAPATH office at info@academicpathology.org if you have any

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