



# Association for Academic Pathology

*Improving Health through Diagnosis,  
Education & Discovery*

## AAPath E-News: April 2026

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## Strategic Plan 2026-2028

### **AAPath Council Introduces Strategic Plan for 2026-2028**

Built upon a mission to serve as the voice of academic departments of Pathology in the U.S. and Canada, AAPath exists to provide leadership and advocacy for the dynamic discipline of Pathology, and to enable academic departments to meet the demands of their three missions: medical education, research, and practice.

We are at a pivotal moment in healthcare where innovation, rapidly shifting market dynamics, and sustainability of our workforce are key drivers. With our unique niche in Pathology, our expertise in academia is critical for improving health through diagnosis, education and discovery.

The opportunity in front of us is to take the AAPath from a structure that grew out of a small-scale group of Chairs to one that can fully support the multifaceted membership we have today. I am excited to be on this journey with you. – *Jennifer Baccon, MD, PhD, MHCM, 2025-2026 President, AAPath*

**MISSION:** *To empower the academic pathology community to advance clinical practice, education, and research.*

**VISION:** *To be the home for and voice of academic pathology.*

**STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:**

- **SOCIETY:** Benefit the SOCIETY by enhancing the visibility, awareness, and impact on patients of the field of Pathology through our work, innovations, and partnership with other organizations.
- **MEMBERS:** Benefit the MEMBERS by providing mentoring, networking, and professional development opportunities in leadership designed to advance, enhance, and sustain careers in academic pathology.
- **ORGANIZATION:** Benefit the ORGANIZATION by enhancing organizational efficiency through standardized processes, updated governance, and cross-group coordination in a financially sustainable manner.

Review the [AAPath 2026-2028 Strategic Plan](http://www.academicpathology.org/about-aapath) posted at [www.academicpathology.org/about-aapath](http://www.academicpathology.org/about-aapath). The plan outlines the AAPath's priorities in advancing academic pathology across its core missions through leadership, advocacy, and professional development. The tactical pathways used to achieve these goals are carried out through the activities of AAPath's committees, sections, and work groups. If you are not yet involved, consider engaging when there's a call for volunteers or nominations!

## AAPath ADVOCACY UPDATE

### Advocacy Update

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

The NIH continues to be a hot area for advocacy. The latest opportunity is a **request for public input** on the proposed framework that will be used to develop the new **2027-2032 NIH Strategic Plan**. AAPath would like to respond and share our members' insights and opinions on the issues that matter most to academic pathology.

You can review the request and proposed framework at:  
[grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-26-047.html](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-26-047.html)

**Note that the request for comments focuses on the three priorities within this framework:**

1. **Research Areas:** (a) advancing foundational knowledge, (b) prevention of disease and promotion of health, (c) advancing and optimizing interventions, treatments, and cures
2. **Research Capacity:** Building, developing and sustaining an infrastructure and the workforce
3. **Research Operation:** (a) enhancing stewardship and (b) fostering transparency and accountability

The NIH specifically asks for benefits, drawbacks, opportunities or challenges, and other areas of focus for consideration related to the proposed framework.

**Please send your feedback** to Senior Fellow Councilor (Northwestern University) and AAPath Research Committee Member, William Muller, MD, PhD ([wamuller@northwestern.edu](mailto:wamuller@northwestern.edu)) and AAPath Deputy Director, Lydia Howell, MD ([lhowell@academicpathology.org](mailto:lhowell@academicpathology.org)) as soon as possible. **AAPath must submit its comments by May 26<sup>th</sup>**. Feedback from AAPath along with many other organizations helped avert drastic cuts to this year's (FY 2026) NIH budget and maintained the previous funding level.

Please also share your input with your medical school or university's government affairs representative since your institution will likely also be providing input on the NIH strategic plan. As we've said many times, the voices of many can make a difference.



## AAPath 2026 Annual Meeting

Save \$200 by Registering Before May 31<sup>st</sup>

**Secure Your Spot for the AAPath 2026 Annual Meeting TODAY—Registration Rates Increase After May 31<sup>st</sup>.**

The **59th AAPath Annual Meeting** will be held at the historic **Hilton Boston Park Plaza** in **Boston, MA, July 19–22, 2026**. *The AAPath Annual Meeting is open to all AAPath Members!*

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 19<sup>th</sup>, 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.

### Updated Preliminary Program Available

AAPath Section Councils and Committees are finalizing a robust lineup of timely, high-quality educational sessions. View the updated preliminary program at: [www.academicpathology.org/aapath2026](http://www.academicpathology.org/aapath2026).

### Travel Information

[Book your hotel room](#) at the Hilton Boston Park Plaza at the AAPath negotiated **group rates that will expire on June 24, 2026** or when sold-out, whichever occurs first! Plan your visit with resources from the Hilton Boston Park Plaza and Meet Boston, available at: [www.academicpathology.org/AAPath2026-Travel](http://www.academicpathology.org/AAPath2026-Travel).

### Not yet a member?

AAPath offers a General Membership category for faculty and staff at AAPath Departmental Member Institutions who are not otherwise affiliated with a Section, Committee, or Group. This is a great way to engage with the AAPath community and grow your leadership in academic pathology. For more information or to apply, please contact Angela Chopin at [achopin@academicpathology.org](mailto:achopin@academicpathology.org), or visit: [www.academicpathology.org/membership](http://www.academicpathology.org/membership)

**Register now to avoid the \$200 increase after May 31<sup>st</sup>.**

**REGISTER TODAY**

## Exhibitor Information

### *Exhibit at the AAPath 2026 Annual Meeting – Space Limited!*

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 [AAPath 2026 Exhibitor Prospectus](#). To learn more and apply today, visit the AAPath website at: [www.academicpathology.org/AAPath2026-Exhibits](http://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](mailto:exhibits@academicpathology.org)

APPLY TODAY

## 2026 SOCIETY OF '67 KINNEY SCHOLARS

### Celebrating the 2026 Society of '67 Kinney Scholars

Congratulations to this year's Society of '67 Kinney Scholars! Thanks to the generosity of donors to the Society of '67, the philanthropic arm of the AAPath, seven medical students and six residents will attend the AAPath 2026 Annual Meeting and engage with the network of academic pathology leaders in the AAPath community.

Their participation offers a valuable introduction to careers in academic pathology and highlights the essential role of pathology in healthcare delivery, research, and education. Through this experience, Kinney Scholars gain early exposure to the opportunities, mentorship, and community that define academic pathology.

The Society of '67 is dedicated to fostering the next generation of leaders in academic practice, education, and research. Named in honor of the founding of the Association for Academic Pathology (formerly Association of Pathology Chairs) in 1967, the Society creates opportunities like the Kinney Scholars Program through the support of individuals, families, and corporate partners. Learn about this program and more by visiting: [www.academicpathology.org/m-s67-programs](http://www.academicpathology.org/m-s67-programs)

### Medical Students

Mackenzie Bennett



Havell Markus, MPhil, PhD



Zachary Gardner, PhD



Shonit Nair Sharma, PhD



Maddison Hill



Smara Sigdel



Nichole Legaspi



### Pathology Residents

Alexa Andre, MD



Elayna Shanker, MD



Zachary Corey, MD



Niraj Vyas, MD, MBS



Erin Saunders, MD



John Yablonski, MD



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PROGRAM DIRECTORY

**NEW ICPI Fellowship Program Directory Now Available!**

The Association for Academic Pathology (AAPath) is excited to share a new opportunity available through our partnership with the Intersociety Council for Pathology Information (ICPI).

**Support the future of academic pathology!**

Your contribution helps expand access to programs that inspire and develop tomorrow's leaders. ICPI—recognized for its comprehensive online residency training program directory—has expanded its platform to include a **new online fellowship training program directory**. Programs with a paid residency listing can now add **unlimited fellowship listings at no additional cost**.

**DONATE TODAY**

Getting started is easy:

- Visit the [ICPI website](#) and scan the fellowship programs listed to find your program.

- If you see a “**Learn More**” button, your institution already has a paid residency program listing, meaning you can begin adding fellowship program information right away.
- Residency program coordinators are set as the default contacts to enter data, but access can be reassigned to other staff members as needed by contacting [icpi@academicpathology.org](mailto:icpi@academicpathology.org).

**Don't see a “Learn More” button for your fellowship program(s)?** Contact [icpi@academicpathology.org](mailto:icpi@academicpathology.org) to enroll your residency program and unlock FREE fellowship program listings associated with that program. Fellowship programs not affiliated with a residency program can purchase a standalone listing for \$250 (renewable annually), also by contacting [icpi@academicpathology.org](mailto:icpi@academicpathology.org).

While reaching trainees is challenging, among a plethora of online and social media resources, ICPI now offers the **ONLY** complete listing of all residency and fellowship programs in the US, which is truly game-changing for trainees. ICPI endeavors to build the “go to” site for pathology training information and generate visibility for the most current information about your program(s).

**Take advantage of this incredible value and opportunity today by visiting the ICPI website at [www.pathologytraining.org](http://www.pathologytraining.org)**

## VIRTUAL EVENTS

### Upcoming Virtual Events



**Tuesday, May 5<sup>th</sup>**

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 11<sup>th</sup>**

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 28<sup>th</sup>**

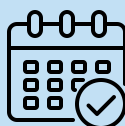
1:00-2:00pm ET (12:00pm CT/11:00am MT/10:00am PT)

### **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!](#)**

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**Tuesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>**

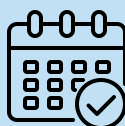
4:00-5:00pm ET (3:00pm CT/2:00pm MT/1:00pm PT)

### **“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!](#)**

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**Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup>**

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

### **Updates from the NKF on Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD) Testing**

**CKD May Be the Tip of the CKM Iceberg – Is Your Institution Prepared to Avoid a Collision?**

**[Click Here to Register!](#)**

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## **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](http://www.academicpathology.org/past-virtual-events). **Highlights include:**

The **PRODS Spring Meeting**, held on Thursday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> from 1:30–3:30pm ET, was organized by the PRODS Section Council for PRODS members. The program included ACGME tips for new Program Directors, key insights from ABPath, guidance on managing difficult resident situations, and interactive breakout discussions on priority topics.

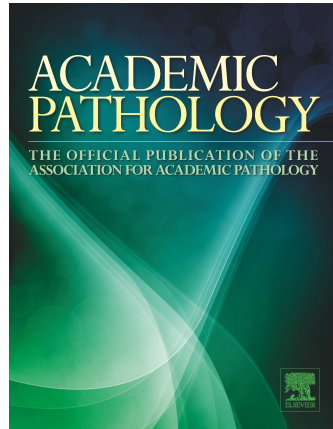
The **APEX Brown Bag: Beaker Implementation**, held on Tuesday, April 21<sup>st</sup> from 1:00–2:00pm ET, featured a discussion led by Kai Wang, APEX Chair, and Joann Li, APEX Immediate Past Chair. The session provided an informal, interactive space for participants to share experiences, ask questions, and exchange insights related to Beaker implementation across various stages.

[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 Article

- **A comparison of free-response and multiple-choice questions on the American Board of Pathology primary certification examinations**, G. Procop, et al. Research Article First Published April 12, 2026: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.acpath.2026.100248>

#### Recent Commentary

- **Faculty recruitment to academic health systems in difficult times: defining current challenges and best practices**, D. Bailey, et al. Commentary First Published April 5, 2026: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.acpath.2026.100246>

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#### **“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](http://www.academicpathology.org/virtual-events)**

## 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](mailto:info@academicpathology.org) to let us know!

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### **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](http://www.academicpathology.org/new-chairs)*

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### **University at Buffalo, Jacobs School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences**

Karen Frank, MD, PhD, was appointed Chair of the Department of Pathology and Anatomical Sciences, effective February 15, 2026, following John E. Tomaszewski, MD, who previously served as Chair of the Department since 2011. [Click here](#) to read the full announcement.



**Karen Frank, MD, PhD**



**John E. Tomaszewski, MD**

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### **University of Illinois College of Medicine Chicago**

Sally Campbell-Lee, MD, was appointed Chair of the Department of Pathology effective March 15, 2026. Dr. Campbell-Lee previously served as Interim Chair since July 2022.



**Sally Campbell-Lee, MD**

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### University of California, San Diego School of Medicine

C. Dirk Keene, MD, PhD, was appointed Chair of the Department of Pathology effective April 1, 2026, following Steven L. Gonias, MD, PhD, who previously served as Chair of the Department since 2004. [Click here](#) to read the full announcement.



**C. Dirk Keene, MD, PhD**



**Steven L. Gonias, MD, PhD**

## MEMBERSHIP CORNER

Please contact the AAPath Office at [info@academicpathology.org](mailto: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

### 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

### 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

searchable. [Click here to search the directory today!](#)

Directory. Update your information today by logging in to the [AAPath website](#).

Center (Job Board), which has broad national visibility. Post or Search for Jobs at: [careers.apcprods.org/](http://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](http://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.

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

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

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

## Monthly e-News Archive

Find all previous issues of AAPath's Monthly e-News at: [www.academicpathology.org/e-news](http://www.academicpathology.org/e-news)



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