



Florida Health Sciences Library
Association

Annual Meeting

April 22-24, 2009

Hilton Garden Inn, Gainesville, FL

FHSLA Annual Meeting Speakers

Meditation Leader – Charles Burnell, A.P.

Charles Burnell, A.P., is an authorized Meditation Instructor and teacher in the Shambhala Buddhist tradition. He has studied Tibetan Buddhist meditation extensively under several Meditation Masters including the Venerable Chogyam Trungpa, Rinpoche and Her Eminence Mindrolling Jetsun Khandro, Rinpoche. In addition to working closely with the Buddhist tradition, he has an interest in the contemplative practices of all religious traditions. Charles is an Acupuncture Physician practicing Classical Five-Element Acupuncture and lives with his wife, Suzanne, in Gainesville.

Keynote Speaker – Erin M. Dunbar, MD

Erin M. Dunbar, MD, was born in New Haven, CT on August 26, 1974. She graduated with honors from Leon High School in Tallahassee. She graduated cum laude with a Bachelors of Science in Biology at Florida State University, in Tallahassee. She completed medical school, Internal Medicine Residency, and Medical Oncology Fellowship at the University of Florida, in Gainesville. She completed a dedicated Neuro-Oncology Fellowship at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Maryland. Service, professional, and academic awards were kindly bestowed upon her during her training, including election into the Phi Beta Kappa and Alpha Omega Alpha academic honors societies.

In July 2007, she joined the faculty in the Department of Neurosurgery, as Assistant Professor, and is honored to serve as Co-Director of the Preston A. Wells, Jr., Center for Brain Tumor Therapy and Neuro-Oncology Program, Director of Neuro-Oncology clinical-research, its database and clinical trials office, administrator of the medical Neuro-Oncology service, and member of the state legislature-mandated Florida Center for Brain Tumor Research.

Dr. Dunbar is an active member the academic societies involved in the care of primary and metastatic brain and spinal tumors, including the Society of Neuro-Oncology, American Society of Clinical Oncologists, the American Academy of Neurology, and the American Association of Neurological Surgeons. She is involved in numerous translational and clinical research initiatives at both UF and in collaborations with other institutions, including Johns Hopkins. Through both the Preston A. Wells, Jr., Center for Brain Tumor Therapy and the Department of Neurosurgery, Dr. Dunbar is committed to providing patients with the highest level of comprehensive and compassionate care.