

FSA Faculty Biographies

Salahadin Abdi, MD, PhD

Salahadin Abdi is currently Chief of Division of Pain Medicine at the University of Miami School of Medicine as well as Medical Director at JMH Pain Relief Center. Dr. Abdi received his Doctor of Medicine at the University of Munster Medical School Germany. Dr. Abdi has authored or co-authored dozens of articles and abstracts and is a member of several Medical Societies.

John C.V. Basile, MD

John Basile is currently an Assistant Professor at the Department of Anesthesiology at the University of South Florida. Dr. Basile received his Bachelor of Arts from Columbia University in 1984. He continued his education at the University of Buenos Aires School of Medicine and received his Doctor of Medicine in 1991. Dr Basile has authored or co-authored numerous articles and academic presentations and is a member of several Medical Societies.

Marshall Bedder, MD, FRCP

Marshall Bedder is a Canadian born and trained physician, now a naturalized US citizen. He is an ABA boarded anesthesiologist with added qualifications in pain medicine and certification in addiction medicine by the American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM). Dr. Bedder is the former head of Pain Management Center at Oregon Health Sciences University (OHSU) where he established a Pain Fellowship training program. He also helped to establish the hands- on workshops for implantable therapies, which are now the industry standard. Dr. Bedder has presented extensively on pain management and addiction medicine topics world-wide. He has published over 30 original journal articles, reviews and textbook chapters. Currently, Dr. Bedder is the Vice President for the North American Neuromodulation Society (NANS), Executive board member for the Florida Society of Interventional Pain Physicians (FSIPP), a member of the Editorial Board for the Journal Neuromodulation and a reviewer for the Journals Anesthesia & Analgesia and Pain Medicine. Dr. Bedder relocated to Florida in 2004 and is in private practice with Advanced Pain Management Specialists in Fort Myers and Cape Coral.

David Birnbach, MD, MPH

David Birnbach received his Bachelor of Arts from New York University in 1976. He received his Doctor of Medicine in 1984 from the National University of Ireland as an exchange student from Harvard Medical School. He is currently a Professor of Anesthesiology and Obstetrics and Gynecology and is the Executive Vice Chairman of the Department of Anesthesiology at the University of Miami School of Medicine. Dr. Birnbach is also the Chief of Women's Anesthesia at Jackson Memorial Hospital and the Director of the University of Miami – Jackson Memorial Hospital's Center for Patient Safety.

Adam Blomberg, MD

Adam Blomberg is a graduate of the University of Miami School of Medicine in Miami, Florida.

He is currently a Chief Resident in Anesthesia at Brigham & Women's Hospital, a teaching affiliate of Harvard Medical School in Boston. In 1998, as a volunteer at the William Lehman Research Center in Miami, he co-founded "Driving Responsibly in Vehicles Education", or DRIVE for short. Dr. Blomberg received tremendous amount of success with the program in Miami, he is working with other national Injury Prevention programs to broaden the audience base on a national level.

Sorin Brull, MD

Sorin Brull received his Bachelor of Science in Biology from Brandeis University and Wheeling College in 1979. He continued his education at West Virginia University School of Medicine and received his Doctor of Medicine in 1984. Following his anesthesiology residency and fellowships in obstetric anesthesia and thoracic anesthesia at Yale University School of Medicine, Dr. Brull moved to Mayo Clinic, where he is currently a Professor of Anesthesiology, a Senior Associate Consultant at Mayo Clinic and a Clinical Professor (courtesy) for the Department of Anesthesiology at the University of Florida. Dr. Brull has authored or co-authored over two hundred articles and abstracts. He is an examiner for the American Board of Anesthesiology, and a member of numerous professional societies including the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care, the American Academy of Pain Management, the American Society of Anesthesiology where he is a member of the Board of Directors and the Anesthesia Patient Safety Foundation where he is Chair of the Scientific Evaluations Committee.

Enrico M. Camporesi, MD

Enrico Camporesi received his Doctor of Medicine from the University of Milan in 1970. He is currently a Professor and Chairman of the Department of Anesthesiology at University of South Florida College of Medicine. Dr. Camporesi has authored or co-authored dozens of articles and abstracts and has co-authored several books on Hyperbaric Medicine. He is a member of several professional Societies including the American Society of Anesthesiologists and the Undersea and Hyperbaric Medical Society where he is currently a member of the Executive Committee.

Jonathan Cohen, MD

Jonathan Cohen received his Doctor of Medicine from the University of South Florida College of Medicine in Tampa, Florida. He is currently working as a Fellow in Critical Care in the Department of Anesthesiology and Critical Care Medicine at the University of South Florida with an anticipated completion date of June 2007. He is a member of several professional Societies including the American Society of Anesthesiologists and the American Society of Critical Care Anesthesiologists.

Neil Feinglass, MD

Neil Feinglass received his Bachelor of Science in Molecular Biology from Vanderbilt University in 1979. He continued his education at Vanderbilt College of Medicine, receiving his Doctor of Medicine in 1983. Dr Feinglass is currently an Assistant Professor at the Mayo Clinic College of Medicine and Chair of the Division of Cardiovascular Thoracic in the Department of Anesthesiology at Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville. He is a member of several Professional Societies including the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the American Society of Testing and Materials, the American Patient Safety Foundation, and the Society of Critical Care Anesthesiologists.

Eugene Fu, MD

Eugene Fu received his Bachelor of Arts in Chemistry at Princeton University in 1983. He continued his education at Yale University, receiving his Doctor of Medicine in 1987. Dr. Fu is currently Chief of Neuroanesthesia at the Miller School of Medicine at the University of Miami. Dr. Fu co-authored numerous articles and was awarded many grants for various research projects. Dr. Fu is a member of several Societies including the American Paraplegia Society and the American Society of Regional Anesthesia.

Ralf Gebhard, MD

Ralf Gebhard received his Doctor of Medicine from Rheinisch-Westfälische-Technische Hochschule Aachen in Germany. He is currently an Associate Professor and Director of the Division of Regional Anesthesia at University of Miami, Miller School of Medicine

and is on staff at Jackson Memorial Hospital. Dr. Gebhard has co-authored numerous articles and abstracts and is a member of several Professional Societies including the American Society of Regional Anesthesia and Pain Medicine and the International Research Society.

Jeff Jacobs, MD

Jeff Jacobs received his Bachelor of Science in Biology and Mathematics from University of Miami in 1989. He received his Doctor of Medicine in 1993 from University of Miami School of Medicine. To include some of his professional responsibilities at the Cleveland Clinic, he is the chairman of the Ethics Committee and Site Coordinator for the Anesthesia Assistant Training Program. Dr. Jacobs is the East District Director and a member of the PAC Board for the Florida Society of Anesthesiologists, and he is a member of the American Society of Anesthesiologists Committee on Ethics. Clinically, he enjoys airway challenges and minimally invasive general anesthetics.

Robert Johnstone, MD

Robert Johnstone received his Bachelor of Arts from Cornell University in Physics in 1966. He received his Doctor of Medicine in 1970 from Ohio State University. Dr. Johnstone is a Professor at the Department of Anesthesiology at West Virginia University. Dr. Johnstone is a member of several Professional Societies including the American Association of Clinical Directors and the Internal Anesthesia Research Society. Dr. Johnstone has co-authored numerous articles and abstracts.

Michael Lewis, MD

Michael Lewis received his B.Sc. (Honors), Psychology Second Class Upper Division from University College in London England in 1980. He received his Faculty of Clinical Studies, M.B. B. S. in 1983. Dr. Lewis is currently a Clinical Associate professor in the Anesthesiology Department at University of Miami Florida. Dr. Lewis is a member of several Professional Societies including the American Geriatric Society and the International Anesthesia Research Society. Dr. Lewis has authored and co-authored numerous publications.

David Lubarsky, MD, MBA

David Lubarsky received his Bachelor of Arts from Washington University in 1980. He continued his education at Washington University receiving his Doctor of Medicine in 1984. He received his M.B.A in 1999 from Fuqua School of Business at Duke University. Dr. Lubarsky is currently a Professor and Chairman in the Department of Anesthesiology at University of Miami School of Medicine. Dr. Lubarsky has authored or co-authored many publications. Dr. Lubarsky is member of several professional societies including the Society of Cardiovascular Anesthesia and the Association of University Anesthesiologists.

Michael Mahla, MD

Michael Mahla received his Bachelor of Science from Davidson College in 1975. He continued his education at the Jefferson Medical College at Thomas Jefferson University receiving his Doctor of Medicine in 1979. Dr. Mahla completed his internship and residency at Walter Reed Army Medical Center and a fellowship in Neuroanesthesia at John Hopkins Medical Center. He is currently the Associate Chairman for Education and the Residency Program Director for the Department of Anesthesiology and a Professor in the Departments of Anesthesiology and Neurosurgery at the University of Florida, College of Medicine. Dr Mahla has co-authored numerous articles and abstracts and is a member of several Professional Societies including the American Society of Neurological Monitoring and the Society for Neurosurgical Anesthesia and Critical Care.

Christina Matadial, MD

Christina Matadial received a Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery from the University of the West Indies Faculty of Medical Sciences. She started her subspecialty education there in Anesthesiology, and joined the University of Miami Anesthesiology residency program in 1997. Dr. Matadial is currently an Assistant Professor of Clinical Anesthesiology at the University of Miami and an Interim Chief for the Department of Anesthesiology at the VA Medical Center in Miami. She is a member of several Professional Societies including the American Society of Anesthesiology and the Society for the Advancement of Geriatric Anesthesiology, and has also taken a particular interest in simulator-based education.

Rafael Miguel, MD

Rafael Miguel, MD is Professor of Anesthesiology and Program Director of Pain Medicine of the Department of Anesthesiology at the University of South Florida. He is a lifelong academic Anesthesiology Pain Physician who has participated in numerous clinical trials and has published extensively in the field of pain medicine and various preoperative medicine topics. He was the first Anesthesiologist appointed to the Florida Board of Medicine, serving as Vice-Chair and Chair of its Credentials Committee and Physician Assistants Council. As the Board of Medicine Anesthesiology and Pain Medicine Representative, he was instrumental in creating Office Surgery legislation and obtaining approval for Anesthesiologist Assistants legislation in Florida.

Roger Moore, MD

Roger Moore is Chairman Emeritus of the Department of Anesthesiology at Deborah Heart and Lung Center. He has worked at Deborah Heart and Lung Center for the past 27 years. His training includes medical school at the University of Virginia, residency in pediatrics at the University of Colorado, a residency in anesthesiology at the University of Pennsylvania, a fellowship in pediatric anesthesia and intensive care at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. He is a Clinical Associate Professor of Anesthesiology at

University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey. He has served as president of the Society of Cardiovascular Anesthesiologists, president of the New Jersey State Society of Anesthesiologists, ASA District Director from NJ, and president of his County Medical Society and is presently the First Vice President of the American Society of Anesthesiologists. He has written numerous papers and given many presentations throughout the world, served as a senior examiner for the American Board of Anesthesiology, and is co-author of the book, Blood.

Howard Palte, MD

Howard Palte received his B.Sc. in Distinction Physics, Chemistry, and Zoology in 1976 from University of Cape Town. Dr. Palte received his M.B.Ch.B. in 1982. Dr. Palte currently is an Assistant Professor of Clinical Anesthesiology at University of Miami School of Medicine. Dr. Palte is a member of the Florida Society of Anesthesiologists. Dr. Palte has authored or co-authored numerous publications.

Jayanthi Ranasinghe, MD, FFARCSI

Jayanthi Ranasingue received her M.B.B.S. from University of Sri-Lanka, Medical College, Colombo, Sri Lanka in 1975. Dr. Ranasinghe is a board certified Anesthesiologist in three countries. Dr. Ranasinghe is currently an Associate Professor of Clinical Anesthesiology at University of Miami School of Medicine. Dr. Ranasinghe has published or co-authored several publications. Dr. is a member of several professional societies to include Society of Obstetric Anesthesia and Perinatology.

Frank Rosemeier, MD

Frank Rosemeier received his Doctor of Medicine from Ludwig-Maximilians-University in Munich, Germany in 1993. Dr. Rosemeier received his Diploma of Primary Emergency Care South Africa in 1997. Dr. Rosemeier received his M.R.C.P. from UK in 2000. Dr. Rosemeier is currently at John Hopkins Medical Institutions in the Department of Anesthesiology and Critical Care in Baltimore, Maryland. Dr. Rosemeier has authored or co-authored many publications. Dr. Rosemeier is a member of the American Society of Anesthesiologists.

Bruce Saltzman, MD

Bruce Saltzman received his Bachelor of Arts at University of Pennsylvania in 1968. He received his Doctor of Medicine from Jefferson Medical College in 1972. Dr. Saltzman works in Anesthesiology at the University of Miami. Dr. Saltzman is a member of the Florida Society of Anesthesiologists.

John Sciarra, MD

John Sciarra received his Bachelor of Arts in Art History at Columbia University in 1986. He received his Doctor of Medicine at Northwestern University Medical School in 1992. He is currently an Assistant Professor of Clinical Anesthesiology at UM/JMH of Miami. Dr. Sciarra is a member of the Florida Society of Anesthesiologists.

Peter Sebel, MB, BS, PhD, MBA

Peter Sebel received his MBBS from Kings College Hospital Medical School, University of London in 1974. Dr. Sebel continued his education to receive his PhD in Amsterdam in 1981 and his MBA from Emory University in 1998. Dr. Sebel is currently Professor and Vice Chair in the Department of Anesthesiology at Emory University School of Medicine. Dr. Sebel has co-authored and authored several publications. Dr. Sebel is a member of several Professional Societies including the American Medical Association.

Richard Silverman, MD

Richard Silverman received a Bachelor of Science in Biology from Tulane University in New Orleans, Louisiana in 1982. Dr. Silverman continued his education at Far Eastern University in Manila and received his Doctor of Medicine in 1986. Currently Dr. Silverman is an Assistant Professor of Clinical and Critical Care Anesthesia at the University of Miami. Dr. Silverman is board certified with the American Board of Anesthesiology and licensed in California, Florida, Georgia, New Jersey, New York, and Texas. Dr. Silverman was an Instructor of Advanced Trauma Life Support (American College of Surgeons, 1998, 2003).

Christopher Spevak, MD, MPH, JD

Christopher Spevak MD, MHP, JD is a physician and attorney practicing in Washington, D.C. He graduated from the Northeastern Ohio Universities College of Medicine and completed an Anesthesiology residency at the Cleveland Clinic Foundation. He then completed a Masters of Public Health in health management and policy from the University of Michigan and a Juris doctorate from the Catholic University of America. Dr. Spevak is the 143rd President of the Medical Society of the District of Columbia and an Associate Professor of Anesthesia at Georgetown University Medical Center. Dr. Spevak represents physicians throughout the country in regulatory, transactional and employment related matters.

W. Sherman Turnage, MD

Sherman Turnage received his Bachelor of Arts at William Jewell College in 1982. He received his Doctor of Medicine at St. Louis University School of Medicine in 1986. He currently is Vice President at Lighthouse Anesthesiology Consultants, PL and Active Medical Staff at Flagler Hospital in St. Augustine Florida. Dr. Turnage is a member of several Professional societies including the International Association for Anesthesia Research and American Society of Critical Care Anesthesiologists. Dr. Turnage has authored or co-authored many publications.

David Varlotta, DO

David Varlotta received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Emory University in 1979 then his D.O. degree from New York College of Osteopathic Medicine in 1983. Dr. Varlotta completed his residency in Anesthesia at the Cleveland Clinic Foundation in 1988 and achieved board certification in that year. Dr. Varlotta is currently a Partner with Unicom Anesthesia Associates., P.A. He is also a Staff Anesthesiologist at University Community Hospital and H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Hospital in Tampa Florida. Dr. Varlotta is a member of the Florida Medical Association, is a delegate to the American Society of Anesthesiologists, and is a board member of the Florida Society of Anesthesiologists. Dr. Varlotta has authored or co-authored several publications, and has presented original research at the American Society of Anesthesiologists annual meeting. In 2007 Dr. Varlotta was appointed to, and served on, the Governor's Commission on Lethal injection in the State of Florida.