

# Department of Neurosurgery

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## Congratulations to Andrew R. Conger, M.D., M.S.

This year's End of the Academic Year Celebration honoring our 2016 graduate, Dr. Andrew Rushing Conger was held at Commander's Palace on June 18, 2016. Dr. Conger was also awarded the "212 Degree Award."

The premise of this award is to recognize the resident who performs beyond expectations. "At 211 degrees, water is hot. At 212 degrees, it boils. And with boiling water, comes steam. And with steam, you can power a train. Just one extra degree makes all the difference." Dr. Conger exceeded the extra degree and made a difference to the Department of Neurosurgery. After Dr. Jason Wilson, Program Director, and Dr. Frank Culicchia, Chairman, presented Dr. Conger with his award and diploma, the residents, faculty, and Dr. Conger's family members stood up to commemorate him.

Now, it is time for him to start the next chapter in his career. He will be completing a Skull Base Fellowship at John Wayne Cancer Institute and Saint John's Health Center in Santa Monica, California. The department wishes him the best of luck!

## Meet the 2016 Neurosurgery Interns!

On March 18, 2016 LSUHSC fourth-year medical students participated in Match Day with their friends and family at the Sugar Mill in New Orleans. Crawfish was boiling and snowballs were served as the students anxiously awaited to receive their envelopes, which stated where they would be completing their residency following graduation. After interviewing over 50 applicants, we are excited to announce Dr. Adam Podet and Dr. Leo Webb matched with our program!

Dr. Adam Podet (left) is from Houston, Texas and currently resides in New Orleans. He attended Tulane University for Undergraduate and Graduate school and was on the Tulane Football team. Adam completed his medical school training at LSUHSC-New Orleans and was a member of Alpha Omega Alpha and the American Medical Association.

Dr. Leo Webb (right) is from Covington, Louisiana and currently resides in New Orleans. He attended Tulane University for Undergraduate and Graduate school and was on the Tulane Football team. Leo completed his medical school training at LSUHSC-New Orleans and was a member Gold Humanism Honor Society.

Good luck to you both as you start your residency on July 1, 2016!



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### Giving Opportunities:

Join the The Foundation for the LSU Health Sciences Center. The foundation of philanthropic support at LSU Health Sciences Center in New Orleans.

**Memorial Gifts** - Donations to the LSU Department of Neurosurgery in the name of a loved one or friend furthers our work against brain tumors. We will send an acknowledgement to the family or individuals you designate. Please be sure to include the full mailing address of the individual who should receive our note of appreciation.

**Matching Gifts** - Many employers will match any charitable contributions made by their employees.

**Gift of Stock** - Outright gifts of marketable securities for current operations or endowments can be made through our Foundation.

**Establish an Endowment** - Make a gift that keeps on giving in your name.

**Consider a Planned Gift** - Remember LSU Department of Neurosurgery in your will, trust, or other plan for the future.

**In-kind Gifts** - Donations of tangible personal property or equipment.





## Louisiana Neurosurgical Society Meeting 2016

The 2016 LANS Meeting was held at The Roosevelt New Orleans Hotel, while the hands-on component took place at The Center for Advanced Practice at Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center. After the meeting ended everyone took the field for the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual "Battle of the Brains" softball game in City Park. LSUHSC-NO beat out their rivals Tulane and LSU-Shreveport for the championship this year; a title held by LSUSC-Shreveport for the two previous years. Planning is underway for the 2017 Annual Meeting, which will be held at the Ritz Carlton Hotel in New Orleans. This event is scheduled for January 13-14, 2017 and marks the 42nd Annual Meeting of LANS.

### Update Information:

Do you need to update your contact information? If so, please email your updated information to [jbord7@lsuhsc.edu](mailto:jbord7@lsuhsc.edu)

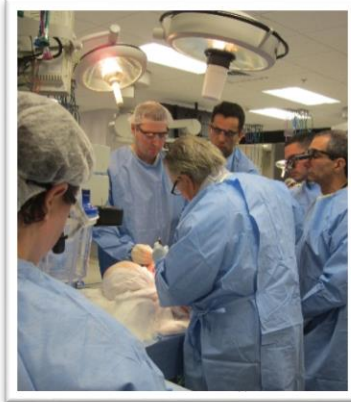


## 2<sup>ND</sup> Annual Peripheral Nerve Course – The Kline Legacy

We kicked off the Mardi Gras season by hosting the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Peripheral Nerve Course – the Kline Legacy. This course provided a comprehensive two-day, hands-on workshop incorporating a variety of learning formats, including didactic, hands-on surgical skills and case presentations. Instruction from Dr. David Kline, a world leader in peripheral nerve research, training and patient care, along with LSU and invited world-class faculty, presented a unique opportunity for neurosurgeons to guide their learning and enhance their surgical skills.

Presentations were given by the following course faculty for AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™: Robert Spinner, MD, Gabriel Tender, MD, Leo Happel, PhD, Simon Archibald, PhD, Eric Zager, MD, Line Jacques, MD, Allan Levi, MD, Rajiv Midha, MD, Shaun O'Leary, MD, Daniel Kim, MD, Michel Kliot, MD, and Ian McCutcheon, MD.

Our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Kline Course will be held on **Saturday-Sunday, February 18-19, 2017** at the **LSUHSC Center for Advanced Practice Lab**. Please email [jbord7@lsuhsc.edu](mailto:jbord7@lsuhsc.edu) for more information.



# 84<sup>th</sup> AANS Annual Scientific Meeting

April 30 - May 4, 2016 | Chicago, Illinois

## Neurosurgery Leading the Way



### M. Daniel Eggart, M.D. Chief Resident Recognized at the AANS Meeting

On May 3, 2016 at the AANS Annual Meeting which was held in Chicago, IL, M. Daniel Eggart, MD received the Public Service Citation; an award given by the AANS Young Neurosurgeons Committee. Dr. Eggart embodies the medical tradition of service with a special focus on patients in developing countries.

His vision seeks to establish permanent international programs to improve long term care and outcomes for at-risk populations. In his short medical career as a medical student and six years as a neurosurgery resident, he has worked in Haiti, Mexico, Bolivia, and Africa. During his residency, Dr. Eggart moved to Mbale, Uganda for three months to serve as a volunteer house surgeon at CURE Hospital, a major African referral center for hydrocephalus and spina bifida. He evaluated patients and performed many endoscopic as well as traditional surgeries to manage the hydrocephalus epidemic. He has also begun a research study to explore hydrocephalus etiologies as it relates to myelomeningoceles post primary closure. Upon finishing residency, Dr. Eggart plans to pursue a fellowship and join a university practice where he will teach residents and serve patients at home and abroad.

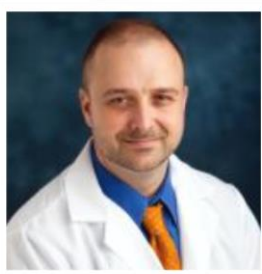


### Meet Our New Faculty Members:



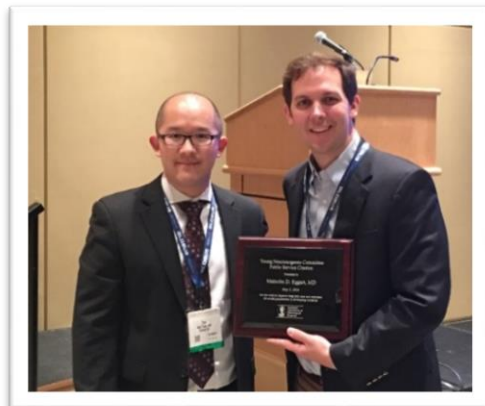
Jerome Volk III, MD - Joseph Nadell Pediatric Chair

Dr. Jerome Volk received his Bachelor's degree from LSU Baton Rouge. He attended LSU Health Sciences Center for medical school and graduated from our Neurosurgery residency program in June 2015. Dr. Volk was mentored by late Dr. Joseph Nadell. After graduation, Dr. Volk began a Pediatric Neurosurgery Fellowship at Northwestern University. He will be working at Children's Hospital New Orleans. Dr. Volk is expected to start August 2016.



Aaron G. Mammoser, MD - Kelsey Bradley Favrot Chair in Neuro-Oncology

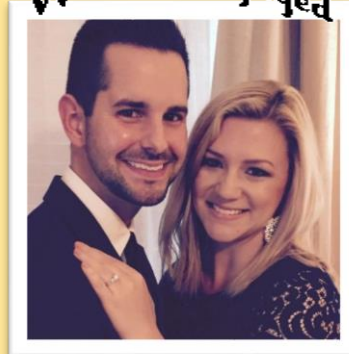
Dr. Aaron Mammoser was a clinical assistant professor in the Department of Neurology at the University of Michigan with subspecialty training in Neuro-Oncology and saw patients in the Neuro-Oncology Clinic in the Comprehensive Cancer Center. He received his bachelor's degree from Cornell University in 1994, his master's degree from Roswell Park Cancer Institute in 2000, and his medical degree from the University at Buffalo in 2005. He completed his Neurology residency at the University of Michigan, and completed his fellowship training in Neuro-Oncology at MD Anderson Cancer Center. Dr. Mammoser is expected to start September 2016.



Khoi Than, MD, AANS' YNS vice president elect, presents M. Daniel Eggart, MD with award at AANS meeting

## CONGRATULATIONS!

### We're Engaged



Brittany Copeland (Residency Coordinator) and Matthew Ducote

### Just Married



Dr. & Mrs. Clifford Crutcher  
(PGY-4)  
April 16, 2016

### expecting twins!



Dr. & Mrs. Kevin Morrow  
(PGY-2)  
October 2016



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Didactic Conferences are held on Friday afternoons at University Medical Center or West Jefferson Medical Center – please visit our website or call the office if you are interested in attending.
- Kelsey Bradley Favrot Memorial 5k Run/Walk
  - October 2, 2016 at Audubon Park
- Lee Happel, PhD Annual Lectureship
  - November 4, 2016 at UMC
- Louisiana Neurosurgical Society (LANS) Meeting 2017
  - January 13-14, 2017 at The Ritz Carlton Hotel, New Orleans
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Peripheral Nerve Course- The Kline Legacy
  - February 18-19, 2017 at LSUHSC, CAP Lab

