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## UT Southwestern faculty receive honors

DALLAS – Jan. 27, 2011 – Faculty members from UT Southwestern Medical Center recently were recognized for achievements in their fields.

**Dr. Rod Rohrich**, chairman of plastic surgery at UT Southwestern Medical Center, received the 2010 Presidents Award, from the American Society of Plastic Surgeons, the world's largest organization of board-certified plastic surgeons. The President's Award recognizes outstanding achievement and service throughout a distinguished career. Dr. Rohrich served as president of the ASPS and is past-member of the ASPS Board of Directors, the Plastic Surgery Educational Foundation, the American Society of Aesthetic Plastic Surgeons and the Aesthetic Society Education and Research Foundation. He also serves as editor of the society's official journal, *Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery*, and recently returned from Shenyang, China, where he represented the ASPS and the journal at a signing ceremony for a contract with the *Chinese Journal of Aesthetic and Plastic Surgery* (CJAPS), the official medical journal of the Chinese Association of Medical Doctors. Every two months, the editors of CJAPS, in collaboration with the ASPS publication, will select two articles from PRS for translation and inclusion in their journal.

**Dr. Lisa Monteggia**, associate professor of psychiatry at UT Southwestern Medical Center, has been named first holder of the Ginny and John Eulich Professorship in Autism Spectrum Disorders. "This recognition brings a heightened sense of urgency and responsibility to intensify our ongoing efforts in the field," Dr. Monteggia said. "Our current understanding of the biological basis of autism is in its infancy. The development of viable therapeutic approaches will require a better understanding of what goes wrong in the brain of children with these disorders at the level of individual nerve cells and neuronal circuits." The \$100,000 gift, donated by Dallas philanthropists Virginia and John Eulich, was part of \$1.4 million raised by the 2008 Crystal Charity Ball Autism program. Dr. Monteggia's lab research includes understanding autism and autism spectrum disorders. Dr. Monteggia earned her Ph.D from The Chicago Medical School of Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science, completed training at Yale University and Abbott Laboratories, and has been a UT Southwestern faculty member since 2002.

**Dr. Elizabeth Parks**, associate professor of clinical nutrition at UT Southwestern Medical Center, has been appointed to the editorial board of *Advances in Nutrition*, a new online peer-reviewed journal produced by the American Society for Nutrition. The bi-monthly journal, which debuted in November 2010, is designed to both explain the significance of new research findings as well as highlight research gaps and future directions in the field of nutrition. Dr. Parks joined the UT Southwestern faculty in October 2005.

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