

# SOUTHWESTERN NEWS

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## UT SOUTHWESTERN FACULTY RECEIVE HONORS

DALLAS — February 28, 1997 — The following UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas faculty members were recognized recently for outstanding achievement in their fields:

**Nancy R. Schneider, M.D., Ph.D.**, associate professor of pathology at UT Southwestern, was recently appointed chairwoman of the Cytogenetics Resource Committee of the College of American Pathologists (CAP). CAP, the world's largest association of pathologists, is active in promoting high-quality cost-effective patient care throughout the world. Schneider has been an active CAP member and has served as a member of the Cytogenetics Resource Committee and as CAP liaison to the Laboratory Practice Committee of the American College of Medical Genetics.

**Saundra K. Gilfillan, D.O.**, will receive the Seventh Annual Nancy C.A. Roeske, M.D., Certificate of Recognition for Excellence in Medical Student Education for teaching from the American Psychiatric Association. Gilfillan, an assistant professor of psychiatry at UT Southwestern, will receive the award at the group's annual meeting in San Diego in May.

The National Institutes of Health has named **Mark Lehrman, Ph.D.**, associate professor of pharmacology and chairman of the graduate program in cell regulation at UT Southwestern, to a grant review committee.

Lehrman, whose research focuses on exploring the biosynthesis functions of carbohydrates and the enzymes that initiate this process, will serve on the NIH Pathobiochemistry Study Section, Division of Research Grants through June 30, 2000. The

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committee reviews grant applications submitted to the NIH, makes recommendations on the proposals and surveys the status of research in its fields of science.

**Laurette Dekat, M.D.** was named the 1996 Distinguished Human Service Professional of the Year by the Community Council of Greater Dallas. The clinical assistant professor of pediatrics and family practice and community medicine at UT Southwestern was chosen in recognition of her work with high-risk adolescent patients and her work in the West Dallas community.

Dekat is the associate medical director of deHaro Salvidar Health Clinic, one of Parkland Health & Hospital System's network of neighborhood clinics. She is a board-certified pediatrician who learned Spanish to communicate with her young patients. The physician also has helped tutor teen-age patients in algebra, geometry and English after the clinic has closed for the day.

**Adi F. Gazdar, M.D.**, received the 1996 Guest Lectureship Award on Basic Cell Research given by the American Society of Cytopathology. The pathology professor at UT Southwestern presented his lecture entitled "The Molecular Basis of Preinvasive Cancer: Implications for Cytopathology" at the Society's 44th annual scientific meeting in Denver late last year.

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