

## David C. Leach Award



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### **Marjon Vatanchi, MD**

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#### **About the project:**

“Dr. Marjon Vatanchi runs an Acral Lentiginous Melanoma project in which resident and medical student volunteers perform examinations on our local diverse population of Brooklyn, New York. To date, she has led multiple screenings each year at local health fairs and has performed hundreds of screenings. This is an ongoing community outreach project with future screening dates in place. As Dr. Vatanchi is in her last year of residency, she is now training junior dermatology residents to continue the project after she graduates.”

“The dermatology residents have received more exposure to using dermoscopy on acral surfaces. They are reminded of the risk factors for acral lentiginous melanoma and become experienced with detecting suspicious lesions on examination. With this knowledge, residents can provide participants with feedback on whether their nevi (moles) appear concerning or not. If they have any suspicious lesions, they are offered information to follow-up in our dermatology clinics for a diagnostic skin biopsy.”