# **SIU** School of Medicine



Investiture of

Aziz U. Khan, MD

Professor of Clinical Medicine

as the recipient of the

Simmons Cancer Institute

Endowed Chair of Excellence in Oncology

Southern Illinois University School of Medicine

In conjunction with Simmons Cancer Institute

Donor Appreciation Reception
Southern Illinois University School of Medicine

Thursday, July 23, 2015 5:00 pm

## <u>Program</u>

# J. Kevin Dorsey, MD, PhD

Dean and Provost, SIU School of Medicine

# Randy J. Dunn, EdD

President, Southern Illinois University System

## Robert S. Mocharnuk, MD

Assistant Professor of Clinical Medicine Southern Illinois University School of Medicine

### Alexandra M. Levine, MD, MACP

Professor of Hematology/Transplantation City of Hope National Medical Center

## Donald I. Feinstein, MD, MACP

Professor of Medicine & Hematology Keck Medical Center of USC

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# Medal Ceremony

# John D. Simmons, JD

Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville Simmons Hanly Conroy LLC

### Aziz U. Khan, MD



Aziz U. Khan, MD, Professor of Clinical Medicine, is the Executive Director of Simmons Cancer Institute (SCI), and Chief of the Division of Hematology and Oncology. He joined Southern Illinois University School of Medicine in November, 2007 as an associate professor of hematology and oncology. Dr. Khan was appointed Executive Director of Simmons Cancer Institute in November, 2014, after serving as its Interim Executive Director since January 2014.

As a determined advocate for bench-to-bedside translational research at Simmons Cancer Institute, Dr. Khan is working to advance a genomically-directed clinical trials program at SCI which will further enhance patient care and treatment.

His vision encompasses cultivating a fellowship program in hematology and oncology to offset the anticipated shortage of 5,000 physicians in the field by 2020 nationally. Dr. Khan's dedication to career development for residents and faculty and his commitment to patients are hallmarks of his academic service.

Dr. Khan completed his undergraduate studies at Forman Christian College, and medical school at Allama Igbal Medical College, both in Lahore, Pakistan. He completed his internship and residency at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C. and fellowships in medical oncology and hematology at the Los Angeles County/University of Southern California Medical Center.

As the recipient of numerous awards, honors, and academic and executive appointments, Dr. Khan is a working member of numerous medical and academic committees. Dr. Khan is the principal investigator for more than half a dozen industry sponsored clinical trials, including his current project "Prospective, longitudinal, multinational registry of patients with newly diagnosed peripheral T-cell lymphoma."

Board certified in internal medicine and medical oncology by the American Board of Internal Medicine, Dr. Khan is a member of the American Society of Clinical Oncology and American Society of Hematology.

Dr. Khan's research activities have included Gastrointestinal Malignancies, Breast Cancer and Lung Cancer; and lymphoma; and Hematological Malignancies.

He and his wife Tarfa, have two children and live in Springfield.

# John and Jayne Simmons



John Simmons, a native of Alton, Illinois, is chairman of Simmons Hanly Conroy. In 1991 he earned his undergraduate degree in political science at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville where he served as president of the student body. He earned his juris doctorate at Southern Methodist University School of Law. Prior to college, Mr. Simmons served in the U.S. Army as a combat engineer. Both he and his wife, Jayne, will begin Missouri Baptist

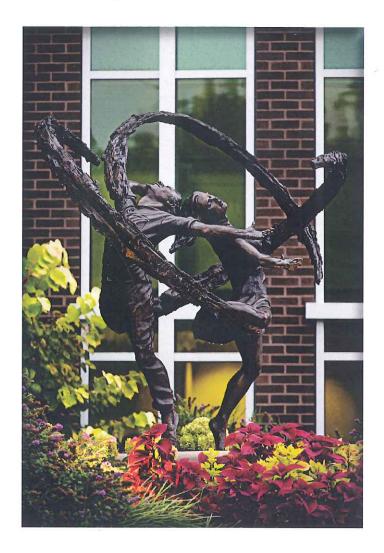
University's MBA program this fall.

Jayne Simmons grew up in Roxana, Illinois. She attended Southern Illinois University Edwardsville before transferring to St. Leo University where she earned a degree in business management. She is an owner of the Southern Illinois Miners, a minor league baseball team that she and her husband established in southern Illinois in 2007.

Simmons Hanly Conroy, aka the Simmons Firm, is based in Alton with offices in St. Louis, Chicago, Los Angeles, San Francisco, New York City. In 2005 a total pledge of \$10.2 million to Southern Illinois University through the Southern Illinois University Foundation was made by the Simmons Firm with a significant personal contribution by John and Jayne Simmons. The pledge was made to help fund a new cancer institute and to foster excellence in the SIU School of Medicine's oncology programs.

The Simmons' have established Simmons Cancer Institute Endowed Chair of Excellence in Oncology with their gift of \$2 million. They aspire to develop and enhance the School of Medicine's efforts to teach, research and treat cancer. Through Mr. and Mrs. Simmons' concern for cancer research and excellence in oncology and their forward thinking generosity, their gift establishing the Simmons Cancer Institute Endowed Chair of Excellence in Oncology will provide new resources to advance the scientific understanding of the disease process, provide new insights into the epidemiology of the disease and develop new treatments in clinical care for cancer patients.

The Simmons' have four children and live in Alton, Illinois.



The mission of Simmons Cancer Institute at SIU is to serve the people of central and southern Illinois by addressing their present and future cancer care needs through medical education, biomedical research, patient care and community service.