

Max B. Kelz, MD, PhD, Anesthesia Distinguished Professor

Congratulations to [Max B. Kelz, MD, PhD](#), who has been appointed to the Distinguished Professorship in Anesthesiology and Critical Care.

The Anesthesia Distinguished Professorship was awarded in recognition of Dr. Kelz's world renowned neuroscience research on the detailed mechanisms underlying brain state transitions, such as anesthesia induction and emergence. He has assembled a team of physician scientists in this area that is unrivaled nationally. Dr. Kelz's research has been continuously funded by the NIH since 2004, and he has collaborators worldwide. He has served on grant review committees, such as IARS and FAER, and on the Scientific Advisory Board of AUA. Further national leadership roles include the Presidency of the Academy of Research Mentors in Anesthesia (ARMA), and a member of the IARS Board of Directors. In addition, he has devoted many years of service to the department as Director of Research Education, and as the PI of the Department's NIH T32 training grant. Dr. Kelz began his career at Penn as an anesthesia resident after completion of his MD/PhD program at Yale University School of Medicine.

Dr. Kelz was the inaugural David E. Longnecker Associate Professor from 2016 – 2020, and is the first holder of the Anesthesia Distinguished Professorship.