

# **UT Southwestern / Children's Medical Center - Dallas Pediatric PL-1 House Staff, 2020-2021**

This booklet is intended to help integrate our pediatric interns into the busy and bustling interdisciplinary teams that keep our hospital running.

The entries here may offer you starting points for worthwhile conversations and interactions. In addition to basic geographic and training background facts, some facets of what our interview process noticed and appreciated in individual intern applicants are listed. For each intern, these lists include some – but not all – of their past endeavors and passions. They mention early – but not exclusive or restrictive – areas of interest.

The thoughtful and personalized cultivation of new colleagues and their diverse talents is essential to our long term mission as an academic medical center and to our immediate levels of function.

The attending who pulled me aside years ago in a hallway to “welcome another Cubs fan to propounding” started a profoundly meaningful relationship with a grin and a wink. Given my lack of interest in baseball (and especially the Cubs), this conversation rapidly morphed to discussions about our patient’s renal function, which may have been the intent all along. Regardless, the fact that I still recall this conversation so vividly proves its impact. Likewise, the nurse who kindly and expertly taught me how to plot vital trends on a bedside monitor at 2AM did more for me and my patients than I think she ever realized.

I hope you, too, are willing to take time to thoughtfully engage with our trainees. If so, I strongly suspect you can directly help and develop them, and our institution.

-Jeff McKinney

# Dario Alvarez, M.D.



- University of Arizona, College of Medicine – Phoenix, M.D.
- University of Arizona, B.S. in Biology
- Arizona Lottery \$25,000 Pediatrics Scholarship
- John C. Lincoln Medical Center Scholarship
- Rural Health Certificate of Distinction
- Research: Health outcomes of children with special health care needs seen in a rural medical home; Dengue and West Nile virus and vectors study in AZ and MX.
- Volunteer, "Juntos por la Salud" Mobile Health Unit /Advocacy, AmeriCorps
- Co-Founder University of Arizona COM-Phoenix Black Students in Medicine group & SNMA Chapter
- Spanish (native)

Career Interests: Minority & Underserved Population, Advocacy, Academic Medicine

Hobbies: Sports player (soccer, basketball, baseball, softball, snowboard), Chess player and coach, Latin dancing, cooking enthusiast, poetry and fiction writing, world traveler

# Kaitlyn Arbour, M.D., M.P.H.



- Tulane University School of Medicine, M.D., M.P.H in Global Community Health and Behavioral Sciences
- Columbia University, M.S. in Bioethics
- University of Michigan, B.S. in Art History and Neuroscience
- Sydney Jacobs Memorial Award for paper "The Emergence of Medical Ethics in the Late 19th and Early 20th Centuries"
- President, Bioethics Interest Group
- Research: predictions of survival and neurologic morbidity of ventilated patients in the Neonatal ICU; provider preferences and institutional resources at the limit of gestational viability
- Volunteer, New Orleans Adolescent Reproductive Health
- Advocacy, American Medical Association for adolescents with ASD diagnoses
- French (basic)

Career Interests: Neonatology

Hobbies: Dancing (ballet, contemporary, ballroom, salsa, bachata, zouk, kizomba), playing piano, cooking: specializing in Mediterranean, reading for fun

# Swathi Ariyapadi, M.D., M.P.H.



- The University of Texas Southwestern Medical School, M.D., M.P.H.
- The University of Texas at Dallas, B.S. in Biology
- Global Health Interest Group (GHIG)
- American Medical Women's Association (AMWA)
- Co-officer, Immunization Fair Coordinator; UTSW Global Health Interest Group
- Research: Multiple Site Blood Cultures for Detection of Neonatal Sepsis; Reducing Antibiotic Use Rate by developing and Implementing Early Onset Sepsis and Culture Negative Sepsis Bundle for Infants
- Volunteer, Union Gospel Mission, Center of Hope/Calvert Place

Career Interests: Neonatology and MPH/advocacy

Hobbies: Dance (love exploring different dance styles including Indian classical dance (Bharatanatyam) and Bhangra, Karate, Tennis

# Sarah Baker, M.D.



- University of Florida College of Medicine, M.D.
- Tulane University, B.S. in Neuroscience
- Merit-Based Grant to UF College of Medicine Award
- UF COM Admissions; UF COM Medical Student Executive Board; UF COM Welcoming Committee
- Leadership / Educator: created an UF COM elective - Transgender Health: Learning How to Care for the Transgender Community
- Research: effect of minimally invasive gynecologic surgery towards laparoscopically managed ectopic pregnancy
- Volunteer, Equal Access Student Clinic; Remote Area Medical Clinic
- Spanish (basic)

Career Interests: Endocrinology - Transgender Medicine

Hobbies: Learning new languages (Spanish and sign language), creative writing, cooking

# Abigale Berry, M.D.



- University of Missouri-Columbia School of Medicine, M.D.
- Truman State University, B.S. in Biology
- AOA
- Gold Humanism Honor Society
- First Year Medical Student Leadership and Service Award
- MedZou Distinguished Volunteer Award
- Medical Foundation Scholarship
- Politte Scholarship
- Leadership: Class President – 4 consecutive years; Medical Student Mentor; Honor Council
- Research: analyze national patient database, regarding racial disparities and surgical outcomes
- Spanish (basic)

Career Interests: Hematology-Oncology

Hobbies: singing, dancing, podcasts, reading rock climbing, traveling, hiking, love all dogs

# Monica Blazek, M.D.



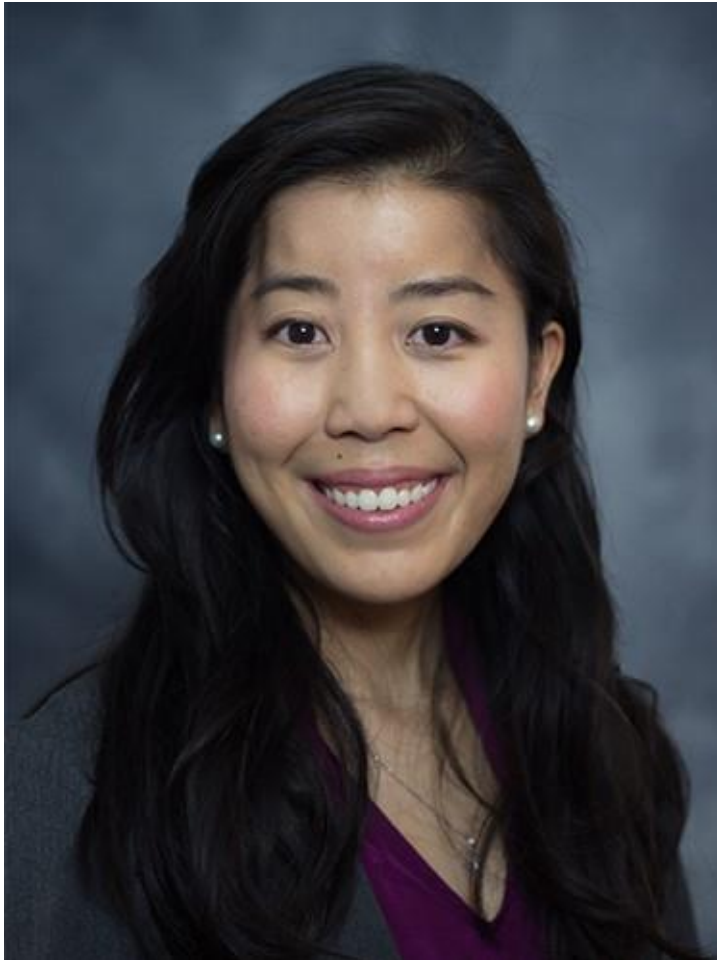
- Tulane University School of Medicine, M.D.
- Northwestern University, B.A. in Biological Sciences, Minor in Economics
- DeBakey Summer Research Scholarship
- Organizer, Back to School Drive for at – risk population
- Research: Investigating the efficacy of a novel multiple sclerosis (MS) anti-CD19 antibody therapy
- Research: Independent translational project on effects of a novel drug therapy (E112K) on mouse model for Crohn’s colitis
- Director, Northwestern Alumni Admission Council
- American Sign Language (fair) / Spanish (fair)

Career Interests: Complex Care, Special Needs

Hobbies: Completing and designing my own crosswords for the New York Times, baking, reading classic literature, survivor TV show enthusiast, pub trivia



# Brina Bui, M.D.



- McGovern Medical School at the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston, M.D.
- The University of Texas at Austin, B.A. in Plan II Honors
- First Place, Texas Pediatrics Society Poster Contest
- Albert Schweitzer Fellowship
- Founder / Course Director, Deconstructing Dementia: Mitigating Memory Loss with Art
- Co-President, Humanities in Film
- Research: Abdominal Pain, Vomiting, and Hematuria in an 8-Year-Old Boy. Will be published in Pediatrics in Review in 2020.
- Vietnamese (good)

Career Interests: Adolescent Medicine, At - Risk Population

Hobbies: Painting, watching TV shows / movies

# Etze Chotzoglou, M.D.



- Hacettepe Üniversitesi Tıp Fakültesi, M.D.
- Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, Post-Doctoral Research Fellow
- Dean's Special Award for the Most Successful International Student in Medical School's History
- Most Successful Medical Student Award
- Research: Pulmonary Hypoplasia Program
- Peer Mentor/ Instructor
- Teddy Bear Hospital Project Local Project Coordinator and National Supervisor, Public Health Section
- Turkish (native)

Career Interests: Neonatology, Pulmonology, Academic Medicine

Hobbies: Cooking Turkish and Greek Balkans cuisine, traveling, skiing, swimming, small scale fountain pen collection

# Caitlin Dunn, M.D., Ph.D.



- University of Cincinnati College of Medicine, M.D., Ph.D. in Molecular and Developmental Biology
- Indiana University, B.S. in Biochemistry
- MSTP Steering Committee
- Chief Officer, MSTP Student Governance Council
- Research: Created novel mouse model of human biomarker of birth timing, altering gestation length
- NIH Travel Award recipient and presenter at three international conferences on maternal-fetal health
- Directed research projects for five undergraduate students
- Research collaborator and member of Spina Bifida Coalition of Cincinnati
- Volunteer/Dog Foster, Sweet Dream House Rescue

Career Interests: Physician Scientist Training Program in Pediatrics (PSTP2), Neonatology  
Hobbies: Urban gardening and food preservation, Genetic and traditional genealogy, Evidence-based animal training

# Hala El-Mikati, M.D.



- American University of Beirut Faculty of Medicine Lebanon, M.D.
- Indiana University School of Medicine, Post-Doctoral
- American University of Beirut, B.S. in Biology
- President / Secretary, American University of Beirut- LHC
- Research: Clinicians Perceptions of a Computerized Decision Support System for Type 2 Diabetes Screening in a Pediatric Primary Care Center
- Research: Assessing for the mortality of pediatric patients with lymphoma and a concurrent EBV seropositivity
- Volunteer, Champs Club; Lebanese Medical Students' International Committee
- Arabic (native)

Career Interests: Research

Hobbies: Cooking, baking, painting, old Arabic poetry, movies and series

# Jessica Feng, M.D., M.P.H.



- University of Massachusetts Medical School, M.D.
- Emory University, M.P.H.
- Brown University, B.S. in Biology
- Summer Research Grant
- Research: Utilized large data sets for the evaluation of skin diseases in human populations with projects focused on skin cancer risk and prevention
- First-author publication in the British Journal of Dermatology
- Leadership: Pediatrics Interest Group
- Camp Discovery Counselor, American Academy of Dermatology
- Volunteer / Mentor / Coordinator
- Chinese (good)

Career Interests: Advocacy

Hobbies: Baking, calligraphy, collecting pens, stationary, and travel magnets, being on social event chair, studying in coffee or tea shops, exploring art museums, and trying new restaurants or cuisines

# Erin Finnerty, M.D.



- University of Cincinnati College of Medicine, M.D.
- Medical Student Scholars Program in Child and Adolescent Health
- University of Rochester, B.S. in Molecular Genetics, Minor, Chemistry
- Phi Beta Kappa
- Research: Conducted a genome-wide CRISPR screen on specific mouse cell lines to determine essential genes for survival of unique cells during prion infection
- Co-Chair, UCCOM Genetics In Medicine Interest Group
- Educational Programs Abroad
- Volunteer, Ronald McDonald House of Cincinnati

Career Interests: Primary Care

Hobbies: enjoy running, hiking, camping, and playing tennis with friends

# Jonathan Fletcher, M.D., Ph.D.



- University of Cincinnati College of Medicine, M.D., Ph.D. in Immunology
- University of Michigan, B.S. in Cell and Molecular Biology
- NIH (NINDS) F30 Fellowship Recipient
- Thesis Research: Identification of immune cell populations and cytokine signaling pathways involved in the development of plexiform neurofibroma, a peripheral nerve tumor that causes significant morbidity in patients with Neurofibromatosis type 1.
- Pre-doctoral Research: Neuroanatomical localization/characterization of microRNA expression in an animal model of addiction.
- Event Volunteer / Dog Foster, Sweet Dream House Rescue
- Review of MD/PhD Student Research Proposals - Medical Scientist Training Program Pathway Committee

Career Interests: Physician Scientist Training Program in Pediatrics (PSTP2), Tumor Immunology

Hobbies: Cooking, running, dogs, reading

# Maria Ghawji, M.B., B.S.



- Alfaisal University College of Medicine, M.B.,B.S.
- Award for Academic Excellence
- Dean's Honor List
- Research: Established verb generation fMRI protocol for clinical use in Arabic speaking patients
- Research: Investigate the active site of risperidone properties on the 5HT2AR-mGlut heteromer
- Volunteer / Academic Trainer, Ethnic Youth Support Team
- Observership, Department of Neurology Michigan State University
- Arabic (advanced)
- American Sign Language (basic)

Career Interests: Child Neurology

Hobbies: Bicycling, indoor cycling, avid reader, popular science and Arabic prose poetry, virtual astronomy club



# Margaret (Meg) Hart, M.D.



- Baylor College of Medicine, M.D.
- Dean's Distinction in Medical Education
- Dean's Distinction in Service Learning
- University of Massachusetts, M.F.A. in Dramaturgy (theater history/dramatic literature)
- Williams College, B.A. in Comparative literature (with specialty in German literature)
- Senior Grant Writer, Children's Museum of Houston; Writer and Curriculum Developer
- Research: Evaluate the effect of trainee involvement on anesthesia exposure
- Outreach Volunteer / Volunteer Teacher
- German (good) / Spanish (basic)

Career Interests: Advocacy, Underserved population

Hobbies: Enjoy hiking in national parks, reading science fiction and cultural histories, staying active with cycling and dance classes

# Brett Ipson, M.D., Ph.D.



- University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, M.D., Ph.D. in Cellular and Molecular Medicine
- Brigham Young University, B.S. in Molecular Biology
- Joe R. and Teresa Lozano MD/PhD Scholar Award
- NIH F30 Fellowship Grant
- Bowen-Vogt Fund Scholarship
- Poster Award, APSA South Regional Meeting
- Volunteer / Medical Counselor, Camp Independence, San Antonio
- Student Council, South Texas Medical Scientist Training Program
- Research: Pilot study to profile microRNAs isolated from the plasma of young; robust older; and frail older individuals identified 8 microRNAs that were enriched in frailty
- French (fair)

Career Interests: Physician Scientist Training Program in Pediatrics (PSTP2)

Hobbies: -Sports (particularly basketball & tennis), family time (board games, reading, movie nights, swimming, etc.)

# Ibasaraboh (Iba) Iyegha, M.D.



- University of Alabama School of Medicine, M.D.
- University of Alabama at Birmingham, B.S. in Biology
- Jane R. Cantey-Edwards Family Medical Scholarship
- Charles E. Ingalls, M.D., Medical Scholarship
- University of Alabama Health Services Foundation Scholarship
- Alpha Omega Alpha (AOA)
- Teaching Associate
- Research: Cross-sectional study evaluating the associations between poor sleep and glucose metabolism in patients with prediabetes
- Volunteer / Advocate, Equal Access Birmingham; Ukpe-Panama Clinic Nigeria
- Spanish (good)

Career Interests: Global Health, Primary Care

Hobbies: Reading (historical fiction), languages (self-teaching Japanese), spending time with family

# Tahmina (Eva) Jahan, M.D.



- University of Washington School of Medicine, M.D.
- University of Washington, M.S. in Applied Mathematics
- Oklahoma State University, B.S. in Electrical Engineering
- Co-Founder and Secretary, UWSOM Medical Student Parents Association (MSPA)
- Software Developer
- UWSOM Curriculum Committee
- Research: software project designed to improve the clinical workflow for residents presenting M&M cases by flagging a patient's EMR
- Mentor, Alliance for Equal Representation in Medicine
- Volunteer / Soccer Coach, Sea Mar Community Health Centers
- Bengali (native) / Hindi (fair)

Career Interests: Undecided

Hobbies: Running, soccer, reading, spending time with husband and two children

# Alysha Joseph, M.D.



- University of Texas Southwestern Medical School, M.D.
- University of Texas at Dallas, B.S. in Biochemistry
- University of North Texas, Denton, Texas, Texas Academy of Mathematics and Science (TAMS)
- Alpha Omega Alpha (AOA)
- Southwestern Medical Foundation Scholarship Recipient
- Presidential Volunteer Service Award Certification/Licensure
- Volunteer / Tutor / Peer Mentor / Medical Missions
- Research: Retrospective evaluation of medical resource utilization and pharmaceutical prescribing patterns for Hurricane Harvey evacuees treated at Dallas Mega Shelter Medical Clinic.
- Spanish (fair) / Malayalam (fair)

Career Interests: Medicine-Pediatrics

Hobbies: Baking, hiking, traveling, working out, cooking, spending time with family and friends, hosting dinners, painting, church activities, reading

# Sriharsha Kambala, M.D.



- Baylor College of Medicine, M.D.
- University of Houston, B.S. in Biology; Minor in Medicine and Society; Human Development and Family Studies
- Baylor College of Medicine Global Health Track
- Baylor International Pediatric AIDS Initiative Visiting Scholar, Texas Children's Hospital
- Research: Health Related Quality of Life in Young Adults with HIV in Botswana
- Research: Mortality Outcomes in the First 24-28 Hours of Life Comparing Infants born at Texas Children's Hospitals vs. Outborns
- Telugu (native)
- Spanish (fair)

Career Interests: Research, Global Health  
Hobbies: Film, sports, writing

# Aleena Khan, M.B., B.S.



- Aga Khan University Medical College, M.B.,B.S.
- Duke University, Postdoctoral Associate in Pediatrics-Medical Genetics
- Postdoctoral Research: Authored studies related to management and therapeutics in Pompe disease and Glycogen Storage Disease Type III
- Medical School Research: Case reports on atypical presentations of Rett syndrome, Salmonella enterica Cholecystitis, and mycotic aneurysms
- 1st Prize in "Medicine and Art" art competition
- Member of the University's Library Committee and class' Cricket team
- Volunteer/Educator, Synergy Mentor for medical students
- Urdu (native)

Career Interests: Medical Genetics

Hobbies: Working out - weight-lifting; outdoor activities (biking, kayaking, discovering trails, visiting national parks, travelling) indoor gardening, sketching and painting, cooking

# Ioanna Kotsopoulou, M.D.



- Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, Postdoctoral
- University of Athens School of Health Science, M.D.
- Research: Identifying associations of HLA with diseases such as Atopic Dermatitis, type I Diabetes Mellitus
- Volunteer, Lewis Katz School Of Medicine to familiarized with the basic molecular biology methods
- Volunteer, NICU ay Agia Sofia Children's Hospital
- Teaching Assistant, Tutored small groups of 2nd year undergraduate medical students.
- Greek (native) / French (good) / Spanish (basic)

Career Interests: Education, Research

Hobbies: Practicing hot power yoga daily, free hand drawing using graphite pencils, painting with acrylic colors, travelling.



# Ryan Kwong, M.D.



- Texas A&M Health Science Center College of Medicine, M.D.
- Boston College, B.S. in Chemistry
- Gold Humanism Honor Society
- President, IHI Open School
- Volunteer, College Symposium, mini medical school lectures for high school students
- Research: Get Up & Get Moving - Initiative for early mobility in hospitalized patients to reduce patient length of stay and post-discharge fall risk
- Research: Transitional Care Management (TCM) quality improvement project
- Spanish (good) / Chinese (fair)

Career Interests: Critical Care, Research QI, Education

Hobbies: Cooking, astronomy, music (piano, vocals), quality improvement, snowboarding

# Victoria (Tori) O'Neil, M.D .



- McGovern Medical School at the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston, M.D.
- The University of Texas Austin, B.S. in Advanced Nutritional Science, Health Science Honors Program
- Alpha Omega Alpha (Member of AOA)
- Volunteer / Advocate / Educator, Human Trafficking Education Implementation; GH in Nicaragua and India
- Leadership: President (AMWA); Academic Senator; MS1 Student Retreat Committee
- Research: Effect of obesity on chemotherapy resistance in triple negative postmenopausal breast cancer
- Spanish (basic)

Career Interests: Intensive Care

Hobbies: Ballroom and swing dancing, scuba diving, dog parks with her border collie (Sophie), podcasts, and reading

# Hannah J. Lee, M.D.



- Stony Brook University School of Medicine, Medicine-Pediatrics, M.D.
- Brown University, B.S. in Biology with Honors (Track in Cell & Molecular Biology)
- Co-President, MagicAid
- Steering Committee Member, SB HOME Free CClinical Volunteer, Floating Doctors in Panama
- Volunteer, House Staff Quality Improvement Council
- Research: Investigating the clinical outcomes and risk factors of children diagnosed with ESBL UTIs vs. non-ESBL UTIs who received a non-carbapenem empiric antibiotic
- Research: Examining the role of restoring intestinal bile acid biosynthesis in fecal microbial transplantation (FMT) in the context of IBD or C. difficile infection
- Korean (good) / French (basic)

Career Interests: Internal Medicine-Pediatrics – complex transitional care, subspecialties: endocrine, rheumatology, allergy & immunology, GI  
Hobbies: Traveling, playing tennis, food adventures, indoor cycling, enjoying musical theater, playing guitar, singing, listening to podcasts

# Smridhi (Simi) Mahajan, M.D.



- McGovern Medical School at the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston, M.D.
- The University of Texas at Austin in B.S. in Biomedical Engineering; Minor in Psychology
- Excellence in Global Health Scholarship
- Albert Schweitzer Fellowship National SPARK! Gala and Conference Travel Award
- Stinson Global Health Scholarship
- President, American Medical Students Association
- Research: The impact of chromosomal microarrays on neonates with congenital heart disease; Association of Fever in Bronchiolitis on Hospital Severity Outcomes and Health Care Utilization
- Hindi (good) / Spanish (fair)

Career Interests: Neonatology, Hospitalist Medicine, Global Health

Hobbies: Traveling/adventure (visiting every US national park, skydiving, bungee jumping), discovering new music, cooking international cuisine, and reading

# Shivani Misra, M.D., M.P.H.



- University of Arizona College of Medicine Phoenix, M.D./M.P.H.
- University of Arizona, B.S. in Neuroscience and Cognitive, Minors: Public Health, Biochemistry
- Gold Humanism Honor Society (Member of GHHS)
- Nu Rho Psi, National Neuroscience Honorary
- Fundraising Officer, Global Health Interest Group
- Research: Collaboration with Trauma department to develop an automated tool to identify victims of child abuse i.e. abusive head trauma (AHT)
- Research: Victorian Infant Brain Study Research Group, conduct longitudinal neuroimaging collection of children born preterm
- Volunteer / Advocate, Sonoran UCEDD advocacy for underrepresented populations; Certificate in Developmental Disabilities
- Spanish (fair) / Hindi (basic)

Career Interests: Neurodevelopmental Disabilities

Hobbies: Woodworking and burning, puzzles, escape rooms, riddles, solving mysteries, listening to podcasts

# Ealing Mondragon, M.D.

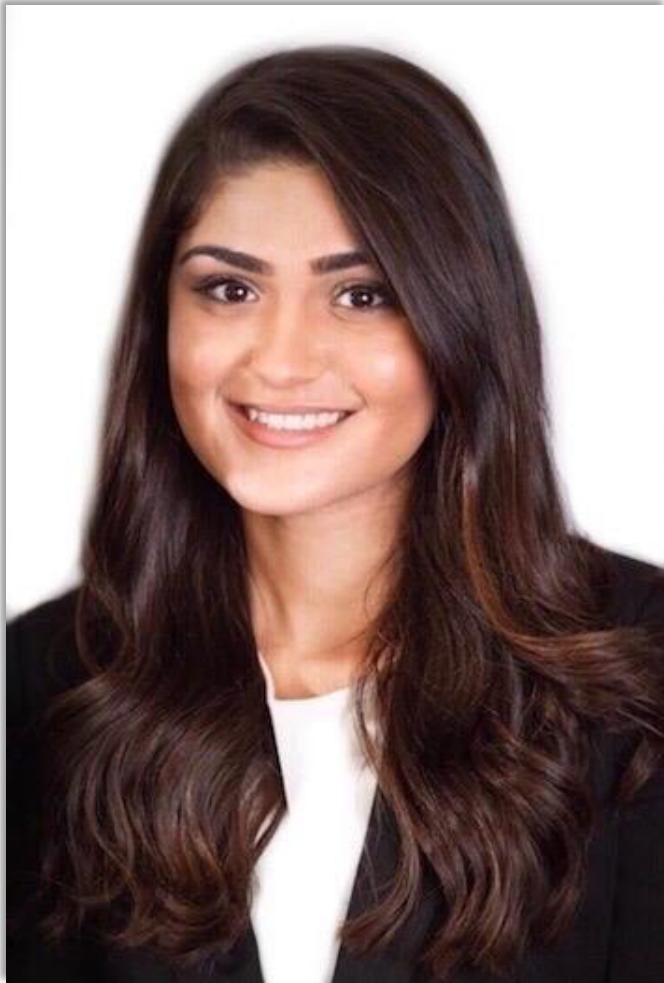


- Baylor College of Medicine, M.D.
- University of Houston, B.A. in Liberal Studies in Medical Humanities, Biology, and Spanish
- Top Student Abstract at 2019 BCM Quality Improvement and Patient Safety Conference
- Vice President, BCM National Perinatal Association Student Society
- General Officer, National Perinatal Association Student Society
- Mentor / Volunteer, American Medical Women's Association
- Research: Neural remodeling after perinatal stroke; ED (Child Trafficking/Sex abuse identification through EM HIV post-exposure prophylaxis and clinical follow-up)
- Research: QI implementing education regarding safe opioid prescription and disposal practices to decrease use
- Spanish (good) / Chinese (good)

Career Interests: Child Neurology

Hobbies: Ensemble singing (BCM acapella group), hiking, and cooking

# Mariam Nasir, M.D.



- Virginia Commonwealth University School of Medicine, M.D.
- George Mason University, B.S. in Neuroscience (Magna Cum Laude)
- President, VCU Ophthalmology Student Interest Group
- Class Wellness Officer
- Recipient of VCU School of Medicine Commonwealth Scholarship
- Research: Co-investigator, Authored and submitted IRB protocol study to compare the efficacy of Neupogen and Granix in pediatric oncology patients
- Research: Contributing Author for Ch. 11 in Ophthalmic Genetic Disorders
- Mentor, ADAMS Youth Education Program
- Hindi (advanced) / Punjabi (basic)

Career Interests: Pediatrics Emergency Medicine, Ophthalmology

Hobbies: Outdoor running, international traveling, hiking

# Can Ozlu, M.D.



- Koç Üniversitesi Tıp Fakültesi, M.D.
- Vehbi Koc Scholar Award
- Eczacıbasi Medical Student Project Award
- Rockefeller Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship (SURF) Program
- Volunteer Teacher, TEGV (Educational Volunteers Foundation of Turkey)
- Volunteer, Yedikule Animal Shelter
- Research: Neuroimaging research software and Python programming language to analyze brain MRI/f-MRI data.; Coding in Python
- Research: CRISPR genome-wide screening to compare cell-survival effects
- Turkish (native) / German (fair)

Career Interests: Child Neurology

Hobbies: Played ice hockey competitively as a right winger, reading philosophy books and classic literature



# Kiran Prasad, M.D.



- Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine, M.D.
- Columbia University, B.A. in Art History
- Creator, DigitalPeds.com - medical education videos on high-yield clinical pediatrics topics
- Tennis Instructor, Lighthouse International
- School for the Blind
- Volunteer / Advocate, victims of sexual & domestic violence; low income pts; autistic students
- Research: conducted a case-control study to identify risk factors associated with readmission for hyperbilirubinemia in term neonates
- Research: developed a novel screening tool for Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders; Psycho-Oncology
- Spanish (fair)

Career Interests: Developmental Behavioral Pediatrics, Complex Care

Hobbies: contemporary art exhibitions at museums, painting and drawing, running 5Ks, -annual Cleveland International Film Festival

# Ganesh Raman, M.D.



- Keck School of Medicine of the University of Southern California, M.D.
- University of California Berkeley, B.S in Chemistry
- Co-President, St. George Oncology Student Interest Group
- President, Project RISHI
- Volunteer, Himalayan Health Exchange; Chinmaya Organization for Rural Development (India)
- Research: Expression of genetic markers and transposable elements in Hematopoietic Stem Cell populations in patients exposed to chemotherapy
- Case Worker / Instructor, Suitcase Clinic
- Tamil (native) / Hindi (advanced) / Malayalam (fair)

Career Interests: Internal Medicine - Pediatrics

Hobbies: Indian classical vocalist, exploring the world, trivia (geography and history), South Indian cooking

# Sean Reiff, M.D., Ph.D.



- Ohio State University College of Medicine, M.D., Ph.D.
- Lee University, B.S. in Biology and Chemistry
- The Ohio State Graduate School University Fellowship Award
- Ohio State College of Medicine Student Council
- Research: QI study to increase vaccination among Somali immigrant kids in Columbus; moving from basic science work to clinical trials
- Research: assist in the development of a new imaging tool to visualize neurofibrillary tangles in Alzheimer's disease
- Mentor, OSU Comprehensive
- Cancer Center

Career Interests: Physician Scientist Training Program in Pediatrics (PSTP2)

Hobbies: Music (practicing guitar, attending concerts, or collecting vinyl), enjoys being outside, hiking with his dog, playing disc golf, or gardening.

# Jenny Riepma, M.D.



- Central Michigan University College of Medicine, M.D.
- Cornerstone University, B.S. in Biology/Pre-Med
- Ron Meyers' Scholar Science Award for leadership and academics
- Co-President, Latin Medical Student Association
- Science Tutor
- Student Leader / Research: QI project to address low pediatric influenza vaccination rates
- Advocacy, promote social justice on campus; helped relocate a Burmese refugee family
- Spanish (good)

Career Interests: Hospitalist, Global Health,

Hobbies: Playing and watching sports, traveling and exploring new places, and reading

# James Rohwer, M.D.



- Larner College of Medicine at The University of Vermont, M.D.
- Utah State University, B.S. in Public Health
- Advanced EMT
- Educator – Undergrad Aide for Human Anatomy, Human Physiology, and Human Dissection
- Missionary, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
- Research: created novel active learning pediatric ECG module
- Research: collected baseline Farm to Early Care and Education data for VT
- Research: lab tech at Institute for Antiviral Research at USU
- Spanish-English interpreter at free health clinic
- Spanish (good)

Career Interests: Gen Peds, Neonatology, PEM, Cardiology, Social Determinants of Health

Hobbies: Spending time with wife and two children, hiking, woodworking, podcasts, science fiction novels, board games, and going to movies

# Bella O'Malley, M.D.



- Indiana University School of Medicine, M.D.
- Indiana University, B.S. in Neuroscience
- Dr. James B. and Marie Schutt Memorial Scholarship
- Jessie Palmiter Berry Graduate Scholarship
- Co-President, American Medical Women's Association
- Research: QI study on the neonatal golden hour presented at PAS; QI study on pain control of pediatric SCD patients in the ED setting presented at ASPHO
- Educator: MCAT tutor, undergrad TA
- Spanish (basic) / Mandarin (good)

Career Interests: Neonatology, Primary Care, Quality Improvement  
Hobbies: Traveling, hiking, cooking, baking, yoga

# Mayank Verma, M.D., Ph.D.



- University of Minnesota Medical School, M.D., Ph.D. in Integrative Biology & Physiology
- University of Minnesota, B.S. in Microbiology
- Yale University, Post baccalaureate Research Assistant
- Graduating Medical Student Research Award
- Fisch Art of Medicine Student Award
- Finalist, Regeneron Prize for Creative Innovation
- Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) Summer Camp Counselor
- Research: Stem cell biology, angiogenesis and muscular dystrophy
- Seminar Chair, Myogenesis Gordon Research Conference(GRC)
- Hindi (native)

Career Interests: Child Neurology-Neuroscience track: Physician Scientist Training Program in Pediatrics (PSTP2)

Hobbies: Biking, data mining and making balloon animal

# Yarlini Vipulanandan, M.D.



- The University of Texas Southwestern Medical School, M.D.
- The University of Texas, B.A. in Biology
- Medical Student Training in Aging (MSTAR) Research Grant
- Gold Humanism Honors Society (GHHS)
- Peer Advocate, UT Southwestern Wellness Committee
- Research: conduct an aging-related study that implemented a protocol at Clements University Hospital to deprescribe proton pump inhibitors
- Dance Teacher/Choreographer, Anjali Center for Performing Art
- Volunteer, Dallas Free Clinics; United To Serve Health Fair
- Tamil (good)

Career Interests: Hospitalist

Hobbies: Dance choreography (Indian Classical & hip-hop), powerlifting, forestry & environmental consciousness, playing with the family pup (Ace)



# Amanda Zhang, M.D.



- University of Illinois College of Medicine, M.D.
- University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, B.S. in Biochemistry
- Alpha Omega Alpha (AOA)
- Secretary, Med-Peds Interest Group
- Fundraising Chair, Asian Pacific American Medical Student Association
- Research: Online depression prevention program for adolescents "CATCH-IT"
- Research: Individual experiments (PCR, cloning, gel electrophoresis, C. elegans maintenance and microinjection)
- Chinese (good)
- French (basic)

Career Interests: Internal Medicine-Pediatrics, Complex Care, Primary Care

Hobbies: indoor gardening, listening to podcasts, reading fiction, traveling, hiking, exploring museums and aquariums, live music, comedy shows, family and pets