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Department of Family
and Preventive Medicine

News from Family & Preventive Medicine

April 2021

Just 55 Words:



Ted Johnson, MD, MPH

Spring 2021 has arrived, bringing flowers and warmer days, but also growing hope in the increasing number of vaccinated Georgians. We have lots to celebrate: new residents, new fellows, new training and research awards, faculty development acceptances, and the retirement recognition of a dear colleague. The

cycle of academic medicine continues, ever changing, ever familiar.

"What happened to February?"

Those of you keeping track may have noticed that our department newsletters skipped from January to March last month. This adjustment was made to align with the actual publication date of the newsletter, which fluctuated, but has now settled at the beginning of the month. You'll find news *from* March and *things to look forward to in April and beyond* in this **April** issue of the newsletter.



Wellness Corner

1. [Sign up](#) for the **AMA's Burnout Management Tip of the Week:**

- Exclusive, expert-driven insights on managing burnout
- Quick tips to streamline workflows
- Resources designed to improve professional satisfaction

2. **Get your (hygienic) zzzzzzz's:** Did you know that sleep difficulties are highly associated with burnout (see: American Academy of Sleep Medicine [statement](#))? If you're having sleep difficulties, check out the [Emory Psychiatry Wellness Resources and Tips](#).

Transformative Research

Research News



Every month, we highlight faculty research, so you can stay up to date on your colleagues and their current projects.

March Featured Researcher:

Dio Kavalieratos, PhD

Associate Professor and Director of Research
and Quality
Division of Palliative Medicine

What is your professional background?

I am a health services researcher, having completed a PhD in Health Policy and Management at UNC-Chapel Hill before a postdoctoral fellowship at the University of Pittsburgh. My focus is on health care, access, quality, and outcomes, primarily in the context of serious and life-limiting illness. Before arriving to Emory in March 2020, I was an assistant professor of medicine at the University of Pittsburgh.

In what division/program do you work and who is your mentor?

I am primarily in the Division of Palliative Medicine in the Department of Family and Preventive Medicine, with secondary affiliations in the Division of General Internal Medicine and the Department of Epidemiology. My mentor is Tammie Quest, MD.

Briefly discuss your research. Why is it important?

Our team works to develop, test, and implement clinical strategies by which to identify and deliver services to people with serious illness who have unmet palliative needs. We do this through a variety of interrelated techniques, including qualitative and mixed-methods research, patient-reported outcomes assessments, EMR analyses, systematic review and meta-analysis, and randomized clinical

trials. As a matter of equity, we focus our work on chronic, non-cancer illnesses (e.g., heart failure, cystic fibrosis), recognizing that the evidence base for palliative care originated in oncology and we therefore know much less about the role and efficacy of palliative care interventions in non-cancer illnesses.

What do you like best about Emory?

Starting a new faculty position during a pandemic is strange, disorienting, and challenging; yet, I have felt such an incredible feeling of welcoming, support, and kindness from across the Emory community.

What do you like to do in your spare time?

I enjoy traveling internationally (thanks, COVID), hiking, baking (baklava and chocolate chip cookies are my specialties), spending time with my dog, and finding new coffee shops.

What is a fun fact about you?

I can take on most anyone in a game of 90s/00s R&B music trivia.

Recent Awards and Honors



Miranda Moore, PhD



Megha Shah, MD, MSc



Sara Turbow, MD, MPH

Dr. Miranda Moore been elected as the Society of Teachers of Family Medicine (STFM) Liaison to the Council of Academic Family Medicine (CAFM) Educational Research Alliance (CERA) Steering Committee for 2021-2023. As liaison, she will bring ideas from the CAFM organization to CERA, participate in discussions to offer ideas and make decisions on the priorities, direction, and initiatives of CERA. She will also serve as a liaison to the CAFM organization's leadership and members to promote and encourage participation in CERA projects.

Dr. Sara Turbow has been selected for the 2021 Tideswell Emerging Leaders in Aging Program, an inspiring, interdisciplinary experience that augments and leverages existing leadership skills for clinical, research, policy, and educational initiatives in aging. Beginning with a two-day, in-person workshop in the fall, followed by a series of individual and small group coaching/mentoring sessions via videoconference, and culminating with a final two day in-person meeting in the days preceding the American Geriatrics Society Annual Meeting, the Emerging Leaders in Aging program provides leadership training focused on the unique needs of leaders in aging-specific environments.

Megha Shah selected for the [Institute for Implementation Science Scholars \(IS-2\)](#) at Washington University. IS-2 is a mentored training program for investigators interested in applying dissemination and implementation (D&I) methods and strategies to reduce the burden of chronic disease and address health inequities. This 2 year program provides mentorship, training, and pilot funds to help support promising young investigators apply for R-level funding.

Dr. Zazi Nylander and team received a 2021 Society of Teachers of Family Medicine Conference on Medical Student Education Blue Ribbon Award for Outstanding Poster.



New Funding

Dr. Ambar Kulshreshtha's student mentee, Vinita Subramanya, was awarded the Healthcare Innovation Program/Georgia CTSA Seed Grant for her proposal "Developing a Novel Toolkit (Empower-Connect) to Improve Telemedicine Experience for Patients and Providers".

Upcoming FPM Research Meetings

**April 16, 2021 12:30-1:30 pm -
Coffee and Conversation**

This month, we will host a coffee and conversation. This meeting is optional. Please feel free to join if you'd like to discuss your projects, share research ideas, or if you have research questions, concerns, or

feedback. If you are interested in joining this session, please feel free to join Mo for a socially distanced in-person meeting at Highland Bakery @ SOM or via Zoom at the following [link](#).

Highlighted Opportunities

SOM I3 Teams Research Awards – due April 26

Proposals with a plan to cultivate an interdisciplinary team with an SOM PI and two or more additional departments from across Emory are solicited. Awards will provide seed money to support the infrastructure of building interdisciplinary collaboration with the ultimate goal of submitting a center or program project grant to target a significant problem with an impact at a clinical or basic science level. Potential proposals might include supporting a part-time employee to organize and analyze data, meetings to facilitate team formation, or generating preliminary data.

[Find out more>>](#)

Free Online Trainings for Clinical Research

Georgia CTSA and the University of Southern California Clinical and Translational Science Institute (SC CTSI) have created a new Online Course Catalog with free course and program offerings available to clinical research professionals. Participants earn a certificate or badge with contact hours (continuing education – CE) from an accredited provider upon

completion of a course or a program (series of courses). Contact hours can be used to meet requirements for CRP certification renewal. The newest program, "Diversity in Clinical Trials in the Time of COVID-19", is now available online. Select a course/program that interests you and click on the blue "Enroll" button. [Course catalog available here.](#)

Health Sciences Research Day, May 5



**The 7th Annual
Health Services Research Day**

**HSR DAY IS
GOING VIRTUAL!**

Wednesday, May 5th, 2021
8:00 am – 1:00 pm
Presented via Zoom

Join us for this symposium and networking opportunity where researchers across Georgia will learn about ongoing quality, effectiveness, and value-based research activities!

HEALTH SERVICES RESEARCH
Examines access to health care, how it is organized and delivered, and outcomes and costs of its services.

Keynote Speaker:
Michael Charnow, PhD
Leonard D. Schaeffer Professor of Health Care Policy
Director, Healthcare Markets and Regulation Lab
Department of Health Care Policy, Harvard Medical School

Sponsored by Georgia CTSA and Emory Health Services Research Center

Register for 7th Annual Health Services
Research Day

Recent Presentations

Dr. C. McLean Ellis presented on Palliative Care in NICU for Neonatal Grand Rounds for the Division of Neonatology, Emory University School of Medicine and Children's Healthcare of Atlanta on March 24th.

Dr. Ambar Kulshreshtha gave a seminar talk on *"Improving Heart and Brain Health Along the*

Life Course" at the Universities Allied for Essential Medicine.

Presentation at Georgia CTSa meeting: Wiley, Z, **Kulshreshtha, A**, Kobadize, K, Li, D, Franks, N, Clinical Characteristics, Outcomes, and Predictors of Readmission in Hospitalized COVID-19 Patients in Eight Atlanta Hospitals

Recent Publications

in print:

Ali MK, Seiglie JA, Narayan KMV. [Progress in diabetes prevention or epidemiology-or both, or neither?](#) Lancet Diabetes Endocrinol. 2021 Feb 23:S2213-8587(20)30433-2. doi: 10.1016/S2213-8587(20)30433-2. Online ahead of print. PMID: 33636103 No abstract available.

Ernecoff NC, Bilderback A, Bellon J, Arnold RM, Boninger M, **Kavalieratos D**. [Associations between Reason for Inpatient Palliative Care Consultation, Timing, and Cost Savings.](#) J Palliat Med. 2021 Mar 23. doi: 10.1089/jpm.2020.0636. Online ahead of print. PMID: 33761279

Galaviz KI, Schneider MF, Tien PC, Althoff KN, **Ali MK**, Ofotokun I, Brown TT. [Expanding the Finnish Diabetes Risk Score for predicting diabetes incidence in people living with HIV.](#) AIDS Res Hum Retroviruses. 2021 Mar 8. doi: 10.1089/AID.2020.0247. Online ahead of print. PMID: 33683149

Masood MQ, Singh K, Kondal D, **Ali MK**, et al. [Factors affecting achievement of glycemic targets among type 2 diabetes patients in South Asia: Analysis of the CARRS](#)

[trial](#). Diabetes Res Clin Pract. 2021 Jan;171:108555. doi: 10.1016/j.diabres.2020.108555.

Ramakrishnan A, Zreloff J, **Moore MA**, Bergquist SH, Cellai M, Higdon J, O'Keefe JB, Roberts D, Wu HM. [Prolonged Symptoms After COVID-19 Infection in Outpatients](#). Open Forum Infect Dis. 2021 Feb 2;8(3):ofab060. doi: 10.1093/ofid/ofab060. eCollection 2021 Mar. PMID: 33732751 Free PMC article.

Turbow S, Hollberg JR, **Ali MK**. [Electronic Health Record Interoperability: How Did We Get Here and How Do We Move Forward?](#) *JAMA Health Forum*. Published online March 17, 2021. doi:10.1001/jamahealthforum.2021.0253

Turbow SD, White MC, Breslau ES, Sabatino SA. [Mammography use and breast cancer incidence among older U.S. women](#). Breast Cancer Res Treat. 2021 Mar 5. doi: 10.1007/s10549-021-06160-4. Online ahead of print. PMID: 33666831

in press:

Ash, M., Baer, W., Peacock, C., Haardörfer, R., **Mascaro, J. S.** (2021) Advancing Measurement of the Sources and Consequences of Burnout in a Comprehensive Cancer Center: A Structural Equation Modeling Analysis" *American Journal of Medical Quality*

Mascaro, J. S., Singh, V., Scott, B., Juan, J., Curtis, C. M., Haack, C.. (2021) Randomized, wait-list controlled study of app-delivered mindfulness for patients experiencing chronic pain. *Pain Reports*

Educational Investments for our future

Another Successful Match for Preventive Medicine

Feb 16th was Preventive Medicine's "match" program. We were pleased to match the 3 candidates who we'd ranked as our top three. We also accepted two candidates who are currently completing different residencies within Emory. In combination with others, this means that for the training year beginning July 1, for the second time we'll have a total of 7 residents. In the aggregate, this is a highly-trained group, as 6 of the 7 will already have completed full residencies in either Internal Medicine or Family Medicine, and 5 already have MPH degrees.

The complete group who will be in the Emory Preventive Medicine Residency Program for academic year July 2021 – June 2022 are introduced below. **Drs. Ronak Ghiya** and **Alex Paras** are continuing into their second year. Of the five who are beginning in July, **Dr. Siri Chirumamilla** will be in the Program for two years while earning an MPH in addition to completing the full curriculum of rotations, and **Drs. Hari Athreya, Sarah Dupont, Alex Molinari,** and **Melissa Taylor** are entering as PM-2 appointees because they will have already

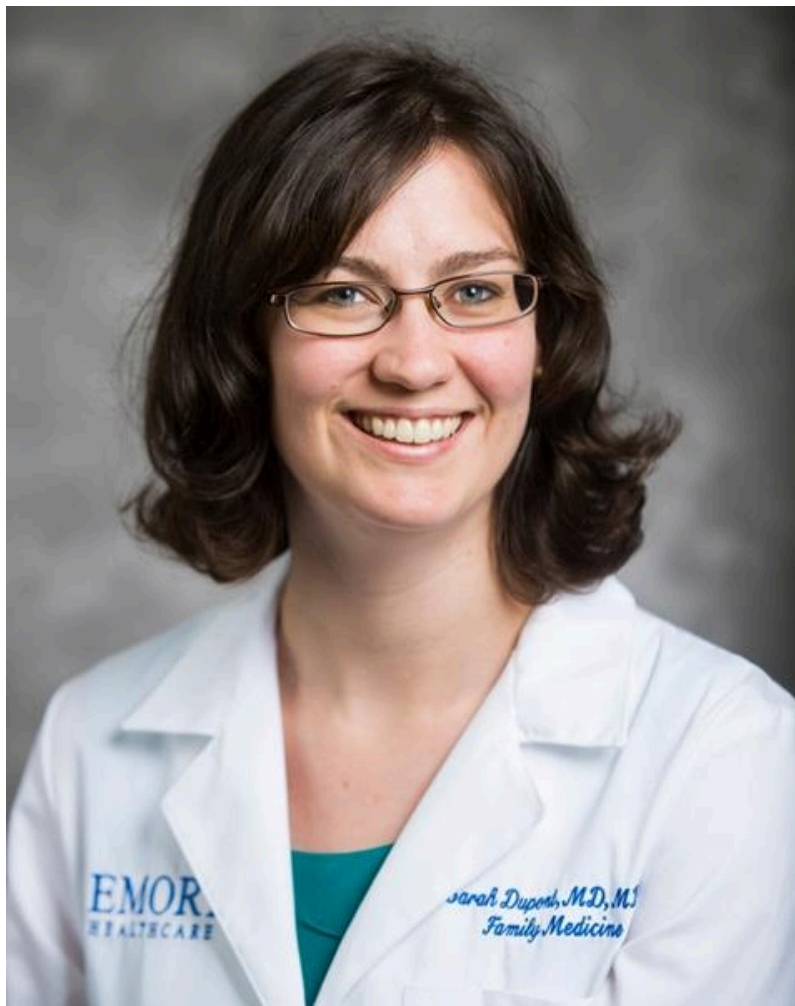
completed a categorical residency in another specialty and an MPH degree.



Hari Athreya, MD, MPH



Siri Chirumamilla, DO



Sarah Dupont, MD, MPH

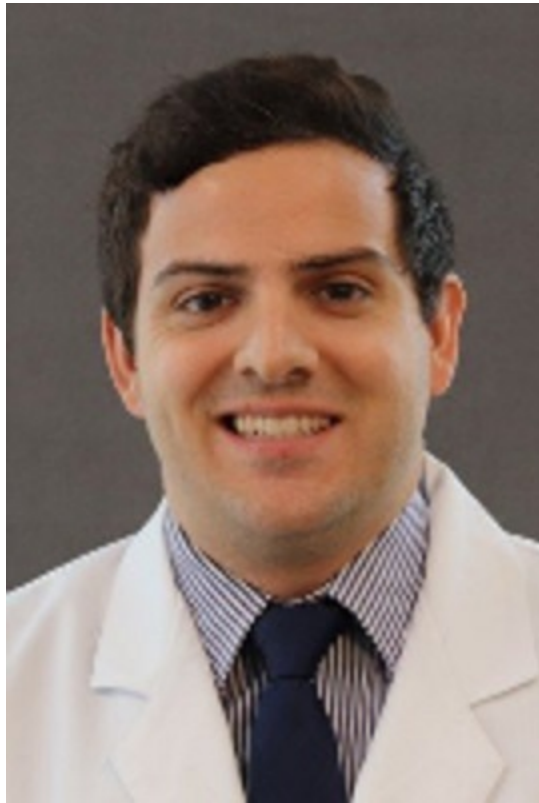
Hari Athreya, MD, MPH – Graduate of Rice University, and the McGovern Medical School and the School of Public Health at the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston, he is completing his residency in family medicine at the University of Illinois Chicago.

Siri Chirumamilla, DO – Graduate of Emory University, and of the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine (Georgia Campus) where she also earned an MS degree in Biomedical Sciences, she is completing her residency in family medicine at Dignity Health–Northridge Hospital, an affiliate of the UCLA School of Medicine.

Sarah Dupont, MD, MPH – Graduate of Gonzaga University, and of the MD/MPH Program of Emory University School of Medicine and School of Public Health, she is completing her residency in family medicine at Emory University.



Ronak Ghiya, MD



Alex Molinari, DO, MPH

Ronak Ghiya, MD – Graduate of Wright State University, and the Wright State University School of Medicine, he completed a residency in Internal Medicine at Baylor Scott & White Health.

Alex Molinari, DO, MPH – Graduate of the University of Florida, the Florida State University MPH Program, and Alabama College of Osteopathic Medicine, he is completing a residency in family medicine of the Community-Based Family Medicine Residency, Texas Institute for Graduate Medical Education and Research in San Antonio.



Alex Paras, DO, MPH



Melissa Taylor, MD, MPH

Alex Paras, DO, MPH – Graduate of San Diego State University, Drexel University Dornsife School of Public Health, and Western University

of Health Sciences / College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific. Dr. Paras previously completed a transitional year internship at Chino Valley Medical Center (California) and served as an active duty medical officer (Major) in the U.S. Air force from July 2013 – June 2020.

Melissa Taylor, MD, MPH – Graduate of the University of Colorado at Boulder, and of the MD/MPH Program of Emory University School of Medicine and School of Public Health, she is completing her residency in internal medicine at Emory University.

Family Medicine Welcomes the Class of 2024

The Family Medicine Residency Program had a terrific #EmoryMatchDay, filling all 10 available spots. The residents who will be joining the Family Medicine family next year are:

Jungwon "Allison" Choi, University of Miami
SOM

Teresa Colon-Asumu, Ross University SOM

Kaitlin Ervin, University of South Alabama COM

Shaaz Syed Fareed, University of Central
Florida COM

Nikhila Gandrakota, Siddhartha Medical
College

Hannah Lee, University of Illinois COM

Diana Rodgers, Ross University SOM

Rachel Schenkel, University of California San Francisco SOM

Tam Van, Tulane University SOM

Eden Woubshet, Medical College of Georgia

Emory Family Medicine Class of 2024



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Hannah Lee
University of Illinois COM



Diana Rodgers
Ross University SOM



Rachel Schenkel
University of California
San Francisco SOM



Tam Van
Tulane University SOM



Eden Woubshet
Medical College of Georgia

Porsha Clayton, Associate Academic Coordinator for Undergraduate Medical Education, arranged a virtual Welcome from FM faculty - some photo highlights appear below.



FM Residency Announces Research Track

The Family Medicine Residency has launched a Health Services Research Track for the 2021-2022 academic year. The program will offer a structured approach to facilitate research skills development through practical application. The application cycle will open in November to residents at the PGY-1 level who will be PGY-2 level by July 2022. More details will be available on the Family Medicine Residency website soon.

Update on the Art and Medicine Workshop

The first quarterly meeting of the Art in Medicine workshop participants was held on March 19. **Dr. Ali John Zarrabi** arranged for a diverse group of faculty from the SOM to meet at the High Museum to engage in art museum-based pedagogy and develop strategies to disseminate the arts into health professions education.

This workshop is funded by the Emory Imagine, Innovate, and Impact (I3) Education Award, continues. Now underway is The Art of Palliation, a three-part art museum-based experiential curriculum designed to foster core palliative care clinical and team-based skills *outside* of the usual structures and hierarchies of the healthcare environment.

Pictured below: Art in Medicine workshop participants at the High Museum of Art



Woodruff Health Educators Academy News

Congratulations to our WHEA Teaching Fellow graduate, **Dr. Ashima Lal**, and our 4 new WHEA Fellows for 2021-2022, **Alexander Kendall**, and **Drs. Jimi Malik, Meredith Maxwell**, and **Julie Mitchell**.



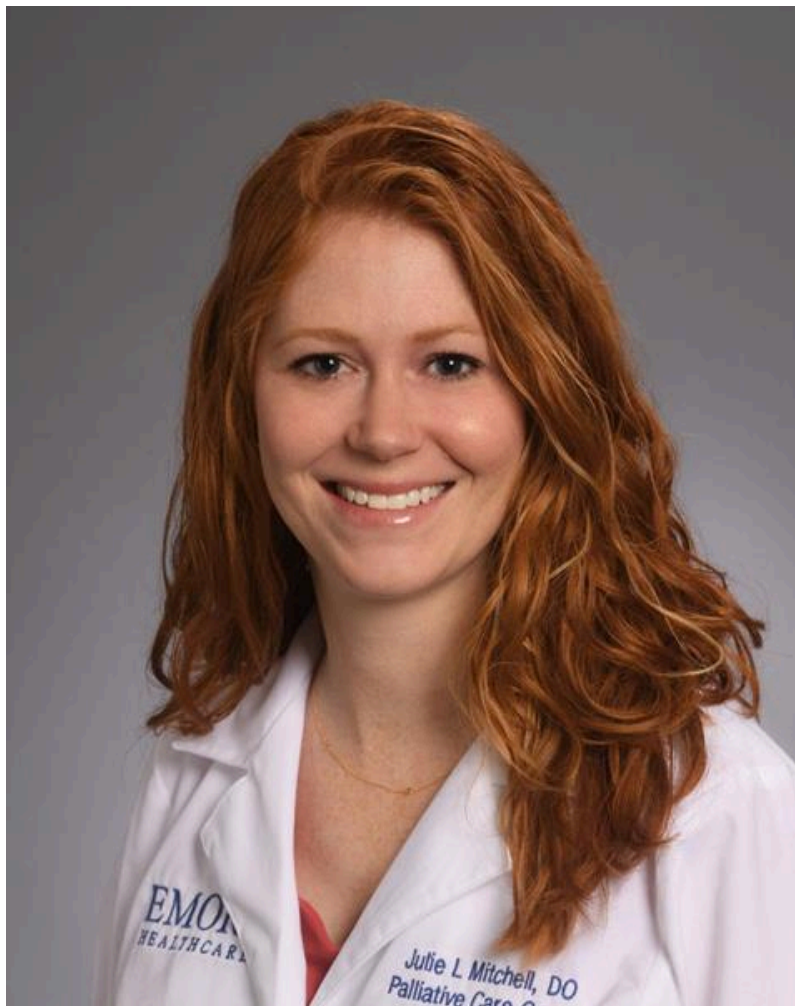
Alexander Kendall, MMSc, Associate Program Director, PA Program, was chosen for the 2021-22 [WHEA Fellowship in Educational Scholarship](#). These fellows will spend 18 months developing their skills in educational research and scholarship and pursue a mentored scholarly project. Upon completion, fellows will also receive a Medical Education Research Certificate from the Association of American Medical Colleges.



Jimi Malik, MD



Meredith Maxwell, MD



Julie Mitchell, DO

Jimi Malik, MD, Meredith Maxwell, MD, and Julie Mitchell, DO, all assistant professors in the division of Palliative Medicine, were chosen for the 2021-22 [**WHEA Teaching Fellowship**](#), a 12-month program for health sciences educators who want to advance their teaching skills and offer quality instruction to their learners.

Dr. Ashima Lal, Assistant Professor in the division of Palliative Medicine, just completed the 2020-2021 WHEA Teaching Fellowship. Her project "PRIME: Development of a Palliative Medicine Specific Feedback Tool for Medical Students, an adaptation of the RIME Framework," is described below:



*Ashima Lal, MD
Assistant Professor
Emory University School of Medicine*

WHAT PROBLEMS WERE ADDRESSED?

Third year medical students complete a week-long clerkship in palliative medicine where they focus on developing primary palliative care skills in symptom management and communication. They achieve the objectives through a variety of assignments and bedside clinical teaching by a variety of interdisciplinary team members along with palliative medicine faculty. We found through student reviews in past years there was room for improvement in the feedback students received during this rotation. Thus, this project was aimed towards palliative medicine faculty to benefit third year medical students through the development of a feedback tool with a focus on student performance activities that were assessed in the rotation.

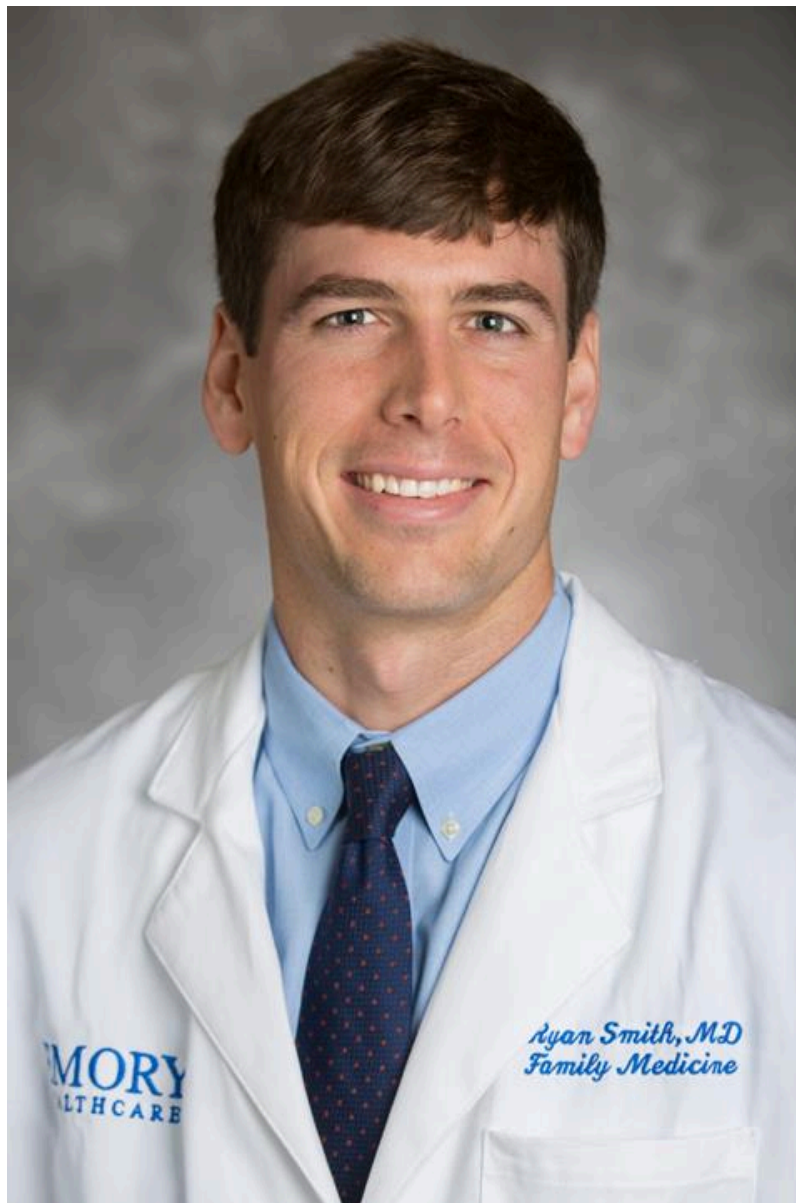
WHAT WAS TRIED?

We adapted a tool well established in medical education known as the RIME method. The hope for this adapted feedback tool is to help faculty members provide clear, consistent, and actionable feedback in real time. We adapted the RIME tool for palliative medicine to exclude the "educator" as we did not expect third-year medical students to achieve this level of knowledge in this particular field. Further, we matched the pRIM tool to OASIS, the online evaluation platform that faculty are required to complete specific to the student with whom they work with.

WHAT LESSONS WERE LEARNED?

I learned that some faculty may find the feedback tool too structured along with took away some key points in adapting the objectives based on the feedback received. In addition, we hope to learn if utilization of this tool will increase student's engagement and knowledge base in primary palliative care skills.

**Dr. Smith selected for STFM
Educators Development
Institute for 2021-2022**



Dr. Ryan Smith, Assistant Professor and Associate Director for the Undergraduate Medical Education Program, was selected for the Society of Teachers of Family Medicine Medical Student Educators Development Institute (MSEDI) program for 2021-2022. The 18-month fellowship offers training, tools, and support for faculty who educate medical students.

Find out more about the program [HERE](#).

FM Resident Dr. Cronk wins Scholarship

Congratulations to **Dr. Emma Cronk** for receiving the 2021 American Medical Society for Sports Medicine Scholarship. She is the only recipient who has received this award as a student and now as a resident.

Announcing the 2021 AMSSM Scholarship Recipients

Congratulations to all of the 2021 AMSSM Scholarship recipients listed below. AMSSM will recognize the 2020 and 2021 scholarship recipients during the Virtual Annual Meeting on Saturday, April 16 at the State of the Union.

The Scholarship Reviewers were impressed with the outstanding group of applicants. We want to thank all of the scholarship candidates that submitted an application and encourage eligible members to apply again next year.

AMSSM Foundation Resident Scholarship Awards

Each recipient will receive a \$500 cash award, complimentary registration to attend the Annual Meeting and an award plaque.



Joseph Benert, MD



Emma Cronk, MD



*Will
Hollabaugh,
MD*



*Matt
LaCourse,
MD*



Leina'ala Song, MD



*Sara Walker,
MD, MS*

New Leadership Role for Dr. Fluker



PA Program faculty member **Dr. Shelly-Ann Fluker** has been named program director for the J. Willis Hurst Internal Medicine Residency Program's primary care track.

Fluker is an associate professor in the Division of General Internal Medicine. She had served as the assistant director for the primary care track since 2010 and is a core faculty member for the residency program. She also serves as the associate medical director of the nationally-recognized Grady Liver Clinic.

News from the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee

DEI Council Spotlights: Mr. William Lemon

The DEI Council will spotlight a member of our department staff each month.



Mr. William Lemon

William Lemon, affectionately known as Will, is a program coordinator in the division of Physician Assistant. He started in this department in May 2017. Prior to joining Emory, Will worked as a legal specialist for Piedmont Healthcare. In addition, he also worked as a senior paralegal for Robert J. Semrad & Associates, LLC.

Will received his bachelor's degree in Public Administration from West Virginia Institute of Technology and a paralegal certificate from Emory University.

Will is the gentle giant of the division; he is responsible for the affiliation and preceptor agreements. Prior to a student rotating on a rotation, he must ensure there is a contract between the institution, preceptor, and Emory University.

A fun fact about Will is for 9 years and 5 months, he was the head football coach for Hiram Athletics

News from the Faculty Development Committee

**Drs. Curseen and Nwosu
nominated for Clinical
Distinctions**

The Emory School of Medicine Clinical Distinctions designation program is designed to recognize faculty who have devoted a majority of their time and careers to providing excellence in clinical care. While the CD is not intended to compete with or replace the standard academic promotions mechanism for faculty advancement, it emphasizes the critical contributions of clinically focused faculty in the School of Medicine (SOM). Regular faculty who have a minimum 0.5 FTE and devote at least half their time to clinical efforts (patient care and clinical administration) are eligible for these distinctions. For the inaugural year of this SOM program, the Department has nominated **Dr. Kimberly Curseen** for Master Physician and **Dr. Oguchi Nwosu** for Distinguished Physician.





Calling any and all women physicians in the Department:

Are you interested in advocating for women in medicine and connecting with others who share this passion? If so, you may be interested in being part of a group who is hoping to re-create an American Medical Women's Association (AMWA) group in the state of Georgia.

**AMWA Women in Medicine April
7th Wednesday 7:30 pm till about 830pm**

Join Zoom Meeting:

[https://uga.zoom.us/j/93910723668?
pwd=YlJUUkhRbUQwTmtOdUl2Q0dOemN1dz09](https://uga.zoom.us/j/93910723668?pwd=YlJUUkhRbUQwTmtOdUl2Q0dOemN1dz09)

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Faculty Academic Advancement, Leadership, and Inclusion Lecture Series

The FAALI (Faculty Academic Advancement, Leadership, and Inclusion) Lecture Series, presented throughout the year by senior faculty within the School of Medicine, covers practical topics aimed at assisting faculty in their career development.

[Details and Registration](#) for all events listed below.

Addressing Health Disparities Highlighted during COVID-19

Tuesday, April 13 | 5:30 - 6:30 pm

By: Maura George, MD, Associate Professor,
Medicine

Nicole Franks, MD, Associate Professor,
Emergency Medicine

Igho Ofotokun, MD, MSc, Professor, Medicine

Emory Integrated Computational Core

Thursday, April 22 | Noon - 1 pm

By: Rich Johnson, MS, Assistant Professor,
Anesthesiology

Being of Service

Congratulations, Dr. Alfonso!

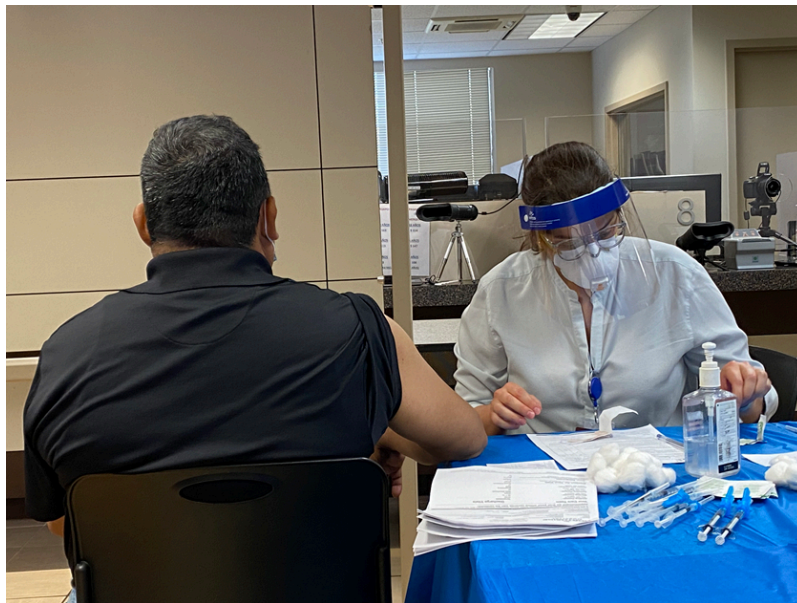


Fighting Health Inequities, Shot by Shot

On March 20, **Dr. Mirtha Aguilar-Alvarado** from the Family Medicine Residency Program, plus other Hispanic faculty from the Department of Medicine and students from SOM (Spanish interest group) and Rollins Public Health School volunteered in the COVID-19 Vaccination Campaign for the Latin Community at the Mexican General Consulate. 450 Latinos were vaccinated. Thanks to Dr. Aguilar-Alvarado

and everyone else working to overcome the vaccination disparities.

Pictured below: Dr. Aguilar-Alvarado and team





**Happy Retirement, Catherine
Dragon!**



Catherine Dragon, MMSc, PA-C is retiring in April from the Department of Family and Preventive Medicine Physician Assistant Program after 35 years of dedicated service.

She is a beloved faculty member and has been the Director of Clinical Education for more than 20 years. She is a graduate of Emory's PA program.

Please join us in wishing her a very Happy Retirement!

Dr. Guest Keeps Iditarod Running



The Iditarod, the largest sled dog racing event in the world, began March 7. Emory epidemiologist and PA Program faculty member **Dr. Jodie Guest** served as the 2021 Iditarod COVID-19 czar, working to plan and adapt for every scenario.

For the full story and fantastic photographs, click [HERE](#).

2021 Doctors' Day Recognition

In recognition of Doctors' Day, the Emory School of Medicine Recognitions Committee sent out a call for nominations for doctors across the School of Medicine who go above and beyond. Over 195 Emory faculty members were nominated by their peers and colleagues for their dedication to improving the health and well-being of our patients and community through the care they provide, the research they conduct, and their efforts to teach and inspire learners.

The committee reviewed each nomination and selected those who exemplify the outstanding faculty of the Emory School of Medicine. Congratulations to the six FPM faculty members who were recognized: **Drs. Neena Ghose, Susan Kunihiro, Lauren Marcewicz, Meredith Maxwell, Julie Mitchell, and Anu Murthy**. You'll find quotes from the nomination materials and the complete list of Doctors' Day honorees [HERE](#).



Neena Ghose, MD, MHS



Susan Kunihiro, MD



Lauren Marcewicz, MD



Meredith Maxwell, MD



Julie Mitchell, DO



Anu Murthy, MD

Dr. Rabinowitz Honored for Leadership



The Center for Women at Emory celebrated nine women at the 2021 Women of Excellence awards on March 4. The awards were given to women who “demonstrated leadership, inclusivity, and a commitment to making Emory a better place for all.” **Dr. Sharon Rabinowitz**, Executive Director of Emory Student Health Services and Assistant Professor, received the Award for Distinguished Leadership for her influential management during the pandemic.

Rabinowitz was recognized for her achievements as part of the University’s COVID-19 response team since January 2020. Although

"often the only woman in the room at the highest levels of decision making and planning," Rabinovitz advocates for "COVID-19 responses that more equitably serve our community," including students from marginalized and first-generation backgrounds, students of color, and LGBTQ+ and female students. Congratulations, Dr. Rabinowitz!

Don't Miss Opportunities!



Art Gala to Benefit PA Program

The 2021 Art Gala will be an online week-long auction (April 26th – April 30th), culminating in a Zoom celebration on Friday, April 30th.

Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j/4847502313>

Time of celebration: 6:30pm

Auction platform: 32Auctions

The Zoom Celebration will include

- Auction winner announcements
- Raffle drawing
- Student / Faculty performances
- Student / Faculty speeches
- Short reflections from student-run clinic representatives

All proceeds will be split between the MD program and the PA program.

How can you help?

Donate art. The PA Program is looking for art donations from faculty, staff, students, friends, and family for the online auction. Examples from last year's auction include photographs taken at National Parks; handmade earrings; self-portraits; paintings of plants, landscapes, and abstract; flower vases; misc photography; and much more.

Sign up for the talent showcase. We are also looking for both faculty and students to sign up to showcase their talents during the zoom celebration on April 30th, whether it be music, dancing, poetry, magic, or literally anything cool you want to show us!

Submit a t-shirt design. Lastly, we will also be selling Art Gala t-shirts as a fundraiser, and we're looking for someone to design these t-shirts. If you're feeling creative, send your design to me, and maybe you'll get to see your design on a t-shirt!

Submission deadline: April 23.



HIV & Aging: Mitochondria to the Metropolis Virtual Conference

April 14-16, 2021

HIV & Aging: Mitochondria to the Metropolis is going virtual! The theme for the 2021 conference is "HIV & Aging: Mitochondria to the Metropolis — Population Determinants of Health." This multidisciplinary conference will provide a venue for all attendees to build scientific partnerships and contribute useful knowledge to the quality of care and life of persons aging with HIV.

Registration Now Open!

- **Professional** (*Faculty, Clinicians, Claiming CE Credits*): **\$75**
- **Student**: **\$50**
- **Community Member** (*Persons living with or affected by HIV*): **Free**

[More information >](#)

Register for Health Equity Day

EMORY UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT OF MEDICINE

HEALTH EQUITY DAY

11 2021 | TIME: 9AM-2PM
MAY

TURNING RESEARCH INTO ACTION
Raising awareness and encouraging action around the systemic health disparities that exist across racial, ethnic, cultural, and social groups.

REGISTER | [HTTPS://BIT.LY/3AQTJKT](https://bit.ly/3AQTJKT)

FEATURING:

POSTER PRESENTATIONS
Clinical Quality
Professional Development
Community Advocacy & Policy
Educational Intervention
Research

CASE COMPETITION

NARRATIVE PRE-EVENT

KEYNOTE
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Keynote speaker:
Kathleen Ann Cooney, MD
George Barth Geller Distinguished Professor of Medicine
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