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**2024 was an incredible year for Emory GIM! I am so grateful to our amazing division faculty and staff for your tireless efforts, unwavering compassion, and the tremendous support you show each other. Your commitment to education, scholarship, and service continues to inspire. Wishing you joyful holidays and all the best for a fantastic 2025!**

## Sharing our Awesomeness!

Let's create a culture of celebrating the everyday moments that make our hardworking division amazing!



Every day, our GIM faculty and staff do amazing work and now we have a new way to share our Division of GIM everyday awesomeness, shout-outs, recognition, and kudos!

Scan the QR code below or [click here](#) to access the quick nomination form.

Shout-outs can be given anonymously if preferred and will be published in the monthly newsletter.

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## Welcome to GIM

**Ms. Sharena Griswold and Ms. Lakeshia Stinson**



**Ms. Sharena Griswold** previously supported the Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) team. In her current role with General Internal Medicine (GIM), she supports the GIM Leadership Team, including **Dr. Saria Hassan, Dr. Jada Bussey-Jones, Dr. Danielle Jones, Jason Freiji, and Ted Johnson.** Her professional background includes overseeing budgets, processing reimbursements, managing vendor payments, organizing travel, and facilitating key departmental projects. She is a

certified professional in Neurodiversity from Florida State University and a proud graduate of Emory's Aspiring Leaders program.

Known for her dedication to fostering collaborative and efficient work environments, Sharena combines her fast-paced energy with a commitment to detail and professionalism.

Outside of work, she enjoys professional development opportunities, exploring effective communication strategies, and spending time with her family. Sharena is passionate about continuous learning and making meaningful contributions to her community.



**Ms. Lakeshia Stinson** is the new Assistant Director of Programs at the School of Medicine Division of General Internal Medicine. She is taking on many of Ms. Betty Webb's responsibilities.

Ms. Stinson has a Bachelor of Biology with a concentration of Pharmacy and a Master of Public Health concentrated in Health Promotion. She has 10 years of experience in pharmacy, years of experience in several areas of medicine such as allergy, ENT, and reproductive health and an expertise in clinical operations, process improvement, and succession planning. She is overjoyed and excited to join the Emory team and be a part of the GIM division.

## Updates from SGIM

### SGIM President's Podcast

Introducing the *President's Podcast*, a new series celebrating SGIM's rich history and forward-looking vision as we approach our 50th anniversary. Hosted by SGIM President **Dr. Jada Bussey-Jones**, the *SGIM President's Podcast* will feature insights from current and past Society of General Internal Medicine Presidents and leaders. These conversations highlight diverse general internal medicine leaders across health care, public health, policy, and academia discussing the challenges of our evolving healthcare environment.

**SGIM President's Podcast**

### It's not too late for SGIM 2025 submissions!

Now Accepting Submissions for the 2025 Annual Meeting in Hollywood, FL!

**Deadline December 19, 2024**

- Scientific Abstracts
- Clinical Vignettes
- Innovations in Healthcare Delivery
- Innovations in Medical Education

**SGIM Submission Details**



## Save the date!

April 22, 2025: Bettye Rose Connell Memorial Lecture (in-person) with [Joseph Gaugler, PhD](#)

May 20, 2025: [Health Equity Day](#) (hybrid - Zoom and Grady)



## Celebrating Ms. Betty Webb!

What you've heard is true, **Ms. Betty Webb** is retiring after 40 years at Emory! Enjoy a few photos below from her retirement celebration on December 16.









### Faculty Recognitions Ceremony Photos!







**Congratulations to Dr. Galloway on his  
engagement!**







**Dr. Kimberly Manning** delivered the Jordan C. Cohen Humanism in Medicine lecture at the 2024 AAMC Learn Serve Lead Annual Meeting. Her powerful speech discussed the enduring role human connection plays in medicine, even with advances in technology. [Read more.](#)



Last month at the Mercer School of Medicine Research Day, **Dr. Marshall Fleurant** and his student won best epidemiological poster for his work "Trauma Informed Care: A Focus on Black Men."

In addition, Dr. Fleurant was an invited speaker at the Rollins Society for Public Health and Medicine on the topic of "How physicians can integrate public health into their practice."

Emory's Healthy Kitchen Collaborative team received the 2023 Teaching Kitchen Collaborative Research Paper of the Year award for their paper: *A teaching kitchen program improves employee micronutrient and healthy dietary consumption.*

**Dr. Miranda Moore**, the paper's first author, accepted the award at the Annual Member Meeting in Salt Lake City in November.



**Dr. Terry Jacobson** has a publication in the top 3% of



recently mentioned papers in the press: [A focused update to the 2019 NLA scientific statement on use of lipoprotein\(a\) in clinical practice](#) in *Journal of Clinical Lipidology*.



**Dr. Reema Dbouk** and **Dr. Pamela Vohra-Khullar's** submission, *Augmented Response Technology and Education to Optimize MyChart Queries for Primary Care Nurses*, has been selected for funding as part of the FY 25 Emory Healthcare Innovation Challenge. Their innovative approach and compelling proposal truly impressed the judges!

### In the News

WAGA-TV 📺 | [First case of bird flu reported in child](#) (**Dr. Neil Winawer** interviewed)

**Dr. Jason Schneider** was [interviewed for Politically Georgia \(AJC/WABE\)](#) about [gender-affirming care](#)

**Dr. Mark Spencer** had an opinion piece published in the Atlanta Community Press Collective titled [Decarceration: The Urgent and Necessary Solution to Georgia's Prison Crisis](#).



The scholarship corner is a space to share opportunities to help further the scholarship interests of our GIM faculty!

If you have any ideas of things to include please let [saria.hassan@emory.edu](mailto:saria.hassan@emory.edu) know!

### **GIM-Wide Monthly Scholarship Support Meeting**

No meeting in December due to the winter holidays.

Kick off the new year right by joining us on  
**January 16, 2025**  
for

**“The Grady Liver Clinic Research Workgroup:  
Successes in Mentoring, Scholarship, and  
Publication.”**

**Dr. Lesley Miller and Team**

Slides and recordings from the sessions can be found on the [GIM Division Intranet](#).

### **SGIM Abstract Submissions due December 19<sup>th</sup>!**

Need help writing or reviewing your abstract before submission? Reach out to [saria.hassan@emory.edu](mailto:saria.hassan@emory.edu)

## Need project funding support?

- Faculty can apply for up to \$1000 for project support
- Funds will be distributed on a rolling basis
- Applications will be reviewed monthly
- To access the application, click [here](#)

## Need a Master of Public Health student assistant?

- MPH students can be very helpful on research projects as they bring skills they are learning in their program
- MPH students are allowed to work up to 20 hours a week as long as the work fulfills one of their MPH program competencies
- Students are back so applications need to go in **NOW** for Fall semester
- **If you are interested in having an MPH student work with you to support a project, please complete the application form [here](#)**



## Recent Collaborative Faculty Publications

**Dr. Danielle Jones and Dr. Pamela Vohra-Khullar** published [The Primary Care Exception Rule in Internal Medicine Residency Clinic: Benefits, Disadvantages, Best Practices, and Recommendations for Reform](#). Here is a [sharable link to the PDF](#) (not behind a paywall).

**Dr. Jennifer Lom and Dr. Eva Rimler** published [Leadership & professional development: From setback to setup](#).



## Recent Faculty Publications

**Dr. Rosette Chakkalakal**

[Body mass index changes and their association with SARS-CoV-2 infection: a real-world analysis.](#)

**Dr. Katherine Gielissen**

[A Rapid-Response Curricular Approach to Teaching Politically Charged Topics.](#)

**Dr. Danielle Jones**

[The Master Adaptive Clinician Educator: A Framework for Future Educational Leaders in Academic Medicine](#)

**Dr. Terry Jacobson**

[Statin-Associated Muscle Symptoms: Identification and Recommendations for Management.](#)

**Dr. Robin Klein**

[Gender Differences in Clinical Performance Assessment of Internal Medicine Residents: A Longitudinal Analysis of the Influence of Faculty and Trainee Gender.](#)

**Dr. Jason Schneider**

[Preference for Long-Acting HIV Prevention Methods Among Transgender Women Vulnerable to HIV in Eastern and Southern United States: Findings from the LITE Study.](#)

**Dr. Dheepa Sekar**

[Medical Communication Training: The Effect of Gender and Experience and Goals of Care Discussions](#)

**Dr. Stan Sonu**

[Brief trauma-informed care training to enhance health care providers' knowledge, comfort, and implementation of trauma-informed care in primary care clinics: A pilot effectiveness study.](#)

**Dr. Christine Stoltz**

"The Greatest Lessons Learned During My Career" was published in the SGIM Forum December 2024.

**Dr. Sara Turbow**

[Fragmented Readmissions From a Nursing Facility in Medicare Beneficiaries.](#)

**Dr. Tracy Vettese**

[USMLE Performance, Subsequent Standardized Testing,  
and ABIM Certification Exam Preparation for Internal  
Medicine Residency Programs: A Narrative Review.](#)

## Department of Medicine Calendar



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