



January 2023 - June 2023 Residency & Alumni Newsletter



Welcome Class of 2026!

Upcoming Events

All LA Conference - September 7, 2023

CalACEP AdvancED in Pasadena - September 8, 2023

Fall Retreat - September 19, 2023

**ACEP Scientific Assembly in Philadelphia -
October 9 -12, 2023**

ACEP Alumni Event - October 10, 2023



Message from the Chair

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Welcome to our new residency class of 2027! Please see some details about each one of them later in this issue. I know we are all excited to see them and to help them become great doctors! 2027 seems so far off in the future but will be here before we know it. We've just graduated another great class of residents and unleashed them on the world to do great things. We know you'll make us proud, like you always do.

We also graduated some excellent fellows, including Anna Yap (Admin and Health Policy—heading to UC Davis), Rose Diaz (IDHEAL—staying with us at UCLA), Ashley Vuong (Medical Education—staying at UCLA), Jennifer Fang (Informatics—returning to Harbor), and Erica Kiemele-Gis (Ultrasound—heading to USC). And of course we still have some time with Haig Aintablian (Space Medicine), Catherine Yu (Med Ed), Josh Tiao (NCSP), and Jeremy Shin (Ultrasound). We wish you all well in the next phase of your careers and hope that what you gained from UCLA adds value throughout your career. We are certainly better off for the time you spent with us.

You'll also see some new faculty around. Several have joined us in the past 6 months, and you'll see some details about them in this newsletter. In addition to those who have already started, this summer we'll welcome Andy Lee (Assistant Medical Director), Chase Richard Innovation/Biodesign), Alex Grohmann (Critical Care), and Jessica Faiz (Research). We'll send out more information about each of them this summer.

July is also the time for new fellows, including Faraz Khan (Admin), Brandon Trapp (Space Medicine), Hurnan Vongsachang (NCSP/IDHEAL), Michael Messina (Med Ed), and Hashem Zikry (NCSP). They'll be working across Reagan, Santa Monica, Olive View, Harbor, and the VA.



Liz Samuels won the prestigious **Early Investigators Award** at the SAEM annual meeting in Austin, TX. She joined a group of about 25 UCLA faculty and residents who presented abstracts and didactic sessions at SAEM (about 50 sessions in all). We were extremely well represented this year!

The Reagan ED also received accreditation as a Level 1 Geriatric ED by ACEP, thanks to a great deal of time and effort by **Lynne McCullough (1998)**. We are also in the process of applying for accreditation as a Level 1 Pediatric Surgical hospital, meeting the standards for pediatric emergency medicine.



Our Residency Program Director since 2016, **Rebecca Bavolek**, will be stepping out of that role in 2024 to focus on her role as Vice Chair of Education. A national search is currently underway for our next program director, and we owe Rebecca a great deal of gratitude for continuing the legacy and growth of UCLA Emergency Medicine!

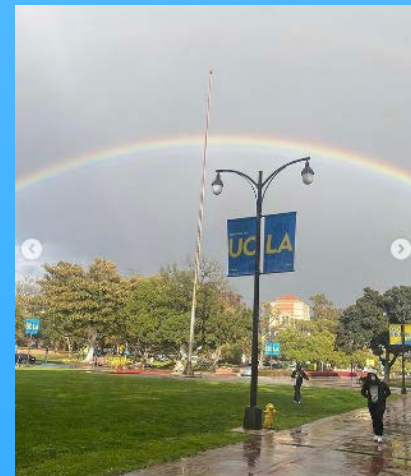
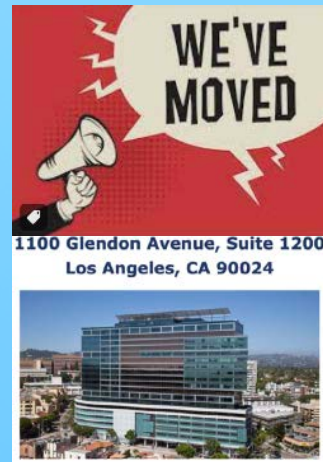
And let's not forget to thank **Richelle Cooper (1998)** for her tireless efforts in composing yet another terrific newsletter to keep you all in touch with our department and residency program.

Respectfully submitted,

Greg Hendey (1993)
Chair, UCLA Emergency Medicine

*The **UCLA DEM mission** is to be a global leader in Emergency Medicine by:*

- *Providing excellent care to all patients we serve*
- *Conducting leading-edge research that advances the health of our patients and community*
- *Training physicians to be innovative and inspiring leaders*



Welcome and Learn More about our New Faculty

Vital Signs:

Hometown: Loma Linda, CA
Undergrad: University of Texas (Austin)
Med School: University of Texas (Galveston)
Residency: Washington University
Fellowship: Toxicology (UT Southwestern)

Evan Schwarz, MD

Evan grew up in Texas, attending undergrad and medical school at the University of Texas. He then completed his emergency medicine residency at Washington University School of Medicine in Saint Louis, MO where he served as Chief Resident during his last year. Afterwards, he returned to Texas for a Medical Toxicology fellowship at the University of Texas Southwestern School of Medicine. Following fellowship, he returned to Wash U as a faculty member. Since that time, he has also become board certified in Addiction Medicine. At Wash U, Evan was an Associate Professor of Emergency Medicine, and was the Division Chief of Medical Toxicology and Fellowship Director. He was also an Advisory Dean in the Office of Student Affairs, and President of the Missouri College of Emergency Physicians. He serves on the Board of the American College of Medical Toxicology, and is very active in ACEP. Evan will be working clinically at Reagan and Santa Monica in the ED, as well as toxicology and addiction medicine consults.

Susannah (Sus) Empson, MD

Sus grew up in Washington, DC and attended Princeton for undergrad before slowly migrating westward to medical school at UCSF. She completed EM residency at Harbor-UCLA, serving as chief resident, and worked in the ED at Harbor and St. Francis in Lynwood before completing a fellowship in Critical Care at Stanford. She is very excited to join our growing EM-Critical Care faculty at UCLA. Her academic interests include improving the interface between the ED and ICU, ECLS, medical education, and social emergency medicine. Her clinical time is primarily split between the Antelope Valley ICU and the Emergency Department at Harbor. Outside of the hospital, Sus enjoys skiing, backpacking, running, and just taking in the incredible beauty California has to offer.

Kevin Landefeld, MD

Born and raised in southern California, Kevin attended UCSB for undergrad, then moved to New Orleans to attend Tulane University School of Medicine. He enjoyed New Orleans so much he stayed for EM residency at LSU New Orleans and served as the academic chief in his final year. He completed a critical care fellowship at Oregon Health Sciences University and while there participated in airway research with the Pragmatic Crit Care Research Group. Kevin's academic interests include airway, ultrasound, and resuscitation. At UCLA, he is working in the ICU and the ED at Santa Monica. He is excited to be back in Southern California with his family. He enjoys soccer, golf, and hiking with his sleeping son on his back.

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Vital Signs:

Hometown: Lafayette Hill, PA
Undergrad: Penn State
Masters: M.A. (Urban Bioethics, Temple)
Med School: Temple University
Residency: UCLA Emergency Medicine
Fellowship: UCLA Medical Education

Ashley Vuong-Goldshear, MD, MA

Born and raised in Philadelphia, Ashley attended Penn State University for undergrad before attending medical school at Temple University. She then moved to sunny Los Angeles and completed her residency (Class of 2022) and fellowship in Medical Education at the UCLA-Olive View Emergency Medicine Program. Continuing the trend of loving UCLA and staying forever, she now joins the UCLA Emergency Medicine faculty, with interests in residency medical education and social emergency medicine. Her clinical time is split between Reagan and Santa Monica.

Hometown: Los Angeles
Undergrad: Loyola Marymount University
Med School: UC Davis
Residency: University of Michigan
Fellowship: IDHEAL (UCLA/Olive View/ Harbor)
Masters: M.P.H., UCLA

Rose Diaz, MD, MPH

Rose started her professional life as a kindergarten teacher where she taught for over 10 years. Driven by a desire to help underserved communities, she transitioned to medicine to fulfill her lifelong dream of becoming a physician with a goal of serving as a community health advocate for vulnerable populations. She attended medical school at UC Davis and completed her residency training at University of Michigan. She returned to California as our IDHEAL fellow and completed her MPH at the UCLA Fielding School of Public Health. Her research interests include reducing health disparities in the Emergency Department, improving the recruitment and retention of underrepresented minorities in medicine, and strengthening ties between providers and their surrounding communities. Rose will be working clinically at multiple UCLA affiliated sites, including Reagan, Santa Monica, Olive View, and Harbor.



Hometown: Los Angeles, CA
Undergrad: UC San Diego
Med School: Chicago Medical School
Residency: Cook County
Masters: MPH (UCLA)
Fellowship: ED Operations and Quality (Harbor-UCLA)

Natasha Thomas, MD, MPH

Natasha was born in Zurich, Switzerland, but spent most of her childhood in Los Angeles. She moved to Chicago for medical school and residency and was incredibly excited to return to a life without winter after graduating in 2018. After briefly working in the community, Natasha completed an administrative fellowship at Harbor-UCLA, as well as an MPH from UCLA Fielding School of Public Health. At Harbor, she was Assistant Medical Director, provided oversight for social emergency medicine initiatives, and was one of the airway physicians for the LA Chargers. She now joins the ED Operations team at UCLA as an Assistant Medical Director. Her interests include improving ED throughput, discharge education, and follow-up care for emergency department patients with a specific focus on vulnerable populations. She will be splitting her time between Reagan and Santa Monica. Outside the ED, she enjoys anything to do with food (new restaurants, cooking, and baking), riding her bike along the beach path, and cheering on LA sports teams.



Updates from Program Director and Vice Chair of Education

Rebecca Bavolek

Greetings from the Education Division!

It's hard to believe that another academic year is upon us. It has been a very busy and, at times, unexpected year in emergency medicine education and training.

Our team is growing and changing! Dr. Natasha Wheaton, one of our Associate Program Directors, has been heavily involved in the development of the new curriculum at the David Geffen School of Medicine and is the Director of the Basecamp Course for MS1's. Due to her involvement in and commitment to the medical school, she was named the Assistant Dean for Curricular Affairs. As she steps into the Dean's Office representing emergency medicine, she will be finishing up this year as the APD for her class alongside Dr. Kellie Kitamura (2019). As Natasha steps out of the APD role, we had the opportunity to bring a new member into the residency team. We are welcoming Dr. Ashley Vuong-Goldshear (2022) as our new Assistant Residency Director as the leader for our incoming class. Dr. Jaime Jordan was named Director of the Discovery Year for the DGSOM in addition to continuing her roles as Associate Program Director and Vice Chair of the Acute Care College. On the Olive View side, Dr. Steven Lai (2016) was promoted from Assistant Residency Director to Associate Residency Director in recognition of his service to the residency program. Both Dr. Lai and Dr. Kellie Kitamura represent our program at the GME at Olive View and continue to take the lead on the monumental task of providing excellent didactic and simulation education to the residents.



Emergency Medicine is a central and core part of the DGSOM clinical curriculum and we have been welcoming medical students into our various departments. Dr. Stephen Villa and Dr. Max Berger have been instrumental in this challenging task of integrating students into our departments, and the students are loving the experience of evaluating and caring for undifferentiated patients and honing their clinical skills. On July 1, we will be launching the Foundations of EM Clerkship course through Foundations, for which Max Berger was the Course Director of and also included contributions from Drs. Ben Chan (2023), Drew Robinett (2025), Taylor James (2024), Tig Ziyeh (2024), Zainab Ahmed (2024), Miguel Navarro (2025) and Stephen Villa. Congratulations to the team and also a shout out to the faculty and residents who have been gracious with their time teaching sessions, leading simulations, and supervising on shift.

On the residency side, it was a tumultuous year in the Match for Emergency Medicine. For the first time in our specialty's history, we had 455 open positions in emergency medicine at the beginning of match week. This represented over 40% of EM positions offered nationwide and affected a large number of programs with at least one position open. Understandably, the emergency medicine community is concerned about this trend and is looking at causes including program expansion, decreasing numbers of applicants pursuing emergency medicine as a career choice, job outlook for emergency medicine in the upcoming years, and impacts of crowding and boarding on our working environment. All of these factors put pressures on the individual programs to increase recruitment efforts and to ensure that we display all that our programs have to offer. Despite these challenges, we are doing extremely well here at UCLA Emergency Medicine. We had an amazing recruitment season and Match and welcomed the Class of 2027! Our 15 new interns arrived last month from schools across the country and have a diverse set of backgrounds and interests to contribute to our UCLA EM family. We are excited to get to know them better and work with them for years to come.

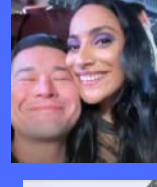
Our medical education fellowship is going strong! Our fellows had a very productive year this year. Dr. Catherine Yu presented several educational projects at CORD Academic Assembly this year and is well underway for several research projects in the upcoming year. Dr. Ashley Vuong-Goldshear did an incredible amount of work developing residency training pathways to help residents with professional development throughout their training and these were launched this academic year. Catherine will continue into her second year of fellowship and we are excited to welcome Dr. Mike Messina to the fellowship program.

And, as for me, last year I started my position as Vice Chair of Education in addition to my roles as Residency Program Director and Med-Ed & Simulation Fellowship Co-Director. As Vice Chair, I have initiated a longitudinal educational series for new and junior faculty, a fellowship professional development program, and I have taken over the faculty education series. As I have begun these initiatives and have intents for other projects going forward, it became clear that wearing so many job hats was a few too many. At residency retreat this year, I announced my intention to step back from my role as residency program director and continue in my Vice Chair and fellowship roles. The department is conducting a faculty search inclusive of current faculty members and outside candidates from across the country, and I'm confident that we will find an outstanding candidate to lead this outstanding program. It's hard to believe that I've been at UCLA 7 years already! Looking forward to what 2023-2024 has to hold!

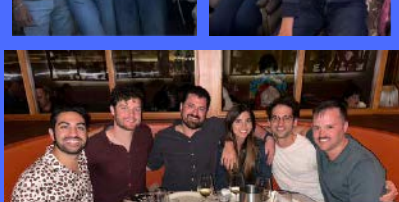
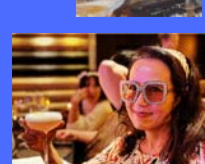
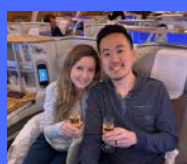


Happy Valentine's Day postings

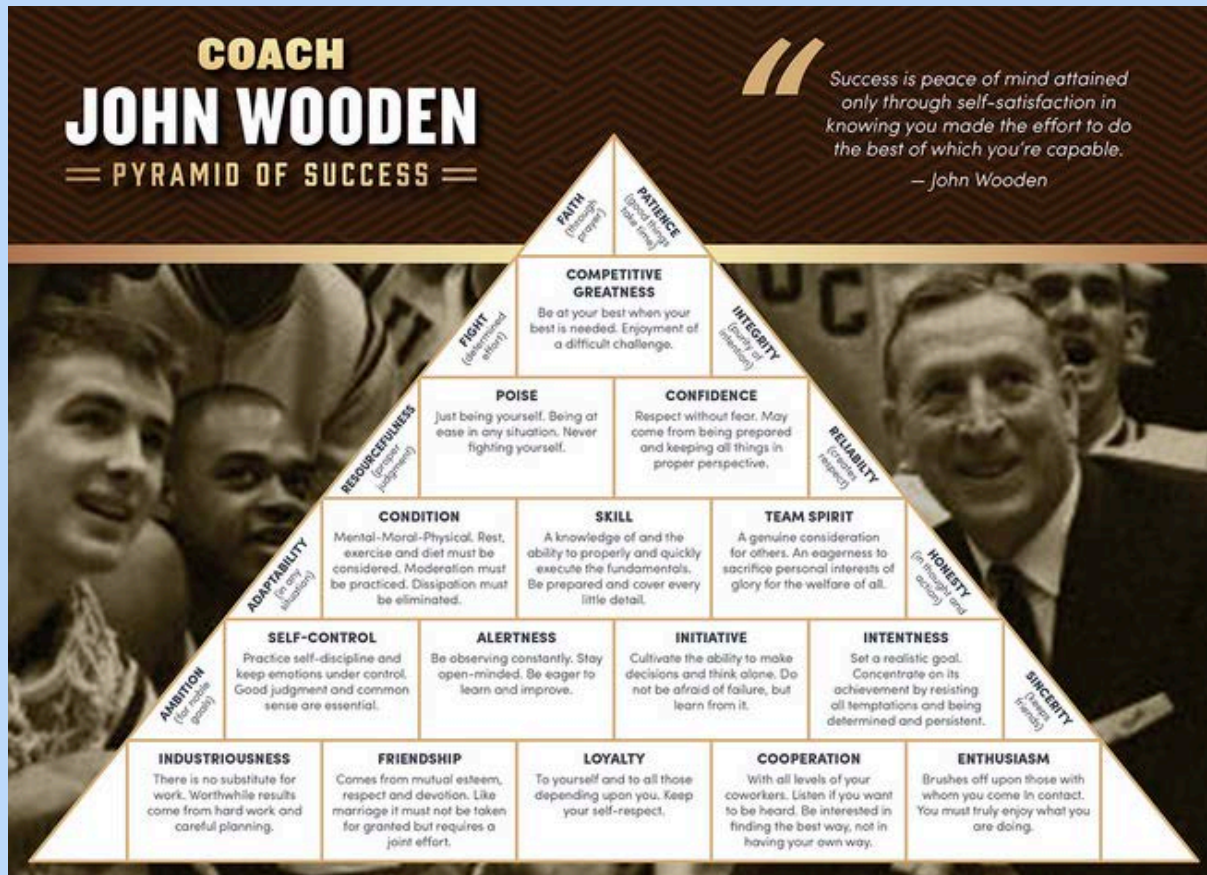
Love sharing the social media posts of faculty, fellows, residents, and alumni. Wishing everyone happiness and health.



UCLA EM and ALUMNI - A Votre Santé



Striving for Success



“Success is peace of mind attained only through self-satisfaction in knowing you made the effort to do the best of which you’re capable.”
— John Wooden

What does John Wooden have to do with UCLA EM? Nothing really; and everything about training and practice we aspire to at the same time.

John Wooden is considered by many to be the greatest NCAA basketball head coach of all time. Wooden led the UCLA Bruins men’s basketball program to an impressive number of wins (664-162 record), and he was named NCAA College Basketball Coach of the Year six times. UCLA won 38 straight NCAA tournaments, had 88 consecutive victories, secured four perfect 30-0 seasons and during Coach Wooden’s last 12 seasons won 10 national championships.

Wooden’s teachings extend far beyond the realm of sports. He created the Pyramid of Success to share his philosophy - the roadmap for individual and team excellence, to being a better person - with the world.

For Coach winning games was not the goal, it was the byproduct of the work, the discipline, the commitment to excellence. The goal is always to get better, and achievement in that regard translated to winning. He taught it was the little details that matter, and the same is true for what we do in EM. His teachings translate to our EM training philosophy at UCLA. I was inspired by Greg and Lisa Hendey’s recent tour of Pauley Pavilion, and thought at the start of this academic year I would share some motivation and Woodenisms.



- “If you spend too much time learning the tricks of the trade, you may not learn the trade. There are no shortcuts. If you’re working on finding a short cut, the easy way, you’re not working hard enough on the fundamentals. You may get away with it for a spell, but there is no substitute for the basics. And the first basic is good, old-fashioned hard work.”
- “Success comes from knowing that you did your best to become the best that you are capable of becoming.”
- “Make each day your masterpiece.”
- “Nothing will work unless you do.”
- “If you don’t have time to do it right, when will you have time to do it over?”
- “Failing to prepare is preparing to fail.”
- “Be more concerned with your character than your reputation, because your character is what you really are, while your reputation is merely what others think you are.”
- “Discipline yourself, and others won’t need to.”
- “If you’re not making mistakes, then you’re not doing anything. I’m positive that a doer makes mistakes.”
- “Success is never final, failure is never fatal. It’s courage that counts.”
- “Do not let what you cannot do interfere with what you can do.”
- “It’s what you learn after you know it all that counts.”
- “Never mistake activity for achievement.”
- “Don’t measure yourself by what you have accomplished, but by what you should have accomplished with your ability.”

Meet the 2023-2024 Chief Residents



As tradition goes, the outgoing 2022-2023 chief residents Agatha Brzezinski, Michelle Choi, Caitlin Oldenkamp, Jared Marshall, and Chase Richard had breakfast before the spring retreat with our incoming 2023-2024 chief residents Zainab Ahmed, Reza Hessabi, Charlene Gaw, and Amanda Amen-Hakim to hand over all the secrets to success. We are so grateful for all the contributions and efforts of both groups of residents for their efforts.

You know them, but let's meet the incoming chiefs:

ZAINAB NOOR AHMED is from San Francisco (by way of Canada/Hong Kong/Pakistan). She went to Brown for undergrad, Mount Sinai in New York City for medical school and returned to the best coast after 9 years away. She is a homebody but will leave

her apartment for breakfast burritos. Please do not ask her to go on a hike with you. She will politely decline. She would love to go on a leisurely stroll. She will bring the iced lattes as long as you bring the tea ;) She doesn't know what she will be doing with her life although she hopes to keep thinking about domestic and international health equity in her career. Sometimes she daydreams of moving to Karachi and opening a free but beautifully decorated urgent care.

REZA HESSABI is from just outside Los Angeles, where the 210 meets Mt. Baldy. He emerged from the morass of suburbia to spend four years as a sunkissed undergrad at UCLA. After graduating, Reza explored a career in politics working in Chicago and Denver for President Obama. It was alright. He skedaddled off to New Orleans for a year where he got a Master's degree, then scurried back home to Los Angeles where he taught as a Kaplan instructor and met his now wife, Huring. By way of medical school at Dartmouth he came back to UCLA, ready to tell you that you will indeed survive your schedule, promise. Future career plans include something that combines his love for community advocacy with his passion for process & logistics. He also has no idea what that will look like.

CHARLENE GAW grew up in Cupertino, CA. She went to undergrad at Virginia Commonwealth University, Mayo Clinic for medical school, MPH year at Harvard, and is ecstatic to be back in California after her educational tour of the US. She loves exploring the diversity that Southern California offers, from the foodie scene to backpacking the trans-Catalina trail and going to Broadway raves. She's interested in combining her interests in public health and emergency medicine, however that takes shape in her future.

AMANDA AMEN HAKIM is from Dearborn, Michigan. She went to undergrad at Washington University in St. Louis and returned to Michigan to go to medical school at Oakland University William Beaumont School of Medicine. Her introduction to the West Coast was rotating here as a SubI and she has loved her time here at UCLA and getting to explore living outside of the Midwest. She looks forward to being able to drive rather than fly across the country to see her family though, and plans to move to Orlando, Florida after graduation with her husband Ali to be closer to both of their families. She is considering fellowship and hopes to land in a job with both community and academic clinical practice.



CORD Academic Assembly 2023

Rebecca Bavolek was conference chair for this year's very successful CORD Academic Assembly in Las Vegas. A very well-organized and well-attended meeting. Congratulations on a job exceptionally done! Several faculty members, fellows, our amazing residency coordinators, and alumni lectured, presented abstracts, and won awards.

Some of our 2023-2024 chief resident team - Zainab Ahmed, Charlene Gaw, Reza Hessabi, also attended. Kenneth Kim (2025) attended in his role on EMRA Board of Directors - representing at EMRA meetings, and facilitated EMRA Committee Events, Quiz Show, and Representative Council.

Jaime Jordan - "Plunge into the Piranha Publication Pool: Critical appraisal of Medical Education Research Proposals;"

- "Words are our Data: Introduction to Qualitative Research Methods"
- "Level Up Your Med Ed Research: What is Validity Evidence and Why Does it Matter?"

Pam Dyne (1995) - "What is personal and professional development coaching, and how is it different than skill-based coaching, psychotherapy, mentoring, and advising?"

- "One Size Does Not Fit All - Well-Being for Faculty at Different Career Stages"
- "Well Being Leadership at Every Level- How to get there?"

Jennifer Cassidy was the EMARC (Emergency Medicine Association of Residency Coordinators) 2022 Academic Assembly Senior Track Chair.

Matthew Hill - "Breaking Down Old Workflows"

- Building Relationships with Residents"

Andy Grock and Max Berger - "Pearls and Pitfalls for the Non-EM Rotator in the ED"

Alumna Lectures:

Carmen Wolfe (2015) - "Negotiation: Scenarios; Strategies; and Success."

Stacy Sawtelle Vohra (2010) "Teamwork Makes the Dream Work: Building the Program Director and Program Coordinator Partnership"

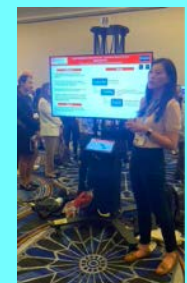
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- **Yu C**, Choi A, Wong KU. A Novel Pediatric Resuscitation Simulation and Procedures Curriculum for Emergency Medicine Residents.
- **Yu Cu Dunn S**, Berenson M, Sena A. External Validation of the Fresno Test - An Evidence-Based Medicine Assessment Tool.
- Cornelius A, **Jordan J**, Goldman B, Clifford E, Cvek U, Trutschl M, Kilgore P, Jenks S. Heart rate and variability as indicators of stress in emergency medicine residents during simulation.
- Gottlieb M, Cooney R, King A, Mannix A, Krzyzaniak S, **Jordan J**, Shappell E, Fix M. Trends in Point-of-Care Ultrasound Use among Emergency Medicine Residency Programs Over a 10-Year Period.
- Kilborn S, Bodkin R, **Grock A**, Overbeeke T. Kudos – A Brief Implementable Intervention to Promote Wellness Among Emergency Medicine Resident

Selected "Best of the Best Research Presentation"

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- Aliaga L, **Bavolek R**, Cooper B, Matson A, Ahn J, Kraut A, Duong D, Gisondi M. Facilitating Adaptive Expertise in Learning Computed Tomography, a Randomized Controlled Trial.

Congratulations to **Catherine Yu** for winning the best piranha pool education research proposal which includes a \$1000 award for her project, "Influence and Impact of a Teaching Resident Rotation in Emergency Medicine." The research team is with Steven Lai, Rebecca Bavolek, Jaime Jordan, and Kellie Kitamura.



Spring Retreat

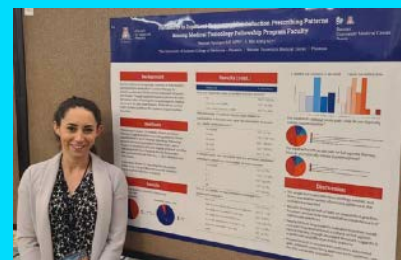


American College of Medical Toxicology (ACMT) 2023

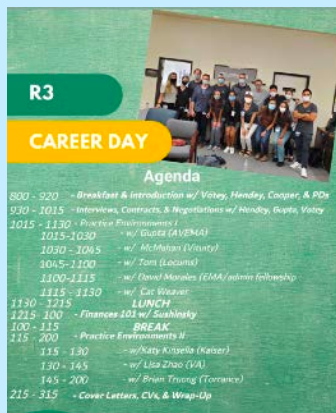
Michael Levine lectured with a panel on “X-Factor: Xylazine”

Faculty, and Alumni Abstracts

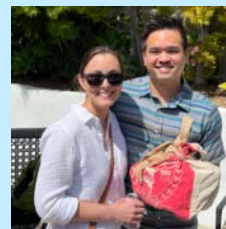
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- Aldy K, Wax P, Culbreth RE, Krotulski A, Brent K, Campleman S, Logan B, Meyn A, Li S, Abston S, Amaducci A, Judge B, **Levine M**, Shulman J, Hughes A, **Schwarz E**, Manini AF on Behalf of the Toxicology Investigators Consortium (ToxIC) Fentanyl Study Group. *The Prevalence of Novel Psychoactive Substances in Opioid Overdose Patients.*
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- Jonathan Schimmel J, Epperson LC, Aldy K, Wax P, Brent J, Buchanan J, **Levine M** on Behalf of the Toxicology Investigators. *Remdesivir Discontinuation Based on Thresholds of Transaminase Elevation in an Observational Registry.*
- **Levine M**, Pizon A, Boyle K, **Schwarz E**, Sharma K, Carey J, Mazer-Amirshahi M, Hendrickson R, Olives T, Heard K on Behalf of the Toxicology Investigators Consortium (ToxIC) FACT Study Group. *Adverse Drug Events Associated with Remdesivir Among Hispanic Populations.*
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- Seltzer JA, Friedland S, **Friedman NA**, Winkler G, Foreman E, Al Mubarak Y, Buccine B, Engorm B, Kreshak A, Minns A. *"That's not Cough Syrup": Pediatric Siblings Accidentally Poisoned by the Organophosphate Pesticide Coumaphos.*
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- **Spungen H**, Kang AM. *Variability in Inpatient Buprenorphine Induction Prescribing Patterns Among Medical Toxicology Fellowship Program Faculty.*
- **Spungen H**, Spyres M. *Hemodynamic Collapse from Unintentional Ingestion of Hydroxychloroquine Prescribed for COVID-19.*



Career Day for the Class of 2024



Thank you all the alumni who traveled to Westwood to help with the class of 2024 career day. It was another successful discussion of practice environments and start of the post-residency life planning. We had alumni come from near and far, including from Orange County, Santa Clarita, Los Alamitos, and New York. Thank you alumni - **Scott Votey (1987), True McMahon (2002), Malkeet Gupta (2006) Katy Kinsella (2010) Lisa Zhao (2011), Seth Sushinsky (2012), Sabrina Tom (2015), Cat Weaver (2017), David Morales (2018), Brian Truong (2018), Andie Takemoto (2018)** A big thank you to **Jen Cassidy and Matt Hill** for helping to organize the day and catering. And a huge thank you to **Greg and Lisa Hendey** for hosting us.



Women and Gender Minority Group

We had a great get together with a guided session on goal setting - thanks to **Rose Diaz**. We also had some arts and crafts, again thanks to Rose who harkened back to her elementary school teacher days and brought us water bottles and a plethora of stickers that she created. Thanks to **Carolyn Sachs (1994)** for decorating us with rings to light up the night. Thanks to **Agatha Brzezinski (2023), Rhea Mathew (2025), and Elle Kettler (2025)** for being our resident leads coordinating the meetings this year. Thanks to **Natasha Wheaton (and Will, Jack and Owen)** for hosting us. Thanks to **Greg Hendey (1993)** for the departmental support of our group events. And thanks to all the women for sharing, supporting and inspiring!



April 2023 Advocacy in Action in Sacramento



Every April offers the opportunity for training in advocacy and meeting with our legislative leaders.

CalACEP holds an annual Legislative Leadership conference which offers free advocating training for ED physicians and then meetings with legislators and

testimony about important bills. This year **Carolyn Sachs (1994), Valerie Norton (1995), Evan Schwarz, Anna Yap (2022), Larry Stock, Mike Gertz, and True McMahan (2002)** attended. Val Norton is the current CalACEP president, and Mike Gertz is president-elect. Several social media posts featured our UCLA family. Val Norton was featured in the Cal ACEP social media for her advocacy on solutions to the hospital and system wide problems of boarding (AB 1164). In brief terms, AB 1164 requires each hospital to: (1) Measure its ED's

crowding every 4 hours using a score similar to NEDOCS, and (2) Create an action plan, or full capacity protocol, of interventions that will be implemented at each level of the crowding score. After testimony from Valerie Norton, CALACEP President AB 1164 passed out of Assembly Health Committee despite strong opposition from the California Hospital Association; the bill now moves to the Assembly Appropriations Committee.



The California Medical Association has a similar advocacy in action in Sacramento, the day after CalACEP and we had representation there as well. **Anna Yap (2022)** and **Ariel Wu (2025)** attended. as representatives of the Resident and Fellows Section of the LACMA/ CMA.

Ariel met with met with Assembly members Tina McKinnor (Inglewood), Blanca Pacheco (Antelope Valley), Rick Chavez Zbur (Westwood), Pilar Schiavo (Santa Clarita/Northridge), Al Matsurachi (Harbor) and with the CMA lobbied:

- For increased MediCal reimbursements so that more patients can have access to primary and specialty care
- For AB765, a bill that would regulate the use of the word "doctor" and other physician titles to distinguish physicians from mid levels and other branches of medicine (e.g. Naturopathy, chiropractics)
- For SB598, a bill that would give providers with >90% approved prior authorizations a year reprieve from prior auth filing
- Against AB1570, the same bill as last year that got vetoed by gov Newsom allowing optometrists to perform laser procedures
- Against AB1751, which requires providers to get patients to sign an informed consent with every opioid prescription stating that we've told them about all alternative options, especially naming chiropractors, acupuncture, and other alternative pain management
- Against SB 524, which allows pharmacists to test-and-treat common issues in pharmacies (I. E. Strep, UTIs)





Congratulations to all the Faculty, Fellows, Residents, Alumni on your SAEM Lectures

Congratulations to Liz Samuels for her recognition with the Early Investigator Award!

Didactics and Workshops:

SAEM23 Consensus Conference: Precision Emergency Medicine: Setting a Research Agenda
Planning members: Liz Samuels, NCSP Mackensie Yore also alumni RWJ Hemal Kanzaria, alumni Eric Isaacs (1994)

Liz Samuels - Multiple Didactics

- *Motivational Interviewing: The Art of Patient-Centered Discussions to Improve Substance Use Outcomes*
- *Application of Implementation Science to Enhance Emergency Medicine Research and Quality Improvement Programs*

Jaime Jordan - Multiple Didactics and workshop:

- *Medical Education Research Bootcamp*
- *Sailing Through Your Next Submission: Publication Advice From the Editors of Academic Emergency Medicine Education and Training*
- *Growing Your Academic Career in Medical School Leadership*
- *Hot off the Press: Top Medical Education Articles of 2022*
- *Diseases of Collaboration and Scholarship*
- *Take Two: Mistakes and Lessons Learned in Research*

Anna Yap (2022) - *Exploring the Evolving Landscape of Resident Unionization*

Richelle Cooper (1998) - *Become an Excellent Peer Reviewer Workshop*

Alumni:

Jess Wall (2015) - *Hot Off the Press: Synopses of the Best New Papers in Pediatric Emergency Medicine in 2022*

Carmen Wolfe (2015) - *What Women Want and How to Get It*

- *Creating "Situation, Task, Action, and Results": A Method to Build Confidence and Enhance Your Next Interview*

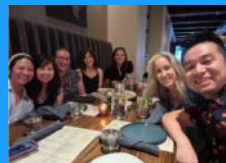
Sophie Terp (2012) - *Demystifying the SAEM Foundation Grant Review Process*

Marc Probst (former Research Fellow) - *So You're Thinking About a National Institutes of Health Research Project Grant: Roundtable Discussion on Transitioning to an Independent Investigator*

Eric Isaacs (1994) - *Moral Injury: Definitions, Triggers, and Treatment*

Shamsher Samra (2017) - *Best Practices for Ensuring High Quality Care for Incarcerated Patients: Patients' Rights and Our Responsibilities*

Finally, congratulations to Wendy Coates, our colleague from Harbor-UCLA who is this year's SAEM president.

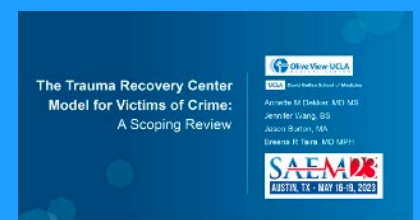
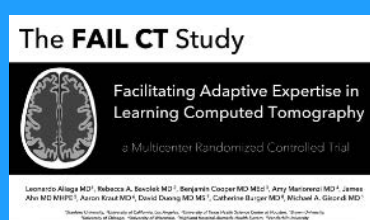
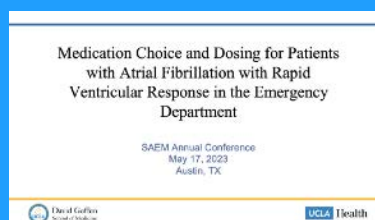


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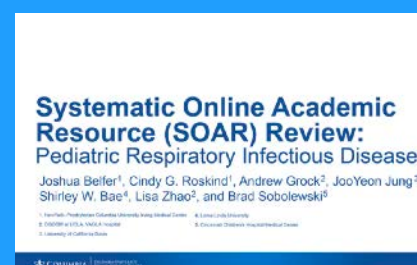
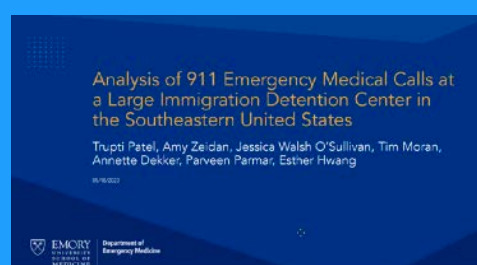
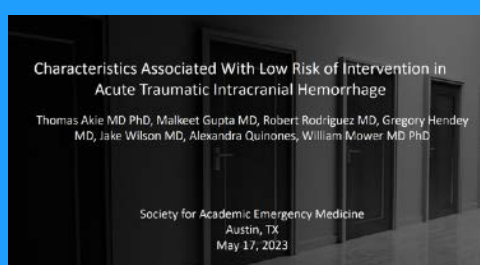
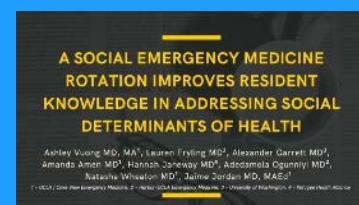
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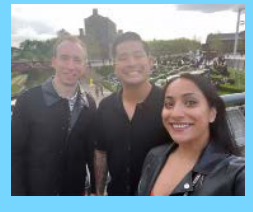
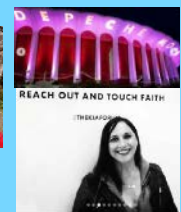
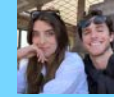
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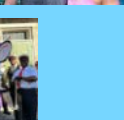
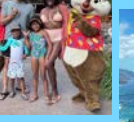
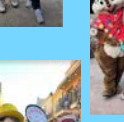
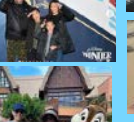
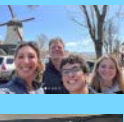
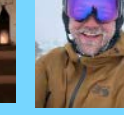
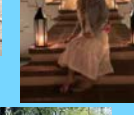
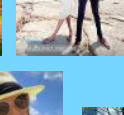
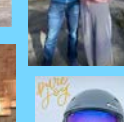
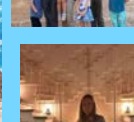
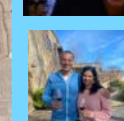
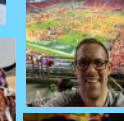
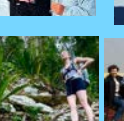
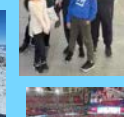
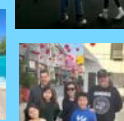
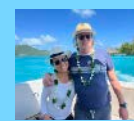
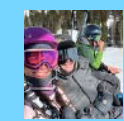
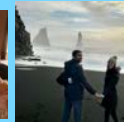
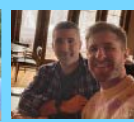
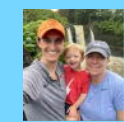
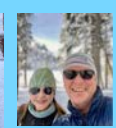
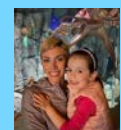
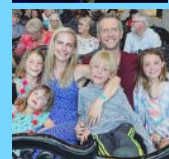
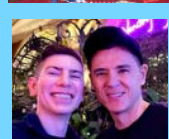
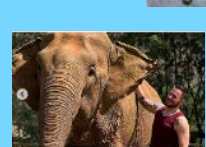
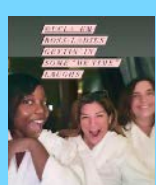
Residents & Faculty Getting out

- Missy Brown (2025) and Daniela Alarcon (2025) went to Death Valley.
- Taylor James (2024) vacationed in Costa Rica.
- Micaela Finnegan (2023) got in some climbing.
- Rose Diaz hiked the Mulholland Drive Overlook. So did Alan Chiem and family.
- The Throuple - Nate Coggins (2023), Anthony Fredericks (2023) and John Mark Sawyer (2023) vacationed and skied in Japan.
- Anna Yap (2022) and Ignacio "Nacho" Calles (2022) visited Chelsea Robinson (2022) for a snow vacation near Tahoe.
- Missy Brown (2025) traveled to Cuba.
- AJ (2024) travelled to Mexico City.
- David Morales "DMo" (2018) vacationed in Hawaii.
- Carolyn Sachs (1994) visited Anza Borrego State Park.
- Bryan Merte (2024) and Leanne Cooke (2024) got away a little north to a Santa Barbara winery.
- Erich Wieshofer (2024) traveled to Mexico.
- Brainard Burrus (2026) vacationed at Joshua Tree National Park.
- Niko Pascua (2023) and Thomas went to New York.
- Dan Sholder (2026) went to New Orleans for Mardi Gras.
- Sam Kadera (2013) and family vacationed in Whistler.
- Angelique Campen (2000) experienced Carnivale in Mexico.
- Anthony Fredericks (2023) went to Alaska.
- Noah Sugerman (2016) and his wife vacationed in Cancun.
- Christian Hernandez (2025) vacationed in Puerto Rico.
- Anthony Jourdan (2026) vacationed in Colombia.
- Rebecca Bavolek took a spring break vacation to Yosemite.
- Carmen Partida saw Depeche Mode play at the Forum!
- Niko Pascua (2023) and Thomas vacationed in Japan.
- Melissa Baker (2026) vacationed in Italy.
- Taylor James (2024) and Charlene Gaw (2024) skied Tahoe.
- Eric Wieshofer (2024) vacationed in South Africa, and Namibia.
- Noah Sugerman (2016) and his family enjoyed a Dodger's game.
- Carolyn Sachs (1994) got a visit with Vanessa Kreger (2020) and her family as Vanessa gets ready to return from maternity leave.
- Christian Hernandez (2025) caught dancing at Coachella.
- Matt Hill also enjoyed Coachella.
- Kelsey Kneisley (2024) went to Slovenia.
- Sam Kadera (2013) and Judy Choe went on a yoga retreat in Turkey.
- Missy Brown (2025) visited UC Santa Cruz... go Slugs!
- Torrence Tran (2025) and Joe Chan (2015) went to a Lakers Championship game.
- Rebecca Bavolek and Sam Kadera (2013) went to the Beachlife Festival.
- Pam Dyne (1995), Scott Lundberg (2004), and Matt Waxman (2007) went to a Dodger's game.
- Charlene Gaw (2024) vacationed in Italy.
- Sarah Seresinghe (2026) vacationed in England and Italy.
- Tiglath Ziyeh (2024) travelled to Italy.
- Zainab Ahmed (2024) travelled to Marrakech.
- Annie Hoang (2026) caught up with Jimmy Murphy (2022) at a Yale reunion.
- Rebecca Bavolek and family hiked the Grand Canyon.
- Cooper Aakhus (2024) travelled to Japan.
- Judy Choe travelled to Bali.
- Reza Hessabi (2024) vacationed in Paris, recreating some classic art.
- Carolyn Sachs enjoyed some local hiking.
- AJ (2024) and Tig (2024) visited Jo Feldman's farm.



Alumni Getting Out and Getting Together

- Nick Miniell (2011), Tola Johnson (2012) and family went to Park City, Utah.
- Naseem Moridzadeh (2021) went on safari.
- Steff Brenman (2017) & Anne Schmitt (2011) went skiing at Mammoth.
- Tiffany (Hackett) Ferreri (2004) and Pablo went to the Sierra Nevada Mountains.
- John McWhorter (2013) and Tom Solomon (2014) caught up with a visit.
- Tola Johnson (2012), Priscilla Hanudel (2012) & Sophie Terp (2012) had an alumna spa day.
- Lizzie Ferreira (2022) vacationed in Death Valley.
- Hans House (2002) visited in Mammoth.
- Varun Shahi (2020) and Pallvi vacationed in Iceland.
- Josh Troke (2015) and Peter went to the Sundance Film Festival.
- Drew Seefeld (2009) enjoyed some fresh powder close to home in New Hampshire.
- Brandon Firestone (2017) and family took a trip just up the coast to Montecito.
- Wendy Lin (2002) and family traveled to Bora Bora.
- Andy Shen (2003) and family celebrated the Lunar New Year in Chinatown.
- Nate Friedman (2021) vacationed in Lake Tahoe.
- Steff Brenman (2017), Liz and Holden vacationed in Hawaii.
- Carter Wystrach (2017) went to the Super Bowl.
- Alex Dyer (2018) went skiing in Utah, catching up with Stu Goldfarb on the slopes.
 - Michael Casner (2017) vacationed in Thailand.
 - Hollie Sandlin (2012) and family vacationed in Egypt.
 - Wendy Lin (2002) and family enjoyed the slopes at Lake Tahoe.
 - Lizzie Ferreira (2022) visited Super Nintendo World at Universal Studios.
 - Ali Hussain (2010) and wife visited Denner Vineyards in Paso Robles.
 - Hannah Wallace (2019) and Ali McLeroy-Wallace (2020) vacationed at Turks & Caicos Islands.
 - Chelsea Robinson (2022) vacationed in Puerto Rico.
 - Claudie Bolduc (2021) vacationed in Mexico.
- Angela Brown (2016) and family vacationed in Orlando.
 - Eric Schallert (2017) and Brandon Firestone (2017) vacationed in Mammoth.
 - Chris Belfour (2015) and Mike went to Las Vegas.
 - Varun Shahi (2020) and Pallvi vacationed in Egypt.
 - Tiffany (Hackett) Ferreri (2004) and family toured colleges, and checked out Pismo Beach and Solvang.
- Claudie Bolduc (2021) had her bachelorette party in Palm Springs (just missed our retreat group), with fellow UCLA Alumna Michelle Brennan (2022), Jessa Baker (2021), and Naseem Moridzadeh (2021).
 - Hollie Sandlin (2014) and family vacationed in Mexico.
 - Angela Brown (2016) and family travelled to Philly and NYC.
 - Brian McNamara (2015) and Greyson had a lot of fun at WrestleCon.
 - Andrea Roberts (2002) and her kids checked out the Padres at Petco stadium and Las Vegas.
 - Priscilla Hanudel (2012) vacationed at Grand Cayman.
 - Andy Shen (2003) and family took a spring break Disney cruise.
- Hannah Wallace (2019) and Ali McLeroy-Wallace (2020) vacationed in Puerto Rico.
- Brandon Firestone (2017), Hillary and the twins went to the Bahamas.
- Lizzie Ferreira (2022) and family vacationed in Paris.
- Tola Johnson (2012), Nick Miniell (2011) and their family enjoyed a Disney Hawaii vacation.
- John McWhorter (2013) vacationed in Hawaii.
- Theresa Cheng (2021) vacationed in Malaysia.
 - Carter Wystrach (2017) and Lia were caught with a visit back to the UCLA campus.
 - Jake Wilson (2018) and Erica travelled in Thailand.
 - Tom Solomon (2014) celebrated (bachelor party?) in New Orleans, becoming part of a parade.
 - Maria Conradt (2019), Amelia and Chris explored Monterey Bay.
 - Staff Brenman (2017), Liz and Holden vacationed in Scottsdale.
- Annum Bhullar (2020) and Luiz Souza Filho (2020) visited Rachel Shing (2016) in South Africa.
- James Jiang (2019) vacationed in Indonesia.
- Tiffany (Hackett) Ferreri (2004) and family vacationed in Japan.



Educational Outtakes and Visiting Alumni Lecturers

Alumni Guest Lecturing

Rob Rodriguez (1994) came to visit and joined for journal club, and then lectured at grand rounds teaching us about “*Long Covid*”

Carmen Wolfe (2015) gave a lecture during our zoom conference, “*EKG Interpretation: Blocks, Hemiblocks, and Why They (Sometimes) Matter*”



All LA - May 2023

The team did an amazing job when we hosted All LA with the residents from USC, Harbor UCLA, and Kern coming to Geffen Hall - Sara Crager with her black cloud cases residents were running, interrupted by EKGs from triage, radiology over-reads, and interruptions to run to the procedure stations. Kudos to Steven Lai (2016), Kellie Kitamura (2019), and Sara Crager (2015) for the set up and organization and thanks to all the teachers who ran stations and the EKG and radiology instruction - Sus Empson, George Lim, Tabitha Cheng (2018), Ashley Vuong (2022), Catherine Yu, Britt Guest, Nacho Calles (2021), Max Berger, Steven Villa.



JC - Thanks to David Schriger, Greg Hendey, Tomer Begaz, and the Throuple (Nate Coggins (2023), Anthony Fredericks (2023) & John Mark Sawyer (2023)) for hosting over the last few months. We capped the year off with JC at the new offices.

ALUMNI - Come teach at our conferences: email [Richelle Cooper \(1998\)](#), and I will connect you with the educational program leadership.

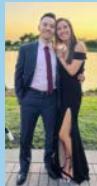
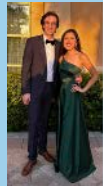
Family Updates - Congratulations to Everyone!



Jessica Chow welcomed baby Ella. She rocked her UCLA EM onesie.

Ethan Forsgren (2023), Nicole and Vera welcomed baby Hugo. Vera is in remission, thriving and all giggles.

Melissa Baker (2026) and Brandon got engaged.



Anna Yap (2022) and Michael had their engagement photo shoot.



Charlene Gaw (2024) and Steven had their engagement photoshoot.

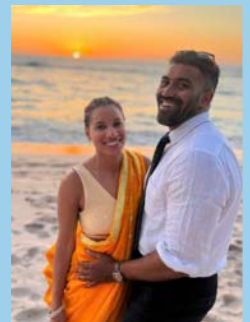
Amanda Amen (2024) and Ali got married and somehow many of her classmates were able to travel to Orlando (thanks to the schedulers and residents who traded shifts).



Greg Hendey (1993) and Lisa celebrated their 37th wedding anniversary!



Angelique Campen (2000) and Brad Stump got engaged while on vacation in Tahiti.



Chase Richard (2023) and Jordan Brown got engaged.



Leanne Cook (2024) and Bryan Merte (2024) got a fur baby - Welcome Ruby.



Ashley Vuong-Goldshear (2022) and Jesse celebrated their 5 year wedding anniversary.



Sean Johnson (2027) and his wife welcomed their third child, daughter Journi.



Alumni Family Updates



Parveen Parmar (2008) and Todd Manzer got engaged.



Chris Belfour (2015) and Mike celebrated their 1 year wedding anniversary in New Orleans.



Aws Al-Abdullah (2020), and Sophia welcomed baby boy Xavier.



Nate Friedman (2021) and Audrey got engaged.



Jess Oswald (2018), John and Hunter welcomed River.



Brian McNamara (2015), Veronica and big brother Greyson welcomed Sebastián



Ashley Sanello (2016) and Drew welcomed Dominico Alexander.

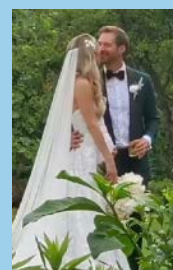
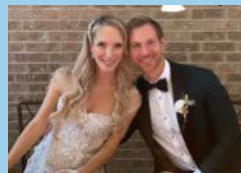
Todd Schneberk, Mary, and big sister Gracie welcomed Daniel Martin.



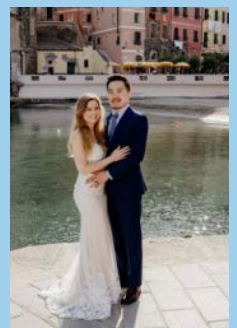
Angela Brown (2016) and Matt celebrated their 22nd anniversary together this year.



Tom Solomon (2014) and Sophie got married.

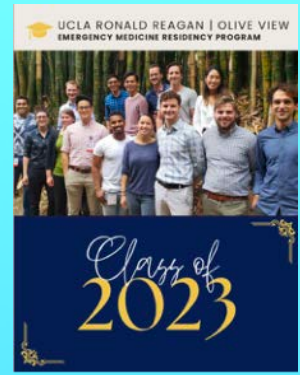


Claudie Bolduc (2021) and James got married with a large UCLA contingent able to celebrate with them.



Li Cui (2019) and Aimee got married in Italy.

Congratulations Class of 2023



Agatha Brzezinski received the Marshall T Morgan Humanism Award. This award goes to the resident who has embodied the qualities that were so admired in Dr. Morgan, who showed humanism in caring for his patients in the emergency department, and was a champion for the underserved fighting against inequalities in the community.

Congratulations Fellows



Where are the Class of 2023 going?

Agatha Brzezinski - Global Emergency Medicine and Rural Health Fellowship at University of Washington (Year 1 she will be at Alaska Native Medical Center, Anchorage, AK)

Ben Chan - Valley Presbyterian Hospital, and Kaiser Baldwin Park

Michelle Choi - Huntington Memorial in Pasadena

Nate Coggins - Hospice and Palliative Care Fellowship at University of Utah

Micaela Finnegan - O'Connor Hospital in San Jose California, Santa Clara Valley Medical Center, and St. Louise Regional Hospital

Ethan Forsgren - Health Policy Fellowship at Hennepin, in Minneapolis, Minnesota (Inaugural fellow)

Anthony Fredericks - Hospice and Palliative Care at University of New Mexico in Albuquerque, NM, and working ED attending shifts at Sandoval Regional Medical Center (in Rio Rancho, NM)

Jared Marshall - Kaiser Downey, Holy Cross, and Valley Presbyterian

Caitlin Oldenkamp - Cottage Hospital Health System in Santa Barbara, Goleta and Solvang

Niko Pascua - Undersea and Hyperbaric Medicine Fellowship at UCSD

Chase Richard - New faculty hire at UCLA

Santano Rosario - Antelope Valley Medical Center, Kaiser West LA, and McKinsey

John Mark Sawyer - St. Marys Long Beach, Pioneers Memorial Care Health District in Brawley, Mercy Hospitals of Bakersfield, and LA County DHS High Desert Regional Healthcare Center in Lancaster

Will Scheving - Wake Forest Emergency Medicine at Cone Health in Greensboro, NC

Dong Yao - Informatics Fellowship at Stanford, and moonlighting at Good Samaritan hospital in the Bay Area

Congratulations to the Graduating Fellows



Education Fellow **Ashley Vuong** joined our faculty group at UCLA.

NCSP Fellow **Jessica Faiz** will be joining our UCLA faculty group, with a joint appointment at the West Los Angeles VA.

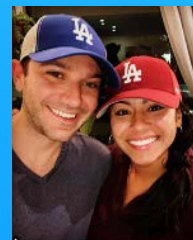
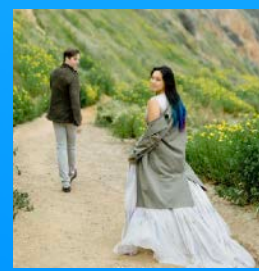
IDHEAL Fellow **Rose Diaz** joined our UCLA faculty group.

Ultrasound Fellow **Erica Kiemele-Giss** working at USC-Keck Emergency.



Health Equity and Administrative Fellow **Anna Yap** will be joining the faculty at UC Davis where she will be the inaugural Health Policy Fellowship Director.

Informatics Fellow **Jennifer Fang** will be working at Harbor-UCLA.



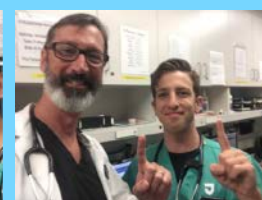
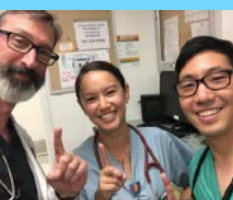
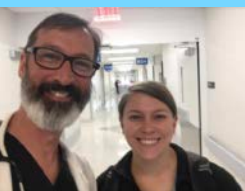
Class of 2026 Interncation

Class of 2026 enjoyed intern week off in Las Vegas, before coming back to reality and r2 orientation.



Class of 2023 Working Their Last Shifts of Residency

Did Greg Moran (1992) tell you that you were #1 in the class?

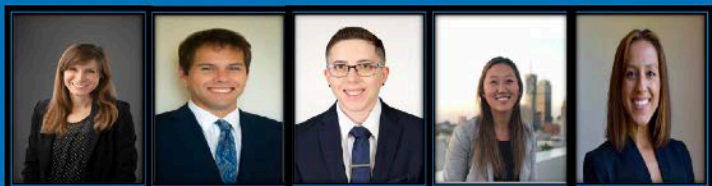


Meet the Intern Class of 2027



Class of 2027

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Kimberly Ambrosini
Univ. Tex Rio Grande

Jack Basse
Wash. Univ. St. Louis

Reyoot "Rey" Berry
UCSF

Lauren Chung
Drexel Univ.

Diana Dayal
Univ. North Carolina



Ephrat "Ephi" Fiescha
Univ. Colorado

Sean Johnson
Morehouse SOM

Christopher Montgomery
UCSF

Sophia Nance
Med. Univ. South Carolina

James Patterson
Univ. Arizona



Krithika Rao
George Wash. Univ.

Matthew Roces
UCSF

Brian Tran
Univ. Arizona

Corydon "Cory" Wilson
Michigan St. Univ.

Crystal Witherspoon
UCR

Name: Kimberly Ambrosini

Undergraduate School: University of Texas at Austin

Graduate School: Columbia University

Medical School: University of Texas Rio Grande Valley School of Medicine

Before Intern year you can find me: Going on a long run with friends.

My hidden talent is: I have an encyclopedic knowledge of dog breeds.

When not in the hospital I'm most likely: Hanging out with my two hilarious daughters.

The greatest meal I ever had was: Late-night ramen in New York City.

I could not live without my: Jogging stroller.

I'm really looking forward to eating my way through every neighborhood when I am in Los Angeles!



Name: Jack Basse

Undergraduate School: Washington University in St. Louis

Medical School: Washington University in St. Louis

Before Intern year you can find me: Hiking in Patagonia with my friends!

My hidden talent is: Fiction/fantasy writing and world-building.

When not in the hospital I'm most likely: Trying a new unnecessarily elaborate Serious Eats recipe.

The greatest meal I ever had was: Birria tacos at a Vegas food truck.

I'm really looking forward to eating my way through all the best restaurants when I am in Los Angeles!



Name: Reyoot "Rey" Berry

Undergraduate School: CSU Fresno

Medical School: UCSF

Before Intern year you can find me: Watching my Celtics hopefully on their way to winning another championship, traveling to Greece, visiting with my nieces and nephews, and seeing my brother get married in Arkansas.

My hidden talent is: I play expert on guitar hero.

When not in the hospital I'm most likely: At a dog park, watching NBA or NFL, working out, listening to true crime podcasts, sleeping, thinking about all the things I should be doing and not doing them.

The greatest meal I ever had was: I convinced my family to wait 3 hours to try traditional Ethiopian food at Fasika in Fresno and it was soooo good I would unapologetically do it again.

If I knew I could not fail I would: Travel through and escape a black hole - alive.

I could not live without my: My dog Nova :) She is a Great Pyrenees, Australian Cattle, Border Collie mix of chill & spicy.

I'm really looking forward to being closer to my sister, indulging in the incredible food scene, and UCLA basketball games when I am in Los Angeles!



Meet the Intern Class of 2027

Name: Lauren Chung

Undergraduate School: Northeastern University

Medical School: Drexel University College of Medicine

Before Intern year you can find me: Traveling across Japan, South Korea and Singapore.

When not in the hospital I'm most likely: Hanging out at the beach and online shopping

If I knew I could not fail I would: Compete at the Olympics or play the lottery.

I could not live without my: Two adorable kittens (their instagram is @konaandevie).

I'm really looking forward to meeting my co-residents, eating great food, and learning how to surf when I am in Los



Name: Ephrat "Ephi" Fisseha

Undergraduate School: University of Arizona

Graduate School: University of Colorado

Medical School: University of Colorado

Before Intern year you can find me: Somewhere tropical trying to practice Spanish.

My hidden talent is: Balloon animals.

When not in the hospital I'm most likely: Listening to music.

The greatest meal I ever had was: Crab curry in southern India.

If I knew I could not fail I would: Open an Ethiopian restaurant in Brazil

I could not live without my: Yoga practice.

If I were running for office my campaign slogan would be: Abundance is your birthright.

I'm really looking forward to learning how to surf when I am in Los Angeles!



Name: Diana Dayal

Undergraduate School: University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Graduate School: Harvard TH Chan School of Public Health

Medical School: University of North Carolina School of Medicine

Before Intern year you can find me: Attempting to rollerblade on the boardwalk without success.

When not in the hospital I'm most likely: zooming around LA in my Fiat.

The greatest meal I ever had was: Taco Bell Cantina.

I could not live without my: Plants - all of them.

I'm really looking forward to lots and lots of comedy shows when I am in Los Angeles!



Name: Sean Johnson

Undergraduate School: Cal State University, Fresno

Medical School: Morehouse School of Medicine

Before Intern year you can find me: Coaching my sons track team.

My hidden talent is: Landscape and design.

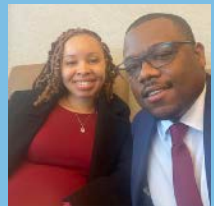
When not in the hospital I'm most likely: Working on some project in the backyard.

The greatest meal I ever had was: Filet mignon.

If I knew I could not fail I would: Try out for the Lakers.

I could not live without my: My wife.

I'm really looking forward to seeing my family and friends when I am in Los Angeles!



Meet the Intern Class of 2027

Name: Christopher Montgomery "Chrissy"

Undergraduate School: Technische Universität Kaiserslautern (Kaiserslautern, Germany)

Graduate School: Loma Linda University School of Public Health (MPH Global Health + Bio/Epi)

Medical School: UCSF

Before Intern year you can find me: Catching up on some sleep and hanging out with my partner, friends, and family!

My hidden talent is: Coaching...as a true football (soccer) enthusiast/aficionado, I love to pass on that knowledge!

When not in the hospital I'm most likely: Either asleep, eating, or exercising, unless I am binge watching a new show.

The greatest meal I ever had was: When I was first introduced to the beauty of Carbonara!

If I knew I could not fail I would: Open a soccer training facility and make high level soccer available to any child.

I'm really looking forward to being close to family when I am in Los Angeles!



Name: Sophia Nance - Prefers Sophie

Undergraduate School: Clemson University

Medical School: Medical University of South Carolina

Before Intern year you can find me: Hitting the beach in Charleston as much as possible!

When not in the hospital I'm most likely: Spending way too much money at a local brewery or restaurant with friends!

If I knew I could not fail I would: Buy a lottery ticket.

I could not live without my: Dog and kitten, aka my BFFs.

I'm really looking forward to hiking up to the Hollywood sign (touristy, I know) when I am in Los Angeles!



Name: James Patterson "Jimbo"

Undergraduate School: University of Arizona

Medical School: University of Arizona

Before Intern year you can find me: Hiking Havasupai and Zion or binge-watching Psych.

My hidden talent is: Jamming out pop songs on the piano.

The greatest meal I ever had was: The Chili Mac MRE (it comes with sour skittles).

If I knew I could not fail I would: Place a lot more sports bets.

I could not live without my: Savior Jesus Christ.

If I were running for office my campaign slogan would be: "Success is one of the possible outcomes"

I'm really looking forward to playing more beach volleyball when I am in Los Angeles!



Name: Krithika Rao

Undergraduate School: Scripps College

Medical School: George Washington University

Before Intern year you can find me: Traveling! I am going on a trip to South Korea and Japan, followed by many smaller road trips within the US.

My hidden talent is: Singing onstage at every single karaoke event.

When not in the hospital I'm most likely: Bundled in a pile of blankets, bingeing TV.

The greatest meal I ever had was: An Indian thaali where they kept serving unlimited refills of the delicious food until you were done!

I'm really looking forward to spending all my days off at the beach when I am in Los Angeles!



Meet the Intern Class of 2027

Name: Matthew "Matt" Roces

Undergraduate School: UC Berkeley

Medical School: UCSF

Before Intern year you can find me: Scuba diving.

My hidden talent is: Going a whole day without drinking water (not really a talent and something I need to work on).

When not in the hospital I'm most likely: Trying a new restaurant.

The greatest meal I ever had was: Khao Soi Khun Yai in Chiang Mai, Thailand.

If I knew I could not fail I would: Start a YouTube travel vlog and dunk on everyone in pickup basketball.

I could not live without my: Sacramento Kings #LightTheBeam.

I'm really looking forward to AYCE KBBQ (and moving in with my partner) when I am in Los Angeles!



Name: Brian Tran

Undergraduate School: UCLA (Go Bruins!)

Medical School: University of Arizona, College of Medicine - Tucson

Before Intern year you can find me: Spending time with family & friends, traveling, attempting to work out, eating/cooking, and watching every reality television show on Netflix.

My hidden talent is: making Halloween costumes and knowing every boba place within a 10 mile radius.

When not in the hospital I'm most likely: Napping at the beach.

If I knew I could not fail I would: Compete in every food competition.

I could not live without my: Awesome family and friends.

I'm really looking forward to sunshine, good food, hanging out with my amazing co-residents when I am in Los Angeles!



Name: Corydon "Cory" Wilson

Undergraduate School: Morehouse College

Graduate School: Georgetown University

Medical School: Michigan State University College of Human Medicine

Before Intern year you can find me: Probably watching Abbott Elementary.

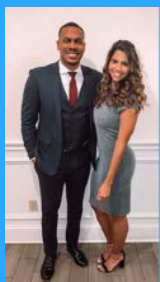
My hidden talent is: Being able to walk into more spider webs than the average person does.

When not in the hospital I'm most likely: Searching for the best donut shop in the city!

The greatest meal I ever had was: I say this pretty often, so it was probably yesterday.

I could not live without my: Apple watch.

I'm really looking forward to picking up golf when I am in Los Angeles!



Name: Crystal Witherspoon

Undergraduate School: UCLA

Graduate School: Loma Linda School of Public Health

Medical School: UC Riverside

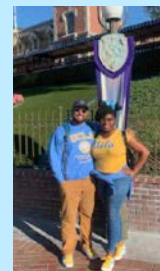
Before Intern year you can find me: At Disneyland, or on a Caribbean cruise.

My hidden talent is: Decorating for holidays and celebrations.

When not in the hospital I'm most likely: Spending time with family, spontaneously going somewhere fun with my husband, binge-watching Netflix or HBO Max.

If I knew I could not fail I would: Play the french horn on epic movie soundtracks.

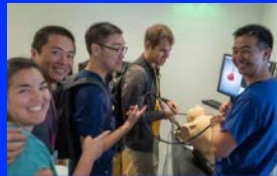
I'm really looking forward to eating amazing food, exploring new places, and going to UCLA football games when I am in Los Angeles!



Bootcamp and Intern Orientation

Thanks to Rebecca Bavolek, Steven Lai (2016), Ashley Vuong (2022), Kellie Kitamura (2019), Mark Morocco (2001), Scott Lundberg (2004), Cat Weaver (2017), Vanessa Franco (2017), Greg Moran (1992), Maureen McCollough (1994), Luis Lovato (2001), Max Berger, Stephen Villa, Amir Rouhani (2011), Pam Dyne (1995), Medell Briggs-Malonson, Sara Crager (2015), Tig Ziyeh (2024), Jackson Kloor (2024), Reza Hessabi (2024), Charlene Gaw (2024), Zainab Ahmed (2024), Amanda Amen (2024), Britt Guest (2019), Natasha Wheaton, Michael Levine, Evan Schwarz, Alan Chiem, Jeremy Shin, Jackie Shibata, Dan Weingrow, Jessica Chow, Tom Graham (1995), Breena Taira, Lynne McCullough (1998), Daniela Alarcon (2025), Miguel Navarro (2025), Malkeet Gupta (2006), CIMs, Child Life, Matt Hill, Christina Denman and Jen Cassidy.

It was not all work, there was plenty of time for class resident social mixers, new big sib/little sib gatherings, a UCLA exercise session and more. A great start to the year!



KUDOS to Our Amazing Faculty, Fellows, Residents and Alumni



Congratulations to **Medell Briggs-Malsonson** for receiving the [Los Angeles Business Journal's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion 2023 Executive Of The Year Award](#) for Large Company/Enterprises. There were more than 100 nominees who were recognized at the symposium and awards ceremony held March 2023.



Congratulations to **Chase Richard (2022)** for being selected by the David Geffen School of Medicine to be part of the inaugural cohort of the [Bruin Scholars](#) award. Through the [Bruin Scholars](#) award, the Dean's office provides recipients up to \$75,000, matched by our department providing \$25,000 for a total of \$100,00 per academic year, for a period of at least two years. The goal is to fund scholarly projects with the school's shared commitment to diversity and service to underserved or structurally vulnerable populations.

As a Bruin Scholar, Chase is guaranteed admission to the [JEDI Academic Mentor Council \(JAM\)](#) and working with senior faculty mentors on Professional Development. This 6-month program hosts 14 topics varied from Effective Communication and Building Grant Writing Skills, Financial Wellbeing in Academia and Work life Balance among other professional development learning. The Bruin Scholars program aims to retain promising DGSOM residents and fellows and also support their development as successful junior faculty members by developing their academic interest and building leadership abilities.



SAEM AWARD WINNERS

Liz Samuels received the SAEM Early Investigator Award. This award recognizes those SAEM members who have demonstrated commitment and achievement in research during the early stage of their academic career. The Society's core mission includes the creation of knowledge, and this award recognizes those who have achieved early success in this sphere.



Richelle Cooper (1998) was selected as a member of the Semel Healthy Campus Initiative Eudaimonia Society.

What is Eudaimonia? Aristotle distinguished hedonia - the brief, fleeting happiness derived from immediate satisfaction of drives, from eudaimonia - the sustained happiness that comes from living a life rich in purpose and meaning. Core concepts of eudaimonia include self-acceptance, positive relations with others, autonomy, mastery of one's environment, purpose in life, and personal growth. The Semel Healthy Campus Initiative Eudaimonia Society was created to recognize members of the UCLA community who exemplify eudaimonia by living a life full of purpose and meaning.

How was Richelle selected? She was nominated by UCLA Health center volunteer Katherine "Kit" Spikings and selected for "...unlimited amount of generosity and dedication to the common good and to society at large." To quote Kit *"She is probably one of the most caring, kindest and amazing doctors that I have encountered in all of my years of volunteering at RR."*



Applause for these Award Winners!



Congratulations to **Alan Chiem**! He was selected as one of the 2023 Serge and Yvette Dadone Clinical Teaching Award in Honor of Saleh Salehmoghaddam, MD recipients. These are one of the highest honors at the UCLA DGSOM for distinguished educators. and is focused on medical student and resident teaching in the clinical setting.

In addition, our colleague Ryan Pedigo at Harbor-UCLA won the Kaiser Permanent Award for Excellence in Teaching. Ryan will be the new Program Director at Harbor-UCLA starting this June. Congratulations!



Kudos to our amazing on shift medical student educators. Our residents, and not just the teaching resident, are the best educators and ambassadors for our specialty. Each year at spring retreat the medical student clerkship directors present awards to the residents and faculty who receive the most kudos from our medical student core clerkship and sub-internal rotation evaluations. These awards represent excellence in teaching. In addition to the winners listed below, almost **every** resident was nominated at least once, a testament to the quality of education we provide across the board in our EDs!

And in fact the MS2 EM rotation was voted the best clinical rotation this year. Way to go **Stephen Villa and Max Berger** as clerkship directors and residents, fellows and faculty who created the great experience.

The awardees for the 2023 UCLA Ronald Reagan-Olive View Emergency Medicine Residency Medical Student Teaching Awards are:

Class of 2023 - Rob Roach

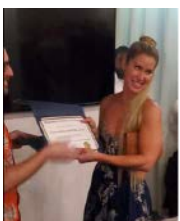
Class of 2024 - Daniela Alarcon

Class of 2025 - Reza Hessabi

Class of 2026 - Caitlin Oldenkamp

Olive View UCLA Faculty Award - **Tomer Begaz**

UCLA Faculty Award - **Samantha Kadera (2013)**



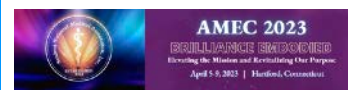
The Golden Olive Teaching Award presented at the annual spring retreat are voted on by the residents for the contributions to teaching.

The award for the full time faculty went to **Michael Levine**

The award for the part time faculty went to **Steven Lai (2016)**



Congratulations to **Agatha Brzezinski (2026)** the residency 2023 winner of the Golden Probe Ultrasound Award.



Ruthy Mamo (2026) was awarded one of the UCLA DGSOM Minority Housestaff travel grants to go to SNMA conference in Connecticut.



MORE Award Winning News!



Congratulations **Angelique Campen (2000)** for being selected as one of Los Angeles' Top Doctors - selections come from peer/colleague nomination and review.



Incoming intern **Rey Berry (Class of 2027)** received the 2023 Marsha P Johnson and Sylvia Rivera Excellence in Leadership and Activism Award for her outstanding contributions and commitment to LGBTQ equity during her tenure at UCSF from UCSF's LGBT Resource Center and Office of Diversity & Outreach.

Incoming intern (Class of 2027) **Diana Dayal** received the 2023 Cecil G. Sheps Award at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. The award goes to a member of the graduating class "who over four years of undergraduate medical training, demonstrates both academic excellence in and practical commitment to the principles of Social Medicine."

Diana also spent some time at SpaceX during medical school with Haig.



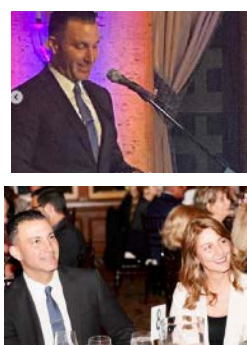
Congratulations Alumni Award winners. **Sophie Terp (2012)** was awarded the Outstanding Faculty Mentor Award for Excellence in Mentoring Residents by creating a supportive, effective environment in clinical care, education and scholarship, while serving as a trusted adviser and role model at USC. The other recipient for this award was former

research fellow **Todd Schneberk**. The two of them have provided numerous opportunities for meaningful engagement in projects to the residents.



Incoming intern (Class of 2027) **Sophie Nance** received the Henry Tracy Ivy Award, which is an award presented to the first honor graduate (i.e. valedictorian) of the graduating

class. It was established by Tracy Davis Gage, MD, in honor of his grandfather, Henry Tracy Ivy, MD, who was the 1880 valedictorian of Medical University of South Carolina.



Congratulations to **Armand Dorian (2003)** awarded the Armenian American Medical Society Lifetime Achievement Award. His family celebrated with him during the award ceremony May 2023.



Incoming intern **Krithika Rao (Class of 2027)** was inducted into AOA at graduation.



Amazing Accomplishments!

Congratulations to **Todd LeGassick**! The [UCLA Emergency Medicine Center for Prehospital Care](#) is the leading emergency and prehospital academic center on the West Coast. With our move to new offices we have now combined our multiple separate locations and we all share one larger office with the UCLA Center for Prehospital Care. Not only is the Center lauded locally, nationally and internationally for its education programs, the Center actively conducts research, pilots and evaluates projects, and mentors and trains professionals to perform research that examines best practices in education and prehospital medicine.

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Administrative Management Group (AMG)

EXCELLENCE AWARDS

The Administrative Management Group (AMG), in partnership with Campus Human Resources, is pleased to announce the 2023 Excellence Awards winners! The awards honor outstanding managers and staff who have made significant contributions to their organizations and the campus.



EXCELLENCE IN LEADERSHIP AWARD ANNOUNCEMENT

This award honors management excellence, by recognizing an individual with a demonstrated record of accomplishments, and who exemplifies the leadership qualities that UCLA values such as innovation, collaboration, and the creation of a positive work environment.

2023 AWARDEE
TODD LEGASSICK
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
EMERGENCY MEDICINE,
CENTER FOR
PREHOSPITAL CARE

TODD LEGASSICK

Mr. LeGassick is co-founder and executive director of the UCLA Center for Prehospital Care. He earned his master's degree in health services policy and administration from the UCLA School of Public Health in 1992. Mr. LeGassick's expertise lies in creating the administrative and operational systems required to operate high performing EMS provider systems and educational programs. He has over 20 years experience in prehospital care and has worked as an EMS provider, operations manager, EMS system developer and administrator.



Rose Diaz was selected to be part of the Accelerating LatinX Leadership Conference at UCLA with [Dr. David Hayes Bautista](#). The Los Angeles County Medical Association (LACMA) partnered with the UCLA Center for the Study of Latino Health and Culture (CESLAC) to formally kick off the ["Accelerating LatinX Leadership \(ALL\) Institute"](#) to develop Latinx Physician and health professional leadership and ready them to guide California's health sector institutions to positively engage with Latinx communities and California's multi-racial future. By optimizing the leadership ability of Latinx physicians and health professionals, the ALL Institute will empower them to design and lead health equity initiatives that

address the social and structural determinants of health contributing to health care disparities by tapping into their lived experiences of these. The CESLAC ALL Institute is a four-month experience (3 days on-site at UCLA, four months online) tailored to individuals to meet the challenges unique to Latinx Leaders, particularly in the health sector.



Program

OPENING TOAST

GME Dr. Nelson Sochoo

MHO E-BOARD SERVICE AWARD

Jennifer Bailey, Pediatrics, PGY3

Reza Hessabi, Emergency Medicine, PGY 3

Angelica Gordon, Nuclear Medicine, PGY 3

Efe Chantal Ghanney Simons, Urology Chief Resident, PGY 6

Chase Richard, Emergency Medicine Chief Resident, PGY 4

Brittany Tarrant, Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Chief Fellow, PGY6

Freddy Ferguson, Family Medicine, PGY 3

RESIDENT & FELLOW GRADUATES CLOSING TOAST

MHO Faculty Sponsors:

Dr. Lovalee Brown

Dr. Cecilia Canales

Dr. Daniel Okobi



The Minority Housestaff Office held an end of year gala to celebrate the program officers and the graduating members. Congratulations **Chase Richard (2023)** and **Reza Hessabi (2024)**.



More Kudos



Congratulations to **Jessica Faiz** for her important [paper published in JAMA Health Forum](#) on racial and ethnic barriers to medical school application and matriculation. The paper generated a lot of attention - an accompanying [editorial](#) in JAMA Health Forum, a feature in an "All Things Considered" [NPR segment](#), a feature in [Forbes](#), cited in the Los Angeles Times, and it was top on the JAMA network most read the week it came out, and 3 weeks in a row.

On a related note, Jess co-authored an [opinion piece in Stat News](#) following the Supreme Court decision to overturn affirmative action discussing how this will exacerbate disparities.

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JAMA HEALTH FORUM

Research
Racial and Ethnic Differences in Barriers Faced by MCAT Examinees

Jessica Faiz, MD, MSHPM; Ulise R. Essien, MD, MPH; Donna L. Washington, MD, MPH; et al



Forbes

Want Racial Diversity In Medicine? Start By Addressing Structural Racism

npr

RACE
Having diverse doctors saves lives, but students of color face barriers to med school
April 18, 2023 - 4:25 PM CT
Herald via NPR.org Contributor

Los Angeles Times

Diversity in medicine can save lives. Here's why there aren't more doctors of color. A recent study in the journal *JAMA Health Forum* highlights the factors, including financial pressures and discrimination, that can keep determined students of color from actually making it to medical school.

The Supreme Court's affirmative action decision puts lives at risk

By Jessica Faiz, Ulise R. Essien and Donna L. Washington June 25, 2022

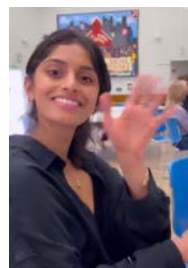


Anna Yap (2022), Health Equity and Administration fellow attended the State Advocacy Summit held by the American Medical Association January 2023. The California Medical Association sponsored Anna's travel to the 3 day conference in Arizona. She said it was "Super cool to learn from so many unique policy experts andcoming out even more inspired."



Natasha Wheaton has been working with UCLA DGSOM medical students and the UCLA

Center for Pre-Hospital Care to help support LAUSD's efforts in training their employees, starting with a pilot program with their nurses, in Stop the Bleed. Stop the Bleed is a grassroots national awareness campaign and call-to-action that encourages bystanders to become trained, equipped, and empowered to help in a bleeding emergency before professional help arrives. It involves layperson training to apply a tourniquet and pack a wound. The DGSOM group has been training the LAUSD nurses to be trainers and then hope to use that work force to train all the employees within LAUSD (almost 60,000 people!). **Rachel Bass (2026)**, **Sarah Seresinghe (2026)**, **Rhea Matthew (2025)** have all helped at some of the events.



MODERATOR
Medell Briggs-Malonson, MD

Chief, Health Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion, UCLA Health System
Associate Clinical Professor of Emergency Medicine, David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA

Medell Briggs-Malonson, MD, MPH, MSHE is responsible for the implementation and oversight of organizational structures and initiatives that promote inclusivity and equity among UCLA Health staff, patients, and communities.

UCLA Health

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3RD ANNUAL HEALTH JUSTICE SYMPOSIUM

THURSDAY, JAN. 19, 2023 | 5PT

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Community Forward:
Actions and Advocacy
to Transform Health

Medell Briggs-Malonson moderated the 3rd Annual Health Justice Symposium with some inspirational work and honest discussion of ongoing work and needs.

Kaakgema "KP" Yelapaala
Chief Impact Officer of Health Equity Movement at Stanford Health, Co-Founder and CEO of Intra Health

Dana Sherrod
Director of Birth Equity & Racial Justice Initiatives with the Public Health Alliance of Southern California

Dr. Efrain Talamantes
Senior Vice President & Chief Operating Officer, Health Services at Alameda Health Services Corporation

Plaudits!



The [UCLA Homeless Healthcare Collaborative](#) received a \$25.3 million, two-year state grant to expand access and enhance coordination of medical and behavioral health care provided to people experiencing homelessness in Los Angeles. The grant will fund new equipment and staff, including

community health workers to assess patient needs, identify barriers to care and expand access to a variety of services in collaboration with other caregivers, social service agencies, health plans and the state. Funding from the California Department of Health Care Services will also be used to develop and implement records management and communication systems allowing UCLA Health and other street medicine teams to coordinate care provided to unhoused people. The grant is part of California's effort to transform Medi-Cal. The state effort, known as [CalAIM](#), emphasizes preventive, personalized medicine and greater coordination among a network of health partners providing equitable care. UCLA Health is planning to contract with Medi-Cal-managed care health plans with whom it already has relationships, including L.A. Care and HealthNet.

NEWS > CALIFORNIA NEWS - News
UCLA street medicine program to help more of LA's homeless with \$25.3 million grant



The UCLA Homeless Healthcare Collaborative sent homeless patients to West LA, South LA, the Convention Center/Chinatown LA area and North Hollywood. (Photo courtesy of UCLA Health)



"This visionary state grant will exponentially expand our coordinated efforts to meet the health care and wellness needs of individuals and families experiencing homelessness," said Dr. **Medell Briggs-Malonson**, chief of Health Equity, Diversity and Inclusion at UCLA Health, emergency department physician and co-executive sponsor of the Homeless Healthcare Collaborative.

The [UCLA Health Homeless Healthcare Collaborative](#) – made possible by philanthropic support – launched in early 2022 with two specially equipped mobile health vans traveling to encampments, shelters and other locations to provide free preventive, primary and urgent medical care, medical screenings and referrals to social services. Last year, the mobile vans recorded 6,000 encounters with unhoused patients and provided medications more than 1,500 times.

Four additional vans will be deployed soon, thanks to a [\\$592,000 grant](#) from a separate federal community projects funding program, sponsored by Rep. Ted Lieu, D-CA. Congratulations to Administrative Medical Director **Cat Weaver (2017)**, and Executive Sponsor Chief, Health Equity, Diversity and Inclusion for the UCLA Hospital & Clinic System **Medell Briggs-Malonson** for all the successes the program has had to date.



American College of Emergency Physicians



Jessica Faiz attended the Leadership & Advocacy Conference in Washington DC, including a Lobby Day and AAWEP's Power Up: Women in Emergency Medicine Leadership Workshop.

Kenneth Kim (2025), the EMRA Director of Health Policy, was the conference chair of EMRA's Health

Policy Primer that teaches residents and other young physicians about the basics of health policy. He lectured discussing *"How to Become Involved with Policy and Advocacy."* He was featured on the ACEP home page, in an [ACEP website story](#), and in ACEP social media posts. He also did some lobbying of Congressfolk about ED Boarding and Workforce mental health.



Valerie Norton (1995), president of Cal ACEP was also on the in DC for the event advocating with the California contingent.



Round of Applause!

Rose Diaz lectured at the 2023 National Hispanic Medical Association (NHMA) in Chicago. Her lecture *"Redefining Imposter Syndrome"* focused on how Latinos experience imposter syndrome. The California surgeon general, Dr. Diana Ramos was in the audience and stopped Rose afterwards to let her know how great her talk was.



Haig Aintablian (2022) presented an abstract *"Comprehensive Trialing of Medications Prior to Long Duration Spaceflight"* at the Aerospace Medical Association's 93rd Annual Scientific Meeting in New Orleans May 2023.



AEROSPACE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

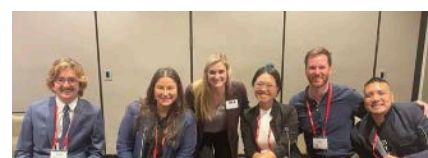
Jessica Chow's PCARN collaboration projects were presented at the Pediatric Academic Societies meeting.



- Gutman CK, Aronson PL, Fernandez R, Roach B, Pickett ML, Pulcini CD, Lucrezia S, Green RS, Kotler H, Singh N, Hoffmann JA, Corboy JB, Thompson AD, Tedford NJ, Tran TT, Piroutek MJ, Bouvay K, Bergmann KR, **Chow JL**, Chowdhury N, Gifford S, Jackson K, Kelly J, Hartford EA, **Cheng T**, Akinsola B, Ford V, Chung S, Hincapie M, St. Pierre-Hetz R, Krack A, Truschel L, Lin K, Chu J, Molyneaux ND, Duong M, Kannikeswaran N, Rose J, Dingeldein L, Theiler C, Sartori LF, Bhalodkar S, Tiller J, Waseem M, Lababidi A, Lou XY, Lion KC. *Race, ethnicity, language and the emergency management of low-risk febrile infants.*
- Kannikeswaran N, Spencer P, Fernandez R, Aronson PL, Lion KC, Singh N, Pickett ML, Bouvay K, Kelly J, Hartford EA, St. Pierre-Hetz R, Hincapie M, Green RS, Roach B, Kotler H, Corboy JB, Hoffmann JA, Gifford S, Ford V, Akinsola B, **Chow JL**, Tran TT, Tedford NJ, Thompson AD, Krack A, Bergmann KR, Lucrezia S, Piroutek MJ, Lin K, Truschel L, Chung S, Molyneaux ND, Chu J, Chowdhury N, Sartori LF, Dingeldein L, Rose J, Duong M, **Cheng T**, Jackson K, Bhalodkar S, Lababidi A, Pulcini CD, Theiler C, Waseem M, Lou XY, Gutman CK. *Emergency department management and disposition of low-risk febrile infants with and without a documented primary care physician.*



2023 AAEM Annual Scientific Assembly in New Orleans had our alumna on display. GREAT WORK! Health Equity and Administrative fellow, **Anna Yap (2022)**, was part of a panel *"Resident Labor Rights: Are Residency Unions the Best Way to Advocate?"*



Carmen Wolfe (2015) lectured *"Chemical Restraint: From Old Faithfuls to Cutting Edge"*



Ilene Claudius (2002) lectured *"PEM literature Updates"*

Abstracts:

Rai E, Conser E, Toy J, **Claudius I**, Lowe CG, Pham PH, **Chow JL**, Moriel G, Bhargava R, Gausche-Hill M. A multi-site analysis of EMS-transported infants with suspected brief resolved unexplained event.

Congratulations to **Britt Guest (2019)**, **Sanjay Arora (2005)**, and **Michael Menchine (2004)** who presented at the 2023 Society for Emergency Medicine Physician Assistants (SEMPA) in Kentucky. Britt lectured on *"Trauma in Pregnancy: Two Patients, One Resuscitation,"* and *"Burn Care."* Sanjay and Mike gave an *"Emergency Medical Abstracts Live!"* session.



Great Work!



The Space Medicine program at UCLA, in partnership with UTHouston, MGH and Baylor space medicine programs, is collaborating on a monthly didactic series. Follow this [link](#) to sign up for zoom sessions, or watch prior sessions archived at the site.



Anna Yap (2022) led a virtual session for the Administration and Operations Committee for the Emergency Medicine Residents Association discussing the new E/M billing codes.

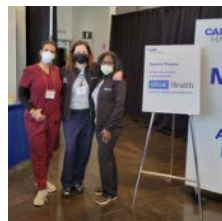
Cat Weaver (2017) was Medical Director for the Care Harbor Focused Care Clinic: Healthcare for the Unhoused. **Medell Briggs-Malonson**, several of our Homeless Healthcare Collaborative clinicians, as well as many of our emergency department nurses (Kerry Gold, Diane Sposito) provided needed care to those underserved and without access at the annual event.



Healthcare for the Unhoused

March 18-19, 2023
Los Angeles Trade Technical College
400 West Washington Street
Los Angeles, CA 90015

[For more information and to volunteer, click here.](#)

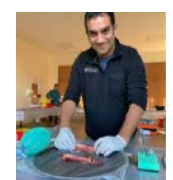


Congratulations to **Ashley Vuong (2022)** for completing the ACEP teaching fellowship.



EM:RAP GO

EM:RAP GO is back to traveling for in person instruction. This spring **Britt Guest (2019), Mel Herbert (1995), Mary Herbert, Bev Bauman (1997)**, Ryan Ernst and Pablo Aguilera from Chile taught emergency medicine (multiple simulation cases, EKG, board review) to the diploma students they have been working with for the past four years at Aga Khan University Hospital in Nairobi. Next, they flew to Eldoret to meet the EM team at Moi Teaching Hospital, where they are working on starting the first EM residency program in Kenya. At a local Hospital called "Living Room" the EM:RAP GO group worked with 40 local doctors on training in cricothyrotomy, chest tubes, intubation, suturing, casts and IO line placement.



Look Who's Talking!

Sara Crager (2015)

- The Big Sick Conference in Switzerland!: *"Precision Vent Management"* and *"Rescuing the Right Ventricle"*



- Asociación Guatemalteca de Medicina de Emergencia conference in Guatemala City. *"Respiratory Failure"* (As an aside, giving lectures in Spanish does add a layer of complexity and humility.)

Medell Briggs-Malonson

- Grand Rounds for the UCLA Department of Medicine *"Our People, Our Patients, Our Community: Guiding UCLA Health's Journey to Achieve Health Equity and Justice."*

- Digital Health Jungle - Health Gorilla Chief Medical Officer Steven Lane, Episode 5. *"Intersection of Health IT and Equity. A discussion of all the ways that health data access and interoperability can support or potentially impede equity, as well as tackling SDoH and the role they play."*

- HIMSS Lecture on Data Justice: Ethical Practices for Equitable Health



Michael Levine

- Grand Rounds *"Cardiovascular toxins."* Department of Surgery, Division of Surgical Critical Care, UCLA

- Grand Rounds *"Update on the Fentanyl Crisis and the New Drug Screening Laws."* At Providence St. Joseph's Medical Center. Burbank, CA, at Orange Coast Medical Center, and at Eisenhower Medical Center. Palm Desert, CA

- Grand Rounds *"Fentanyl"* St. Charles Medical Center. Bend, Oregon

- American College of Medical Toxicology's Annual Scientific Meeting. *"Xylazine"*

- Grand Rounds, West Anaheim Medical Center, *"Benzodiazepines: how they work and how to withdrawal"*

- Northwest Seminars, Orlando FL *"Don't get bitten by envenomation conundra,"* and *"Taking the pain out of analgesic overdose"*



George Lim

- 7th Annual Southern California Critical Care Ultrasound Course: *"Fluid Responsiveness"* and *Advanced TTE Skills Session*



Evan Schwarz

- American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM): *"Delta What? An Update on Novel Cannabinoids"* and *"Wounds, Withdrawal, and Overdose: What to Expect from Xylazine Drug Supply Adulteration"*



Ashley Vuong (2022)

- 2023 Annual Meeting, Association of Academic Physicians *"Sideline Emergencies in Sports Medicine: Mass Casualty Incidents"*

Jessica Chow

- ACEP Advanced Pediatric Emergency Medicine Assembly 2023: *"Creating a Future in the PEM Workforce."*



David Talan (1986)

- Grand Rounds *"What I've Learned Studying Infectious Diseases in Emergency Medicine"* Vanderbilt University Department of Emergency Medicine

- *"EMERGENCY ID NET: A US ED-Based CDC-Collaborative Translational Epidemiological & Clinical Research Network"* at the CDC in Atlanta, Georgia

Jessica Faiz

- Grand Rounds on *"Why We are Behind in Physician Diversity: The Role of Structural Racism"* at Iowa State University

Cat Weaver (2017)

- Grand Rounds to the UCLA Department of Medicine with colleague Adrian Mayo: *"UCLA Health Homeless Healthcare Collaborative: Healthcare Without Walls for People Without Houses"*

Liz Samuels

- ACEP Webinar E-QUAL Opioid Initiative *"Equity in Emergency Care for Opioid Use Disorder,"*

- NIDA Clinical Trials Network Telemedicine Meeting *"The Rhode Island Buprenorphine Hotline: Audio-only telehealth to improve buprenorphine access and linkage to care"*

- *"Emergency Care for Adolescent Substance Use -- Part 1. Treatment Recovery Education Advocacy for Teens with Substance Use Disorder in Maine"*

Well Done!



Chase Richard (2023) participated in a webinar sponsored by the UCLA Charles Drew University SNMA discussing advocacy and activism.



Kenneth Kim (2025) was featured on an EMRA webinar in March discussing increasing resident unionization across the country.



Kenneth Kim (2025), who is the EMRA Director of Health Policy was featured on an instagram live EMRA webinar in April discussing advocacy with ACEP's congressional Affairs Director. Why advocacy is so important, how to contact your legislators and more.



A treatment for mistrust

Megan Kusumick reports how doctors and researchers are working to reach and protect the underserved in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic. Illustrated by Emma Doyle.

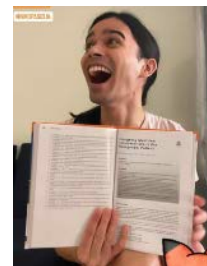
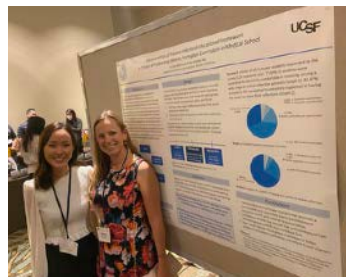


Jesus Torres was featured in an interview about work he and other alumni published on vaccine hesitancy in a [UC Santa Cruz Science Notes, for a story "A Treatment for Mistrust."](#) The news story also includes quotes from **Jerry Hoffman (1979)** and **Robert Rodriguez (1994)**.

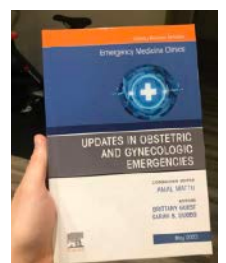
AAMC Western Group Collaborative Spring Conference April 14-17, 2023 Honolulu, Hawaii



Natasha Wheaton attended the Western Group on Educational Affairs (WGEA) meeting. The Western Group Collaborative Spring Conference highlights the collaborative relationship between Admissions, Student Affairs and Medical Education focuses with research abstracts, innovations and lectures. Natasha's project with UCLA DGSOM students was presented: Rintu P Saju, Tanya Datta, Aurora Reyes, Natasha Wheaton. *Peer Coaching Program - A Community-Based Peer-Led Wellness Initiative at the David Geffen School of Medicine (DGSOM) at UCLA*. While looking at the posters, Natasha came across some interesting work from UCSF and presenting was Sarah (Ye Lim) Lee one of our former emergency medicine research associates (our undergraduate research volunteer program).



The Emergency Medicine Clinics of North America issue that many residents and faculty worked on has finally been published and the issue arrived. Congratulations to **Britt Guest (2019)**, **Pam Dyne (1995)**, **Steven Lai (2016)**, **Kellie Kitamura (2019)**, **Rebecca Bavolek, Carolyn Sachs (1994)** **Caitlin Oldenkamp (2023)**, **Nate Coggins (2023)**, **John Mark Sawyer (2023)**, **Naseem Moridzadeh (2021)**, **Ben Chan (2023)**, and **Niko Pascua (2023)**.



Breana Taira and Rose Diaz attended the Southern California Healthcare Delivery Science: Innovation and Partnerships for Health Equity Research (DESCIPHER) Symposium. Breana presented her research on *Social Care Integration*.



Bravo!

Britt Guest (2019) hosted numerous live Grand Rounds sessions on EM:RAP and live UC Maximus.



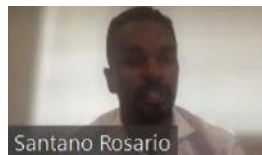
David Schrager provided expert commentary on the CLOVERS RCT - liberal fluids vs early pressors for sepsis.



Ilene Claudius (2002) and **Sara Christian-Kopp** were featured on a Pediatric EM themed UC Maximus.

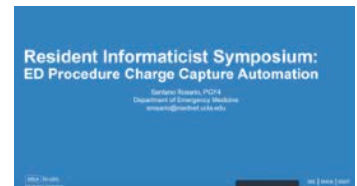


Matt Waxman (2007) and residents **Chase Richard (2023)**, **Christy Villalpando (2025)**, and **Christian Hernandez (2025)**, provided medical care at a Rock Medicine event at SOFI stadium.



Congratulations to **Santana Rosario (2023)** who was selected from among the 24 residents and fellows in the year long [Resident Informaticist Program](#) to present at

the 10th Annual UCLA Health Resident Informaticist Project Virtual Symposium. The Resident Informaticist Program was developed to train residents and fellows in the field of Clinical Informatics. Through this program, physician trainees gain the knowledge and skills required to apply health information technology toward improving patient care through the Electronic Health Record. The growing role of Clinical Informatics in health care delivery has generated a need to deepen the pool of informaticists trained in applying these skills. The year long program provides mentorship for a proposed project and build. **Jamie Bell and Frank Day (1999)** provided project mentorship.



Evan Schwarz participated for the first time as an oral boards examiner for ABEM May 2023.



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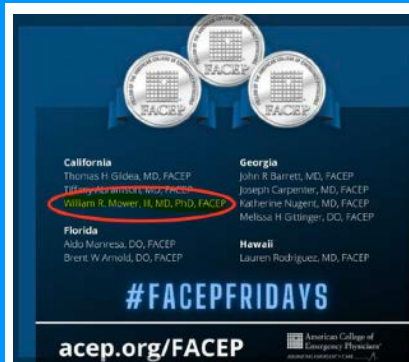


Breana Taira and Ryan Ernst were featured on an Emergency Medicine Residents Association (EMRA) web session sponsored by the International Committee discussing international fellowships.

Former UCLA NCSP **Carl Berdahl**, Harbor UCLA faculty **Kabir Yadav**, and **Richelle Cooper (1998)** traveled to Florida to represent the Southwest SIREN award site at the [SIREN \(Strategies to Innovate Emergency Care Clinical Trials Network\)](#) meeting coinciding with the new funding cycle.



Jackson Kloor (2024) was selected to be part of the program next year.



Congratulations to **Bill Mower (1990)** who is now FACEP!



Jess Faiz volunteered mentoring time for some URiM interested in STEM. Helping with an event at Ortho High School and doing some mock interviews.

In the Media....

Los Angeles Times

Op-Ed: In ERs, January kicks off the worst. And then, rain

Congratulations to **Mark Morocco (2001)** for his [Op-Ed in the Los Angeles Times Jan 16, 2023](#).



Ask: atmospheric rains to intensify new diseases, COVID and January in general and every day seems a disaster. (German Douragies / Associated Press)

BY MARK MORRIS
JAN. 16, 2023 3:45 PM

Priscilla Hanudel (2012) continues as a medical contributor on local news channels.



ACEP Now

The Official Voice of Emergency Medicine

Space Medicine: Emergency Physicians Voyage Into the Final Frontier

By Sophia Gargani, MD | on May 2, 2023 | 0 Comment

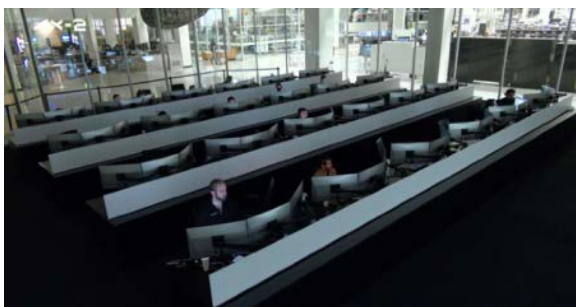
Haig Aintablian (2022) and our space medicine fellowship is featured in an [ACEP now](#) piece.

While the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) has long provided cutting-edge research and medical advancements in space, the field is now expanding into the commercial sector and the need for more expertise is high. New space-medicine fellowship programs are coming to fruition to meet these demands of the space industry, with emergency medicine (EM), a pioneer and trailblazer among medical specialties, playing a role. In 2022, both the University of California Los Angeles (UCLA) and the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston (UTHealth Houston) inaugurated their space medicine fellowship programs with Haig Aintablian, MD and Nicolas Heft, MD, respectively, as their fellows. Both are EM physicians.



Dr. Aintablian

You can also see **Haig** in his role as flight surgeon at Mission Control on the [SpaceX YouTube](#) for the Axiom-2 mission when Dragon autonomously docked with the space station.



Angelique Campen (2000) was featured on KABC educating and demonstrating about the use of Narcan. She advocated for individuals to have and use it, and reported on the Providence St. Joseph's free distribution.



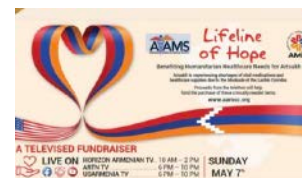
She is also a medical contributor on other newscasts, including KCAL, local Los Angeles CBS broadcasts.



Matt Waxman (2007) is the emergency medical contributor to local Channel 11 and 13 news and appeared on a segment about Fentanyl and Tranq use in Los Angeles.



Armand Dorian (2003) was interviewed for local La Canada news. He also supported and was featured at the Armenian American Medical Society fundraising telethon to benefit Humanitarian Healthcare Needs of Artsakh.



Anthony Cardillo (2006) provides medical commentary regularly on the KABC7 news, addressing medical studies and answering viewer questions.



Round of Applause!



David Talan (1986) is CoPI on a new grant for the Personalized ANTibiotic THerapy in the EmERgency Department Trial – PANTHER Trial, funded from the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases.

He remains lead on several additional grants ongoing include the Emergency Department Sentinel Network for Surveillance of Emerging Infections - Cooperative Agreement from the CDC funded for the next 5 years. David is PI for one of the large projects ongoing on the network: PReventing Emerging Infections through Vaccine Effectiveness Testing - COVID [PREVENt COVID] Project II.

He is also CoPI on the Multivalent Toxoid Vaccine for recurrent *Staphylococcus aureus* disease funded by the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases.

Rose Diaz has already received two grants:

Her first grant is from the [UCLA Institute of American Cultures](#) and the project seeks to address disparities in bystander CPR observed in the Latino Community. Rose plans to conduct a community education program that teaches bystander CPR to local Latino Los Angeles residents, instructed by UCLA undergraduate students, medical students and resident physicians. The UCLA Center for Prehospital Care has been a great resource in planning.



UCLA Institute of American Cultures

The second grant is from the [UCLA Latino Policy and Politics Institute](#)

and will be a mixed methods study examining medical school attrition among Latino students. She will perform a quantitative evaluation of AAMC data and then qualitative work to examine experiences, barriers and facilitators among the underserved and underrepresented in medicine trainees.

UCLA Latino Policy & Politics Institute



Medell Briggs-Malonson attended a premier showing of **I AM NOT YOUR HERO**. The movie is the first of a three part docu-series produced by Shared Harvest Fund that focuses on the human-centered relationship between patients and caregivers. The 30-minute short connects viewers to the lived experiences of Black women physicians and the

heightened tribulations they experienced during the COVID-19 pandemic such as the twin perils of health inequities and systemic racism that plague America's medical system. Committed to their calling, these physicians would value being seen and appreciated as whole persons-- just like you and me.

[Shared Harvest Fund](#) is a social enterprise B Corporation with a mission to spread compassion through wellness, service and relief. The organization works to close the equity gaps in access to care, access to digital health solutions, and access to wellness tools and resources for BIPOC health workers.



Pam Dyne (1995) was a featured guest on the Kelly J Casperson, MD [podcast You Are Not Broken](#). Dr Casperson's mission is to empower women to live their best love lives.

[Listen](#) to Pam discuss the ED care of the menopausal woman.



Annie Hoang (2026) had an abstract presented at the American Thoracic Society International Conference.

Durant CE, Hoang A, Boucekkine H, Hayward C, Jasuja S. Arterial Line

Waveform Tracing Variation in Cheyenne Stokes Respiration. American Journal of Respiratory and Critical Care Medicine 2023; 207:A5854.

Matt Waxman (2007) appeared as a guest on the Cool Kicks LA Podcast which has 1.7 million YouTube subscribers. Matt discussed a wide array of topics including the effect of the pandemic on medical providers with the largest hip hop and shoe culture community online.



Great Work!



Anna Yap (2022) was featured on a AMA Social Media post. Celebrated as a doctor and yes as we know she can crochet. Check out the blue dress she made herself.



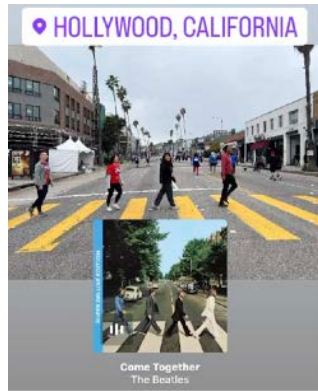
Eric Snyder (2008) started the UCLA Flier's club. Eric found that aviation was a wellness outlet for him. *"It's an amazing opportunity to learn things outside of medicine, and on top of that, be able to rent an aircraft and fly to remote locations for some incredible experiences."*

Thanks to **Agatha Brzezinski (2023)** for helping to coordinate the first meeting with Eric. A group met and discussed a 1-year plan that will guide interested residents and faculty to obtaining their pilot's license. Eric is creating a curriculum on aviation medicine topics. UCLA EM will be the first residency (we think) to have a path to obtaining one's pilot's license! Aeronautical education will be taught along with the fundamentals of flight and aviation per FAA requirements.

First meeting of the UCLA Fliers Club - In partnership with the only Cirrus certified training center in Van Nuys, [@mach1aviation](https://www.mach1aviation.com). Bringing UCLA emergency medicine residents skyward!



Rose Diaz volunteered at the Los Angeles Marathon.



Anthony Jourdan (2026) attended the 54th Annual NAACP Image awards. The event celebrates the outstanding achievements and performances of people of color across more than 80 competitive categories spanning film, television + streaming, music, literature, and podcasts.



Vanessa Franco (2017) joined the UCLA Sports Medicine group to provide medical exams and oversee at the training camp for the Los Angeles Dodgers.



Congratulations to **Rebecca Bavolek** for her promotion to Clinical Professor of Emergency Medicine.

Juneteenth 2023. UCLA celebrated at the New Orleans Corridor Ribbon Cutting & Street Festival, on Jefferson Avenue. UCLA Health was on site to promote community and there was a booth to provide education and health care services (blood pressure checks, blood glucose testing, eye exams, nutrition education and more) to the community. **Cat Weaver (2017)** and **Medell Briggs-Malonson** were part of the team. LA's Mayor Karen Bass, and Laker legend Kareem Abdul-Jabbar attended.



Great Work Residency & Alumni!



Tyler Barrett (2005) was recognized for being a Rockstar ACEP Volunteer for his work on the Reimbursement Committee. [Read the ACEP post](#) of an interview with him. Starting in October 2023, at the ACEP Scientific Assembly, he begins his appointed term as Chair of the ACEP Reimbursement Committee.

He was elected to the Vanderbilt University Faculty Senate.

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Spontaneous Subarachnoid Hemorrhage

Introduction

Headache is the most common chief complaint in the emergency department (ED), occurring in 20 to 30% of all visits and 1 million visits annually.¹ Migraine and other benign conditions are responsible for most headaches. However, spontaneous subarachnoid hemorrhage (SAH), most commonly due to bleeding from cerebral aneurysms, accounts for up to 10% of headaches in ED patients.² Considering its 10% mortality rate at its onset, diagnosing and treating aneurysmal SAH is therefore essential.³

However, as a result of empirical presumptions, diagnosis of aneurysmal SAH often is delayed or missed in the ED.^{4,5} Patients who complain of sudden onset headache and have altered consciousness, focal neurologic deficits, or meningismus are likely to receive head imaging. In contrast, patients who are asymptomatic

Congratulations **Caleb Canders (2016)**, **Michelle Choi (2023)**, and **Jackson Kloor (2024)** on the SAH Emergency Medicine Reports.



Congratulations **Rebecca Bavolek and Jessa Baker (2021)**: "Chest Pain in Pregnancy." CorePendum – EM:RAP.

EM:RAP.ORG

CorePendum



Danielle Antonuk (2021) delivered Grand Rounds to the Harbor UCLA Pulmonary and Critical Care fellows: "Palliative Care: Advanced Lung Disease in the Clinic and ICU." She continues to work both in EM and Pall Care and is enjoying the different practice settings.



Matilda graduated first grade and she and Henry enjoyed their first trip to Disneyland!



Many of our alumni were seen at the Vituity Annual Southern California meeting May 2022. **Joseph Chan (2015)** - Medical Director at Beverly Hospital ED in Montebello, **Maria Tamborski (2018)** at St. John's in Santa Monica. **True McMahan (2002)** Medical Director at Garden Grove Emergency Department, and **Won Ki Chae** Assistant Medical Director at Dignity Health St. Mary's Medical Center, Long Beach, and **Tiffany (Hackett) Ferreri (2004)** - Director of

Leadership Development for Vitality. **Tola Johnson-Miniel (2012)** was featured on the advertising flyer this year.



Angelique Campen (2002) is **CMO and Founder of Vital Medical Services**, which works with local law enforcement agencies to provide alternate (outside the ED) medical clearances, on-site Legal Specimen blood draws, nasal naloxone distribution, and assessment, testing and treatment for occupational communicable disease exposure. The group recently attended an event in support of the Glendale Police Foundation.



Untold Stories of the ER
Hiccup Circus
Documentary - Oct 13, 2016 - 42 min
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Buy from \$2.99

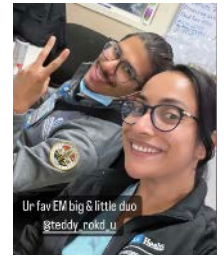
\$12, E14: A circus sword-swallower suffers from a persistent case of hiccup; a mother and daughter mysteriously collapse in the ER, for compl... more

Caught on social media a shameless plug for a prior recording of Untold Stories of the ER, starring **Eric Snyder (2008)**. The show on TLC ran for several seasons and if you are looking to see some other UCLA folks on Untold Stories of the ER - you can see - **Eric Savitsky (1995)**, **Jerry Hoffman (1979)**, **Angelique Campen (2000)**, **Armand Dorian (2003)**, **Ed Cotner (2005)**, **Jeff Tabas (1998)**, **Jo Vournas (1998)**, **Greg Moran (1992)**, **Scott Bailey (2006)**, **David Presser (2003)**, **Richard Sonner (1996)**, **Sara May (2006)** and **Tiffany Hackett (2004)**, **Anthony Cardillo (2006)** in various episodes over the 16

year run of the show (2004-2020).



Caught on Shift



Alumni **Gil Shlamovitz (2007)** and alumni and education fellow **Nacho Calles (2022)** caught on shift together at USC.



Natalie Shum (2007) working on National Doctor's Day.



Teaching POCUS at the Medical School Foundations - thanks **Will Shyy, Reza Hessabi (2024), Christian Hernandez (2025), Leanne Cook (2024)** and **Alan Chiem**.



Eric Snyder (2008) working at the View.



Theresa Chang (2021) and **John Keller (2022)** both caught working at UCSF-SFGH.



Wendy Lin (2002) and **Bessie Gavrilis (2001)** happened to be working together at Kaiser Woodland Hills with Young (former Olive View UCLA nurse) on her last night.

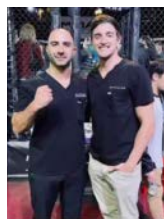


Not at work but...hoping the writer's strike ends and **Josh Troke (2015)** can get back to work soon.

Priscilla Hanudel (2012) at Kaiser South Bay.



Aws Al-Abdullah (2020) caught at his outside the ED job as physician ringside at MMA fights.



Anna Yap (2022) last fellowship shift at UCLA.



Rose Diaz last shift of fellowship at Olive View UCLA and her first shift as an attending at Ronald Reagan UCLA!

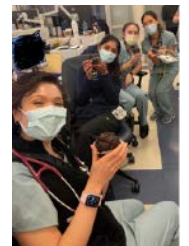


Start of the year and **Aubrey Kelly (2026), and Christy Villalpando (2025)**... 4th night shift in a row, cleared the waiting room.

Wellness on Shift - Thank you Carolyn Sachs (1994)



February 1 was National Dark Chocolate Day! Thanks to Wellness Leader **Carolyn Sachs (1994)** for all the treats. Stu Goldfarb you missed out.



March 6 was National Oreo Day! Yes apparently that is a thing, thanks to our Wellness Officer **Carolyn Sachs (1994)** for always brightening everyone's day. It was such a busy shift, it was Oreo's for lunch for the crew.

Happy Easter! **Carolyn Sachs (1994)** our Wellness Leader and **Niko Pascua (2023)**

do not get forced to work every holiday, and yes Carolyn does make every one of them fun!



Luck of the Irish? Happy Saint Patrick's Day! Again our Wellness Leader **Carolyn Sachs (1994)** supported the team.



National Chocolate Chip Cookie Day!

Unity and Kindness Celebrations at UCLA Health



Former and current UCLA EM colleagues caught up at the Unity and Kindness celebrations to promote wellness, resilience, and mental health for employees.



Cinco de Mayo! Thanks **Carolyn Sachs (1994)** - home made tortilla casserole, photo props, temporary tattoos, candy and more.



Britt Guest (2019)'s son Luca is ready for UCLA EM residency. And the class of 2023 are good nannies. **Aws Al-Abdullah (2020)** and Sophia's son Xavier also looks stylish in his UCLA onesie also.



Laudations UCLA EM!



Project Semilla founded by Breena Taira was able to secure an ultrasound, donated by Sonosite, to support the EM



projectsemilla



Rebecca Bavolek, MD
Member-at-Large

Rebecca Bavolek has been named a new Council of Residency Directors (CORD) Board of Directors Member-at-Large. She joins current Board member **Jaime Jordan**. Congrats to both of them!

Introducing Your New 2023-24 CORD Board of Directors

Congratulations to our newly appointed and returning members!

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The new officers and positions will transition during the CORD Academic Assembly in Las Vegas.



Jaime Jordan, MD
Member-at-Large

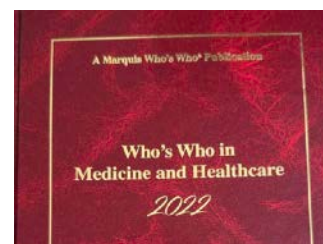
Mike Gertz, CalACEP president-elect, was cited in a Los Angeles Times investigative piece about the difficulty patients face when they need specialty care and getting access to care.

"We're at a standstill": Patients can face agonizing waits for hospital transfers



Left: Margaret Parker, MD, and David Davis, MD, attend to a patient. Right: A patient in a hospital bed. (Photos: Los Angeles Times)

Congratulations **Eric Snyder (2008)**, Who's Who in Medicine and Healthcare.



More Applause for the UCLA EM & Alumni!

Congratulations to **Steve Go (1994)** the original UCLA residency Alumni Listkeeper and newsletter champion. After 29 years at The University of Missouri, Kansas City School of Medicine Truman Medical Center and 25 years contributing in various roles and climbing the leadership ladder at the National Board of Medical Examiners (NBME), Steve has been appointed Associate Vice President for Assessment Operations and Medical Education at the (NBME). He will continue with some clinical work to keep involved with the residency.



Eric Savitsky (1995) has been issued four new patents this academic year for Sonosim:

United States Patent No. 11,495,142; United States Utility Patent Issuance for: Ultrasound Trainer with Internal Optical Tracking;

United States Patent No. 11,594,150; System and Method for Extended Spectrum Ultrasound Training Using Animate & Inanimate Training Objects;

United States Patent No. 11,600,201; System and Method for Converting Handheld Diagnostic Systems into Ultrasound Systems;

United States Patent No. 11,627,944 for Ultrasound Case Builder System and Method;

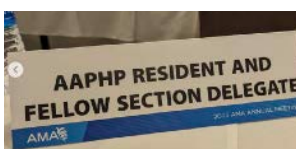
United States Patent No. 11,631,342 for Embedded Motion Sensing Technology for Integration Within Commercial Ultrasound Probes.



Anna Yap (2022) travelled to Chicago June 2023 for the A23 AMA meeting. This was her last meeting as Speaker and member of the Resident and Fellows Section, as she graduates to the Young Physician Section to continue her work.

She and the members are proud of the work accomplished as they passed numerous policies:

- Declared that a physician's duty to their patients must include an awareness of how systemic practices and institutions interplay with health and equity;
- Moved to redress the harms of misusing race in medicine;
- Called for a reform of qualified immunity and how we police our communities;
- Advocated for increased access for and coverage of gender-affirming care;
- Reengaged in national conversations around collective action and unionization among physicians;
- Moved to study alternatives to the residency match;
- Called out discriminatory screening questions against international medical graduates and legacy admissions;
- Advocated for coverage for increased fertility planning;
- Challenged the role of BMI as a sole metric in denying coverage;
- Supporting DEI initiatives with intentional community engagement among many other wins.



Knox Todd (1992) came back to the USA to visit, and brought some wine from his vineyard in Argentina. He caught up with several alumni - **Gil Shlamovitz (2007)** who overlapped with Knox in Houston, **Dan Waxman** who he worked with in New York and some of the UCLA group - **David Schriger, Joe Sachs (1990), Greg Moran (1992), Jean Morgan**.

Knox came to visit while many of us were away at SAEM in Austin... sounds like a good reason to go visit him in Argentina instead. After his stop in Los Angeles he travelled to New York to give Grand Rounds at Memorial Sloan Kettering.



Bravo EM & Alumni!



Erica Kiemele and her daughter attended the 38th Annual UCLA Pow Wow. Erica made their outfits. The yearly event is free to attend, with music, food, dance, and vendors. put it on your calendar for next year.



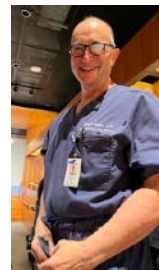
Multiple UCLA EM alumni were recognized at the Hoag Doctor's day appreciation. **Steff Brenman (2017)** and **Andie Takemoto (2018)**, **Brian Truong (2018)** and **Brandon Endo (2018)**.



Mary Sun's (2013) husband opened **Virtual Production House** in Canada. The family found time for a snow day and snowball fight.



Michael Levine and **Evan Schwarz** are enrolling patients in two different studies - Fentanyl and DOTS - observational studies to identify and quantitate fentanyl analogues (fentanyls) and medical consequences of novel fentanyl analog overdose using the Toxicology Investigators Consortium (TOXIC).



Joe Sachs (1990) returned to UCLA and dropped in to visit at our resident conference. He has been working with the UCLA DGSOM teaching medical students in the simulation center.

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We have great representation for the upcoming 2023-2024 year at Cal ACEP with **Valerie Norton (1995)** as immediate Past-President, **Michael Gertz** as President, and **Carolyn Sachs (1994)** on the Board of Directors.



A big thank you to **Jen Cassidy** and **Matt Hill** for helping organize, order, and wrap our resident appreciation day gifts! And a little post in-training exam celebration.



Jess Oswald (2018) and **Anthony Fredericks (2023)** published a case report "Successful glenohumeral shoulder reduction with combined suprascapular and axillary nerve block" in Journal of Emergency Medicine.



Laudations UCLA Alumni!



Anna Yap (2022) completed her Health Equity and Administration Fellowship. She will be moving closer to where the policy action is in Sacramento, California and joining the Department of Emergency Medicine at UC Davis. She was heavily recruited to be the inaugural Health Policy Fellowship Director there - if you been following the newsletter for the past couple years you would understand why.

Nate Friedman (2021) finished his UCSD toxicology fellowship and accepted a faculty position at Eisenhower Medical Associates where he will not only be teaching the residents emergency medicine and toxicology, he will be starting a toxicology consultation service. We will try to not tax his skills when we come to Palm Springs for retreat.



EISENHOWER HEALTH

Daniel Ichwan (2021) completed his pediatric EM fellowship and will be a new Clinical Assistant Professor of Emergency Medicine at the newly renamed Los Angeles General Medical Center and EDAP Medical Director at USC Arcadia.



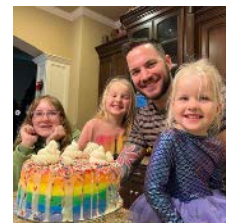
Carmen Wolfe (2015) received RRC approval for her new residency program last year and matched her first class this spring. In a challenging year, with 550+ open EM spots before the SOAP (many very long standing programs did not fill all their EM spots), Carmen had no trouble filling as she recruited 12 residents for her new program. Rock star - what a lucky class!



Haig Aintablian (2022) started his courses as a graduate student at the University of Colorado Boulder in Aerospace Engineering. As part of his space medicine fellowship he will also be taking courses at CalTech/JPL.



Mike Casner (2017) continues his amateur baking career. You can follow him on instagram @mikebakescake. A rainbow cake start of the year, with his apprentices (nieces) helping out. Check out this St. Patricks Day extravaganza - chocolate cake with Bailey's Irish buttercream topped with a chocolate cake pot of gold, and isomalt rainbow.



Caught on the UCSF EM social media feed at an advisor dinner outing...our **John Keller (2022)** excelling as a toxicology fellow.

Cameron Harrison (2021) completed his Stanford critical care fellowship and will be moving to Texas. He will be working at the University of Texas San Antonio, working and teaching in their 3 year EM residency program as well as working in the ICU starting an ECMO program there.



Naseem Moridzadeh (2021) was appointed Medical Director for the Samuels Orthopedic Immediate Care Center, NYU Langone Health.

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American College of Emergency Physicians

Congratulations to **Kyle Ragins (2019)**...now FACEP.

Congratulations Alumni!



Congratulations to **Hemal Kanzaria**, former UCLA RWJ fellow who will be the new ZSFG Chief of Performance Excellence. As the Chief of Performance Excellence, Hemal will be a member of the ZSFG Executive Team. In this role he will be able to combine his social medicine interests, administrative and quality improvement interests, and health services research mentoring residents, and the NCSP fellows all while driving the mission at SFGH. Hemal co-founded the transformational Social Medicine team at ZSFG, which is now an integral part of the Emergency Department and inpatient Complex Care Teams, helping connect patients with social and behavioral support services.



Congratulations to **Kelli O'Laughlin (2007)** who just got her first RO1! She will be Principal Investigator on a new NIH funded study, titled "Achieving HIV viral suppression in refugee settlements in Uganda with Head StART: a cluster randomized trial evaluating

the effectiveness of community ART delivery for people newly diagnosed with HIV." Kelli will work with additional co-investigators, including the UW Department of Global Health, and several members of the Infectious Diseases Institute in Uganda, and partners from Medical Teams International. The study will assess Head StART implementation across refugee settlement locations to understand the impact of contextual factors on achieving optimal HIV clinical outcomes, and estimate the programmatic cost and budget impact of implementing Head StART in refugee settlements in Uganda. The innovative approach assesses novel timing of community ART delivery in a humanitarian crisis-affected population at high risk of poor clinical outcomes.



Parveen Parmar (2008) received a grant from Research for Health in Humanitarian Settings (R2HC) to help community based organizations manage risk for cardiovascular disease in chronically conflict affected Southeastern Myanmar. She is working with Community Partner's International, the NGO

founded by our very own **Tom Lee**.

She also recently took position to be part time Director of the Global Health Education at USC.



Jess Oswald (2018) continues her dual appointment in pain management and EM, and supports a number of individual research projects.



She is the new Chair for the Acute Pain and Emergency Medicine special interest group for the American Academy of Pain Medicine. The plan is to develop training workshops/cadaver courses.

She has had several conference abstract presentations this year.

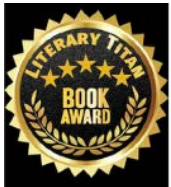
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Bravo Alumni!



Congratulations to **Tom Solomon (2014)** whose first book "A Field Within" we reported on in the last newsletter has been winning awards. The 2023 First Place Winner in the Thriller category of the Speak Up Talk Radio Firebird Book Awards, and the top tier Gold Book Award from Literary Titan.



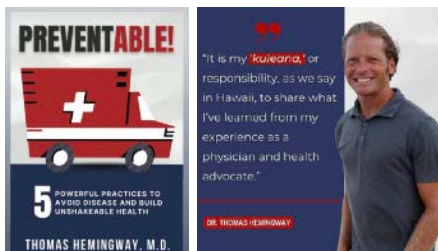
It has been climbing in rankings, January 2023 it was the # 6 medical thriller in the nation, February 2023 it was # 3, and March 2023 # 1 Medical thriller, # 1 medical fiction and #13 across all genres on Amazon.



He was also featured on a podcast - ACEP Frontline with Dr Ryan Stanton talking about the book. [Check it out!](#)



Congratulations to **Thomas Hemingway (2006)** whose book, "Preventable" was released June 6th and already is a best seller on Amazon, in the Exercise & Fitness Injury Prevention category. The book collates many of the lessons from his podcasts, demystifying studies on health and teaching people to take their health in their own hands to prevent disease and address their health concerns.



Greg Hendey (1993), Craig Goolsby (2008) along with Vice Chairs at Harbor UCLA Kabir Yadav and Andrea Wu attended the Association of Academic Chairs in Emergency Medicine meeting in March 2023.



Sophie Terp (2012) was named co-Director for the Research Fellowship at USC Department of Emergency Medicine. She along with **Sanjay Arora (2005)** have already recruited their first fellow.

Kelli O'Laughlin (2007) was the featured lecturer in an SAEM Webinar for Global Health "Research in the Humanitarian Context," If you missed it and are a SAEM member you can [watch the recorded webinar.](#)

SAEM WEBINARS

Join Us Next Wednesday for Research in the Humanitarian Context: Designing and Evaluating Health-Related Interventions in Complex Settings

RESEARCH IN THE HUMANITARIAN CONTEXT: Designing and Evaluating Health-Related Interventions in Complex Settings



The goal of this webinar, to be held on February 1 at 2 p.m. CT, is to educate emergency medicine physicians at all levels of training who are finding their space and advancing their careers in global humanitarianism. Dr. Kelli O'Laughlin, assistant professor of emergency medicine and global health at the University of Washington, will talk about her experiences conducting research in humanitarian settings, review her work related to HIV care in the Nakivale Refugee Settlement in Uganda, and discuss her recent study using a telephone symptom surveillance tool to evaluate for COVID-19 among refugees across Uganda.

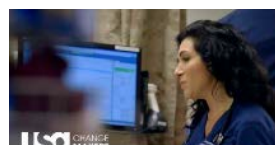


Armand Dorian (2003) answered questions on a panel at the Healthcare Day of Discovery at USC Verdugo Hills Hospital.

Priscilla Hanudel (2012) has been helping the Palos Verdes School district - instructing principles, teachers and staff on naloxone administration.



Angelique Campen (2000) was featured in a Mercedes Benz, USA change makers commercial.



Yay Alumni!



Hollie Sandlin (2014) and Kateri Roessler-Henderson (2015) attended the MultiCare Good Samaritan Foundation's **17th annual Corks & Crush** charity fundraiser - a premier

gala featuring fine wines, gourmet dining, and a lively auction to help support Good Samaritan provide access to the communities they serve in Washington.



Andrea Roberts (2002) and family attended the **Dinner on the Diamond fundraiser** at Petco stadium benefitting the Padres Foundation. It looked like an amazing night and dream for a Padres baseball fan.



Kareem Agunbiade has

hosting duty for open mic and doing stand up when not working in the ED. Follow on instagram at.... And go see him live!

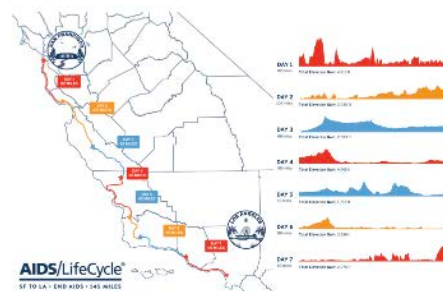


Vanessa Kreger (2020) started two new per diem jobs, in addition to continuing to work at St. Joseph's in Burbank she started at Kaiser South Bay (with **Heather Whitlow (2014)** and **Priscilla Hanudel (2012)**), and the Long Beach VA (with **Caleb Canders (2016)**).

She also recently took a trip to Austin, TX, and had dinner with **Cate Yaggi (2020)**, and their two babies, Esme and Jack, became friends!



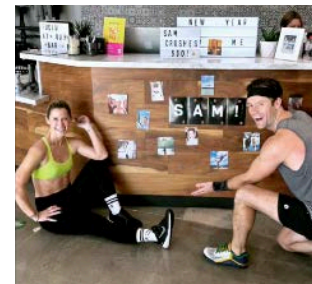
Michael Casner (2017) was again co-captain and led Team BooBoo on the AIDS Lifecycle. 2023 marks Michael's 6th year participating in the world's largest HIV/AIDS fundraising event. His team raised \$92,394 this year, the 3rd highest fundraising team for their size! Overall the AIDS lifecycle raised \$11,711,785. The group coordinated outfits, including day 5 - red dress day creating a symbolic red HIV awareness ribbon.



Our Route

- Day 1: Santa Cruz - Harvey West Park
- Day 2: King City - San Lorenzo County Park
- Day 3: Paso Robles - Mid-State Fairgrounds
- Day 4: Santa Maria - Preisker Park
- Day 5: Lompoc - Ryon Memorial Park
- Day 6: Ventura - San Buenaventura State Beach
- Day 7: Los Angeles

Sam Kadera (2013) celebrated crushing > 500 classes at Barry's Boot Camp.



More Alumni News

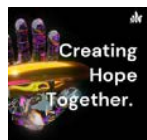
Andrew Seefeld (2009), Medical Director, Director of Emergency Medical Services, and Director of Trauma Services at Speare Memorial Hospital a critical access hospital in New Hampshire has been working on several initiatives.



Paramedic POCUS: Over the last year Drew has been working with a team to develop a Prerequisite Protocol for limited use of POCUS by paramedics in the field (Focused Pulmonary Exam, eFAST & Focused Echo & Pulse Check in Cardiac Arrest). This project was approved by the State of New Hampshire Medical Control Board in May 2023 and is being implemented over the next several months as education requirements and QA process are finalized. In addition to developing this protocol they have successfully completed two training days for paramedics interested in utilizing this valuable skillset in the field. They are currently studying aspects of the training and plan on publishing the findings in the near future. Lastly, they created a pilot program that will evaluate the competency of the 6 paramedics in the district while utilizing POCUS in the field. This will be studied with the goal of publishing the findings. Everyone is very excited to be engaged in bringing this valuable tool to the rural EMS system in the State of New Hampshire

Trauma Designation: As Director of Trauma Services Drew is excited to announce that they are having a site visit in September 2023 by the State Trauma Committee to hopefully approve his site as a Level IV Trauma Designation. Everyone has put in a significant amount of work to ensure the highest quality of trauma care is provided to the often very sick patient population despite the lack of subspecialty support at the rural critical access hospital.

Personal Growth and Wellness: Drew has been open and shared his journey in prior lectures, including during an alumni lecture with our residency. He has recently been featured in 3 podcasts sharing his experiences to remove the stigma of these discussions and help others to recovery. Check these podcasts out:



Positive Impact with Andrew Schultz Podcast- [Emotional Sobriety & The Science of Addiction](#).

Through the Glass Recovery Podcast - ["What do you do when you're stuck in the dark?"](#)

Creating Hope Together Podcast - [Emotional Sobriety](#).

Fran McCabe (1995) finished her term as Med Staff President for St Charles Bend/Redmond Hospital. She is serving on the Board for two local non-profits, "Volunteers in Medicine", and "Reach Another Foundation" which recently received a 3.5 million dollar Helmsley grant to build a neurosurgery center in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. Fran is gently transitioning toward retirement, starting a lavender farm, and looking forward to the "calming effect" of the continuous aroma therapy from 500 plants. Any interested Alums are welcome to visit anytime!



Rushdi Abdul Cader (1999) has been enjoying the transition from the ED to healthcare in corrections. The work allows for a regular schedule with no weekends and no nights and the hands-on training opportunities with law enforcement both custody and patrol are a nice perk. He has diagnosed some serious conditions and his clinical experience has improved patient care. He has been helping inmates with MAT Vivitrol and Buprenorphine and seeing individuals recover has been hugely rewarding. Rushdi plans to take the next step and apply for the practice pathway for Addiction Medicine boards.



His wife Nisha continues her work with the county as a pediatric child abuse expert and all their children have followed them in pursuit of health care careers. Their oldest Isa is a UCLA student and bumped into **Frank Day (1999)** on rotation in the VA. Isa is looking towards

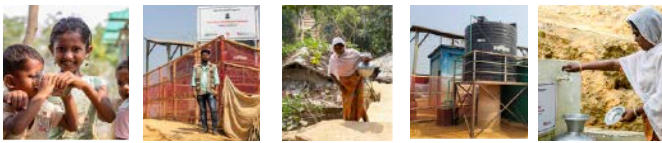


specializing in diagnostic radiology. Hana is in nursing school at CDU. And most recently, Jibreel was accepted into the UCLA/CDU medical program and wants to do Emergency Medicine. Looking forward to having him rotate with us.



On the home front Rushdi has mastered Korean BBQ for when alumni come visit next in San Luis Obispo!!

Great Work UCLA Alumni!



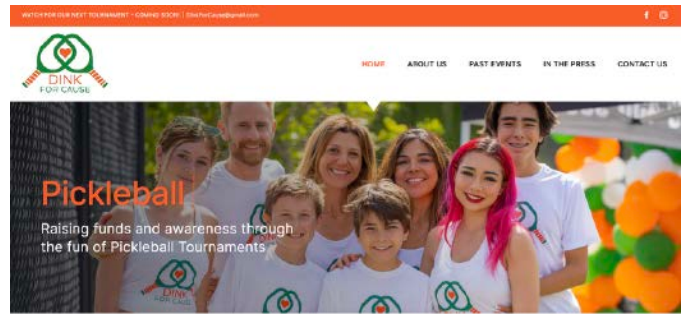
Community Partners International helped support a solar-powered water network for Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh.

Follow on Instagram @cp_intl or sign up for the [blog to get updates](#), and continue to support the work of **Tom Lee, Parveen Parmar (2008)**, and others.

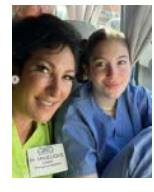
CPI is also working with Medical Action Myanmar to ensure TB testing and treatment in remote regions of Myanmar's Naga Self-Administered zone, supported by USAID HIV/TB Agency, Information and Services (AIS).



CPI's Humanity Foundation's Chakar School bus provides free pre-primary education to children from low-income communities and for many girls in the Dhaka slums of Bangladesh who otherwise would not have access.



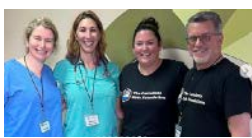
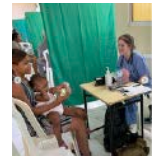
Dink for a Cause has a mission to raise money and awareness for various charities and nonprofits through hosting pickleball events and tournaments, bringing communities together and helping others one dink at a time. Co-founded by Mitra Sushinsky, it is a family mission with **Seth Sushinsky (2012)**. Seth is also playing pickle ball on the circuit and is nationally ranked in his age group.



Tiffany (Hackett) Ferreri (2004) completed a medical mission in El Salvador with **The Castañeda Kids Foundation**, (a non-profit organization dedicated to providing aid to needy families in El Salvador) her son Luqui also participated in the mission.



Angelique Campen (2000) and her daughter Scarlett, volunteered on a medical mission with **Global Health Outreach** in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. They treated more than 1300 patients.



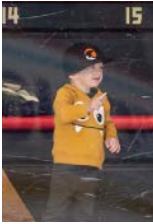
More Kudos



Pravin Krishna - former scribe at Antelope Valley and UCLA has started medical school. The editor missed getting his white coat ceremony in the last newsletter. He is thriving at St George's University School of Medicine.



Congratulations to **Steff Brenman (2017)** whose ice hockey team again won the championship



and went to Nationals. Her son Holden is going to take credit for his coaching and cheering.



Tiffany Hackett Ferreri (2004) is now a Certified Professional CO-Active Coach! (CPCC)



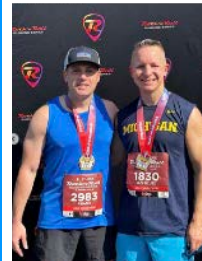
She began this transformative journey in 2020 with the Co-Active Fundamentals class and was WOWED by the power of curiosity, creating awareness and forwarding the action. After 2 years and more than 200 hours of education, training and client coaching, she is officially certified and works with both private and corporate sponsored clients (looking for a way to make the most of your professional development budget?) Tiffany would love the opportunity to work with you or someone in your network as her niche is executives and other professionals.

This includes:

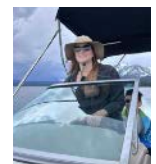
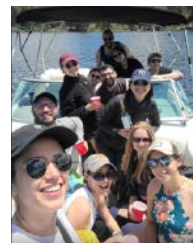
- Leaders elevating their impact, sharpening their skills, and tackling challenges
- Entrepreneurs looking to launch, stretch and expand
- Professionals exploring pivots, reboots and balance

Does this sound like you? Want to learn more about how professional coaching can take you to the next level?

Tiffany Hackett Ferreri, MD MBA CPCC
Certified Professional Co-Active Coach



Tyler Barrett (2005) completed the Music City Marathon with some other Vanderbilt EM health team members.



The **class of 2022** coordinated a 1st annual group reunion trip June 2023 at Lake Tahoe. The family we make during training is a very special part of our program.



In other read's **Chris Belfour's (2015)** husband Mike Dow's new book "The Ketamine Breakthrough" is now available on [Amazon](https://www.amazon.com).



Alumni Spotlight - Charlotte Yeh (1980)

Charlotte Yeh (1980) was one of the first graduates of our emergency medicine program (the second class to be exact). She was recently spotlighted in an [ACEPnow “Creative Careers” feature](#). Dr. Yeh is the Chief Medical Officer (CMO) of the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) Services, Inc.(ASI), the wholly-owned taxable subsidiary of AARP. ASI manages the carrier relationships and performs quality control oversight of the wide range of products and services that carry the AARP name and are made available by independent carriers as benefits to AARP’s almost 40 million members. She has had a remarkable career, breaking many barriers along the way.

Dr. Yeh was one of the first Emergency Medicine Chiefs at Newton-Wellesley Hospital and Tufts Medical Center from 1990-1998. Women have never been more than 12% of chairs of Emergency Medicine Departments. This is one of the persistent gender gaps in our specialty.

She became the third woman member of the ACEP Board of Directors and was the second ACEP officer serving as Vice President of ACEP from 1992-1993.

As a health care leader, she has served on numerous boards and held several leadership roles before becoming CMO of AARP in 2008. She was Medical Director for the National Heritage Insurance Company, a Medicare Part B claims contractor. She also was Regional Administrator for the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services in Boston. She has been, and even now continues on the board of numerous organizations. A selection of her other leadership roles include: Steering Committee Member for the organization Health Literacy for Health Equity, Board Member for [Coalition to Transform Advanced Care \(C-TAC\)](#), Board of Directors for The Schwartz Center for Compassionate Care, Member of the Board of Advisors for Personal Connected Health Alliance, Member of the Advisory Board for Optum Labs Scientific, Advisory Council Member for the National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders, Board Member Blue Cross Blue Shield of MA Foundation, Board Member Center for Health Design, and Board Member American Hospital Association.



Dr. Yeh is widely recognized for her commitment to and passion for the healthcare consumer. She has received numerous honors and awards for her efforts on behalf of patients. She received the Modern Healthcare 50 Most Influential Clinical Executives 2021 Award. In October 2012, the Organization of Chinese Americans (OCA) awarded Dr. Yeh the National Asian Pacific American Corporate Achievement Award for her leadership and commitment to diversity in the workplace. In April 2011, Dr. Yeh was the recipient of The American Hospital Association Board of Trustees Award. She was the recipient of the 2010 Outstanding 50 Asian Americans in Business Award. In 2009, she was awarded the Rx for Excellence Award by the Massachusetts Medical Law Review for promoting safety, quality and risk management in health care. She received the 2006 President's Award from the Metropolitan Boston Emergency Services Council. In 2004 she was awarded the Secretary's Award for Distinguished Service from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. In 2003, she received the Massachusetts College of Emergency Physicians'

Pinnacle Award. In 1999 she received ACEP's John Mills Award for Outstanding Contributions to Emergency Medicine. In 1995 received the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Public Service Award for her strong advocacy on access to emergency services.

Want to hear more from her - check out this [interview on YouTube](#).



Creative Careers: Charlotte Yeh, MD, FACEP

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Fourteen of our current undergraduate research volunteers ([the emergency medicine research associates - EMRA](#)) participated in the [2023 UCLA Undergraduate Research Showcase](#). For this yearly event they work in teams with **Richelle Cooper (1998)** and other faculty members using our research datasets to come up with a question, do their own analysis, and present an abstract in a Q and A. All three teams decided to look at toxicology topics - Thanks to **Michael Levine** for providing datasets and assistance for the work.

Our undergraduate research volunteer program and central information manager (CIM/scribe) program has been the starting point for many career starts in medicine. This year several former colleagues have started their post undergraduate training, completed medical school and matched into residency, or continued their research endeavors.

Julia Chiemi - Yale School of Medicine

Vaibhavi Patankar - USC MPH program

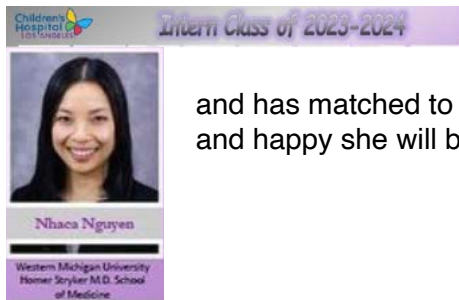
Hedi Zappacosta - UCLA School of Medicine

Hena Sihota - UCI School of Medicine

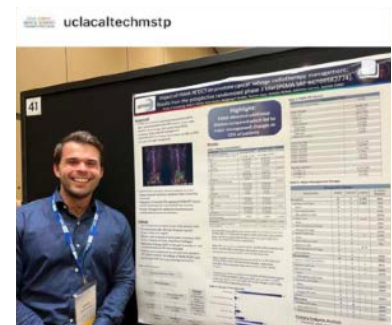
Ibrahim Yassine - AUB (American University of Beirut) School of Medicine

Emma Raffman - Northwestern School of medicine

Michael Kishek - Georgia School of Medicine



MATCH DAY - Charity Nguyen, former EMRA general member, then EMRA, coordinator, and then one of our SRA/EMRA managers graduated medical school and has matched to her #1 program, pediatrics at CHLA. So happy for her and happy she will be returning to Los Angeles.



Congratulations to **Wes Armstrong** - former EMRA coordinator, now UCLA MS1 who presented at a UCLA conference this year.

Bruins Against Fentanyl OD - formed in 2022 as an outreach of our **Emergency Medicine Research Associates** and with the help of **Michelle Brennan (2022)** - has had more successful harm reduction kit distributions on Gayley Ave (fentanyl test strips and naloxone nasal spray).



Annie Hoffman Art Spotlight

Annie Hoffman

Presents

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DESERT SKY

February 2023, Annie Hoffman had a showing at Gallery Los Olivos and several alumni joined her and **Jerry (1979), Mark Brown (1988), Scott Bisheff (2002), Rushdi Abdul Cader (1999) and his wife Nisha, Carolyn Sachs (1994) and David Talan (1986)** were at the opening weekend for her exhibit. You can view her work, and learn about her upcoming shows, by following her and signing up through her website anniehoffmanart.com.

SATURDAY July, 15, 2023 10am-1pm Annie will be performing a demonstration in front of Gallery Los Olivos. 2920 Grand Ave, Los Olivos, CA 93441.



Alumni - Do you have something to share with the UCLA residency and alumni family for the kudos page? Email [Richelle Cooper \(1998\)](mailto:Richelle.Cooper@ucla.edu).

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