



January 2024 - June 2024 Residency & Alumni Newsletter



Welcome Class of 2028!

Upcoming Events

CaIACEP AdvancED - September 6, 2024 in Anaheim

ACEP Scientific Assembly September 29 - October 2, 2024 - Las Vegas

ACEP Alumni Event - Date and Location TBD (look for upcoming emails)

Message from the Chair



Message from the Chair:

July brings us new faces and fresh starts every year, and this year is no different. We welcome a number of new faculty, new fellows, and of course our new residents. It also means that we sadly say goodbye to our terrific graduating class of residents and fellows, who now join our impressive alumni network, which is well above 500, dating back to 1979. Our incoming interns, the class of 2028, will take us all the way to the LA Olympics!

There have been other big changes for the department and the health system, in what was a tumultuous year on campus. Scott Lundberg (2004) was selected as the new Chief of EM at Olive View, and UCLA Health acquired West Hills medical center (now UCLA West Valley Medical Center).

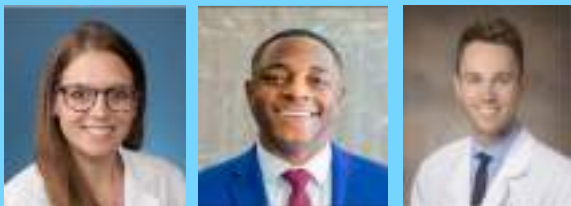
Santa Monica is now fully integrated into the DEM, and that has brought us several new (and some returning) faculty members. In May and June, we welcomed John McWhorter (2013), Michael Perez, and Kimon Ioannides. This summer, you'll see Faraz Khan, Tig Ziyeh (2024), Gwen Hooley, and Hannah Spungen (2022) returns to join our division of Toxicology.

Space Medicine



Haig Aintablian (2022) is the founder and first graduate of our Space Medicine fellowship program. Now a full-time faculty member working clinically at both RR and SM, Haig has been working with Mark Morocco (2001) on some exciting development opportunities to advance our growing Space Medicine program at UCLA. We also welcome (back) our third Space Medicine fellow into the program (Ghufran Syed, 2011).

Sports Medicine



We're also expanding our Sports Medicine division this year. **Vanessa Franco (2017)** will get some much needed help from **Derek Altema** and **Tyler Jackson** in September. All will be spending time in the Acute Care Orthopedics clinic as well as our EDs, and add greatly to our expertise in musculoskeletal emergencies.

And finally, we have more great fellows joining this summer, including **Reza Hessabi (2024, Administration)**, **Zainab Ahmed (2024, National Clinician Scholars Program)**, **Moudi Hubeishy (Ultrasound)**, **Jon Warren (Ultrasound)**, and the first fellow in our new Toxicology fellowship, **Eniola Gros**. And of continuing with us for a second year of fellowship are **Hurnan Vongsachang (NCSP/IDHEAL)**, **Michael Messina (Medical Education)**, and **Hashem Zikry (NCSP)**.

And let's not forget to thank the Editor-in-Chief of our Newsletter, **Richelle Cooper (1998)**.

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 Scott Lundberg (2004) as the new Chief at Olive View UCLA... an interview with Jake Lentz



Scott has been serving as the Interim Chief since Greg Moran retired, but after a competitive national search, Dr. Lundberg has been selected by the search committee as the permanent Chief. Scott attended Stanford University, graduating in 1994 with a BS in Chemistry and BA in Economics. He obtained his Medical Degree from UCSD in 1999, and entered the 5-year, combined Emergency Medicine / Internal Medicine residency program, graduating in 2004, and serving as Chief Resident his final year. He joined the UCLA faculty at Olive View in 2004, spending time as an Associate Program Director, Assistant Medical Director, and Medical Director. He was promoted to Clinical Professor of Emergency Medicine at UCLA in 2018. He serves on and has chaired many committees at OV, and has been instrumental in guiding the medical center through the pandemic and numerous process changes. He is a talented teacher, mentor, and leader, and one of our most highly visible core faculty members (not just because he's about 6'5"). I greatly look forward to working closely with Scott as we continue to grow our department, fellowships, and residency program. Congratulations Scott!..... Greg Hendey (1993)



From what I can tell, you've been at Olive View since 1979. Did you grow up in Sylmar?

Close! I'm from Northern California, but I've become an LA person since arriving at Olive View and UCLA to start residency in 1999. So I guess you could say that I grew up professionally in Sylmar.

And I also believe that you bike to work. Prove me wrong.

I guess the proof is that I have no burrholes or orthopedic hardware as of yet. I very much enjoy biking, but the roads are a little too sketchy around here for commuting by bike. I stick to the beach path for the most part when cycling.

Does being IM-boarded affect your thinking in the ED? Do you have a hard time separating out those parts of your brain?

Absolutely; mostly because I think I have a better idea about what we can and can't do upstairs, so I'm pretty comfortable with discharging complex patients if there's nothing acutely wrong that can be fixed. I do have to stop myself from diving too deeply into weird endocrinology or rheumatology trivia sometimes; I have found that when the resident's gaze becomes dysconjugate, it's time to stop exploring the details of phosphorus metabolism or whatever. I think working at a County hospital gives me lots of opportunity to use IM in the ED, both in terms of filling in for primary care issues, as well as managing boarding ICU cases and other inpatients.

I was a med student when you were attending on Medicine at Olive View, and the residents on our IM team were sort of freaked out by how nonchalant you were about things that ER doctors are nonchalant about (a K of 5.9, doing a thoracentesis, giving large doses of benzos to people in withdrawal). Were you aware of that and do you still encounter that?

I'm pretty nonchalant about most things, and yes the threshold for panic is much higher in the ED than on IM wards. While I've encountered trepidation among residents

during my time on both services, I don't mind it as long as the resident lets me teach them how to manage the condition or do the procedure in question so that they need not freak out in the future. I think that's one of the great things about EM residents; they seek out uncertainty and difficulty and want to learn how to manage it themselves.

How has EM residency changed since you've done it?

Having done both EM and IM residency, my biggest impression is actually that EM has changed very little compared to other specialties. Our residents still work the same number of hours, see more patients, do more procedures, and teach more students than we ever did. While other specialties see their residents working less and abandoning procedures that were formerly required, EM residents are doing things independently now that we wouldn't have even tried to do in the ED 20 years ago. Beyond that, I'd say we get a more diverse and more socially active cohort of residents, who are dedicated to EM from early in medical school and who often choose EM based on our mission in providing safety-net care. We rarely see residents coming to our program having finished (or not finished) a different specialty training program, which was fairly common back in my day.



Scott Lundberg an interview with Jake Lentz continued



How has the landscape of Emergency Medicine changed?

In addition to what I mentioned above, I feel we are very much moving into the "core" of the house of medicine rather than being at the periphery as independent-contractor types, which is where our specialty started. In some ways, we are the last bastion of undifferentiated

patients for students and residents to learn from, and we continue to be a major contributor to the academic productivity of Olive View and UCLA. From a patient-care point of view, I think we've become indispensable as the "Everything Department" as the rest of the system moves to tele-medicine, home call, hour restrictions, and fractured outpatient care. I choose to see this as a blessing rather than a curse, and I think it bodes well for job security down the line, despite the corporatization of private EM practice.

Any tips for having a good shift or continuing to enjoy this job?

Remember: The system is broken, and it's neither your nor your patient's fault. We can do a lot to help patients who otherwise can't get adequate care anywhere else, and they really appreciate us for that. That doesn't mean we need to start doing cancer screens or lipid panels, but sometimes that work note or acetaminophen prescription makes a big difference to the patient despite being a bit tedious for us. If you don't let the mundane tasks get you down, you can focus on the enjoyment of a well-run resuscitation or a crisp high-five from a toddler.

As far as enjoying the career overall, the key is to develop (healthy) outside hobbies and interests, whether professional or personal. Unlike other specialties, working and thinking about work for 80 hours a week is not sustainable in EM, so distraction is important.

When I was about to graduate, I asked you what piece of information you wanted all residents to know, and you said "How sick diabetics can get." Care you revise that statement or are you sticking to it?

I think we get a little blasé about the disease due to seeing so many patients with diabetes at Olive View, but it's really important to realize how profoundly ill they can get while displaying minimal symptoms. Some examples of ESI 4/5 complaints I've seen over the years and their eventual dx: "Flank pain" --> spinal epidural abscess
"Cough" --> STEMI/cardiogenic shock
"Smelly urine" --> Fournier's gangrene
"Med refill" --> DKA

The common factor, of course, is poorly-controlled diabetes mellitus, so proceed carefully in managing "low acuity" complaints in that cohort.

Now that you've taken over and the power has clearly gone to your head, what plans do you have for the department?

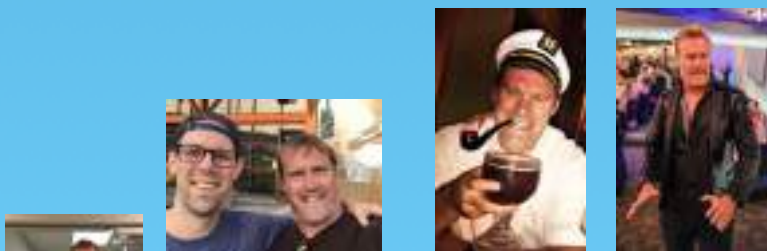
For now, I'm just trying to continue all the great work that Greg Moran had been doing and not screw things up. I'd like for us to continue to be more and more at the center of patient care and education at Olive View and UCLA, and I would like to be able to provide more wraparound and follow-up services for vulnerable patients. Ultimately, we're trying to make the best possible environment for patient care and resident/student education, and my role is to keep that mission at the core of what we do.

Are you working less clinical hours now? I'm guessing you have a lot more time with the committees that Americans have been in love with since de Tocqueville wrote about this hilarious feature of our society.

Sadly, I've cut back to 6 shifts a month for now, but I'm hoping to be able to increase that again if I can figure out what the heck I'm doing administratively. Perhaps the only lasting benefit of the coronaviral pandemic is that most meetings are on Zoom/Teams now, which makes for less of a burden than in de Tocqueville's time. I do think it is important; the fact is that committee work is how we prevent our clinical space from devolving into a Hobbesian chaos of nasty, brutish, and short lives.

Fun fact about Scott Lundberg that nobody knows?

I guess by "nobody," you mean "nobody reading this newsletter," in which case I'll mention that I was on a game show once in medical school, which you'll never find because that was during the prehistoric (i.e. no YouTube) era.



Welcome and Learn More about our New Faculty



Vital Signs:

Hometown: Marlboro, NJ
Undergrad: Pennsylvania State University
Med School: Sidney Kimmel (Jefferson) Medical College
Residency: UCLA Emergency Medicine

Jared Marshall (2023) MD

Jared grew up in Marlboro, New Jersey and received his bachelor's degrees in physics and biology from Penn State University and his medical degree from the Sidney Kimmel Medical College. He went on to complete his emergency medicine residency at UCLA - Olive View, where he served as one of the chief residents. Jared joined the full time faculty at the Olive View Medical Center Department of Emergency Medicine in April 2024 and is also starting as one of the new Assistant Program Directors for the UCLA - Olive View Emergency Medicine residency. Prior to joining, he worked at Kaiser Permanente Downey Medical Center and Providence Holy Cross Medical Center in the departments of emergency medicine. He is passionate about medical education and simulation as well as mentorship and enjoys working with residents and medical students. Outside of medicine, he enjoys trying different foods and new restaurants, running, hiking, traveling, and spending time with his family, friends, and his two cats.



Hometown: Glendale, CA
Undergrad: University of Southern California
Masters: (MS) Molecular Genetics and Biochemistry from USC
Med School: University of Arizona
Residency: UCLA Emergency Medicine
Fellowship: UCLA Space Medicine

Haig Aintablian (2022) MD, MS

Haig Aintablian is a local Angelino, excited to carry on his career in emergency medicine and space medicine where he started it, here at UCLA. Haig is a flight surgeon working with SpaceX who completed his residency training at UCLA. He is a co-founder of and inaugural fellow in Space Medicine for UCLA Health in collaboration with SpaceX, NASA, CU Boulder, and Caltech/JPL. Haig has worked with NASA's Johnson Space Center, the University of Arizona College of Medicine Admissions Committee, and is on the Board for the American Academy of Emergency Medicine (AAEM). In 2020, he won the national "Resident of the Year" award from the American Academy of Emergency Medicine. He has provided combat medical aid to soldiers during the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict, and received an award from the Armed Forces of Armenia. When he's not working, Haig enjoys camping, ancient artifact and coin collection, exploring and documenting space race era monuments and locations around the world, and advancing initiatives in Armenia. He is most excited to advance UCLA as the leading space medicine institution and ensuring the health and safety of crews traveling to space. He joined our faculty in January 2024, and is working clinically at both Reagan and Santa Monica.

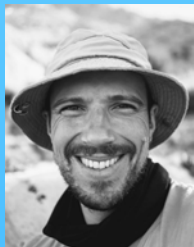


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Vital Signs:

Hometown: Lincoln, MA
Undergrad: Stanford
Med School: University of Pennsylvania
Residency: Temple University Hospital
Fellowship: UCLA National Clinician Scholars Program



Kimon Ioannides, MD

Kimon was raised in Greece, Virginia, London, and Massachusetts and studied Math and Economics at Stanford University, after which he taught 9th grade math through Teach for America in New Orleans. He then moved to Philadelphia for a post-bacc-program at Bryn Mawr College and completed medical school at the University of Pennsylvania and residency at Temple University Hospital. He first came to UCLA for his fellowship with the National Clinician Scholars Program, and subsequently served on the emergency medicine residency faculty at UCSF-Fresno. More recently, he has been working at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center and Antelope Valley Hospital and is excited to return to UCLA as faculty this summer. His research interests lie at the intersection of artificial intelligence, geography, ED flow, and bedside clinical care, with a particular emphasis on underserved populations and social emergency medicine. Outside of work, you can find him trail running with his dog Molly, gravel or road cycling the hills of Southern California, and frequently taking photos along the way.



Hometown: Highland Park, IL
Undergrad: University of Rochester
Med School: Tulane University School of Medicine
Masters: Tulane University School of Public Health & Tropical Medicine
Residency: UCLA Emergency Medicine
Fellowship: University of Arizona Medical Toxicology Fellowship

Hannah Spungen (2022) MD, MPH

Hannah Spungen grew up in the northern suburbs of Chicago where she acclimated to a cycle of winterly suffering. After a brief post-undergraduate stint as an EMT-basic and ER technician, she moved to New Orleans to pursue her MD/MPH. As a medical student, she participated in the Krewe of Barkus, a yearly Mardi Gras parade for dogs. Though her dragon float for the parade's 2014 "Game of Bones" theme did not win any awards, it remains her crowning artistic achievement. Hannah completed her EM residency at UCLA, where she is thrilled to be returning after finishing a Medical Toxicology Fellowship in Phoenix. She has maintained an active interest in research and plans to continue collaborating with ACMT's Toxicology Investigators Consortium as a UCLA site PI. She will be joining us working clinical EM shifts at SM and taking toxicology call for multiple UCLA sites. She looks forward to assuming a teaching role within both the EM residency and the new Medical Toxicology Fellowship. In her spare time, she enjoys quilting and obsessively following Formula 1 news. She is the commissioner of an F1 fantasy league that is currently accepting team applications on a rolling basis.



Hometown: Temecula, CA
Undergrad: UC Irvine
Med School: UCSF
Residency: LAC+USC Emergency Medicine

Michael Perez, MD

Michael was born and raised in Southern California. He has seemingly done everything in his power to never leave the borders of the Golden State academically or professionally, though he does consider his time in San Francisco as "kind of sort of" being away. During his residency at LAC+USC EM he helped co-found the program's first diversity, equity, and inclusion initiative and served as one of the chief resident's during his final year of training. Since residency he has been honing his craft in the community at a few different EDs in the greater Los Angeles area. Michael is extremely excited to join UCLA EM. He will be working primarily at Santa Monica. Outside of the ED he can be found dining out at the newest restaurants, enjoying some live music at a concert or festival, or catching a Lakers or Dodgers game.

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Vital Signs:

Hometown: Summerville, Georgia
Undergrad: University of Georgia
Med School: Emory University School of Medicine
Residency: UCLA Emergency Medicine



John McWhorter (2013) MD

John grew up in small town Georgia and stayed in Georgia for undergrad and medical school. He then moved to sunny LA to do residency at UCLA. He was a chief resident at the UCLA program in 2012-13. After graduating residency, he moved to NorCal to work at a community medicine practice, teaching Highland residents for 10 years. He then saw the light, and decided to move back to SoCal. He currently practices at both Antelope Valley ED and Santa Monica UCLA ED. On days off, John loves traveling the world, hiking, checking out new spots in California, and trying new restaurants. He has a cute new dog, so ask him to see pictures.



Hometown: Palos Verdes, CA
Undergrad: UCLA
Med School: UC Irvine School of Medicine
Residency: Kings County/ SUNY Downstate EM
Masters: MBA at UCI Paul Merage School of Business

Faraz Khan, MD MBA

Faraz was born and raised in Southern California. He attended UCLA for college where he majored in Psychobiology and Economics. He then went to UC Irvine for medical school and earned his MBA there. He completed his Emergency Medicine residency at Kings County Hospital in Brooklyn, NY, where he worked closely with admin and was in the Healthcare Administration Scholarship Program. He is currently back home in LA with the UCLA EM family as a part of the Administration Fellowship. Faraz is excited to begin his new role next year as Assistant Medical Director at UCLA Santa Monica, and to be a part of the faculty working with the talented residents. In his his free time, he enjoys soccer (go Chelsea!), food, family, and traveling! Faraz will be working clinically at both Reagan and Santa Monica, and continuing his work with our operations team.



Hometown: Naples, Florida
Undergrad: University of Notre Dame
Med School: New York University School of Medicine
Residency: The Mount Sinai Hospital
Fellowship: PEM at Children's Hospital Los Angeles

Gwen Hooley, MD

Gwen grew up in a bilingual household in southern Florida and spent a lot of time in Spain. She then left the warm weather for college at Notre Dame (Go Irish!) and then moved to New York City for medical school. Originally intent on becoming a pediatrician, Gwen fell in love with emergency medicine at NYU and ended up staying in New York to complete residency at Mount Sinai with plans to pursue a PEM fellowship afterwards. After her now-husband, who is an actor, was cast in a TV series filmed in LA during her fourth year of residency, she decided to complete her training on the west coast and matched at CHLA. Throughout her training, she shared her passion for pediatric emergency medicine education at her home institutions as well as on a national level through EMRA and ACEP. In residency, she served as Chair of the EMRA PEM committee, helping to provide on shift educational resources for residents, fellowship application tools, and curating PEM workshops at major conferences. As a fellow, she worked on the ACEP committee to help create guidelines for various PEM topics. She also worked with AliEM to run PECARN's official Twitter account. In addition to her passion for PEM education, Gwen also has interests in promoting physician wellness and women in emergency medicine, having served in these departmental committees throughout training. Gwen will be working primarily at Santa Monica, adding more PEM expertise to our faculty.

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Vital Signs:

Hometown: Saint Paul, MN
Undergrad: Rice University
Med School: Keck School of
Medicine at USC
Residency: UCLA Emergency
Medicine

Santano Rosario (2023) MD

Santano was born and raised in Saint Paul, Minnesota. He attended Rice University for college where he majored in Kinesiology and ran track. He then went to USC for medical school where he was a Dean's Research Scholar. He completed his Emergency Medicine residency here at UCLA, where he worked closely with admin on quality improvement and clinical informatics projects. He currently works with our residents at Antelope Valley Medical Center, and is excited to rejoin the UCLA family as faculty at UCLA Santa Monica. In his free time, he enjoys all sports (especially Minnesota teams), live music, beach days and traveling!



Hometown: Greenville, SC
Undergrad: Wellesley College
Med School: Stanford University
Residency: UCSF Fresno EM
Fellowship: National Clinician
Scholars Program
Masters: MS (Global Health Sciences,
UCSF), MS (Health Policy and
Management, UCLA)

Mackensie (Max) Yore, MD, MS

Max grew up in Texas, Wisconsin, and South Carolina and studied biochemistry and economics at Wellesley College. She started her career in global health, first as an anthropological researcher, then coordinating a maternal and neonatal health study for the WHO in East and West Africa, and subsequently developed an interest in social emergency medicine while at Stanford, studying the impact of programs to connect ED patients with social supports. She completed residency in emergency medicine at UCSF Fresno, where she founded the Health Equity Action Lab. Max came to UCLA as a fellow with the VA/UCLA National Clinician Scholars Program. She studies differences between neighborhoods that affect the need for and use of emergency care and works with communities to craft policies to mitigate preventable emergencies and promote patient centered care. Her work also promotes humanism and a sense of trust and connectedness between the patient and medical team. She has enjoyed working clinically in the emergency departments at the West Los Angeles VA Medical Center and White Memorial Medical Center during fellowship and is very excited to join the EM team at UCLA Santa Monica this summer. Outside of work, Max enjoys spending time outdoors with her husband and their two young children.



Hometown: San Jose, CA
Undergrad: UC Davis
Med School: Albany Medical School
Residency: UCLA Emergency
Medicine
Masters: Boston University School of
Medicine

Tiglath Ziyeh (2024), MD, MS

Tiglath Ziyeh was born in Queens, New York, but moved at a young age and was raised in the Bay Area, studied at UC Davis, and moved to the east coast for 6 years for graduate and medical school before making his return to California for residency at UCLA. Throughout residency, he developed a passion for medical education, residency recruitment, and improving the relationships amongst the emergency department staff and consulting services. During residency, Tiglath served on multiple committees and was very active in resident recruitment, social media, and medical education. Tiglath authored several chapters used in Foundations of Emergency Medicine and helped shape the curriculum and emergency medicine rotation experience for both core medical students and sub-Is at UCLA. Tiglath helped develop the medical education residency pathway for current and future UCLA EM residents. Tiglath also devoted time to help improve relations and turn-around time with many consultant services at UCLA. He joins our faculty, working clinically at SM and sometimes at RR UCLA.



Retirement Congratulations! We will miss these women!

For as long as I have been a physician at UCLA, these two women have been there. While not EM residency alumni per se, they have been instrumental in helping us train hundreds of residents. They were formative to my development as an EM physician. Thank you!..... Richelle

Kate Kearin retired May 2024 after 30 years of being a clerk in our central work area. There was nothing she did not know how to figure out, and no phone number she could not produce off the top of her head. She trained many a clerk, but also many an EM physician, and has been a great friend to many of us. In the words of Julie Moore, *"She is moving on to the next phase of her life, after 40 years of service as an Emergency Department Coordinator. I want to take this opportunity to convey our immense gratitude and appreciation for all her hard work both within the ED, and the UCLA Hospital System in general. We will miss her greatly, as she has been a tremendous asset to our department, her contributions too many to recount. Her superior knowledge of, and dedication to this ER has been invaluable, a resource to all who seek her advice and guidance. Her warm smile, dry sense of humor, nurturing demeanor and endless fund of knowledge, have made her a backbone of the department since she came on board in 1984. She continues to hold an RN license to this day, and currently has the most years of service of ANY employee in this ER. She has trained countless others, including myself, and there is no other role model like her."*

Vicky Bartlett retired after 34 years of dedication and excellence. In the words of Kerry Gold, *"Vicky moved to LA from Chicago and started with UCLA ED 4/30/1990. She received her MICN in 1992. In those days we did not staff a dedicated radio nurse so we used to run as fast as we could to the radio room to try and beat each other to the call! Vicky has served as charge nurse, resource nurse, MICN and has trained/mentored almost all members of our team! She is the best of the best and the epitome of the ideal ED RN. She is a HUGE patient and staff advocate. She shows genuine caring and compassion. She tackles the most difficult assignments with energy and enthusiasm. She has a vast knowledge base and when anyone has a question, we often say "did you ask Vicky"! She is an expert and role model in all areas of Emergency Nursing, is an incredibly valuable resource and is a well-loved friend. She is irreplaceable. We are grateful to have worked alongside of her and learned from with her but we will miss her dearly."*

David Schriger Remembers Johnnie Payton, "JP"

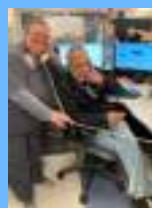
I loved Johnnie Payton. I was not alone in this. His easy demeanor, his wisdom, his willingness to call things as he saw them, and his steady presence when one needed some steadying, were recognized throughout his huge network of friends and acquaintances at UCLA.

He represented the best of an era now long gone at UCLA Health where tasks were accomplished by common sense, knowing who to call, and doing what needed to be done. He was a master at this. Whatever one needed, Johnnie would use his network to find it and get it. Need a hand with a procedure? Johnnie was right there. Need to learn how to build a splint the right way? Call Johnnie. Things worked better when Johnnie was present.

These were the qualities that made him universally appreciated, but it was his capacity for friendship that made him loved. He was a great listener with a huge capacity for empathy. He was also a great lunch companion. Speaking of eras now gone by, I used to work 4am to 4pm about 6 times each month. Around 1030 or 11 Johnnie and I would begin making lunch plans. Sifting through a large collection of paper delivery menus (and the occasional new-fangled on-line ones) we would carefully consider our culinary mood and order. Then into the staff lounge to enjoy it on its arrival. This ritual was usually the highpoint of my shift!

Johnnie's culinary talents were not limited to consumption. He loved to barbeque and could often be found behind the grill at Morocco's house for departmental parties. The barbeque became the focus of the party both for the ribs and Johnnie's company.

After 40+ years at UCLA and the passing of his second wife, Johnnie retired, moved back to College Station, Texas, and remarried his first wife. They were enjoying their retirement when he was taken from us in a fatal car accident. Not a fair ending for so gracious a man. I am so thankful he was part of my life.



Flashback Photos - Great People, Great Times



Western Regional SAEM

After several years the Western Regional SAEM conference returned. Thanks to our Los Angeles neighbors at USC or I should say LA General for organizing and hosting. The conference was held in Long Beach and Greg Hendey (1993) provided a departmental sponsorship which allowed us to send 31 faculty and fellows from our program, and department affiliates at Antelope Valley and the Greater Los Angeles Veteran's Administration, as well as 36 residents, medical students, research coordinators, scribes and even one of our undergraduate research volunteers.

The program featured faculty, fellows and alumni:

Todd Schneberk and Shamsher Samra (2017). "Hospital Based Violence Intervention Programming in the Los Angeles Safety-Net Healthcare System: Implementation Lessons and Patient Perspectives?"

Sara Crager (2015) *Resuscitation Mastery and the Science of Expertise*

Ignacio "Nacho" Calles (2022) - Medical Student Forum "Becoming the Doctor You Want to Be," featuring both **Missy Brown (2024)** and **Drew Robinett (2024)**.

Daniel Ichwan (2021) helped organize and ran a new innovative case competition. "EM Elucidation" is a team-based competition based on the AAP's EmergiQuiz format. 3 teams volunteered to show off their interesting cases and clinical reasoning skills in this two-part session! Education fellow **Mike Messina** was amazing!



Western Regional continued

Abstract Moderators:

Richelle Cooper (1998), Mike Messina

Alumni Mike Menchine (2004), Sanjay Arora (2005), Sophie Terp (2012), Parveen Parmar (2008).



Abstracts presented:

Neil Gandhi (2025): plenary *Evaluation of Whether a Specialized Geriatric Unit Can Mitigate Delirium Risk in the Emergency Department.*



Annie Hoang (2026): *Implementing the Brief Consult Note Reduces Consult Turnaround Times in the Emergency Department.*

Mackensie Yore: *Exploring Care Impact of Pre-written Life Narratives for Patients who Frequently Visit the Emergency Department.*

Jessica Faiz: *Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Utilization of Tele-Emergency Care.*



Lorenzo Duvergne: *U.S. Emergency Department Mpox Surveillance, June-December 2023.*

Hurnan Vongsachang: *Increased rate of ER visits for US adults with mental health and health-related social needs. Hurnan won the “Best Fellow Abstract” presentation!*

Rose Diaz: *Perceived Barriers to Learning Bystander CPR for Spanish-Speaking Community Health Workers (Promotoras).*



Elsa Kronen: *NEXUS Abdomen/Pelvis CT: Derivation of a Decision Instrument for Selective CT in Adult Blunt Trauma.*



Spring Retreat 2024 in Palm Springs

Another retreat in the books. We tried out a new hotel... Margaritaville. The chiefs collectively did an amazing job with keeping the meeting productive and some great team building events - scavenger hunt meets musical chairs. An rocking show by Gravelly Disabled - Greg Hendey (1993), Greg Moran (1992), Pam Dyne (1995), Luis Lovato (2001), residents Brainard Burrus (2026) on keyboard, and spectacular vocals by Annie Hoang (2026), Kenneth Kim (2025), and Kevin Martinez (2026) with additional guitar backup, and Lukas (Cherokee Sauer's partner and professional musician) on drums. The celebration of the noteworthy accomplishments and dedication of Rebecca Bavolek (8 years as Program Director, helping us through the unknown of COVID, 1400 interviews and recruitment of 120 residents among many things), and the passing of the baton to our new Program Director Steven Lai (2016).

Thank you to all of the program leadership team and department for making this possible. Thanks to Greg Moran for bringing some foster kittens to play with.

Thank you to all the faculty who worked in the EDs so that we could go!



Spring Retreat continued...



Meet the 2024 - 2025 Chief Residents



Daniela Alarcón

Hometown: Indiana, Pennsylvania

Medical School: University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine

Favorite Vacation Spot: Lago Atitlán, Panajachel, Guatemala

Hobbies: Hiking, Running, Exploring LA restaurants, Travel, Cosmetology, Astrology

Ideal Breakfast: Huevos Rancheros

Interesting Past Jobs: I ran a restaurant as manager/bartender for several years & worked in the restaurant industry for 8 years before medical school.

"If I'm late to shift, I'm...": talking with the security guards or cafeteria workers and lost track of time

What I would frivolously spend my attending salary on: Upgrading to business class on my last minute international trip



Missy Brown

Hometown: Asheville, North Carolina

Med school: University of North Carolina School of Medicine

Favorite vacation spot: San Juan, Puerto Rico

Hobbies: Hiking, travel, scrolling on Petfinder

Ideal breakfast: egg biscuit from Sunrise Biscuit Kitchen

Interesting past jobs: farm liaison for produce distribution (North Carolina things)

What I would frivolously spend my attending salary on: Adopting dogs, house with yard for said dogs

"If I'm late to shift, I'm...": with an uber driver who does not understand the meaning of haste



Rhea Mathew

Hometown: Redlands, CA

Medical school: Drexel University College of Medicine

Favorite vacation spot: Singapore

Hobbies: Boxing, Dancing, Cooking and baking, Home decor

Ideal breakfast: Homemade cinnamon buns

Interesting past jobs: Reading tutor for the Boys and Girls Clubs of San Francisco

If I'm late to shift.....: I'm dead

What I would frivolously spend my attending salary on: Dyson V15 Detect Vacuum, a reflection of true wealth.



Miguel Angel Navarro

Hometown: Chicago, Illinois

Medical School: UW Madison

Favorite Vacation Spot: Playa del Carmen, Mexico

Hobbies: Soccer, Day trading, Chess

Interesting Past Job: Construction worker, Jewelry Salesman

"If I'm late to shift, I'm...": I'm never late.

What I would frivolously spend my attending salary on: My family



Ariel Wu

Hometown: Stony Brook, New York

Med school: Stony Brook University School of Medicine

Favorite vacation spot: Seoul, South Korea

Hobbies: Crosswords, board games, cooking overly fussy recipes one time and then never cooking it ever again

Ideal breakfast: Yesterday's leftovers microwaved for 2 minutes

Interesting past jobs: I was a live-in tutor/parental guardian living in a 5 bedroom house with a student and driving him to school in the family Porsche

If I'm late to shift, I'm: carpooling with someone and getting more anxious with every passing minute

What I would frivolously spend my attending salary on: the kitchen island/ breakfast bar of my dreams

UCLA EM at CORD Academic Assembly 2024 in NOLA

Rebecca Bavolek, Steven Lai (2016), Natasha Wheaton, Jaime Jordan, Kellie Kitamura (2019), Ashley Vuong (2022), Max Berger, Pam Dyne (1995), Mike Messina, Jennifer Cassidy, Matt Hill, and the outgoing and ingoing chief residents Reza Hessabi (2024), Daniela Alarcon (2025), Ariel Wu (2025) presented and participated at CORD.



Lectures/Panelist Talks:

Jaime Jordan - *Diseases of Collaboration*

Pam Dyne (1995) - *Promotions in Academic Medicine - Path to Success*

Max Berger - *Using Foundations Of EM To Enhance Your Clerkship!*

Jenn Cassidy, Reza Hessabi (2024), and Zainab Ahmed (2024) - *Oh the Places You'll Go: Intern Bootcamp*

Rose Diaz and Jessica Faiz: *MedScholar: Research in DEI: Authenticity And Tips For Success*

Clinical Pathologic Case Competition (CPC)

Ariel Wu (2025) ... *That's a Rap: a Case of a Cardi B Wannabe*

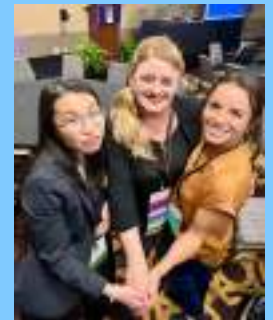
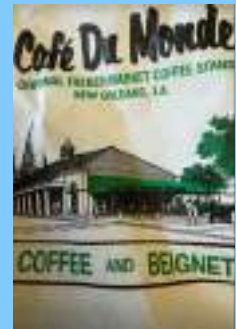
Mike Messina was the CPC faculty discussant for a case of altered mental status.



UCLA EM Abstracts at CORD Academic Assembly 2024

Abstracts:

- Jorge Fernandez, Daniel Suto, Doug Franzen, Nicole Dubosh, David Manthey, Emily Pott, Brenna Hogue, **Jaime Jordan**. Emergency Medicine Clerkship Director Compensation: A National Survey.
- Amy Mariorenzi, Allison Beaulieu, Angela Regina, Seth Lotterman, Vytas Karalius, Evelyn Porter, Emad Awad, Arlene Chung, **Jaime Jordan**. A Descriptive Analysis of Emergency Medicine Residency Scholarly Tracks Faculty Workforce.
- Allison Beaulieu, Amy Mariorenzi, Angela Regina, Seth Lotterman, Vytas Karalius, Evelyn Porter, Emad Awad, **Jaime Jordan**, Arlene Chung. Analysis of Gender, Effort, and Compensation in Emergency Medicine Residency Scholarly Tracks Faculty Workforce.
- Jorge Fernandez, Daniel Soto, Emily Pott, Nicole Dubosh, Doug Franzen, David Manthey, Brenna Hogue, **Jaime Jordan**. Demographics, Training, and Longevity of Emergency Medicine Clerkship Directors: a National Survey.
- **Michael Kaduce, Erik Coll, Jordan Brafman, Natasha Wheaton**. Empowering Future Healers: Integrating STOP THE BLEED® Training Into the Medical School Journey.
- **Max Berger, Stephen Villa**, Steven Lindsey, Howard Choi, Megan Henn, Kristen Grabow Moore. FoEM Clerkship: An Open-Access Case-Based Flipped Classroom Curriculum for Emergency Medicine Clerkships.
- **Michael A. Kaduce, Max R. Berger, Stephen Villa, Leila So Hyun Park**. Beyond the Flashing Lights: Incorporating EMS Education Into an Emergency Medicine Clerkship Curriculum.



Career Day for the Class of 2025

Another successful introduction to life after residency for the class of 2025. A huge thank you to Mark Morocco and Lisa Waltz for hosting! Thank you to all of the faculty and alumni who came to discuss the structure of the group(s) they have worked for and their current job - partnership, hospital features, expectations, and more. Seth Sushinsky (2012) with money basics for the new grad. Thank you to James Jiang (2019), Kevin Wroblewski (2021), Nicole Wojtal, Jessa Baker (2021), Cindy Koh, Won Ki Chae, David Morales (2018), Armando Rodriguez (2016), Jay Lee (2005), Britt Guest (2019), Nate Friedman (2021). Thank you to the program leadership - Steven Lai (2015), Jaime Jordan, Kellie Kitamura (2019), Ashley Vuong (2022), and Jared Marshall (2023) on his triumphant return! And, thank you Jennifer Cassidy and Matt Hill for helping make the day a success.



SAEM 2024 at Phoenix



Faculty Didactics and Workshops

Jaime Jordan

- "Elevate Your Scholarly Pursuits: A Medical Education Research Bootcamp"
- "Pearls and Pitfalls for Building an Emergency Medicine Research Program"
- "Top Medical Education Articles of 2023"

Pam Dyne (1995) "What is a Culture of Wellness and How Do We Develop One?"

Rose Diaz "Words Matter: Destigmatizing the Language of Medicine"

Annette Dekker "Future Directions in Research on Violence Against Women"

Richelle Cooper (1998) "What Goes Where? Best Practices for Optimizing Your Curriculum Vitae and Preparing for Promotion"

Liz Samuels

- "Best Practices for Collecting and Reporting Race, Ethnicity, Sex and Gender Data"
- "Implementation Science 101 (and Beyond): Why, What, How, and When to Utilize Implementation Science"



Alumni (Residency and Fellowship) Didactics and Workshops

Josh Baugh (2019) "What Your Graduate Medical Education Program is Missing: How to Operationalize an Operations Curriculum"

Marc Probst "So You're Thinking About an R01: Roundtable Discussion on Transitioning to an Independent Investigator"

Sanjay Arora (2005) "Is Evidence-Based Medicine Dead? Exploring the Evolution of a Philosophical Paradigm"

Ramon Johnson (1984) "The Road Well Traveled: Crafting Fulfilling Faculty Development and Career Growth for the Long Haul"

Hannah Janeway and Kian Preston Suni "Exploring the Complexity of Homelessness in Emergency Medicine: Dissecting Myths, Evidence, and Solutions"

Rachel Shing (2016) "Global Emergency Medicine Travel Awardee Presentations"

Craig Goolsby (2008) "Hundreds Dead and Wounded: Best Health Care Practices for Mass Shootings"



Ignite Lectures:

Tony Fredericks (2023). "Critical Conversations: Five Palliative Pearls for the Emergency Medicine Physician"



Residency and Alumni Fellowship Fair:

Thanks to everyone for representing and a great collaboration with our neighbors at the fair at Harbor UCLA.



SAEM 2024 in Phoenix ...the Abstracts

Student, Resident, Fellow and Faculty

- **Faiz J**, Toyama J, Yuan A, Jackson N, Patel N, **Zhao L**, Fermin P, Washington D, Cordasco K. Racial and ethnic disparities in utilization of tele-emergency care.
- **Krishnadasan A**, Pathmarajah K, **Moran GJ**, **Torres, JR**, **Waxman M**, **Mower WR**, Garner OB, **Duvergne LP**, Rimoin AW, Gorbach PM, **Caldera J**, **Talan DA**, **Berdahl CT**. U.S. emergency department Mpox surveillance, June–December 2023.
- **Rodriguez RM**, Raja A, **Gupta M**, Rodriguez NM, Alden BA, **Mower WR**, **Kronen E**. Abdomen-pelvic computed tomography: Derivation of a decision instrument for selective computed tomography in adult blunt trauma.
- Mariorenzi A, Beaulieu A, Regina A, Lotterman S, Karalius V, Porter E, Chung AS, **Jordan J**. A descriptive analysis of emergency medicine residency scholarly tracks faculty workforce.
- Beaulieu A, Mariorenzi A, Angela Regina A, Lotterman S, Karalius VP, Porter E, Awad E, **Jordan J**, Chung AS. Analysis of gender, efforts, and compensation in emergency medicine residency scholarly tracks faculty workforce.
- Chinnock BF, **Ioannides KLH**, Darracq M, Fujimoto J, Teran CA. Dental block by emergency department providers gives substantial immediate pain relief in dental pain patients.
- D'Onofrio G, Herring A, Perrone J, Hawk K, **Samuels E**, Cowan E, Anderson ES, McCormack RP, Huntley K, Owens P, Martel S, Schactman M, Lofwall MR, Walsh SL, Dziura J, Fiellin DA. Emergency department use of extended release, seven-day injectable buprenorphine is safe and well-tolerated for minimal opioid withdrawal.
- **Hoang A**, Cecenas O, Zhu C, Fajardo BI, **McCullough LB**, **Lee AH**. Implementing the brief consult note reduces consult turnaround times in the emergency department.
- **Gandhi N**, Smith L, Cecenas O, Goldsberry R, Lara R, **McCullough LB**, **Lee AH**. Evaluation of whether a specialized geriatric unit can mitigate delirium risk in the emergency department.
- Love J, Vargas-Torres C, Aldy K, Brent J, Wax P, Culbreth R, Krotulski AJ, Li S, Campleman S, Logan BK, Abston S, Hughes A, Hendrickson RG, Amaducci A, Kurt A, Judge B, Carpenter J, **Levine M**, Calello D, Meaden CW, Buchanan J, Shulman J, **Schwarz E**, Manini A. Clinical factors associated with xylazine positivity in emergency department opioid overdose.
- Kontowicz E, Irish AK, Mohr NM, Harland KK, **Talan DA**, **Krishnadasan A**, Eyck PT, Steele MT, Kean ER. Association between household size and vaccination status on SARS-CoV-2 positivity in health care personnel.

Alumni

- Suh EH, **Probst MA**, Mumma BE. External validation of the recalibrated HEART (History, Electrocardiogram, Age, Risk Factors, Troponin) score for evaluation of possible acute coronary syndrome.
- Sacco DL, **Probst MA**, Mannes ZL, Comer SD, Martins SS, Chang BP. Xylazine prevalence and awareness among emergency department patients with drug overdose.
- Mannes ZL, Sacco DL, Chang BP, **Probst M**, Martins SS. Prescription drug monitoring, Cannabis laws, and chronic pain-related outpatient and emergency department visits.
- Wongtanasarasin W, Nishijima DK, Wood N, DeAngelis J, Storrow ABB, Jonathan Schimmel J, Beltre N, Sacco DL, **Probst M**. Factors associated with incentive redemption in a prospective syncope study in the emergency department.
- Chernick L, **Probst MA**, Adler TG, Puentes AD, Tchoungui LP, Luka Pusic L, Castor D, Zucker J. A digital patient decision aid to facilitate sexually transmitted infection screening in the emergency department.
- Wongtanasarasin W, Daniel K, Nishijima DK, Wood N, DeAngelis J, Storrow ABB, Schimmel J, Beltre N, Sacco DL, **Probst MA**. Number needed to call in emergency care research: Postenrollment follow-up from a prospective syncope study.
- Cohen A, Forrester J, **Rolston DM**, Li T, Young EA, Jin A, Bielawa N, Nelson M, Napolitano J, Rao V, Smilios C. When a little fluid can do a lot of harm in septic patients.
- Dreizler L, **Schneberk T**, **Samra S**, Axeen S. COVID-19 era differences in emergency department encounters for interpersonal violence by immigration status.
- Joyner K, Murugan S, English K, Burner ERE, **Schneberk T**. Traumatic experiences among asylum seekers: Analyzing trends in the 2019 migrant protection protocols era.
- Thompson ZE, Laughter J, Yena AL, **Schneberk T**. Thematic analysis of stakeholder perspectives on hospital-based violence intervention program effectiveness.
- Croteau C, **Baugh JJ**. Implementation of a night shift buy-out program.
- Norawit Kijpaisalratana N, El Ariss ABR, **Baugh JJ**, Raja A, Balk A, He S. Development and validation of the discharge severity index for post-emergency department discharge patient care.
- **Terp S**, Axeen S, Aleman A, Mercado J, Kearl L. Screening and linkage to human immunodeficiency virus preventive services for at-risk young adults in a safety-net pediatric emergency department.
- Ahmed S, Sangara R, Axeen S, Toomer C, Sison O, Yang J, Reichert ZM, Nguyen B, **Menchine M**, Seabury SA, **Terp S**. Clinical characteristics of emergency medical treatment and labor act violations involving obstetric emergencies, 2016–2023.
- **Terp S**, Axeen S, Mercado J, Aleman A, Kearl L. Screening and linkage to human immunodeficiency virus preventive services for at-risk 13-to 17-year-olds in a pediatric emergency department.
- Siddiqui A, Vontela N, Ahmed S, Reichert ZM, Axeen S, **Terp S**. Civil monetary penalty settlements resulting from emergency medical treatment and labor act citation events.
- Ahmed S, Sangara R, Axeen S, Toomer C, Sison O, Yang J, Reichert ZM, Nguyen B, **Menchine M**, Seabury SA, **Terp S**. Clinical characteristics of emergency medical treatment and labor act violations involving obstetric emergencies, 2016–2023.
- Reichert ZM, Guzman R, Ahmed S, Aispuro I, Curran D, Manier K, Toomer C, Pines J, Axeen S, **Menchine M**, **Terp S**. Emergency medical treatment and labor act violations related to on-call responsibilities: A review of EMTALA violations, 2011–2023.
- Molina M, Chary AN, Reyes KP, Ramont V, Chen Y, Arreguin M, Bhananker A, Chinnock BF, **Rodriguez RM**. Demystifying Hispanic vs Latino/Latina vs Latinx: Which do emergency department patients prefer?
- Reyes KP, **Rodriguez RM**, Molina MF, Kumar VA, Rising KL, Shughart LA, Eucker SA, Rafique Z, Gottlieb M, Chakraborty L, Chinnock BF, Mesbah H, Conn C, Eckstrand S. Emergency department surveillance: A novel method of assessing the impact of COVID-19 on underserved populations.
- Reyes KP, **Rodriguez RM**, Eucker SA, Chinnock BF. Emergency department surveillance of COVID-19: Year one vs year three trends in underserved populations.
- **Rodriguez RM**, Reyes KP, Kumar VA, Rising KL, Eucker SA, Rafique Z, Gottlieb M, Chinnock BF, Molina MF, Conn C, Shughart LA, Eckstrand S, Mesbah H, Chakraborty L. High prevalence and impact of long COVID in emergency department populations: another safety net role.
- Li W, Badhwar A, **Yao DH**, Hall N, Semma Y, Dash D. Using artificial intelligence to improve the admissions process at Stanford emergency department.

SAEM 2024 continued

Several residents prepared with monthly sessions, to get in shape for Sonogames. Our resident schedule meant we could only get a few to the conference - a huge thank you to those that accommodated trades and to the team that participated. Annie Hoang (2026), Mel Baker (2026), and Kevin Mauerman (2025) competed. Thanks to everyone from the ultrasound division who helped with the preparation handmade it fun.



Congratulations to our affiliated and alumni SAEM award winners: Wendy Coates won the AWAEM Gloria Kuhn Legacy Award. *“This award is to honor a woman faculty member who has made outstanding contributions through clinical work, teaching, mentorship, role modeling, or administration. The spirit of this award is designed to recognize those who contribute significantly to the field of EM.”*



UCSF Department of Emergency Medicine was the SAEM Outstanding Department Award for Excellence and Innovation in Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. *“This award honors an Emergency Medicine Department that has shown significant support for DEI through organizational initiatives that address the recruitment, development, and advancement of its physicians, promoting equity, diversity, opportunity and inclusion.”*

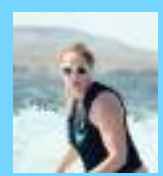
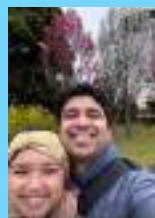
We held a new social event - a UCLA Department Happy Hour with our residents, faculty and fellows in our program, and the West Los Angeles VA faculty, and the Harbor-UCLA faculty, fellows and residents. Thanks to Greg Hendey for hosting and to Bonnie Cheung for flying out for the day to make sure it was smooth. It was great to see colleagues and alumni!



The UC chairs lunch - an annual SAEM tradition

Residents & Faculty Traveling

- Anthony Jourdan (2025) travelled to New York.
- Judy Choe vacationed in Japan.
- Tigleth Ziyeh (2024) and AJ (2024) both got some vacation time in Hawaii.
- Dan Sholder (2026) vacationed in Costa Rica.
- Ephi Fisseha (2027) vacationed in Brazil.
- Wonki Chae and family went to the Super Bowl, and then to the local mountains for a snow day.
- Sam Kadera (2013) and family skied and skated in Canada.
- Rebecca Bavolek and family traveled to Las Vegas and then skiing in Utah.
- Erich Wieshofer (2024) vacationed in Germany.
- Jessica Faiz vacationed in Sedona, Arizona.
- Josh Tiao vacationed in Japan.
- Caleb Canders (2016) and Jake Wilson (2018) vacationed in Eureka.
- Anthony Jourdan (2025) went to Cabo San Lucas Mexico, and also to Marrakech, Morocco.
- Luis Lovato (2001) vacationed in Mexico.
- Reza Hessabi (2024) vacationed in Japan.
- Jess Faiz vacationed in Cabo San Lucas.
- Noah Sugerman (2016) and family vacationed in Moab, Utah.
- Lauren Chung (2027) vacationed in Portugal.
- Kelsey Kneisley (2024) vacationed in Sedona, Az.
- Charlene Gaw (2024) and Taylor James (2024) went to Peru.
- Jennifer Cassidy went to Paris.
- Tig Ziyeh (2024) vacationed in the south of France.
- Crystal Witherspoon (2027) vacationed in Europe.
- Hannah Spungen (2022) hiked the Grand Canyon.
- Max, Emily and Jack Berger vacationed in Japan.
- Rebecca Bavolek vacationed at Lake Mohave.
- Judy Choe vacationed in Paris, and ran into Dong Yao (2023) and Ben Chan (2023).



Alumni Out Enjoying the World

- Varun Shahi (2020) and Pallvi went to Hawaii.
- Micaela Finnegan (2023) enjoyed the snow in Hokkaido, Japan.
- Chris Belfour (2015) and Mike vacationed in Hawaii.
- Emily Huang (2013 and family vacationed in Colorado.
- Priscilla Hanudel (2012) skied Aspen.
- Drew Seefeld (2009) skied in his backyard (almost) in the White Mountains of New Hampshire.
- Thomas Hemingway (2006) enjoyed being a spectator at the 2024 Pipeline surf competition.
- Andy Shen (2003) had a fan spectacular moment meeting CJ Ramone at the Pink Rock Museum in Las Vegas.
- Staff Brenman (2017) and family skied Tahoe.
- Wendy Lin (2002) and family skiing at Breckenridge, Colorado.
- Tola Johnson (2012) and Nick Miniel (2011) took their family at Beaver Creek, Colorado.
- Chelsea Robinson (2022) and Micaela Finnegan (2023) caught up for some skiing at June Mountain.
- Ali Hussein (2010) and family skied Crystal Mountain Resort.
- Gil Shlamovitz (2007) and family visited Sedona, Az.
- Hollie Sandlin (2014) and family vacationed in Amsterdam.
- Priscilla Hanudel and family vacationed in Scotland.
- Wendy Lin (2002) and family spent spring break in Maui.
- John McWhorter (2013), Tom Solomon (2014) and partners and friends vacationed in Japan.
- Greg Tong (2020), Seema and Rhea traveled to Taiwan.
- Andy Shen (2003) and family vacationed in Paris.
- Ali Hussain (2010) and family went to a Kings game.
- Steff Brenman (2017), Liz, Holden and Parker enjoyed Deer Valley Ski resort.
- Brandon Firestone (2017) and family visited the Redwood Forest.
- Niko Pascua (2023) vacationed in Brooklyn, NY then Edinburgh, Scotland
- Tola Johnson 2012) and Nick Miniel (2011) went to Joshua Tree.
- Tiffany Ferreri (2004) and family went to Buenos Aires and Patagonia
- Carolyn Gates (2014) skied Mountain High.
- Micaela Finnegan (2023) at her happy place... Yosemite.
- Chris Belfour (2015) and Mike vacationed in Ireland.
- Priscilla Hanudel (2012) and family vacationed in Scotland.
- Teri Miller (2020) got away to Las Vegas.
- Jerry Hoffman (1979) and Annie vacationed in Paris.
- Larry Baraff enjoys retirement in Hawaii.
- Reza Danesh (2008) vacationed in Greece.
- Tiffany Ferreri (2004) vacationed in Europe.
- Angela Brown (2016) and family went to Disneyworld.
- Tyler Barrett (2005) and family celebrated Ryan's graduation with a trip to Europe.
- Jen Termeer (2013) and daughter Devyn vacationed in Europe.
- Kelley Feeley (2008) vacationed in the UK.



Women and Gender Minority in EM

A big thank you to Annie Hoang (2026), Dani Alarcon (2025), Elle Kettler (2025), Rhea Matthew (2025), and Ariel Wu (2025) for organizing our Women and Gender Minority in EM group this past academic year. We had a great crafting night, with Ariel, Elle and Liz Samuels teaching knitting and crochet.

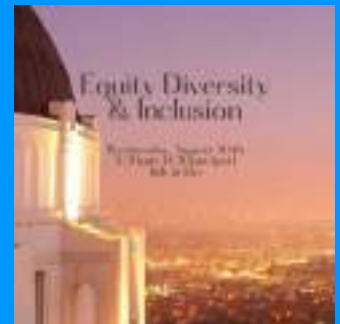
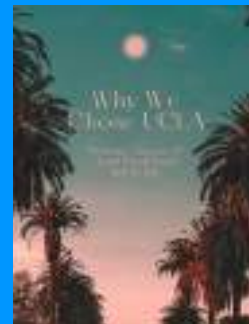
We had a great get together for some personal well being and skin care product trials.

We had an outing to a Break Room - yes it is what it sounds like!

Plans for more events next year including sponsoring a self-defense event for the residency, a game night, and sponsoring a holiday cookie decorating event for residents and families.



Residency Recruitment



Recruitment was as always a major team effort - thank you to Rebecca Bavolek, Steven Lai (2016), Kellie Kitamura (2019), Natasha Wheaton, Jaime Jordan, Ashley Vuong (2022), Jennifer Cassidy, Matt Hill, our residents, and our DEI committee members. We again held many virtual events to meet students, and to engage our applicants. While recruitment was virtual, we started to get back to some in person gatherings with our second look events. Thanks to Greg Hendeby (1993) for hosting.



Addressing Disparities - DEI

Promoting a more diverse and equitable workforce as well as promoting education to reduce disparities in health outcomes in the community.

Education on Bystander CPR

Rose Diaz has been working to address the disparities in receipt of CPR in Black and Latino communities by teaching hands only CPR, and mentoring many URM students as well.

She travelled with the UCLA undergraduates Flying Samaritans group to Tijuana and taught bystander CPR to families and patients waiting to be seen at the clinic.

Our UCLA undergraduate volunteer research associates (EMRA) have started going to health fairs, and they have now paired with Rose, and some medical students, to teach bystander CPR at these local events. Rose and some students then went to Farmchella to celebrate the farm workers, provide health information and training on bystander CPR.

Outreach to build a more diverse healthcare workforce and leadership

Members of the UCLA Minority Housestaff Organization, including Chase Richard (2023) represented UCLA at the SNMA-AMEC meeting in New Orleans.

Rose Diaz moderated and judged posters at the SNMA meeting, and supported medical student Citlali Perez who presented their survey data collected on knowledge and barriers to providing CPR among the Promotores community.

UCLA hosted a mentoring event, with Medell Briggs Malonson, Cory Wilson (2027), Ephi Fisseha (2027), Chase Richard (2023), Diana Dayal (2027), Crystal Witherspoon (2027).

Locally, Jesus Torres organized a Health Professionals panel at San Fernando High School (his alma mata) with Kareem Agunbiade, Daniela Alarcon (2025), UCLA ED pharmacist Monique Payne-Cardona, and one of our UCLA ED techs Abraham Alvarado-Rivera.

Rose Diaz, and several of our residents (Daniela Alarcon (2025), Christian Hernandez (2025) Aubrey Kelly (2026), Cory Wilson (2027)) and Harbor UCLA EM residents provided mentorship to the Charles Drew University students interested in emergency medicine.



Educational Outtakes

Conference with show and tell:



On shift teaching



Sim center is back with some Gamefication incorporated at conference.

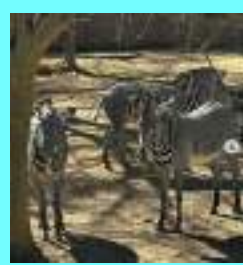


Journal Club



The Residency Takes a Field Trip to the Zoo...

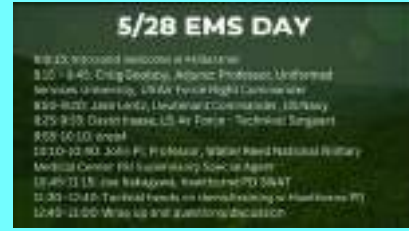
Thanks to Michael Levine and our residency leadership for coordinating a conference day at the Los Angeles Zoo. The day started with a toxicology potpourri for the in-training exam, with multiple stations/escape rooms set up in the parking lot. And then on to the zoo, venomous snakes, monkey bites and more. Plenty of time after conference to check out the other zoo inhabitants.



EMS Day - Military and Tactical Medicine



Thanks to **Atilla Uner (1997)** for organizing a great conference day. We learned from several alumni about how they have combined their EM careers with Military and Tactical Medicine.



Craig Goolsby (2008) discussed his time in the Air Force at San Antonio, two tours in Iraq, and his time at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, and Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences as an officer (US Air Force Commandeer) and civilian. He described some of the opportunities for post graduate training, as well as research and funding opportunities.



Jake Lentz (2019) for those unaware is a Lieutenant Commander in the US Navy, and discussed the opportunities and leadership skills gained.

David Haase (2022) described his role in the US Air Force as a Technical Sergeant and deployment and work as a pararescue specialist.

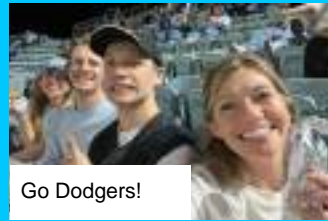
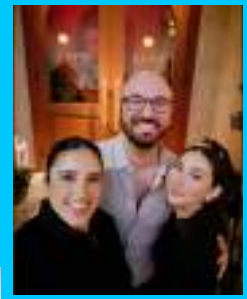


John Pi (1997) joined virtually to discuss briefly some of the good and the bad in his career with the FBI, and his current role Professor at George Washington University, and we cover Walter Reed National Military Medical Center ER teaching the Uniform Service Residents, Interns, medical students, PA, NP, and medics.

Joe Nakagawa (2004) described his involvement from the tactical SWAT work, becoming a uniformed police officer, and his role now as Hawthorne PD SWAT Medical Director. He also brought some show and tell with some colleagues, a tactical vehicle, and practical training on tourniquet's and hemostatic packing used to train first responders on Stop the Bleed.



UCLA Tribe Getting Together



Hiking with advisors Carolyn Sachs and Judy Choe.



Making pasta with Liz Samuels



Toxicology Division

The 2024 American College of Medical Toxicology Annual Scientific Meeting & Symposia was in Washington, DC.



Annie Hoang (2026) was awarded a travel scholarship from the ACMT to attend the conference. She got lucky again, winning at bingo!



Alumna **Hannah Spungen (2022)**, in her second year of toxicology fellowship (before she returns to UCLA) presented:

“Researchers, Do You Even R? Getting Started with Managing and Visualizing Toxicology Data in R.”



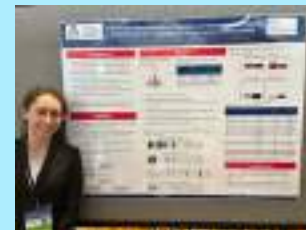
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- **Hannah H Spungen**, John M Sherman, Kaitlin Ryan, Jessica Krueger, **Michael Levine**, Meghan Spyres. Critical Care Management and Outcomes of Dihydropyridine Calcium Channel Blocker Exposures at a Single Tertiary Referral Center.
- **Hannah H Spungen**, Rachel Culbreth, Kim Aldy, Jeffrey Brent, Paul Wax, Alex Krotulski, Shao Li, Sharan Campleman, Barry Logan, Stephanie Abston. Geographic Variability of Novel Potent Opioids and Associated Emerging Substances Detected in Emergency Department Patients.
- Veronica Groff, **Hannah Spungen**, Reynaldo Hernandez, Jessica J Krueger, Timlin Glaser, Mario Tempe, Kimberlie Graeme, A Min Kang, Gregory Makar. Severe Precipitated Opioid Withdrawal Treated With High-Dose Continuous Fentanyl Infusion in a Patient With Chronic M30 Use.



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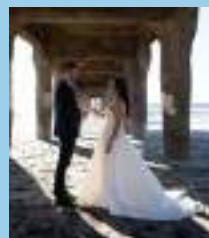


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Family Updates - Congratulations to Everyone!



Daniela Alarcon (2025) and Frances Cade got married.



Catherine Yu and Andrew welcomed Luke.



Amanda Amen (2024) and Ali welcomed Ava.



Alex Grohmann and Jenna welcomed Walker.



Ashley Vuong (2022) and Jesse welcomed baby Mei.



Tarak Trivedi and Jean welcomed baby Arjun.



Bryan Merte (2024) and Leanne Cooke (2024) got engaged.



Congratulations to NCSP fellow, Hashem Zikry, and his wife on the birth of their son.



Charlene Gaw (2024) and Steve got married.



Krithika Rao (2027) and Varun had their formal Indian engagement ceremony.



Sarah Seresinghe (2026) adopted a fur baby Penny.



Matt Roces (2027) got a fur baby Bibby.



Chase Richard (2023) and Jordan adopted a fur baby Yuzu.

Alumni Updates



Tony Fredericks (2023) and Simone welcomed Teo.



Jacqueline Kurth (2020) and Andrew welcomed Lyle.



Jason Singer (2021) and Libby welcomed their third daughter Jenna. Layla and Sydney are excited,



Cate Yaggi (2020), Bryan and Jack welcomed Leo.



Jason Lu (2019) and Bonnie welcomed Oliver.



Jimmy Gordon (2016) and Lindsay welcomed baby # 3, Emmett.



Tabitha Cheng (2018), Tim, Natalie and Madeline welcomed Elise.



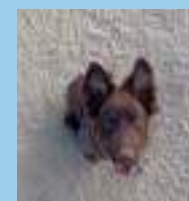
Sara May (2005) and wife Sara, and big brother Moses welcomed Samson.



Ben Chan (2023) and Jeff got married in Paris.



Vanessa Kreger (2020), Brett, Esme and fur sibling Daisy welcomed Cecilia.



Chelsea Robinson (2022) adopted a fur baby Moose.



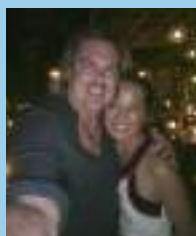
Ryan Kunitake (2021) and Jen welcomed Aiden.



Hollie Sandlin (2014) and Isiah celebrated their 14th anniversary at the Lovers Bridge in Bruges Belgium.



Angels Brown (2016) and Matt celebrated their 23rd anniversary!



Wendy Lin (2002) and Bergt celebrated their 16 years together in Mexico.

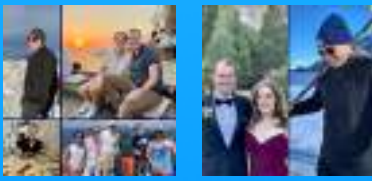
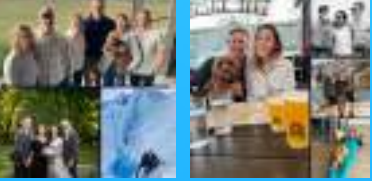
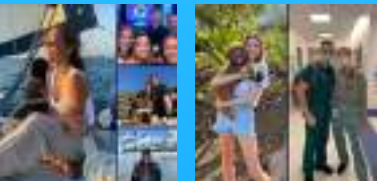
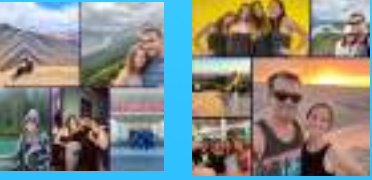
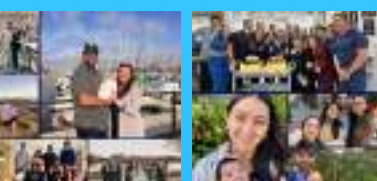
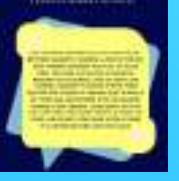
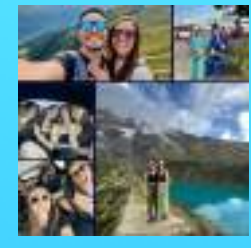
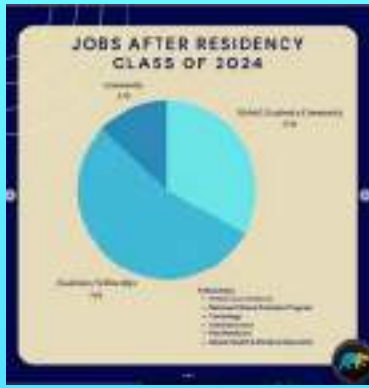


Theresa Cheng (2021) and Jeff celebrated 13 years together, 8 years married with a European adventure vacation.



Brian McNamara (2015) and Veronica celebrated their 2 year wedding anniversary.

Senior Spotlights on Social Media



Where are the Class of 2024 going?

Cooper Aakhus - Wilderness Medicine Fellowship at Stanford Department of Emergency Medicine

Zainab Ahmed - National Clinician Scholars Program Fellowship at UCLA

Amanda Amen - Lakeland Regional Medical Center, Florida

Leanne Cook - Toxicology Fellowship at the University of California at San Diego, Department of Emergency Medicine

Charlene Gaw - Kaiser Santa Clara

Reza Hessabi - Administration Fellowship at the UCLA Department of Emergency Medicine

Woo Suk “Wyatt” Hong - Kaiser West Los Angeles

Anna Jackanich - Verdugo Hills Hospital

Taylor James - Captain, US Air Force, Brooke Army Medical Center, San Antonio, Texas

Jackson Kloor - Washington Emergency Care Physicians at Multicare Tacoma General Hospital, Covington Medical Center, and Allenmore Hospital in Tacoma, Washington

Kelsey Kneisley - Kaiser Permanente San Diego

Bryan Merte - Kaiser San Diego, and UC San Diego - El Centro

Sima Sadeghinejad - Pain Fellowship with the Department of Anesthesia at UCLA

Erich Wieshofer - Global Health and Medical Education Fellowship at UCLA

Tiglath Ziyeh - UCLA Department of Emergency Medicine - Santa Monica UCLA

Congratulations to the Graduating Fellows of 2024

Mackensie Yore - Assistant Clinical Professor UCLA Department of Emergency Medicine - Santa Monica UCLA

Josh Tiao - Assistant Clinical Professor at Los Angeles General (USC) Hospital

Faraz Khan - Assistant Clinical Professor UCLA Department of Emergency Medicine

Jeremy Shin - Pali Momi Medical Center, West Oahu

Catherine Yu - Assistant Clinical Professor, Rutgers New Jersey

Haig Aintablian - Assistant Clinical Professor UCLA Department of Emergency Medicine, Space Medicine Fellowship Director

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Congratulations Fellows



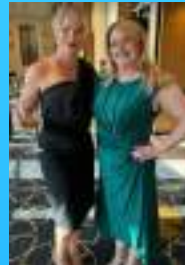
The Golden Probe ultrasound awards of the year went to **Taylor James and Bryan Merte**



Zainab Ahmed 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.



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Class of 2027 Intern Week in Cabo



Class of 2024 Working Their Last Shifts



Meet the Intern Class of 2028



Class of 2028

UCLA Emergency Medicine (Ronald Reagan/DHPE View)



Arman Azad, Mt. Zion; Emily Zee, Weill Cornell Med; Ivan Covarrubias, Mt. Zion; Afanaz Dabbas, Northwestern Univ; Shail Kopyev, St. Louis Univ



Kanchana Mease, UCLA; Clara Pavesi-Chang, UMass Lowell; Roberto Pineda Hernandez, UCLA; Michael Rowland, Virginia Commonwealth; Daniela "Dini" Szutka, Univ. Michigan



Ashley "Ash" Shewchuk, Stanford Univ; Anna Tucker, Washington St. Univ; Nina Vafaei, Florida Atlantic Univ; Kiana Zhang, Brown Univ; Christian Zeller, Tufts Univ

Name: Arman Azad

Undergraduate School: Columbia University

Medical School: Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai

Before Intern year you can find me: At music festivals, traveling, and dancing as much as I can with my friends!

My hidden talent is: I love aviation and I'd say that I'm slightly above average at planespotting (current favorite plane: the new airbus A350s 😊)

When not in the hospital I'm most likely: Riding my bike, glued to my couch playing video games, or going down a Wikipedia rabbit hole.

The greatest meal I ever had was: A Nutella crepe from Mich Sandwiches in Saint-Michel, Paris. Salivating just thinking about it!

If I knew I could not fail I would: Run for some sort of local election and encourage transit development – more buses, more trains, more bike lanes!

I could not live without my: AirTags. I lose everything.

I'm really looking forward to riding my bike as much as I can and guzzling avocado toast whenever I have the chance when I am in Los Angeles!



Name: Emily Bae

Undergraduate School: Yale University

Medical School: Weill Cornell Medicine

Before Intern year you can find me: on my goodbye New York tour.

My hidden talent is: limbo on the dance floor

When not in the hospital I'm most likely: outside being active, or shopping :)

The greatest meal I ever had was: in Bangkok - a restaurant called Charmgang.

I could not live without my: caffeine...but also my incredibly supportive family and friends.

I'm really looking forward to sun, tennis/pickleball/volleyball, learning emergency medicine, and new friends when I am in Los Angeles!



Name: Ivan Covarrubias

Undergraduate School: University of Pennsylvania

Medical School: Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania

My hidden talent is: Planning trips

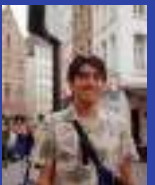
When not in the hospital I'm most likely: On a hike

The greatest meal I ever had was: Tacos from the carnitas stand in front of EL Super on the intersection of Cesar Chavez Ave & N Indiana St.

If I knew I could not fail I would: become a record producer.

I could not live without my: Cat, Pennsylvester.

I'm really looking forward to living closer to my family when I am in Los Angeles!



Meet the Intern Class of 2028

Name: **Jehannaz Dastoor**

Undergraduate School: **Northwestern University**

Graduate School: **Northwestern University The Feinberg School of Medicine - MPH**

Medical School: **Northwestern University The Feinberg School of Medicine**

Before Intern year you can find me: **Hiking, painting, and taking spontaneous road trips!**

My hidden talent is: **Making people laugh!**

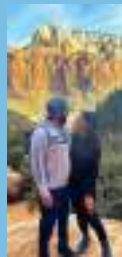
When not in the hospital I'm most likely: **Walking my dog, spending time with my fiancé and friends**

The greatest meal I ever had was: **The Red Fort restaurant just outside of Zion National Park. Best Indian food I've ever had!**

If I knew I could not fail I would: **open a combination coffee shop and art gallery with my fiancé!**

I could not live without my: **amazing community of friends, family, and dogs that got me here**

I'm really looking forward to **exploring the beaches and food scene with my co-interns when I am in Los Angeles!**



Name: **Shadi Keyvani**

Undergraduate School: **UCLA**

Medical School: **Saint Louis University School of Medicine**

Before Intern year you can find me: **traveling around Central Europe (Slovenia, Croatia, Hungary, Austria, and the Czech Republic)!**

My hidden talent is: **iPhone photography.**

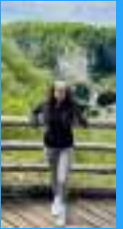
When not in the hospital I'm most likely: **trying new restaurants or sleeping.**

The greatest meal I ever had was: **any taco truck in LA.**

If I knew I could not fail I would: **attempt to run my first marathon**

I could not live without my: **Spotify account (honestly music in general)**

I'm really looking forward to **exploring some new hiking trails when I am in Los Angeles!**



Name: **Samantha Maisel**

Undergraduate School: **Wesleyan University**

Graduate School: **Wesleyan University (MA Neuroscience)**

Medical School: **UCLA David Geffen School of Medicine**

Before Intern year you can find me: **Traveling to Italy and spending time near water.**

My hidden talent is: **unnervingly realistic baby cry.**

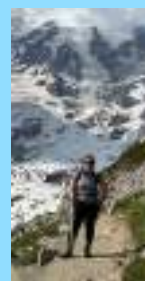
When not in the hospital I'm most likely: **At my ceramics studio making pots.**

The greatest meal I ever had was: **Cafe Romanat Eritrean food**

If I knew I could not fail I would: **Try to fly**

I could not live without my: **Garden**

I'm really looking forward to **walks on the beach after shift when I am in Los Angeles!**



Name: **Rigoberto "Rigo" Perez Hernandez**

Undergraduate School: **Cornell University**

Graduate School: **UCLA Fielding School of Public Health**

Medical School: **UCLA David Geffen School of Medicine**

Before Intern year you can find me: **Back home in Watsonville, CA and spending time with family and friends.**

My hidden talent is: **I know how to step and stroll (if you've seen "Stomp the Yard" you'll know what I mean!)**

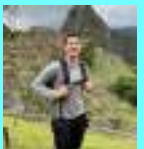
When not in the hospital I'm most likely: **At the gym or traveling the world with my partner!**

The greatest meal I ever had was: **My mom's homemade green chile and chicken enchiladas with Mexican rice.**

If I knew I could not fail I would: **Discover a cure for cancer and make it free for everyone.**

I could not live without my: **Support system (aka my family and friends); it took a village to help get me to where I am today.**

I'm really looking forward to **doing all the touristy things when I am in Los Angeles!**



Meet the Intern Class of 2028

Name: **Clara Pavesi-Krieger**

Undergraduate School: **UC Berkeley**

Graduate School: **Molecular Biotechnology Center, Turin, Italy**

Medical School: **Loyola University Chicago Stritch School of Medicine**

Before Intern year you can find me: **spending as much time outdoor as possible with my family!** 🌴

My hidden talent is: **Painting, pottery and really poor improv acting skills** 🎭 also I speak Italian!

When not in the hospital I'm most likely: **sleeping or at the playground with my 2 yo.** 🛏️

The greatest meal I ever had was: **homemade pasta carbonara in my hometown in Italy.** 🇮🇹

I'm really looking forward to the **beach with family and friends** when I am in Los Angeles! 🏖️



Name: **Michael Russell**

Undergraduate School: **Brigham Young University**

Medical School: **Virginia Commonwealth University School of Medicine**

Before Intern year you can find me: **Crossing restaurants off my ever-growing list of places to eat in LA!**

My hidden talent is: **I speak Mandarin Chinese**

When not in the hospital I'm most likely: **Running (sometimes outside, mostly chasing after my kids)**

The greatest meal I ever had was: **Dan Bing**

If I knew I could not fail I would: **try to qualify for the Boston Marathon.**

I could not live without my: **Family**

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



Name: **Christine Schellack "CJ"**

Undergraduate School: **Duke University**

Graduate School: **University of Michigan, MPH**

Medical School: **University of Michigan Medical School**

Before Intern year you can find me: **Taking lots of big whips at the climbing gym.**

My hidden talent is: **rolling up sleeping bags into the most efficient cylinder.**

When not in the hospital I'm most likely: **trying to turn any meal into a salad.**

The greatest meal I ever had was: **Night market in Zanzibar.**

If I knew I could not fail I would: **Basejump off everything.**

I could not live without my: **Blundstones. Not sure how much I will be wearing them in the California climate, though...**

I'm really looking forward to **become mediocre at surfing** when I am in Los Angeles!



Name: **Ashley Stevenson "Ash"**

Undergraduate School: **University of Virginia, Charlottesville**

Graduate School: **University of Virginia, Charlottesville (M.A. English Literature)**

Medical School: **Stanford University School of Medicine**

Before Intern year you can find me: **riding horses and playing with chickens in the SoCal countryside**

My hidden talent is: **being a cat whisperer to even the shyest of cats. I have yet to meet a kitty I couldn't befriend.**

When not in the hospital I'm most likely: **watching or attending an NWSL game (go ACFC!!!) or lazing on the couch doing NYT puzzles.**

The greatest meal I ever had was: **PB&Js and champagne at the peak of a Blue Ridge mountain top after hiking up to watch the sunrise.**

If I knew I could not fail I would: **time travel to the age of the dinosaurs ('not fail' means not getting eaten by a giant theropod, right...?!)**

I'm really looking forward to **exploring so many good restaurants and food options** when I am in Los Angeles!



Meet the Intern Class of 2028

Name: Anne Turner

Undergraduate School: USC

Medical School: Washington State University
Elson S. Floyd College of Medicine

Before Intern year you can find me: Relaxing, hanging with my husband and our new baby, and going to breweries with friends and family in Seattle before moving down to Los Angeles.

When not in the hospital I'm most likely: Enjoying the outdoors and trying new places to eat with friends and family.

The greatest meal I ever had was: A burrito from Brothers Cousins Tacos in Westwood.

If I knew I could not fail I would: Try out for the summer olympics (any sport really, but swimming, soccer, or triathlons would be high on the list).

I could not live without my: My dog Murphy (and my husband (Ryland) and daughter (Taylor) obviously...)

I'm really looking forward to going to the beach and surfing when I am in Los Angeles!



Name: Nika Vafadari

Undergraduate School: Loyola Marymount University

Medical School: Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine at Florida Atlantic University

Before Intern year you can find me: Traveling and spending time with my friends and family.

When not in the hospital I'm most likely: At pilates, walking my dog, shopping or eating sushi.

The greatest meal I ever had was: Garlic butter sourdough loaf in Spain.

I could not live without my: Beach walks and daily lattes.

I'm really looking forward to being back home with my family and trying new restaurants with my co-residents when I am in Los Angeles!



Name: Raina Zhang

Undergraduate School: Brown University (and University of Cambridge)

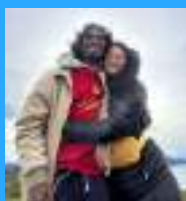
Medical School: The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University

Before Intern year you can find me: learning Spanish and exploring volcanoes in Guatemala!

My hidden talent is: eating large quantities of food.

When not in the hospital I'm most likely: outside!

I'm really looking forward to seeing why people on the west coast are obsessed with the west coast, year-round park days, playing beach volleyball, meeting everyone when I am in Los Angeles!



Name: Christian Zwirmer

Undergraduate School: The University of Maine

Medical School: Tufts University School of Medicine

My hidden talent is: Being overly competent at most backyard and party games (and very competitive for absolutely no reason lol)

When not in the hospital I'm most likely: Either relaxing at home, shopping for cool clothes/shoes/furniture, or doing something active - running, at the gym, skateboarding, snowboarding, hiking, exploring the city with my camera, etc.

If I knew I could not fail I would: buy every lottery ticket, start a family, travel the world, and help those in need :) or start an anime series lol.

I'm really looking forward to learning how to surf, eating at all the local food spots, exploring California, and soaking up the sun, when I am in Los Angeles!



Bootcamp and Intern Orientation

Welcome class of 2028! Thanks to Jennifer Cassidy, Matt Hill, the chief residents - Dani Alarcon, Missy Brown, Rhea Matthew, Miguel Navarro, and Ariel Wu, Steven Lai, Kellie Kitamura, and all the faculty and residents who helped teach during bootcamp. The interns first shifts and conference participation have been great!



KUDOS to Our Amazing Faculty, Fellows, Residents and Alumni



Congratulations to **Max Berger** for winning the 2024 Foundations Best Innovation Award which “is given to someone for for exceptional and impactful work creating a novel educational tool through FoEM.”



Congratulations to **Medell Briggs-Malonson** for receiving the 2024 CA Black Women’s Advocacy Trailblazer Hall of Fame Award. *“The CA Black Women’s Trailblazer Hall of Fame Awards...recognize and celebrate the achievements of Black Women. Selecting honorees in multiple disciplines ranging from advocacy, corporate and civil rights to legal, legacy entertainment and labor, the event showcases those who have significantly impacted and improved of the lives of Black women and girls throughout the State.”*



Congratulations to **Miguel Navarro (2025)** for receiving the 2024 Foundations Outstanding Contributor Award! *“The Outstanding Contributor Award is given to someone who produced exceptional and impactful work on behalf of FoEM.”*



Congratulations to **Haig Aintablian (2022)** who was elected to the American Academy of Emergency Medicine (AAEM) Board of Directors, as the Director of the Young Physician Section.

Christian Hernandez (2025) was accepted into the [National Medical Fellowships Diversity in Clinical Trials Research program \(NMF Dctr\) program.](#)

“Established in 2021, the (NMF Dctr) seeks to increase the number of clinicians underrepresented in medicine (URM) who serve as Principal Investigators (PIs), as part of the strategy to increase patient diversity in clinical research trials...The Parexel® Academy’s Clinical Investigator Certification Program is an eight-week curriculum accompanied by six weekly live virtual training sessions. NMF Dctr’s Emerging Investigator Learning Community and Network provides post-training support including opportunities for mentoring, networking, additional skills development and a virtual resource center to bridge the gap between training and practice.”



Annie Hoang (2026) was recognized by [Physicians for Social Responsibility](#) Los Angeles. The fossil fuel industry has poured millions into overturning SB 1137 which prohibits toxic oil drilling within 3200 feet healthcare facilities, homes, schools, daycare centers, parks, businesses. Annie has been an advocate and educated our residents about these efforts.



Christian completed the certificate course and is building his skills to combine his future academic critical care time as a physician scientist.



Applause for these Award Winners!

Kudos to our amazing resident and faculty educators! Each year at our annual spring retreat the medical student clerkship directors present awards to the residents and faculty who receive the most positive mentions from our medical student sub-interns rotation evaluations, and our core MS2 rotations. 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!

The awardees for the 2023-2024 UCLA Ronald Reagan-Olive View Emergency Medicine Residency Medical Student Teaching Awards are:

Class of 2027 - Jack Basse

Class of 2026 - Claire Edelson

Class of 2025 - Miguel Navarro

Class of 2024 - Tiglath Ziyeh



Best Ronald Reagan UCLA Faculty Teacher: **Chase Richard (2023)** (*I hear there was some campaigning involved*)

Best Santa Monica UCLA Faculty Teacher: **Annette Dekker**

Best Olive View UCLA Faculty Teacher: **Alan Chiem** (*Jackie Shibata accepted on Alan's behalf*).



The Golden Olive Teaching Awards presented at the annual spring retreat are voted on by the residents to recognize outstanding contributions to teaching.

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

The award for the part time faculty went to first year education fellow **Mike Messina**.

The UCLA Ronald Reagan | Olive View Faculty Teaching Award recognizes exemplary involvement in resident education, both at the bedside and through participation in didactic sessions. The faculty who received the most resident votes for the **2023-2024 UCLA/Olive View Faculty Teaching Award at Reagan and Olive View** are:

1st half of the year are:

Brittney Guest (2019) at UCLA & Tomer Begaz at OVMC

2nd half of the year are:

Chase Richard (2023) at UCLA & Steven Lai (2016) at OVMC

Congratulations to these amazing teachers!



Congratulations to **Rose Diaz and Sue Empson**. Both were recognized by the residents of the Harbor-UCLA Emergency Medicine Residency Program for their role as Clinical Attendings.

Applause more Award Winners!



Congratulations to **Faraz Khan!** (Sorry for missing this recognition in the last newsletter). Faraz was awarded the EMRA Travel Scholarship to ACEP EDDA (Emergency Department Director's Academy). The scholarship assists residents and fellows in leadership or administration to attend the leadership development academy in emergency medicine. *"Recipients learn from and network with the best and brightest minds in the field of Emergency Department management and leadership."*



Emily Bae (2028) was recognized with the **American Medical Women's Association Glasgow-Rubin Memorial Achievement Citation**, given to those female students who graduate in the top 10% of their class.

She also received an **"Area of Concentration Certificate of Excellence,"** from Weill Cornell which recognizes those students whose scholarly research projects were considered outstanding."



Richelle Cooper (1998) received the Academy for Women in Academic Emergency Medicine (AWAEM) Momentum award. This award is bestowed by the AWAEM executive board *"and recognizes the extraordinary services of those moving the mission and values of AWAEM forward. Awardees have enhanced the recruitment, promotion, retention and advancement of women in academic emergency medicine through individual support as well as organizational influence."*



James Murphy (2022) won a teaching award from the Department of Internal Medicine specifically for resident education. He also won fellow of the year for his class of Critical Care Medicine.



Hannah Spungen (2022) was recognized during the 2024 American College of Medical Toxicology (ACMT) Annual Meeting & Symposia for being the Toxic Registry Research Fellow.



The SAEM Medical Student Excellence in Emergency Medicine Award is made available to each medical school to select a senior medical student who has demonstrated excellence in the specialty of emergency medicine. In addition to their certificate, winners receive a 1-year resident/medical student membership in SAEM. Two of our new interns were selected with this honor at graduation from their schools. **Emily Bae (2028)** received this award from Cornell. **Shadi Kevyani (2028)** received this award from the Saint Louis University School of Medicine.



Jess Oswald (2018) received multiple awards recently:

American Academy of Pain Medicine Presidential Commendation Award- *Awarded for founding and chairing a new Emergency Medicine Special Interest Group, developing a webinar and 8-hour seminar on treating acute and chronic pain.*

American Academy of Pain Medicine Top Abstract Award - *Awarded for developing novel complaint-specific physical therapy videos and disseminating them with QR codes.*

American Academy of Pain Medicine Member Focus Award - *Acknowledged for founding an Emergency Medicine Special Interest Group and chairing/founding an Acute Pain preconference.*



Congratulations on these recent grants!

Congratulations to **Liz Samuels, Evan Schwarz, Annette Dekker, Cat Weaver (2017), Jesus Torres** who are Co-Is on a \$75,000 pilot grant to implement and study “Emergency Department Point of Care Testing for HIV and Syphilis (ED-PACT).” The grant was funded by the UCLA Charles Drew University (CDU) Center for AIDS Research (CFAR) collaborative.

Claire Edelson (2026) will also be working on the project, as well as our colleagues in Infectious Disease.



2024 Pilot Projects

Applicant: Elizabeth Samuels, MS, MPH, MHS
Associate Professor in Residence, Emergency Medicine, UCLA
lsamuels@ucla.edu
Project Title: Emergency Department Point of Care Testing for HIV and Syphilis (ED-PACT): A Pilot Study

Congratulations to **Rose Diaz** who received a \$10,000 diversity supplement on Liz Samuels RO1, “Emergency Department Community Health Worker-Peer Recovery Navigation for Linkage to Recovery: A Mixed Methods Evaluation Supplement Award.

Congratulations to **Drs. Hannah Janeway, Matt Waxman (2008), and Calderon** for their \$189,000 Refugee Health Alliance grant to support “Mobile Medical Unit Street Medicine Outreach Team and Mental Health Support for Migrants in Tijuana Mexico.”



Congratulations to former NCSP fellow **Carl Berdahl K08** received a K09 from AHRQ “Detecting and characterizing diagnostic errors among high-risk patients discharged from the emergency department.” Carl also has an EMF grant “Defining diagnostic excellence for EM and establishing research priorities.”



Congratulations to **Cat Weaver (2017), Evan Schwarz and Liz Samuels** for their CalBridge Behavioral Health Navigator Program to fund Community Health Worker (CHW) and navigator sustainability. The project will help fund a CHW at both Ronald Reagan and at Santa Monica UCLA.



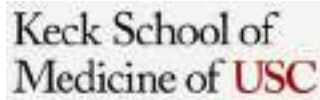
David Talan (1986) (not exactly retired with this portfolio of work) grant support:

- Personalized ANTibiotic THerapy in the EmeRgency Department Trial – PANTHER Trial #R21 AI166828-01A1. Co-Principal Investigator; Funding agency: National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases
- Emergency Department Sentinel Network for Surveillance of Emerging Infections - Cooperative Agreement # U01CK000643 (includes 2022 PReventing Emerging Infections through Vaccine Effectiveness Testing - COVID [PREVEN T COVID] Project II and 2023 Cause of Rashes in the Emergency Department – CRASHED project). Principal Investigator; Funding Agency: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
- Multivalent Toxoid Vaccine for recurrent *Staphylococcus aureus* disease. Co-Principal Investigator; Funding Agency: National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (2R01 AI111205-06)
- Short- and Long-Term Outcomes of Doxycycline versus Trimethoprim-Sulfamethoxazole for Skin and Soft Tissue Infection Treatment. Site Co-Investigator; Funding agency: National Institutes of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (5U01AI116400-02)
- Emerging *S. aureus* Antimicrobial Resistance and Current Prescribing Practices for Patients Presenting to US Emergency Departments with a Purulent Skin and Soft Tissue Infection. Co-Principal Investigator (Jesus Torres, MD - Co-PI); Funding Agency: Antibiotic Resistance Leadership Group

Well Done!



Congratulations **Christian Hernandez (2025)** for matching into the Critical Care fellowship at USC/Keck-LA County Hospital System in the Anesthesia Critical Care Program.



Congratulations **Kenneth Kim (2025)** for matching into the Critical Care fellowship at Stanford Medical center in the Anesthesia Critical Care program starting in 2025.



Medell Briggs-Malonson and colleagues held the inaugural *JUST* Action Summit to highlight the impactful work of UCLA Health leaders, staff, faculty and trainees. After delivering the “*State of the Union of Health Justice at UCLA Health.*” Medell moderated two panels - “*A Beachside Chat: Advancing HEDI for Our People, Patients, and Community,*” and “*Leading Transformation to Achieve Health Justice.*” **Annie Hoang (2026)** was a Minority Housestaff Organization Health Equity Innovation Grantees and presented her work “*Assessing Climate Resilience Among Patients in the Emergency Department.*”



Haig Aintablian (2022) continues his training and has become the Director of the Space Medicine fellowship. He assumed the role of Space Operations Physician for SpaceX. He served as flight surgeon for the SpaceX launches, at mission control and in Florida for launches and recoveries, including welcoming back the Axiom and European Space Agency mission.

He lectured to the UCLA Space Medicine Club, and he lectured at the USC School of Medicine about Space Medicine.

He has been working with the University of Florida to develop cutting edge simulations for space medicine.

He co-Founded a new professional organization called **OSMED (Organization for Space Medicine, Engineering, and Design).**

Haig, had visitors... **Mark Morocco (2001), Greg Hendey (1993)** and UCLA Office of Development took a tour at SpaceX.



More Kudos

Discovery year transition at the DGSOM. Assistant Dean for Curricular Affairs, **Natasha Wheaton** will be overseeing the Discovery Course in AY2024-25. As Assistant Dean, Natasha has been strongly involved in the inaugural curriculum. **Jaime Jordan** will be focusing on her role as APD and her leadership role with Council of Residency Directors. Jaime was the inaugural chair who developed and launched the Discovery course. Her *“dedication, perseverance... and visionary leadership... offered students the opportunity to embark on a journey of scholarly exploration at DGSOM, cementing the commitment to HEALS (Healer, Educator, Advocate, Leader, Scholar).”*



Sean Johnson (2027) was a featured panelist at an SNMA Emergency Medicine Student Interest Group presentation “Applying for away rotations without a home institution.”



Medell Briggs-Malonson moderated the UCLA Health sponsored Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. 4th Annual Health Justice Symposium.



Medell Briggs-Malonson, Reza Hessabi (2024), and Christopher Montgomery (2027) at the 2nd Annual UCLA Minority Housestaff Organization Pathways to Practice Conference.



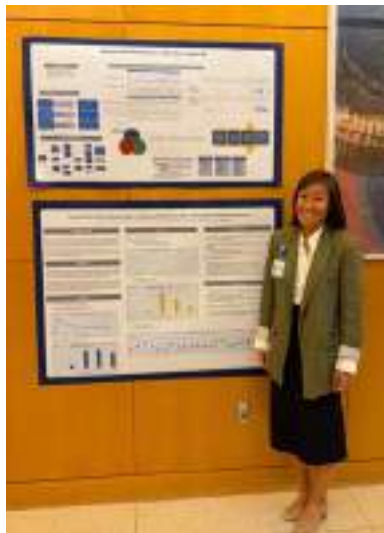
Rose Diaz travelled to Bethesda, Maryland to NIH as part of her **CRECD training grant (R25)** funded by the National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities. “The goal of the

program is to provide training and mentoring in health disparities and community-partnered research (CPPR) to minority scholars and junior faculty at CDU, who have shown great academic promise but who still need advanced skills, close mentorship, and other support to become successful, independent scientists.” Rose is leading a qualitative study to explore experiences of medical students of color who struggled during their graduate medical training.



Round of Applause!

Judy Choe presented her work as Senior Quality Officer at the Annual Hospital QI Symposium



Carolyn Joy Sachs (1994) was one of two featured speakers for the "Lecturing at Sea in Fort Lauderdale." She delivered 10 lectures over the 11 day event, while the ship provided all the other entertainment a cruise can offer and port excursions to a number of locations - Grand Cayman Islands, Aruba, a bird sanctuary in Cartagena, Columbia, Curaçao, Nassau Bahamas and more.



Her lecture topics included:

- *Dangerous Medication in the Elderly*
- *Workplace Violence*
- *Intimate Partner Violence*
- *Sexual Assault*
- *Physician Burnout and Depression*
- *Improving Provider well-being: Personal and Institutional Interventions*
- *Challenging Interactions in the Medical Setting*
- *Disease Prevention: Tobacco Cessation*
- *Disease Prevention: Alcohol Misuse, Health Consequences, and Patient Counseling*
- *An Evidence-Based Approach to Oral Analgesics for Acute Pain*



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Rose Diaz and Tabitha Cheng (2018) travelled to SAEM headquarters in Chicago for the annual winter workshop portion of their year long Advanced Research Methodology Evaluation and Design (ARMED) course.

Sessions on making the most of your data, physician coaching, developing grant submission timelines and more.



Charlene Gaw (2024) and **Taylor James (2024)**

spent some elective time working at Tahoe Forest Hospital. Lots of orthopedic cases (e.g. shoulder and elbow reductions, fracture reductions) and time to enjoy skiing at Tahoe, and the perfect snow angel.



Erich Wieshofer (2024) spent a month in Kigali, Rwanda last October as acting EM faculty for the EM clerkship at the University of Global Health Equity (a PIH medical school for East African students). He helped with the day to day shifts as essentially a teaching resident, organized longitudinal learning and provided lectures on high yield EM topics.



Great Work!



Congratulations to Our New Board Members!

We are excited to introduce the newest members of the ACAAM 2024-2025 Board of Directors, ready to lead the way in advancing the field. These distinguished individuals bring a wealth of experience and expertise to their roles, embodying the commitment to addiction medicine excellence that defines our organization.

New Board Members:



A. Harrison Rey, II, MD



Elizabeth A. Samuels, MD MPH MHS



Tricia Wright, MD MS

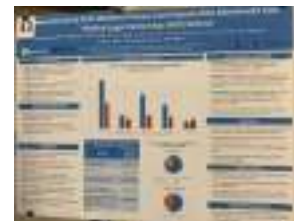
Liz Samuels is a newly appointed member of the [American College of Academic Addiction Medicine \(ACAAM\) Board](#). The ACAAM Board of Directors is the governing body responsible for the direction of the management of ACAAM's affairs.

Rose Diaz, Jessica Faiz and Jesus Torres attended the [AAMC Minority Faculty Leadership Development Seminar in Chicago](#).



Breana Taira and her social care integration research group presented at the [2024 Southern California Regional Dissemination, Implementation and Improvement Science Symposium](#) sponsored by The California Endowment and the UCLA CTSI. Kian Preston-Suni and Kabir Yadav also presented. The goal of the 2024

Symposium was to strengthen and expand research/operations (practice/policy) partnerships and partnership activity to improve health in Southern California by improving regional healthcare and public health systems and delivery. The symposium brought together regional health system leaders... with *"presentations, panel discussions, workshops, posters and small-group break-out sessions. All activities designed with the goal to explain and convey the value of partnership and patient/community engagement, demonstrate how to build and sustain partnerships, facilitate progress toward research/practice partnerships to improve public health, healthcare delivery, and health in Southern California."*



Christian Hernandez (2025) and **Rose Diaz** went to the 2024 LIDeReS in Research: LHS+ Identity, Development, Empowerment, and Resources Seminar in Research.

The seminar supported by NIH and LMSA was developed to help develop more physician-scientists:

- Describe LHS+ (Latina/o/e/x, Hispanic or of Spanish Origin+) related research priorities, urgent health challenges and disparities;
- Provide information about how to navigate a career in academic medicine and research, including how to find support and funding for your career through NIH;
- Describe the career journeys of physician-scientists and academicians, including those who have obtained NIH research funding; and
- Facilitate interactions, networking, and connectedness with researchers, faculty, and representatives from NIH, LMSA and other entities.



Look Who's Talking!

Evan Schwarz presented at the 55th Annual Innovations in Addiction Medicine and Science (ASAM) Annual Conference:

- "Tidbits of Toxicity: Exploring Effects of Ketamine, Psilocybin, and Other Psychedelics."
- "Naloxone, Nalmefene, and Naltrexone: Is There a Need for Three Opioid Antagonists?"
- Invited lecture for Wisconsin ACCEPT Project ECHO program. "An update on xylazine."



Michael Levine invited speaker:

- UCSD Division of Medical Toxicology, "Thrombotic and Hemostatic Drug Toxicities"
- Grand Rounds Glendale Adventist Medical Center, "Avoiding Pitfalls of Anticoagulation"
- UC Davis hosted Western Toxicology Fellows Conference, "Intravenous Lipid Emulsion Therapy"
- Grand Rounds Banner University Medical Center Department of Medical Toxicology, "Thallium Toxicity"
- UCSD Division of Medical Toxicology, "Drug Induced Seizures,"
- Grand Rounds Providence St. Joseph's Medical Center, "Envenomations"
- Humboldt-Del Norte Consortium "Update on the Fentanyl Crisis and the New Screening Law."



Sara Crager (2015) invited speaker at The Big Sick Conference: Zermatt, Switzerland:

- "The Shock Continuum"
- "Reframing Shock: A Tale of Three-Pressures"

At the 43rd International Symposium of Critical Care and Emergency Medicine in Brussels, Belgium:

- "Expectations from the New Generation"
- "Advanced Simplification of Shock Physiology"
- "The Big 3 in the ED: Mental Models for Resuscitation Expertise"
- Panel Discussion: "How Can We Keep Our Staff"
- Case Discussion: "Right Ventricular Failure"



Pam Dyne (1995) DGSOM faculty Development Lecture Series "What is Coaching in Academic Medicine?"

Natasha Wheaton discussed ED boarding at the UCLA Schwartz Rounds at UCLA

Chase Richard (2023) invited speaker at the American Medical Education Conference (AMEC):

- "Broadening Horizons in Medical Education: Dual Degree"
- "A Roadmap to Academic Medicine"



Haig Aintablian (2022) featured speaker at the Armenia Student Association (ASA) Hint of Armenia event hosted at UCSD.

Matt Waxman (2007)

- Virtual grand rounds to the Residency at Tairawhiti Hospital, Gisborne New Zealand to the A&E Staff and Registrars on a variety of topics including *Head and Neck Emergencies: Deep Neck Infections*



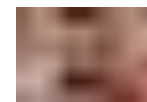
Liz Samuels

- Grand Rounds for the Dartmouth Dept of EM "A Social Emergency Medicine Approach to Substance Use Disorders: From Policy to Bedside."
- Invited speaker at the Southern California Addiction Medicine Consortium webinar, "A Social Emergency Medicine Approach to Substance Use Disorders: From Policy to Bedside."
- Invited speaker Maine Substance Use Disorders Learning Community webinar, "Buprenorphine Telehealth: Audio-only telehealth to improve buprenorphine access and linkage to care."
- Invited speaker at the NYC Emergency Department Learning Collective on Opioid Use Disorder webinar, "Implementation of Emergency Department Initiated Buprenorphine"
- Grand Rounds for the Virginia Commonwealth University Dept of EM, "A Social Emergency Medicine Approach to Substance Use Disorders."

David Talan (1986) Invited lectures:

- "EMERGENCY ID NET: A US ED-Based CDC-Collaborative Translational Epidemiological & Clinical Research Network," in session, "Public Health, Healthcare, and Emergency Management: Aligning to Address Cascading Challenges" at the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) Preparedness Summit 2024, Cleveland
- Grand Rounds at the University of Texas, Southwest Department of Emergency Medicine "What I Learned Studying Infectious Diseases in the Emergency Department,"

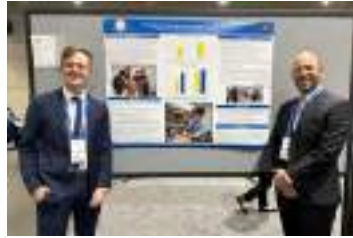
UTSW program asks senior invited faculty if they want to bring a promising junior faculty to also present. Jesus came and killed it. Dave and Jesus enjoyed some BBQ the night before their lectures.



Jesus Torres invited speaker at the Antimicrobial Resistance & Stewardship Conference. "Emerging *S. aureus* Antimicrobial Resistance and Current Prescribing Practices for Patients Presenting to US Emergency Departments with a Purulent Skin and Soft Tissue Infection."



More Conference Presentations



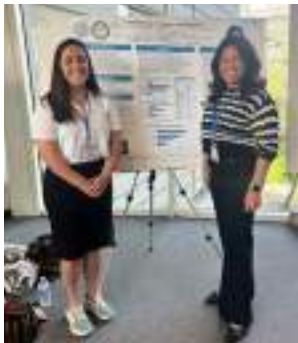
Congratulations to **Cooper Aakhus (2024)** and **Max Berger** for their abstract presentation “*Introduction to Simulation During Medical Student Orientation,*” at the International Meeting on Simulation in Healthcare (IMSH).



Congratulations to **Jackson Kloor (2024)** for completing the **UCLA Resident Informaticist Program** and presenting his project “*ED Note Optimization for Billing Capture,*” at the annual Virtual Symposium. Congratulations and thanks to the Project Mentors and Build Partners, Jamie Bell, Andy Lee, and Neil Gandhi.



Christian Hernandez (2025) presented an abstract on his project “*Diagnosing Silicosis in Latinx Engineered Stone Workers,*” at the Latino Medical Student Association (LMSA) West conference which was held at UCLA. Thanks to mentors **Jesus Torres** and **Rose Diaz**.



Rose Diaz and UCLA medical student **Citlali Perez** presented at the first ever University of California Community Health Conference. The conference hosted at UC Davis involved all six UC schools. Rose and Citlali reported the survey data they collected on community knowledge and barriers to performing CPR from participants at the Promotores conference.

Jess Faiz, Annette Dekker and Mackensie Yore traveled to Baltimore for the Annual National Academy Health meeting to present work.

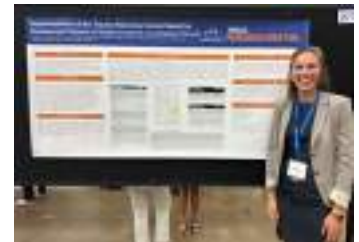


Jess presented her study on Telehealth Disparities among Veterans.



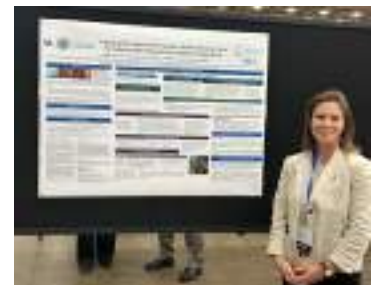
Congratulations to **Haig Aintablian (2022)** who presented an abstract, “*Bethanechol as a treatment for anticholinergic-induced urinary retention in space,*” at the 94th Annual Aerospace Medical Association Meeting in Chicago, May 2024.

Annette presented her work examining trauma recovery centers.

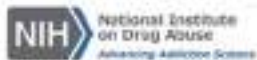


Congratulations to **Niko Pascua (2023)** who presented a “*Systematic review of Iatrogenic Arterial Gas Embolism*” at the Undersea and Hyperbaric Medicine Annual Meeting in New Orleans.

Mackensie presented her work on the impact of patient narratives among veterans presenting to the ED.



Amazing!



Liz Samuels attended the College on Problems of Drug Dependence (CPPD) (a NIDA sponsored meeting) conference in

Montreal. She was involved with two collaborative projects reported as abstracts:

Smiley S, Rosen A, **Samuels E**, Ober A, Shoptaw S, Herring AA. *Buprenorphine Treatment Outcomes Among Racially/Ethnically Diverse Adults at California Emergency Departments Participating in the California Bridge Patient Outcomes Research Evaluation Study*

D'Onofrio G, Herring AA, Perrone J, Hawk K, **Samuels E**, Cowan E, Anderson E, McCormack R, Huntley K, Owens P, Martel S, Schactman M, Lofwall M, Walsh S, Dziura J, Fiellin D. *ED Use of Extended-Release 7-Day Injectable Buprenorphine for Minimal Opioid Withdrawal*

Evan Schwarz was:



- Appointed to the Medical Toxicology Subboard for ABEM.
- Named co-chair for the ASAM/ACMT (American Society of Addiction Medicine/American College of Medical Toxicology) drug screen clinical practice guideline
- Served on the planning committee for ASAM Annual meeting in April 2024

Jaime Jordan is Secretary/Treasurer of the CORD Board of Directors.

Rebecca Bavolek is a CORD Board of Directors Member at Large.



Top row pictured left to right: Cynthia Fraz, MD, Julia Roggen, MD, Janet Roggen, MD, Arlene Chung, MD, Rebecca Bavolek, MD, Kerry McCabe, MD, Karen Pfeiffer-Hui, MD, David Egan, MD, Natalia Bawicki, C-MAEd



Mpox Surveillance Based on Rash Characteristics — 13 Emergency Departments, United States, June–December 2023

Carl T. Berdahl, MD^{1,2}; Anusha Krishnadasan, PhD³; Karla Robinson, MPH⁴; Gregory J. Moran, MD^{5,6}; Jesus Torres, MD^{7,8}; Matthew Waxman, MD^{9,10}; William Mower, MD, PhD¹¹; David B. Coates, PhD¹²; Leonard J. Flanagan¹³; Steve W. Brown, PhD¹⁴; Barbara A. Gurevich, PhD¹⁵; David A. Tom, MD¹⁶; JAMA/IDNET Study Group

The data collected as part of the CRASHED Grant about M pox surveillance, was published in the MMWR. The work created a lot of media attention. Congratulations to **Carl Berdahl, Anusha Krishnadasan, Greg Moran, Jesus Torres, Matt Waxman M, Bill Mower David Talan and the EMERGENCY ID NET Study Group.**



Tabitha Cheng (2018) was named Vice Chair of the California EMS for Children technical advisory committee.

She recently published a couple different educational modules. The first, of the freely available digital scholarly work, was a huge 2 year undertaking that "... will be great for EM residents for EMS understanding and EM boards prep".

Anyone can access the Pediatric EMS Education Modules: A 14-module course on National EMS Education with a Pediatric Focus once you create an account:

<https://link.prodigyems.com/pediemsed>

The second published education is on Pediatric Agitation - Management by the EMS Clinician

<https://emscimprovement.center/education-and-resources/peak/pediatric-agitation/prehospital-agitation/>

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We are working here!

Another year down in the books! R2 Orientation and



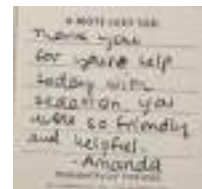
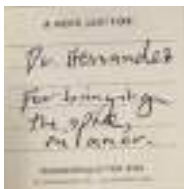
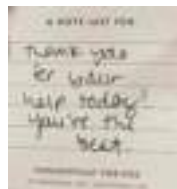
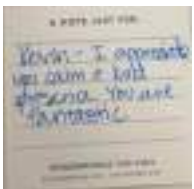
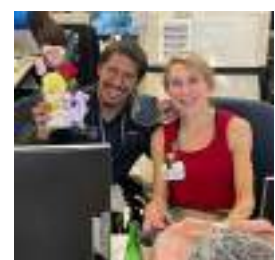
Olive View Emergency Department clinicians participated in a state-wide disaster drill led by Olive View Director of Disaster Preparedness and EMS. **Matt Waxman (2007)** served as incident commander and was assisted by **Scott Lundberg (2004)**, **Maureen McCollough (1994)** and **Fred Abrahamian**. They saw over 30 mock patients in a simulated train derailment in Sylmar.



New R3s (seniors) in the house!



Valentine's Day Wellness with **Carolyn Sachs (1994)** - lots of treats. She also brought cards for everyone to write notes of appreciation to their coworkers.



International Women's Day March 8: CalACEP recognized **Valerie Norton (1995)** & **Carolyn Sachs (1994)**. The women on shift at UCLA **Ephi Fisseha (2027)**, **Ashley Vuong (2022)**, **Rose Diaz**, **Ariel Wu (2025)**, **Sarah Seresinghe (2026)**.

Caught on Shift



Do you have a Space Emergency? We have you covered!

Happy Easter working with **Angelique Campen (2000)**.

Li Cui (2019) working the ski clinic at Kirkwood.

John Keller (2022) on one of his last shifts as a toxicology fellow at UCSF with fellow alumna **Theresa Cheng (2021)**.



Jacqueline Kurth (2020) last shift before becoming a new mom.



National Chocolate Chip Cookie Day - Thank you **Carolyn Sachs (1994)** for making sure we celebrate every holiday!



Kindness cart

In the Media

The Washington Post

Democracy Dies in Darkness

NCSP fellow **Hashem Zikry** published an [op-ed in the Washington Post](#) on the topic of boarding.



USA TODAY

\$1 billion donation for free medical school may increase racial diversity – and save lives

As proud alums of Albert Einstein College of Medicine, we are thrilled for the generations to come who will reap the benefits of Bush Gossamer's legacy.

Dr. Jessica Park and Dr. William S. Eubank's Op-Eds contributions

Published on 04/27/2023 at 10:00 AM. Last updated on 04/27/2023 at 10:00 AM.

Jess Faiz co-authored an [op-ed in USA Today](#) regarding free tuition and workforce diversity.

Theresa Cheng (2021) was featured in a [news story on the front page of the New York Times](#) related to her advocacy and healthcare work with migrants.

The New York Times <https://www.nytimes.com/2024/03/26/health/children-migrants-border-health.html>

Health Concerns Mount for Migrant Children at Outdoor Holding Sites

A federal judge is expected to rule soon on whether the government must provide shelter, food and medical care to minors while they await processing.



By Emily Baumgartner

Emily Baumgartner reported from five migrant camps along the U.S.-Mexico border wall in California.

March 23, 2024 Updated 4:24 p.m. ET

To Dr. Theresa Cheng, the scene was "apocalyptic."



DR. JESÚS TORRES

Jesus Torres was interviewed on Telemundo about the dangers of wildfire smoke.

Angelique Campen (2000) was featured in a local newscast highlighting the harm reduction efforts at Providence Saint Joseph Medical Center in Burbank. A Narcan dispensing kiosk sits in front of the emergency department.



Burbank hospital unveils Narcan kiosk to provide free doses to patients

By Matthew Rodriguez

May 17, 2024 at 10:30 AM



Haig Aintablian (2022) was featured on the local KCAL News.



Jess Oswald (2018) was quoted in multiple news sources discussing phase 3 clinical trials of vertex's new Nav 1.8 inhibitor, designed to be a new class of non addictive medications to treat acute pain.

If it's successful, it will represent the first new class of acute pain medicine in more than two decades, said **Dr. Jessica Oswald**, an associate physician in emergency medicine and pain medicine at the University of California San Diego and a member of Vertex's acute pain steering committee, in the company's release.



Hannah Spungen (2022) lending her toxicology expertise to the local news in Arizona.



John W. "Bill" Kreider (1995) wrote a piece in [Emergency Medicine News](#), "[No Substitute for Experience.](#)"



Caught on Social Media



Mike Gertz was featured with colleagues on the Antelope Valley Medical Center (AVMC) social media. "AVMC recently partnered with @CHPAntelopeValley and @TPAAgriffin, to help educate students about preventing alcohol-related accidents. The Every 15-Minutes Program challenges students to think about drinking, personal safety, and the responsibility of making mature decisions when lives are involved."



Sarah Medeiros (2014) co-host of the [UC Davis Podcast EM Pulse](#). Check out some episodes.



Carmen Wolfe (2015) with her Tristar Emergency Medicine Residency. Following the annual In-training examination the program leadership and the residents celebrated by learning to curl like olympic professionals.

Kelli O'Laughlin (2007) caught on the UW social media feed. Small groups of EM faculty get together to share a meal as part of a UW Wellness Grant, "Breaking Bread" an evidence based program to help increase connection and reduce burnout.



Cooper Aakhus (2024) was on display on the Stanford Emergency Medicine social media.



Anna Yap (2022)... first Boba on shift with her residents as a new attending at UC Davis.



Congratulations **Josh Troke (2015)** co-executive producer and writer!



Seth Sushinsky (2012) featured in a pickleball coaching advertisement.



David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA celebrated Women's History Month with social media posts highlighting women faculty, including **Richelle Cooper (1998)**.



Josh Baugh (2019) caught on the HAEMR social media feed... Something to do with a Disaster Day. With boarding that seems like most days.



Craig Goolsby (2008) caught giving a video message on the SAEM social media feed about the 2024 match.



Reza Danesh (2008) in a post for Fig scrubs.



Plaudits for Advocacy!



California ACEP co-sponsored bill SB 1238 passed out of Senate Health Committee. *The bill addresses the concerns about implementing the new definition of gravely disabled by expanding the types of facilities enumerated in the LPS Act. Without this important bill these patients will not receive the care the legislature intended and instead will be stuck in your EDs indefinitely awaiting care. California ACEP President **Mike Gertz, MD, FACEP** testified in committee in support of the bill. [His testimony can be found here.](#)*



David Schriger, Annette Dekker, Jessica Faiz and Annie Hoang (2026) advocating for health system change for patients with MediCal at the **REACH (Realizing Equitable Access to Care for Health)** retreat.

Kenneth Kim (2025), Director of Health Policy for Emergency Medicine Residency Association (EMRA) was part of an EMRA sponsored webinar during the EMRA advocacy week.



California ACEP welcomed emergency physicians from across the state to Sacramento for the 34th annual Legislative Leadership Conference. Alumna **Val Norton (1995), Carolyn Sachs (1994) and True McMahon (2002)** spoke with California Congresspersons.



Anna Yap (2022) was elected to the CalACEP Board of Directors. She was also featured in a CalACEP and California Medical Association social media posting about passage of Assembly Bill 977 to reduce violence against health career workers. She represented CMA's nearly

50,000 members at a press conference in support of Proposition 1, (appeared on the March 2024 ballot). The proportion aims to expand mental health and addiction services for Californians. Dr. Yap said. *"Prop 1 will create thousands of inpatient and outpatient resources for those suffering from the most serious mental health challenges. That's why the California Medical Association — representing nearly 50,000 physicians across California — is proud to support Proposition 1."*



Legislation to Increase Penalty for Violence in ED Passes Senate Committee
 Assembly Bill 977, which will help reduce violence against health care workers by increasing the penalty for assaulting physicians and staff within the ED, passed the Senate Public Safety Committee earlier this week. CalACEP Board Member Elect Dr. Anna Yap testified in Committee.
 AB 977 will now move on to the Senate Appropriations Committee. CalACEP will continue to advocate on your behalf for measures to make the ED safer for you, your colleagues, and your patients.

...and More Advocacy!



Anna Yap (2022) attended the American Medical Association (AMA) House of Delegates Meeting. She has been a member for 10 years, starting as a student and rising up in the ranks. She describes how the work is inspiring: *"...while I often leave physically exhausted, I always leave emotionally refilled and inspired, learning so much about the issues happening across the country. We debated and made historic policy this meeting, including opposing capital punishment, opposing universal shackling, supporting collective bargaining and unionization, supporting due process, opposing non-competes, advocating that all emergency departments should be staffed 24-7 by a physician, moving for step 3 to be pass/fail, Medicare advantage reform,*

reforming employer based insurance, calling for peace in Israel and Palestine, and so much more. The friends and colleagues I've met and worked with here have taught me so much and challenge me to be a better physician and citizen overall. The AMA is truly a special space where we get to break down our silos and hear from physicians with different backgrounds, experiences, beliefs and identities and it's so incredible the relationships I've gotten to make despite being only in my early part of my career. I've learned how to become a better leader, mentee, and mentor through this organization. I've met some of my best friends here as well and it gives me so much joy to create community and space for us to be our authentic selves. Here, it feels possible to tackle the big issues and improve medicine for patients and our profession. It is a place where a single person can make such a huge difference and where we can contribute to something bigger than ourselves."

You can read [Highlights from the 2024 AMA Annual Meeting](#) at the AMA website.



Haig Aintablian (2022) went to Washington DC with AAEM for some lobbying/advocacy. Haig along with AAEM is working on increasing protections for emergency department doctors and limiting the influence of private equity in the field.



Val Norton (1995) was featured in a Cal ACEP post. She was interviewed by [KQED](#) discussing issues related to boarding and lack of nursing home staffing which delays in-patient discharges.

Systemic Neglect: How Staffing Shortages In Nursing Homes Leave Patients Trapped in Hospitals



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"We can't accept some patients trying to transfer in from smaller hospitals," said Dr. Valerie Norton, emergency medicine physician at Scripps Mercy Hospital in San Diego. "Because we don't have room for them. Or there might be somebody down in the emergency department that's waiting to be admitted into the hospital. And we have to wait until somebody else gets discharged before we can move them upstairs. If you're lying in a bed in the emergency department, that's just a hard gurney with a broken hip, and you're waiting 16 hours for a bed to open up somewhere, that's pretty tough."

Getting involved, with Jerry Hoffman (1979)

When I speak with friends my age I often hear (and am often tempted to say) “this generation is going to hell.” But I try to remind myself that old people have been saying that ever since our species learned to put pen to parchment. And of course there were lots of really big problems in medicine when I was a resident, in the early 1970s, that are much better today: there was not only no good evidence for most of what we did, but everyone was expected to understand that in our rigid and hierarchical system we were required to do whatever the man above us (it was almost always a man) said, without questioning, no less challenging, its wisdom; work hours were far too long, and work conditions typically punitive; patients were likewise expected to be “compliant” with whatever their god-like doctors decreed. Thankfully, medical culture is a lot less toxic today.



Still, there are different problems that are worse now than ever before, with mindless “guidelines” everywhere, a quasi-religious (mis)understanding of “evidence,” and most importantly the corporate takeover of medicine. Lots of doctors are suffering from what is typically called burnout, but I believe is better understood as moral injury – when we are asked to spend all our time and effort maximizing billing, rather than caring for (or even taking the time truly to interact with) patients – not to mention being told to function as ciphers who merely apply “evidence-based” (usually industry-written) algorithms, rather than to think. None of this is brand new ... but it now seems to be reaching a breaking point.

So now that I’m retired, with a great deal more free time, I’ve gone back to being an activist. I have been working closely with Nancy Greep, an internist who moved here (Santa Barbara) after retiring from UCI, as part of the local chapter of [Physicians for a National Health Program \(PNHP\)](#). I’ve been a member of PNHP since its founding in 1987, paying dues and very occasionally participating at its national meeting, but now I have become much more active.



PNHP is committed to creating a single-payer system as a key part of the fix for our broken healthcare market. (We don’t have a healthcare *system* in the US – any more than we have a functioning national public health system, as the pandemic so sadly demonstrated!) We spend at least twice as much on healthcare as any other nation in the world, and despite the great technical sophistication available in the US (as all of us have experienced at UCLA), we have just about the worst health outcomes of any rich nation, by any and every measure. And it’s not merely our health that suffers – our profit-driven market also takes a huge toll on our economy, many social outcomes (medical bills are the single largest cause of bankruptcy, and in turn a big cause of homelessness), and the psychological well-being of both patients and providers. It is true that the primary driver of bad health outcomes is not healthcare, but rather the social determinants of health, which are in turn driven in great part by our massive wealth inequality – another area where American exceptionalism is clearly not such a good thing! Even so, creating a system of care whose goal is health, not profit, would go a long way to making things better.

We in Santa Barbara PNHP have recently been busy supporting a single payer bill (AB 2200) in the CA legislature – until it was thrown out last month by a procedural maneuver in committee; we suspected it never had a real chance, despite the fact that a large majority of elected representatives claim to support single payer, and the Governor made single payer a big feature of his first election campaign. (Single payer bills have been proposed many times over the last 20 years, but the only two times they were passed by a large-majority Democratic legislature was when the sitting Governor was a Republican who had promised to, and did, veto it.) Still, AB2200 provided an issue around which to advocate and organize. Polls show that most Americans – and a large majority of Californians – know that something is rotten in the state of US healthcare ... but until the public not only knows this, and actually starts to demand change, nothing beyond band-aids is likely to happen. So, we are trying to get the public more aroused – we’ve taught in classes at local high schools and at UCSB, as well as speaking to pre-health students, and to community groups like Common Cause and the Grey Panthers. We’ve handed out leaflets and talked to passers-by at the local farmer’s market and at the Santa Barbara Earth Day festival. We helped create a chapter of Students for a National Health Program (SNaHP), and I’ve been helping organize and coordinate SNaPH chapters around the state (including at UCLA).



Which is of course why I asked Richelle to let me write this long note to our EM community. Those of you who are early in your career are facing huge issues related to how healthcare is organized, and how it is bought and paid for; issues that I believe you need to address if you are to have as wonderful a career as I did at UCLA. I’m pretty sure fixing things will require making healthcare be about health, not the profit of investors. So even though you all have lots on your plate, I hope you’ll think about joining those of us who believe that doctors (and especially younger doctors) must be leaders in this movement. (If you’d like to talk with me about this further, please don’t hesitate to contact me, at jrh@ucla.edu.)

EM:RAP and Education Highlights



Britt Guest (2019) has added a new feature to the EM:RAP Grand rounds... the residents' corner. Residents pose a question to the panels of experts. In March 2024, chief residents **Missy Brown (2025)** and **Ariel Wu (2025)** were showcased on the broadcast.



EM:RAP GO members recently traveled to Kenya to work with their collaborators there for multiple training days. **Bev Bauman (1999)**, **Britt Guest (2019)**, and **Mel Herbert (1995)** taught pediatric resuscitation, adult trauma resuscitation, and helped run procedure workshops.



Ariel Wu (2025), **Missy Baker (2025)**, **Rhea Matthew (2025)** and **Jack Basse (2027)** spent the day with **Britt Guest (2019)** and **Mel Herbert (1995)** at the EM:RAP studios creating some low fidelity procedure lab models for arthrocentesis, laceration repair, thoracostomy, cricothyrotomy, lateral canthotomy, and lumbar puncture models all with foam, 3D printers and more.



Michael Menchine (2004) and **Sanjay Arora (2005)** presented Emergency Medicine Abstracts Live at SEMPA 360 (Society for Emergency Physician Assistants Annual Conference) held in New Orleans.



George Lim is Director of the Surgical Critical Care Ultrasound. He taught at the 8th Annual Southern California Critical Care Ultrasound Course with a lecture on IVC/Aorta imaging and a Skills Workshop.



Natasha Thomas is serving as a UCLA/Charles Drew University Summer Health Professions Education Program (SHPEP) mentor. The UCLA/CDU SHPEP provides the opportunity for college students to learn about healthcare issues affecting medically underserved communities through problem-based learning cases, lectures, clinical experiences, small-group discussions and a research project. The program teaches professional development and offers long term mentorship to pre health career students.

Applause for the UCLA Alumni!

Congratulations **Tabitha Cheng (2018)**! Tabitha was selected to be the next Medical Director of the UCLA Center for Prehospital Care (CPC). She follows in a line of outstanding CPC Medical Directors, including **Steve Rottman**, and most recently, **Atilla Uner (1997)**. The DEM and CPC owe them a great deal of gratitude for their service and leadership for many years.

The CPC excels in prehospital education, research, and service, shaping EMS on a local, national, and international scale. The center educates more than 15,000 students annually, including over 2,000 EMT and 150 Paramedic students. More than 90% of CPC paramedic students work in LA County after graduation and center serves and additional 1500 EMTs and paramedics working for local fire departments, responding to over 86,000 9-1-1 calls benefitting over 1.3M citizens.

Tabitha was a UCLA medical student, and then one of our residents and chief residents in 2018 before going on to complete two fellowships - EMS at UCSD and Pediatric Emergency Medicine at Harbor-UCLA where she is now core faculty.

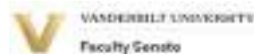
"The UCLA Center for Prehospital Care is the leading emergency and prehospital academic center on the West Coast. Our mission is to inspire the healing of humankind through innovation and world-class education. We are united by our Cultural North Star values of Doing What's Right, Making Things Better and Being Kind."

Since its inception in 1987, the Center for Prehospital Care has furthered all three legs of the University of California's tripartite mission of teaching, research, and service, as well as all four pillars of the UCLA David Geffen School of Medicines strategic plan – education, research, community engagement and clinical care. Over its 35 years, the Center has become the premier education institution in the field of prehospital emergency 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."



Tyler Barrett (2005) was elected Chair-Elect for the Vanderbilt University Faculty Senate and will assume the Chair role for the 2025-2026 Academic Year.



He transitioned from his Executive Medical Director, Emergency Services role to a new health system position as Associate Chief Medical Officer of Vanderbilt University Medical Center Compliance starting July 1.

He began his term on the Nashville Academy of Medicine Board of Directors in January.



He was reappointed Chair of the ACEP Reimbursement Committee for 2024-2025.

Hannah Janeway was a featured panelist discussing their perspective and expertise about social emergency medicine fellowships. In addition to their continued engagement and mentorship of UCLA medical students and trainees, Hannah is an invaluable clinician provider of the UCLA Homeless Healthcare Collaborative. They also continue to be a role model of social emergency medicine integration in practice with their leadership of Refugee Health Alliance. As part of the mentors of our social emergency medicine elective, they not only teach about care delivery but also about effective advocacy and how physicians should and can use their voice.



Round of Applause for these UCLA Alumni!

Are you going to be at ACEP in Las Vegas? Look out for the save the date for the alumni event.

Check out Alumni Ramon "RayJ" Johnson (1984) on the ACEP ad.



Valerie Norton (1995) is stepping aside as president and founder of her group, Pacific Emergency Providers, after 20 years. The group is still going strong, still independent and democratic, and will continue to be run by her amazing partners. She is dropping back to per diem and focus on her larger administrative role with Scripps as well as doing more travel, hiking, and music.



Teri Miller (2020) was appointed Associate Medical Director at the MountainView Regional Medical Center in Las Cruces, New Mexico.



Jen Termeer (2013) has returned from the east coast, and is now the Medical Director of Providence Mission Viejo ER in Orange County.



Sabrina Tom (2015) is now **Sabrina Tennant**. Nothing of concern, just after 9 years of marriage, she and Rick decided to share the family last name. On important professional frontier, she has been named Assistant Chief of the Emergency Department at the Greater Los Angeles VA.

Craig Goolsby (2008) Chair at Harbor UCLA helped develop a new partnership with the US Marine Corps and Navy to establish a training rotation for military clinicians to enhance their emergency medicine and trauma skills and experience.



Brett Lorber (2006) is Medical Director for the group at Torrance.



Andrew Seefeld (2009) is working for the [New Hampshire Professionals Health Program](#), a nonprofit organization that provides peer assistance services for healthcare professionals who are experiencing difficulties with substance abuse and addiction, psychiatric and/or behavioral health concerns, stress/burnout, work-related conflicts or professionalism concerns that are self-recognized or have come to the attention of an employer or licensing board.

His primary role has been the development and successful implementation of an "Emotional Sobriety" Curriculum, which serves to help individuals identify problematic thought and corresponding emotional patterns and how they relate to particular behaviors.



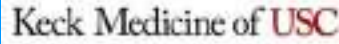
Bravo Alumni!



Jimmy Murphy (2022) completed his critical care fellowship and will be staying at Montefiore. He will be 75% critical care and 25% emergency medicine and the medical center's first dual appointment. He is working to develop an ED-ICU program.



Ignacio "Nacho" Calles (2022) completed his Medical Education fellowship, and was appointed Clinical Assistant Professor and Medical Student Clerkship Director at LA General and Keck-USC). His partner Sarah finished her GI pathology fellowship and accepted a faculty position at UCLA.



Tony Fredericks (2023) completed his palliative care fellowship and will be an Assistant Professor at University of New Mexico as the first clinician with a dual appointment in palliative care and emergency medicine.



Nate Coggins (2023) is coming back to California. He will be an Assistant Professor at Stanford where he will have a dual appointment in palliative care and emergency medicine. He and another emergency medicine/pall care dual trained clinician will be starting their ED embedded palliative care service.



He recently gave 3 invited lectures:

- Grand Rounds on "Emergency Palliative Care" at University of Utah Palliative Care Division
- "Advanced Topics in Communication: When You Don't Know What to Say" at the Salt Lake Regional Palliative Care Symposium
- "Introduction to Palliative Care in the Rehab Setting"- for University of Utah Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Residency Program

John Keller (2022) completed his toxicology fellowship at UCSF and alumna **Theresa Cheng (2021)** and **Genie Como (2022)** were there to celebrate with him. He will be working and helping teach toxicology to the residents at the EM program at Eisenhower with **Nate Friedman (2021)**.



David Talan (1986) is exploring creation of a rural/wilderness EM elective in Montana. Ask Dave.

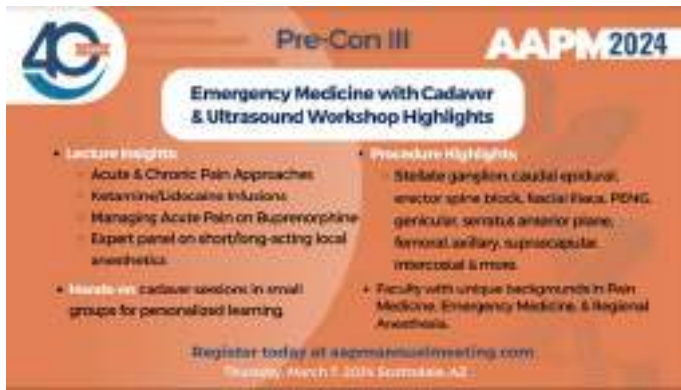


Congratulations to **David Haase (2022)** who will be Antelope Valley Emergency Medicine Associate (AVEMA)'s newest Clinical Partner starting July 2024. Malkeet Gupta (2006) said "We are excited to add such an accomplished UCLA Alum to AVEMA's full-time faculty."

Niko Pascua (2023) completed his hyperbaric medicine fellowship and rumor has it he will be staying in San Diego and continue providing compassionate outpatient hyperbaric therapy.



Laudations Faculty and Alumni



Jess Oswald (2018) created and co-hosted the first of its kind workshop at The American Academy of Pain Medicine (AAPM) meeting. The workshop/lecture series focused on ultrasound-guided nerve blocks with a hands-on small group cadaver lab. It was a great opportunity to exchange ideas and network for those interested in improving pain management in the ED. The workshop was a huge success.



She gave several presentations at the meeting:

- *Treating Acute Pain in the Emergency Department and Inpatient Setting.*
- *Discussion panel member on the use of local Anesthetics for nerve and fascial plane blocks.*
- Cadaver instructor for the following nerve/fascial plane blocks: Intercostal nerve, serratus anterior, Pec1/Pec2, ultrasound guided caudal epidural, and erector spinae.
- Utilizing QR codes and URL links in Printed Discharge Instructions to Deliver Easily Accessible Multimedia Resources.

Abstract: Speaker S, Gabriel R, **Oswald J.** A process of connecting appropriate patients with outpatient pain management from the Emergency Department.

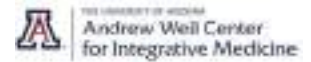
Sima Sadeghinejad (2024) attended the conference as she prepares to start her pain fellowship this summer. She was able to meet other current and incoming pain medicine fellows and network.



Jess is currently serving as Chair of a FDA Consensus Guideline Development Group for Low Back Pain.



Tess Klaristenfeld (2010) completed a fellowship in Integrative Medicine. She said she did this initially out of curiosity and a desire for the knowledge to help her friends and family. As we can all imagine everyone is seeking evidence-based nutrition, exercise, stress management advice. Recently she has been working 100% remote doing acute care for Kaiser of Oregon, which has a robust telemedicine department and is closely aligned with the urgent care and EDs.



Jessica Wall (2015) is secretary for the Washington Chapter of ACEP for 2023-2024. This also means she is president-elect for the organization.



Jessa Baker (2021) is working full time at the Long Beach VA, and luckily for us, continues to contribute as one of our part-time clinical attending at Olive View UCLA.

Hannah Spungen (2022) and her cohort of toxicology fellows in Arizona had a photoshoot. So happy she is coming back to join us as faculty and part of our toxicology division July 2024. We will have to ask her to orchestrate our new Toxicology division photos.



Laudations UCLA Alumni!

Here's the UCLA EM crew - **Lizzie Ferreira (2022)**, **Jake Lentz (2019)**, **Mel Herbert (1995)**, **Greg Moran (1992)**, **Joe Sachs (1990)** and **Fred Einesman (1982)** - working on a new series "The Pitt" that will be premiering on HBO Max early next year. Spanning 40 years of UCLA EM grads! This photo was taken at Warner Bros studios where they are currently building the sets. Our alumni held a 'boot camp' for the actors, showing them some basic medicine, how to pronounce things, do CPR, ultrasounds, etc. Joe made all the actors promise that they would never shock asystole on the show.



Former research fellow **Marc Probst** gave Grand Rounds at the Northwestern Department of Emergency Medicine.



Craig Goolsby (2008) and the Harbor-UCLA faculty, hosted experts for a National Post-Crash Care Research Agenda Setting Conference. **Clayton Kazan (2005)**, Medical Director of the Los Angeles County Fire Department was part of the collaborative group as well.



John Pi (1996) is Editor in Chief for the Statpearls Emergency Medicine EMS section.



Haig Aintablian (2022) spoke to students at the Rose and Alex Pilibos Armenian School (a K-12 school in the Little Armenia neighborhood of Los Angeles).



Armand Dorian (2003) spoke at Verdugo Hills Hospital with Glendale first responders.



Chelsea Robinson (2022) received an award from the City of Bishop for her wonderful job resuscitating an OHCA patient at the critical access hospital she works at in Bishop.



Angelique Campen (2000) speaking at Providence High School in Burbank.

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

Bravo!



Andrew Seefeld (2009) lectured at the New Hampshire Osteopathic Association Winter Symposium on *Point of Care Ultrasound*, and on *Emotional Sobriety and the Science of Addiction*.

He lectured on *Emotional Sobriety and the Science of Addiction* at the 2024 Annual Northern New England Society of Addiction Medicine Conference.

He spoke at the Plymouth State University **"Climb Above Addiction"** fundraiser. This event supports mental health, prevention and recovery of addiction through collaboration with Community for Alcohol And Drug-Free Youth (CADY) and other community partners.



Finally he has a recent **Outcomes Rocket Podcast** on the topic of overcoming addiction with emotional sobriety.



Angelique Campen (2000) completed her yearly medical mission. This year she traveled with a group to Nicaragua, and she again brought her daughter Scarlet. An adventure in itself to get to the camp they were working at, 5 hour flight, 6 hour bus ride through farms on dirt roads, and then a 3.5 hour boat ride through the jungle with all of their supplies. Several hundred people received care.



David Haase (2022) was deployed to a remote base in northeast Syria for three months with the Air National Guard. Working as a Pararescueman, he assisted an Army Special Forces team with operations and taught soldiers from the Syrian Democratic Forces.



Alumni News



Teri Miller (2020) traveled to Washington, DC for the public launch of [Lives Cut Short](#). This is a joint project between the American Enterprise Institute and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill that is devoted to documenting the tragedy of children who die of maltreatment in the US as well as the circumstances and policy failures surrounding them. Such a tragedy affected Teri's family, despite her and others attempts to intervene and get county officials or police to intervene. She has continued to advocate for Sierra, Terry and Joanna so things will change.



Jo Feldman completed a solo New Zealand bike-packing trip from Christchurch to Cromwell. She skipped the ride to Queenstown as the final day was a sketchy, no shoulder ride through a busy gorge so she ended the trip on an amazing bike trail along Lake Dunstan. The trip was 15 days total, including 2 rest days, covered 636 miles, averaging 49 miles/day, and ascended at total of 32,000 feet. After that she did her annual month long trip to Antarctica to visit the penguins.



David Presser (2003) shared a recent adventure with one of the other Torrance EM partners. *"Monica Lee (2009) and I recently went "brown water rafting" on the LA River. The legacy of two decades in emergency medicine has been a dependable hour of insomnia every night that I use for reading or wandering the internet to look at interesting activities in and around LA. One night I came across the website of the Friends of the LA River, who had reclaimed and rewilded a portion of the river in the Frogtown neighborhood a few miles from downtown. They installed a riverside bike lane and pedestrian walk. The area has art galleries, bespoke T-shirts for sale, a terrific combination bicycle shop and cafe, and even a local eatery where every sandwich is named for an NPR host. We brought inflatable rafts and paddles, hauled our gear a half mile to the put-in point, and then enjoyed small waterfalls, floated beneath a neon Orange pedestrian bridge, saw 99 cent shopping carts that had been reclaimed by nature with reeds growing through in a post-apocalyptic vision out of Planet of the Apes, and identified a surprising variety of bird life. If we don't get Hepatitis A from the exposure to the water, it definitely ranks as one of our best adult adventures in recent memory."*



Mike Casner (2017) took a 3-day "Modern Confections" lesson at [@chicagochocolateacademy](#) course. He created many different confections. Check out a few of his favorites:

- Love Tablets: a candy bar featuring a yuzu ruby ganache and citrus pâte de fruit.
- Tropical bonbons with a banana lime confit and passion fruit ganache.
- A modern take on a classic: S'mores! Graham cracker sable, vanilla marshmallow and lime caramel ganache.
- Café bonbons with a coffee-mascarpone ganache.
- Sudachi matcha bonbons! Sudachi is a small green citrus fruit from Japan.
- Strawberry yogurt bonbons with strawberry marshmallow and a yogurt ganache.
- Hazelnut Caramel bars with a milk chocolate hazelnut gianduja, lime streusel and a cocoa nib glaçage.
- XXL PB&J! Another modern take on a childhood classic with caramelized peanuts, raspberry confit, a peanut duja and peanut ganache.
- Chocolate chip praline bonbons (think chocolate chip cookies in bonbon form!)

@ Mike - you might want to set up to start taking some orders!



Congratulations!



Alex Duong (2026) completed the LA marathon. **Rose Diaz** and her husband Aaron also completed the LA marathon and then less than a month later they completed the Paris Marathon.



Tyler Barrett (2005) is still smiling over the Michigan championship. And, his oldest son Ryan graduated high school and is going to Michigan (both Tyler and Kelly's alma mater) for college. I think it might have been pre-destined.



Jess Oswald (2018) caught the largest trout for the 2024 California fishing season, 9.1 pounds. She holds the record but was unable to have it put in any record books because they cleaned the trout prior to it being weighed by the state. She even ended up getting written up in the local news.



Bishop waters ideal and productive for opening weekend

BY DAVID COOPER
2/23/2024



Kareem Agunbiade was featured in a [Daily Bruin](#) (UCLA campus newspaper) story about his two careers as UCLA physician and stand up comic. He hosts and performs a comedy show every Tuesday at the Prince of Venice in Westwood, where he introduces other comedians to the Los Angeles stand-up landscape. He has many summer shows coming up. Check his social media.



Steff Brenman (2017) and Liz Reed are back on the

ice competing and winning.



Matt Waxman (2007) ran a 1:52 half marathon coming in top 50 in his age group out of over 2,000 total runners at Ojai Mountains 2 Beach Half Marathon. He also ran with DTLA running co-ed Griffith Park Marathon team placing in top 10 overall. (Included in the photos, Juan Flores RN - ED Olive View nurse manager and SoCal running legend ultramarathoner at the Griffith Park Trail Marathon team relay.)



Congratulations!



Congratulations to **Brian Miura (1997)** who retired from full time EM. He is not done yet though, as he is still Medical Director for the Torrance Memorial Urgent Care. **Elisa Anhalt (1999)** hosted the Torrance group (we affectionately call them the South Bay UCLA alumni group). It looks like it was a great event to honor an amazing human being. Alumni you all look amazing!

Professional Bio:

- Los Angeles County Urban Search and Rescue Task Force 2 team member deployed to Haiti in 2010 and Christchurch NZ in 2011
- Attending Physician, Torrance Memorial Medical Center Emergency Department, 1997 - 2023 (retired)
- Medical Director, Torrance Emergency Physicians, 2014 - 2023 (retired)
- Medical Director, Torrance Memorial Urgent Care 2010 - Present



More News



Our undergraduate research volunteer ([the emergency medicine research associates - EMRA](#)) program continues to expand, providing the students with prehealth career and research opportunities and to help us in our research endeavors.

Each spring with undergraduate research showcase several EMRA gain valuable skills working in groups to prepare and present abstracts. This year we had 15 students present 3 abstracts from their evaluation of NEXUS data with **Bill Mower (1990)** and **Richelle Cooper (1998)**.

Several members from the last couple years start medical school this fall - and former members matched into residency.

Graduate Training:

- Carl Rosenthal will be a medical student at NYU.
- Dariush Yazdaneh will be staying with us as at UCLA DGSOM student.
- Anthony Mendoza was accepted into the Master of Science in Medical Sciences (MSMS) program at Western University of Health Sciences.
- Natasha Anders will be a medical student at Duke.
- Shivam Rana will be a medical student at Mayo in Arizona.

Residency Match:

- Jee Soo Lee graduated from medical school at Emory and matched into internal medicine at Mt Sinai.
- Izzy Tous graduated medical school at Columbia, and matched into internal medicine there. Hoping she returns to the west coast for cardiology when she is done.

Bruins Against Fentanyl OD has continued to provide harm reduction to the undergraduate campus.

WELCOME TO THE Undergraduate Research & Creativity SHOWCASE

A Descriptive Epidemiologic Multicenter Report of Blunt Abdominal Traumatic Injuries in the Adult Population (Age 18 to 65)

AND OTHER RESEARCH ABSTRACTS PRESENTED AT THE UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH & CREATIVITY SHOWCASE



A Descriptive Epidemiologic Multicenter Report of Blunt Abdominal Traumatic Injuries in the Elderly Population (Age 65 and Older)

UCLA HEALTH RESEARCH ABSTRACTS PRESENTED AT THE UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH & CREATIVITY SHOWCASE



A Multicenter Study Characterizing Presentation and Outcomes of Traumatic Subarachnoid Hemorrhage

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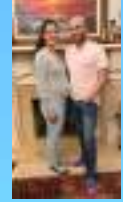
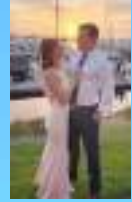
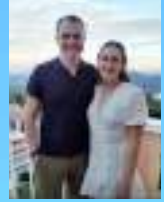
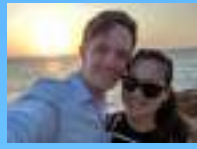
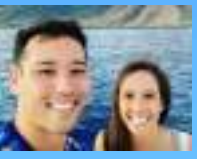
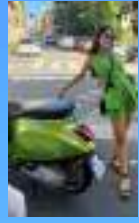
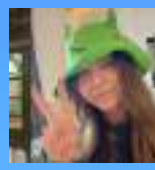
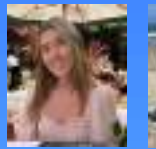
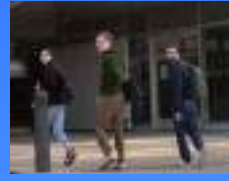
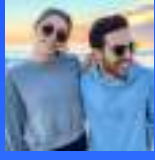
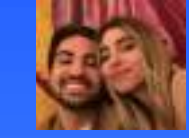


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