



Kristine (Kristy) Abo, MD, PhD

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Kristy is from Connecticut and went to Dartmouth College. After college, she spent 3 years teaching middle school science in Hartford Public Schools in Connecticut. She then did her MD/PhD at Boston University where she studied pulmonary stem cell biology. She loves to ski in the winter and mountain bike in the summer.



Saaket Agrawal, MD

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I grew up in Sacramento, California and completed my BS in Chemistry at Caltech. I completed my MD at Northwestern University and a Sarnoff Fellowship at the Broad Institute where I studied the genetic basis of body fat distribution. I have a clinical interest in Cardiology and a research interest in adipose tissue, population genetics, and machine learning. In my spare time, I enjoy rooting for the Sacramento Kings!



Heba Al Tarawneh, MD

Categorical

I'm from Al Karak in the south of Jordan and received my MD from Weill Cornell Medicine in Qatar. My interests within medicine include infectious disease, epidemiology, women's health, and global health. In my spare time I enjoy kayaking, making teapots on the pottery wheel, trying new Shawarma places with my friends in Amman, and spending time with my family and cats.



Rachel Ancar, MD, PhD

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I grew up in Colorado and joined the BA/BS-MD Program at the University of Colorado Denver, where I earned undergraduate degrees in biology and history. After discovering my passion for research, I decided to complete MD-PhD training at the University of Colorado School of Medicine. For my thesis work, I studied innate immune pathways involved in detecting viral RNAs. Outside of research, I am also committed to advocacy and advancing health equity. As a history lover, I'm excited to move to Boston and explore the city. I also enjoy rock climbing, baking, watching basketball (go Nuggets!), and discovering new podcasts to "binge."



Evan Barnes, MD, MSc, MCR

Categorical

Hello everybody! My name is Evan Barnes. I was born in Portland, OR, and I have spent most of my life living in Albany, OR. I completed my bachelor's at Whitworth University, in Spokane, WA, where I competed with and later coached the speech and debate team. I then earned a Master of Chemical Biology at the University of Michigan before coming back to Oregon for medical school at Oregon Health & Science University. Outside of medicine, I really enjoy doing trivia, especially in history and science (ask me for a random fact of the day or what the Jeopardy Question of the Day is!), reading, golfing, baking (I really enjoy making my espresso brownies!), and spending time with friends and family. I am also a huge sports fan. I particularly enjoy football and baseball and look forward to rooting for some Boston sports teams! Within internal medicine, I am most interested in hematology and oncology. I see myself having a practice with a good mix of research and clinical care focused on malignant hematology many years from now!



Gita Bhattacharya, MD

Med-Peds

I am originally from Orange County, California. I moved to Cambridge, MA for college and majored in Psychology at Harvard. Luckily, I have close family in the North Shore and formed several long-lasting friendships in the greater Boston area. Boston is also where I met my fiancée! These relationships, amongst all the other amazing things about Boston, pulled me to stay for another few years, during which I worked as a clinical research coordinator in Allergy and Immunology at MGH. I came back home for medical school at UCLA. Now, I consider myself a truly bicoastal individual with two homes, having made the move cross country a handful of times! I still don't have an answer to "which is the better coast?" but I will say, I was converted to a massive Celtics fan at some point. I love to play and watch basketball, be active in general (I'm game for any kind of sports!), play golf, sing, play guitar, and explore new music and shows with friends.



Christian Bonilla, MD, MSc

Categorical

Hi! My name is Christian. I'm originally from the lovely SF Bay Area. I went to college in LA and medical school in Oregon. As a kid I wanted to be an actor, but after auditioning for a tv show and realizing that I clearly did not have the talent of Meryl Streep or Steve Martin by any stretch of the imagination, medicine fortunately came into my life as a rewarding journey to embark on. In my free time, I love hanging out with friends and family, performing comedy skits, investing, reading, skateboarding, comically attempting to recreate exquisitely savory YouTube dishes, going to concerts and music festivals, and exploring the wonderful and exciting world of food!



Ethan Borre, MD, PhD

Categorical

I grew up in Lake Bluff, Illinois and graduated from the Duke MD/PhD program in 2023 with graduate studies in population health sciences. My research area is cost-effectiveness and decision science. In my free time, I enjoy cooking, playing clarinet, and yoga.



Taylor (Tay) Boyd, MD, MMSc

Categorical

My name is Tay, I am originally from Seattle, Washington, and could not be more excited to spend this year caring for patients, learning, and growing alongside my co-interns. A few of my hobbies include baking, poetry, and spending time with our family's lovable golden retriever. I enjoy learning and am passionate about education. Prior to medical school, I spent a year abroad as a teaching fellow. Pursuing a Master of Medical Education during medical school has helped me grow in my passion for the science of learning. I am excited about clinical research in the field of gastroenterology, with a special interest in IBD care for women, LGBTQ+ individuals, and communities of color.



Louise Breen, MD

Med-Peds

I was born in Boston and grew up nearby in southern NH, so I'm a New England sports fan through and through. I'm also a big fan of college basketball and I root for UConn-go Huskies! I didn't make the cut for playing collegiate basketball myself, but I did love rowing on the crew team while I was an undergrad at Brown. After college I coached rowing and did clinical research on adolescent and young adult substance use before taking my premed classes and heading to med school. I love all of New England's outdoor activities-hiking, skiing, going to the beach (Ogunquit, ME is a favorite), trying any and all ice cream shops-and I'm looking forward to doing them with the new friends I meet during residency!



Allison (Allie) Carroll, MD

Categorical

Hey, I'm Allie. I grew up in Connecticut and went to college in Maine. I love any hike in the fall and prefer cold weather. In my free time I like to teach/practice yoga and run outside. I'm the middle of three siblings who all live within two hours of Boston. I'm excited to be back east!



Brian Chang, MD, PhD

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My name is Brian, and I grew up in Southern California. I came to Boston originally for my PhD in medical engineering at MIT, where I studied physiologic control of mechanical circulatory support devices with Elazer Edelman. I then attended medical school in the HST program at HMS. I am interested in cardiology, critical care, and medical device development. In my free time, I enjoy hiking in the winter, dragon boat racing in the summer, and playing with my dog year-round.



Enoch Chung, MD

Categorical

Hello, I was born in Ireland and moved around a lot when I was growing up. I attended the University of Washington for my undergraduate education and completed medical school at Boston University. My hobbies include coffee-making and exploring bookshops. I also enjoy playing guitar in my free time, especially the electric guitar!



Shannon Cleary, MD

Med-Peds

I was born and raised on Cape Cod in Massachusetts and attended Dartmouth College, where I majored in Biology and minored in Anthropology of Global Health. After college, I worked in a lodge in New Hampshire's White Mountains then moved to Queens, NY for two years to work on pediatric public health research. I attended the University of Rochester School of Medicine where I have continued to explore the intersection of health equity, community health, and the health of families and individuals through clinical work and a variety of extracurricular experiences. I found a passion for exploring climate change and human health, including reducing the impact the healthcare sector has on the global climate crisis. I am excited to continue pursuing these passions in residency with the ultimate goal of practicing primary care in underserved communities. In my free time, I love engaging with nature through backpacking trips, mountain biking, pond hockey, cross-country skiing, climbing, and any other activity I can enjoy with friends and family. I also enjoy cooking and baking, and love to share favorite recipes!



Joshua Cohen, MD, PhD, MPhil

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I'm originally from Atlanta, GA and am the youngest of three brothers (one of whom also lives in Boston!). After completing my undergraduate degree at MIT, I spent a year pursuing a Master's in the UK at the University of Cambridge and then enrolled in the MD-PhD program at Johns Hopkins. For my graduate work at Hopkins, I worked on developing liquid biopsies for the earlier detection, localization, and management of cancer. Long term, I hope to pursue a career as a physician-scientist combining my research interests with a clinical passion for oncology. Outside of the hospital/clinic/lab, you can find me in search of bucolic scenes on my road bike, skiing/hiking/backpacking in the mountains of New England, or attempting to play squash when it's too cold to spend time outdoors!



Can Cui, MD, PhD

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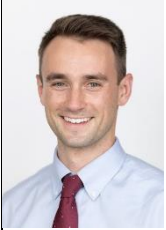
Can completed her MD/PhD at Yale and Peking University, with Joe Craft and Nik Joshi, where she studied how TFH-B cell interactions promote anti-tumor CD8 T cell responses in lung cancer. She is interested in hematology/oncology and immunology. In her free time, she enjoys hiking, rock climbing, skiing, badminton and exploring new restaurants.



Gabrielle Daso, MD

Categorical

Hello! I'm Nigerian American and originally from Alabama but have lived in California for quite a while. I love spending time learning languages, Muay Thai kickboxing, and playing video games with my foster fail Shelly! Please get boba with me.



Samuel (Sam) Eley, MD

Categorical

Hi I'm Sam! I was born and raised on the coast of Maine in a town called Blue Hill before attending Bowdoin College to study biochemistry. After college, I worked in gender violence prevention in Portland, ME and then moved to Lusaka, Zambia to work on the country's national school health program. I moved back to New England in 2019 to attend Harvard Medical School. Much of my free time is spent in the mountains: backcountry skiing, ice climbing, backpacking, or running. I also love landscape photography, novels, mechanical watches, sailing, and the Arnold Arboretum.



Joshua (Josh) Ellis, MD, MMSc

Primary Care

I am originally from Milton, Massachusetts and went to Harvard Medical School. My clinical interest is in primary care and chronic disease management, and I'm also passionate about global health research, specifically health system strengthening and non-communicable diseases in Haiti. In my free time, I enjoy running with my wife, watching any and all Boston sports and taking our labradoodle out for walks with friends and family.



Justine Enns, MD

Categorical

I was born and raised in Chandler, Arizona where I established a love for hiking and camping with family. I went to McGill University in Montreal where I played college soccer, learned to survive in a "real" winter, and met my now-husband. I went to Hopkins for medical school and have been involved in work across geriatrics, ID, and cardiology as well as community-based geriatrics work. I don't know what I want to do career-wise just yet but have interests across ID, geriatrics, critical care, and GIM/primary care! In my spare time I like to run (would love a Boston running buddy!), hike, bake, and hang out with my tuxedo kitty Sparky.



Sarah Ferreira, MD

Med-Peds

I was born and raised in Brazil. My family moved to Cape Cod, MA when I was 14. I love to cook, bake, eat, and watch the Great British Bake Off. Clinically, I am passionate about caring for patients with congenital diseases, cardiology in transitional age population and working with underserved patients.



Daniel (Dan) Fulop, MD, MSc

Categorical

I grew up in South Salem, NY and attended Harvard College where I studied molecular and cellular biology. I moved back to NY for medical school at Mount Sinai where I completed a joint MD/MScR degree and conducted research on antibiotics in pancreatic cancer. Looking forward I am interested in working to improve screening programs for pancreatic cancer and develop new technologies for its early detection. My fiancée/wife (depending on when you're reading this), Charlotte, is a pediatrics resident at BCRP and together we love getting outside whether it be hiking, bikepacking, or another spontaneous outdoor adventure. I am a huge fan of Manchester United and having grown up in a family of artists, I also really enjoy photography, ceramics, and woodworking.



Christine Ganser, MD, MSc

Categorical

Hello! My name is Christine Ganser and I just graduated from Tufts! I grew up in a suburb of Boston and have been living in the city the last couple of years and I love it. I'm a huge fan of dogs (sadly don't have one yet), boats, and being close to the ocean. In my free time, I like to bop around the city trying different cafes in search of the best cortado. I'm also a frequent flyer at some of the yoga and spin studios in the area and trying again for the 7th year in a row to like running. I am thrilled to have matched at MGH and cannot wait to start intern year - after some travel, rest, and relaxation post-graduation of course!



Sofia Gearty, MD, PhD

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I grew up in New Haven, CT. I attended college at Yale and earned my MD-PhD at Weill Cornell. My clinical and research interests are rheumatology and immunology. Outside of work, I love hanging out with my partner and our dog Alvin, reading all kinds of fiction, running outside, and knitting. I'm half-Italian and enjoy practicing my Italian whenever I can!



Joshua (Josh) Gustine, MD, MPH

Categorical

I grew up in a small town in Connecticut where I spent my childhood playing soccer and working at my family's business, a campground that was originally started by my grandfather. I then moved to Boston to attend college at Boston University, where I also attended medical school. In between college and medical school, I worked at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute doing clinical research in plasma cell dyscrasias. My favorite hobbies include watching sports (especially the Patriots and UConn basketball!), exploring hidden restaurants and bars, hitting up the beach, finding new albums for my record player, and trying to perfect my homemade pasta. I am interested in pursuing a fellowship in hematology/oncology.



Hailey Harris, MD

Categorical

I was born and raised in the Chicago suburbs, but my family now lives in Phoenix. Prior to medical school, I studied biomedical engineering at Northwestern and then took one gap year to do research at the NIH. I went to Duke for medical school and became a fan of college basketball while in Durham. In my spare time, I enjoy running (ran my first marathon in 2022!), reading, movies/TV, embroidery, and trying new restaurants. I'm excited to meet you all and explore Boston!



Allen Hodge, MD

Primary Care

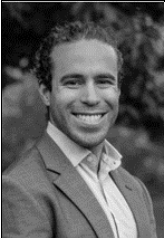
Hello, my name is Allen. I was born and raised in Portland, Oregon; but I also consider rural China to be my second home, having spent many years living there in my family's farming village. Later, my future wife and I moved to the Midwest for college and medical school. My travels have made me an explorer at heart, I enjoy meeting new people and visiting new places. Additionally, I am a big foodie and always ready to try the nearest food cart. My wife and I have two lovely guinea pigs, Yin and Yang, cleverly named as one has white fur and the other black. My professional passions lie in working together with underserved populations to address disparities in health care. I am also a firm believer that education and training can pave the way for a healthier community.



Alexander (Alex) Hoffner-Heinike, MD

Primary Care

Hello! My name is Alex and I grew in Windsor, Colorado. I went to the University of Denver for undergrad where I studied biology and was on the Swim and Dive Team. I then attended The University of Colorado for Medical School. My clinical interests include care for the underserved both locally and globally as well as public health/public policy. In my free time, I enjoy gymnastics, cooking food, eating said food, and travelling.



Bryan Holtzman, MD

Med-Peds

I grew up in Sudbury, MA and went to Middlebury College for undergrad, where I was a sprinter on the track and field team. After graduating, I coached high school girls track and field, went to graduate school at UMass Amherst for kinesiology and biophysics, and withdrew from graduate school after a year to pivot to medicine. In that time, I worked in corporate/business development at a Boston-based biotech startup dedicated to discovering pharmaceuticals for hearing loss and started clinical research at Boston Children's Hospital studying endocrine disorders in female athletes. I went to Penn for medical school and continued my research at Children's. In my free time, I can be found on my bike, playing outdoors, or in the kitchen. I make sure I have a year-round supply of Reese's eggs available.



Azfar Hossain, MD

Categorical

I proudly grew up in the small town of Anderson, South Carolina. After finishing my undergraduate studies at Duke University (ask me about the Duke lemurs!), I worked at a global health communications company in New York City before starting at Harvard Medical School the following year. One of my favorite experiences during medical school was spending 10 months in Uganda learning from MGH's partners at Mbarara University of Science and Technology. Outside of medicine, I enjoy playing tennis, (slowly) jogging along the Charles River, cooking Bangladeshi food, and getting emotionally invested in reality television shows.



Brian Huang, MD

Categorical

Hello! I moved to the US from China when I was 4, and have lived in six states, most recently Pennsylvania. I took another move for college, attending Yale-NUS College in Singapore for undergrad, where I majored in Mathematics. I then joined the Bryn Mawr post-baccalaureate program before heading to the University of Pennsylvania for medical school. I'm interested in Cardiology, as well as the general applications of genomics and machine learning within medicine. In my spare time, I enjoy playing tennis and singing, although I'm an extreme amateur at both. Super excited to join the MGH community!



Daniel (Dan) Ikeda, MD

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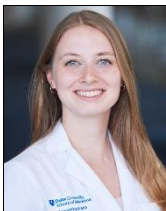
I'm originally from Minnesota and went to undergrad at Haverford College where I studied comparative literature and sociology. After college, I worked in HIV, TB, and malaria programming before moving to Boston for medical school. I spend my free time reading, traveling, watching soccer, and learning Portuguese.



Amanda Jowell, MD

Primary Care

My name is Amanda, and I grew up in Durham, NC. Then, I attended Harvard College, where I studied Molecular and Cellular Biology, and after a few gap years, I returned back to Boston to attend Harvard Medical School. I am so excited to be at MGH for residency and to meet and learn from all of my fantastic co-residents. My clinical/academic interests include disease prevention and chronic disease management, with a focus on cardiovascular and cardiometabolic diseases, women's health, integrating health equity frameworks into medical education, and working in communities experiencing homelessness. Outside of medicine, I enjoy spending time with my family and friends, hiking, biking, and hanging out with my cat, Loki.



Samantha Karle, MD

Primary Care

I grew up in Wayland, MA and went to UMass Amherst for college before attending medical school at Duke. I am interested in primary care, preventative medicine, and geriatrics. In my spare time I love playing music, running, hiking, rock climbing, and cooking up new recipes.



Katherine (Katie) Kaugars, MD, PhD, MSc

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I grew up and went to college in Virginia, eventually moving to Washington, DC to work at the NIH. Since then, I have lived in the Bronx, completing my MD/PhD at Albert Einstein College of Medicine. This last year, I went to Stockholm, Sweden for 2 months as part of an exchange program with Karolinska Institutet. I love science fiction, podcasts, the horror/thriller movie genre, and cooking (especially jams and slow cooking).



Ellen Kendall, MD

Categorical

I'm originally from Northern Kentucky/Cincinnati but moved to Cleveland, OH for undergrad at Case Western, where I returned for medical school after spending a year in DC at the NIH. I'm interested in the intersection of data science and healthcare and am passionate about medical education. If you're looking for a running/hiking buddy, or down to find the best coffee in Boston, let me know!



Jennifer Kizza-Brown, MD, MSc

Categorical

I was born and raised in sunny Gainesville, Florida (Go Gators!) and am proudly of Ugandan and Malawian heritage. I graduated from Harvard College in 2016 with a concentration in neurobiology and secondary in global health and health policy. Afterwards, I continued my studies at the University of Oxford, completing a Master of Science in Global Health Science and serving as a Fulbright U.S. Student Researcher to Uganda. At Harvard Medical School, I primarily invested my time in health equity and mentorship initiatives. My collective experiences have fortified my passions for epidemiology, health disparities, and health education. My husband, Field, studies African-American literature as a postdoc at Brown University. In my free time, I love running, dance, travel, and reading! My husband and I also enjoy exploring new restaurants and parks in the city or binging the latest HBO series.



Tristan Lim, MD

Categorical

Hi, I'm Tristan (he/him/his)! I was born and raised in Houston, Texas but like to visit family back in Thailand when I can. I went to Princeton for undergrad, majoring in chemical engineering, before going to Penn for medical school, where I explored my interests in medical oncology and precision medicine. Outside of work, I love hanging out, exploring new restaurants, staying active with amateur running, tennis, dancing, and martial arts, playing board games, and watching all sorts of TV. Looking forward to meeting everyone!



Elaine Luterstein, MD

Categorical

I was born and raised in Los Angeles, and I attended UCSD for medical school. In my spare time, I enjoy making art, drinking coffee, and spending time outside. I'm excited to explore the Boston area and finally experience winter!



Sarina Madhavan, MD, MBA

Categorical

I grew up all over including Texas, Connecticut, and Japan, but I finished high school in Houston. I studied genetics and precision medicine at Duke (go Blue Devils!) before starting medical school at Harvard, where I also got my MBA. My research interests relate to valuing and delivering genetic technologies (e.g. liquid biopsy, newborn screening). I also am passionate about med ed. In my free time I enjoy beekeeping, distance running, playing the piano, and hiking!



Margot Manning, MD

Categorical

I grew up in Massachusetts and attended college in Minnesota (Carleton College) where I majored in Chemistry. I then went back to Boston and spent a few years working in a lab before starting medical school, where I've since developed interests in medical education, palliative care, and GI! Outside of medicine, I love running along the Charles, exploring the restaurant scene in Boston, and spending time with friends and family.



Andrea Martinez, MD

Categorical

Hi, I am Andrea, I was born and raised in Caracas, Venezuela. I moved to Miami, FL at 15 yo to complete high school. I then moved to Atlanta to complete my undergraduate degree in biomedical engineering at Georgia Tech and stayed in Atlanta for Emory Medical School. I'm interested in racial disparities research, education/mentorship, and serving underserved communities. In my spare time I love running, skateboarding, dancing, painting, and watching awful reality TV shows on Netflix.



Mirai Matsuura, MD

Med-Peds

I was born in Japan and grew up in northern New Jersey. I attended college at Duke University where I majored in Psychology. After graduation, I worked for year in the Duke College Advising Corps as a college advisor for a health sciences high school in Durham. I stayed at Duke for medical school as part of the Primary Care Leadership Track, and was involved in research on peer coaching for young adults with chronic conditions. My (many) interests include primary care, med-peds endocrinology, transitions of care, and medical education. In my free time, I enjoy dancing, baking, and hanging out with my two cats and dog.



Linda Morris, MD

Categorical

I grew up in Ridgewood, NJ with my five siblings. I completed my undergrad at Boston College, where I studied biology. While in Boston, I had the opportunity to work at MGH on the Proton Radiation Research team before heading to medical school at Dartmouth. My professional interests include medical education, accessibility advocacy, and clinical oncology research. In my free time, I enjoy drawing, reading mysteries, baking chocolate chip cookies, trying new restaurants, and spending time with my friends and family (especially my nieces!).



Anthony Nguyen, MD, PhD

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I'm originally from New York City and ventured to North Carolina to complete an MD-PhD at Duke. In my spare time, I love to stay active through running and hiking at various national parks around the country.



Lauren Nguyen, MD

Categorical

My name is Lauren Nguyen and I am originally from Lynnwood, WA. I received my undergraduate degree in biochemistry and Francophone studies from Bowdoin College in Brunswick, ME before working at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute as a clinical research coordinator. I then returned to Seattle for medical school at the University of Washington and am so happy to have time back in Boston for residency. Clinically, I am passionate about serving individuals experiencing homelessness and those with substance use disorders, and also enjoy doing procedures. For fun, I like to get outside in any way (hike, camp, cross country ski, etc), lounge at home with a good book, persistently fail at pub trivia, or throw pottery!



Jessica (Jess) Nino de Rivera, MD, MPH

Categorical

I was born and raised in Houston, Texas. I went to Cornell for undergrad, where I studied Biological Sciences. Then, I moved to Bethesda, MD, for two years to complete a post-bac fellowship at the NIH focused on health disparities and alpha thal/malaria research. Afterward, I moved to NYC to attend medical school at Columbia VP&S. I am interested in health equity and community engagement in underserved and minority populations. In my free time, I enjoy traveling, working out (running and class pass sessions), trying new restaurants and coffee shops, and spending time with friends and family.



Tim Niyogusaba, MD

Categorical

Hi, I'm Tim! I was born in Burundi and raised in Rwanda, two beautiful countries in East Africa. I'm most passionate about soccer, creative writing, the role of innovation in medicine and ways to improve access to equitable cancer care.



Brian Pepe-Mooney, MD, PhD

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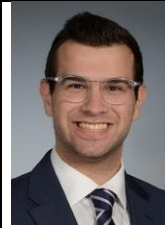
My name is Brian Pepe-Mooney and I am originally from Philadelphia, PA. I received my PhD, studying the signaling pathways that regulate liver homeostasis and injury response, and MD from Harvard Medical School. I love to play soccer, run, travel, sing, play guitar, listen to music, spend time with my family, and eat great food!



Ashvita Ramesh, MD

Categorical

Hi! My name is Ashvita, and I grew up in Saratoga, CA. I graduated from Northwestern University with a BS in Biomedical Engineering and stayed on at Feinberg for medical school. I am an aspiring physician-innovator and absolutely love thinking and working at the intersection between healthcare, technology, and quality improvement. I have also truly enjoyed exploring the realm of medical education and hope to become a better teacher and learner during residency. In my free time, I enjoy playing water polo, reading fiction novels, spending time with family and friends, and trying unique coffee flavors! I am super thrilled to be joining the MGH family.



Daniel (Dan) Restifo, MD

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I'm a lifelong New Yorker, fuhgeddaboutit! Go Jets and Yankees! I studied philosophy as an undergrad and completed a masters in ethics before medical school. I am interested in clinical research and medical education. In my spare time, I enjoy playing/watching sports, playing board games, cooking, and listening to music (mostly classic and indie rock).



Katherine (Katie) Rich, MD, MA, MPH

Primary Care

My name is Katherine Rich (Katie). I grew up in New Delhi, India and in Lakeville, Connecticut. Prior to medical school, I worked on projects addressing barriers to HIV care and with a harm reduction clinic in New Haven, CT. During medical school, I focused on research studying inequities in HIV care. Clinically, I'm passionate about expanding access to care for folks who are incarcerated and those with substance use disorders. Outside of medicine, I love hiking, historical fiction, running, and exploring new parts of a city. I'm so looking forward to meeting everyone!



Miyabi (May) Saito, MD

Categorical

Hi! I am originally from Japan but grew up in Virginia outside of DC. I attended University of Virginia for both undergrad and medical school (go hoos!). My academic interests include medical education and quality improvement. Outside of medicine I love to play piano, and going on hikes, wineries, and trying all the cool restaurants!



Christopher Schenck, MD, MSc

Categorical

I grew up in Gainesville, Florida and recently graduated from the Yale School of Medicine. I am interested in pursuing a career in cardiology. I live in Watertown, MA with my partner and our four cats. I enjoy cooking and fostering stray cats in my free time.



Margaret (Maggie) Selesky, MD

Categorical

Hi, my name is Maggie! I grew up in Birmingham, Alabama as the child of an attorney and a college history professor. I completed my undergraduate education at the University of Alabama (roll tide!) and my MD at the University of Virginia (go hoos!). My interests outside of medicine include reading - my favorite book is Other Minds by Peter Godfrey-Smith - as well as listening to NPR and baking. My favorite kinds of exercise to do are group classes like kickboxing, barre, and pilates, playing tennis, and walking my dog Shipley!



Sahar Shahamatdar, MD, PhD

Categorical

I am originally from Shiraz, Iran and Rockville, Maryland. I am an MD/PhD joining from Brown University, where I focused on statistical and computational methodologies for analysis of large scale cancer datasets. Prior to beginning my MD/PhD studies, I spent two years at D. E. Shaw Research to study foundational mechanisms of biological phenomena with the goal of improving drug discovery. In my free time, I love to garden, hike, and eat pizza.



Miriam Singer, MD

Primary Care

I was born and raised in Miami, Florida, and attended Duke University (go Blue Devils!), where I majored in Sociology. I then spent a year in NYC, where I conducted research related to adolescent reproductive health. Afterwards, I attended Harvard Medical School, where I deepened my passion for reproductive justice, women's health, and medical education. In my free time, I enjoy almost any activity that involves nature, reading fiction novels, trying new recipes, and exploring Boston's many ice cream and coffee shops with my amazing husband and friends.



Natalie Skeiky, MD, MSc

Categorical

Hello curious reader! My name is Natalie Skeiky and I was born and bred in the DC Metropolitan Area. I attended Duke University for undergrad (go Blue Devils!) and returned to pursue graduate studies in global health where I focused on healthcare innovation and health systems strengthening. Prior to completing medical school at the University of Virginia (tucked away in picturesque Charlottesville), I worked in healthcare administration. My interests within medicine are broad, but I am nourishing a burgeoning love of global health cardiology :0) Outside of medicine, I love to travel so I can explore new places and visit my family members, who are sprinkled throughout Europe, the Middle East, and West Africa!



Lauren Smith, MD

Categorical

I grew up in Metro Detroit and went to the University of Michigan for undergrad where I studied Cell and Molecular Biology. I then worked in Chicago Public Schools for a year teaching supplemental 9th grade algebra before attending medical school at Northwestern. I'm passionate about health justice and humanism in medicine. I have interests in GI/hepatology, women's health, and medical education. I have two adorable cats (Beanie and Miso) and enjoy reading, podcasts, cooking, and good coffee.



Eashwar Somasundaram, MD

Categorical

Hello! I'm originally from South Williamson, Kentucky where I grew up in the beautiful Appalachian Mountains. For undergrad, I stayed in-state to study biology and chemistry at the University of Kentucky. Medical school took me to Cleveland where I found a passion for medical education and computational research at Case Western. As a newcomer to Boston, I am excited to run along the Charles River and check out all the museums. If you need a hiking partner or baking buddy, I'm your person to call!



Nicolas Trad, MD

Categorical

I was born in Washington, D.C., and grew up in my homeland of Lebanon, the second of five kids. My family moved back to the U.S. in 2006, and I went to a French international school in Maryland for middle and high school. I went to Princeton University for undergrad, where I majored in Public Policy and minored in Global Health and Health Policy. I graduated from Harvard Medical School in 2023 and studied the impacts of high deductibles on cancer care during a dedicated research year. I'm passionate about improving the quality, ease of access and navigation, and affordability of our health care system. Outside of medicine, I enjoy reading history books, hosting friends for Mediterranean "mezze" dinners, and swimming in ponds and beaches across New England.



Michael Trinh, MD, PhD

PSP

I was born, raised, and educated in Dallas, Texas. I did my MD/PhD at UT Southwestern and worked on the LDL Receptor pathway for my thesis work with Brown and Goldstein. In my spare time, I love to watch my daughter play soccer.



Brenda Varriano, MD

Med-Peds

Hello, my name is Brenda Varriano. I had the privilege of growing up in Canada with my wonderful Canadian-Italian family. I completed my undergraduate degree and MSc at the University of Toronto, St. George, with a specialization in Neurology through the Institute of Medical Science. Recently, I completed my medical training at Central Michigan University, where I had the opportunity to train in a rural setting and experience firsthand the barriers to healthcare in such areas. I am thrilled to now be a part of the Med-Peds family at MGH. My passions include teaching and research. In terms of research, I am particularly interested in culinary medicine and obesity medicine. I truly believe that food is medicine and that what we eat can have a significant impact on our overall health and well-being. Unfortunately, not everyone has equal access to healthy food, so I am eager to volunteer in the community or explore ways to make healthy food more accessible to all. During my free time, I enjoy staying active through various workouts, such as going to the gym, running, boxing, or practicing Yoga to unwind. I also love to read and constantly expand my knowledge on various topics. Finally, I am a big fan of cooking. Having grown up with delicious homemade food, I understand the importance of good food and its role in bringing people together. As the Italians say, "we live to eat, not eat to live," so I am always eager to learn new recipes and share my culinary creations with my loved ones.



Shawna Walsh, MD

Categorical

Shawna is originally from Florida and studied Nutritional Sciences at the University of Florida. Prior to medical school at Virginia Tech Carilion, Shawna called Boston home while working at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. She is passionate about nutrition, health equity, mentorship, and medical education. Shawna loves to go on hikes with her dog, try new recipes and restaurants, and travel with her husband.



Amanda Ward, MD, PhD

Categorical

Hi! I'm originally from suburban Maryland and have spent the last 8 years hiking and tasting my way through the Blue Ridge Mountains while getting my MD/PhD at UVA. I'm interested in infectious diseases, understanding the immune response to viruses, and medical education. I also love pickling and ballroom dancing!



Darius White, MD

Med-Peds

I am from Newark, NJ and attended Rutgers University for undergrad and Rutgers New Jersey Medical School. I took two gap years where I worked as clinical research assistant at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center in the Dept of Colorectal Surgery. During my gap years, I also discovered my passion for travel and furthered my interest in healthcare for underserved populations by volunteering in clinical environments in Ethiopia and Nigeria. During medical school, I became deeply involved in work in marginalized communities in my hometown of Newark by creating educational initiatives in local high schools and correctional facilities. I also pursued a Master's in Public Health and worked in the City of Newark's local government to help them champion community based gun violence prevention initiatives. For fun I love anything to do with nature (plants, hikes, animals etc.), sports (basketball, tennis, football, cycling), or sharing good times with good people!



Yichi Zhang, MD, MBA

Categorical

Hey everyone! My name is Yichi and I am so excited to join the MGH family! I consider myself to have dual hometowns of Beijing and Washington D.C. and I spent the last several years in New Orleans (Yes, Mardi Gras!). I am thrilled to be moving to Boston, a city that I first fell in love with all the way back on high school debate trips. I am a half-decent tennis player, an avid skier (though only started 3 years ago!), and you can find me singing a good deal of Karaoke! My academic interests include cardiology-related health disparities, smart monitoring for arrhythmias, and digital medical education and podcasts. I cannot wait to meet all of you soon~



Roger Zou, MD, PhD

PSP

I was born in Shanghai, China and primarily grew up in Cleveland, Ohio. I went to college at Duke University, where I studied math and computer science, then pursued MD-PhD training at Johns Hopkins School of Medicine. I completed my PhD in biomedical engineering in the lab of Taekjip Ha, where I used CRISPR-Cas genome editing systems to study how cells detect and repair DNA damage. I am interested in cardiology but excited to explore everything there is in internal medicine. I hope to pursue research in genomics and genome editing. Outside of work, I love fishing, trying new restaurants, traveling, and taking photos of nature.