



Zoe Adams, MA, MD

Primary Care Intern

I grew up in New York City (go yanks!) and attended a performing arts high school where I studied voice. I then attended Vassar College and majored in Classics. My clinical interests are in general internal medicine and addiction medicine. I am passionate about deregulating medications for OUD like methadone and advocating for harm reduction strategies that can combat our overdose epidemic. I hope to use writing and long-form journalism to spread awareness about health injustices that affect my patients. My hobbies include running, baking lemon bars (and other easy treats), and karaoke.



Matthew (Matt) Adan, MD

Categorical Intern

My name is Matt Adan and I am a categorical intern at MGH. I was raised in Belleair Beach, FL as part of a small Cuban family and am a newcomer to Boston. I completed my undergraduate education at The College of William & Mary and medical school at Columbia University. Interests of mine within medicine include infectious diseases, clinical research, and health care for marginalized communities, especially Latinx and LGBTQIA+ populations. In my spare time you'll find me running in a park, attending or teaching a yoga class, cooking with friends, or reading at a coffee shop.



Chidiebere (Chidi) Akusobi, MD, PhD, MPhil

Categorical PSP Intern

My name is Chidi Akusobi and I was born in Nigeria and grew up in the Bronx, NY. I attended Yale University for undergrad, where I first caught the research bug. After graduating, I continued my research in microbial evolution at the University of Cambridge. Afterwards, I attended Harvard Medical School where I completed my MD-PhD degree. My thesis work focused on studying essential genes in the pathogen *Mycobacterium abscessus*. Outside of research and medicine, I enjoy consuming all things sci-fi, working out, and exploring city neighborhoods. Finally, I'm passionate about science communication and increasing the pipeline of minority students entering STEAM fields.



Tristan Alfie, MD

Categorical Intern

I was born and raised in a wonderful family in Lawrence, Kansas. I'm a Jayhawk through and through - I graduated from KU with degrees in Human Biology and Italian before attending KUMC for medical school. My first and continued love is for music and piano, from which I derive much joy and sanity. I also greatly enjoy hiking, being in nature, and reading fiction. I am thrilled to be moving to Boston with my amazing partner Courtney and am excited for the personal and professional growth to come.



Lestat Ali, MD

Categorical Intern

I am a former software engineer who still loves to code, and I spend an inordinate amount of my time on single-cell RNA sequencing data sets. I'm strongly considering a career in heme/onc, but I also get very excited about infectious disease, critical care, and cardiology. Outside of work, my favorite hobby is learning languages. I'm currently learning Portuguese, thanks to my Brazilian partner, William. I love dogs but don't have any, so I am always in search of dog-sitting opportunities, or tips for dog-friendly leases in the Boston area!



Sanjeethan (Sanjee) Baksh, MD, PhD

Categorical PSP Intern

I was born in Trinidad & Tobago but grew up in Lancaster, PA. I studied molecular biology at Penn and then enrolled in the Tri-Institutional MD-PhD program, where I received my MD from Cornell and PhD from The Rockefeller University studying stem cell biology and cellular metabolism. When I'm not at work I love riding my Peloton, ice cream, trying new restaurants, and making bad jokes about science and medicine on Twitter.



Eric (Rick) Barash, MD

Categorical Intern

I grew up in the suburbs of Philadelphia, and before medical school at Wake Forest I worked for NASA at Kennedy Space Center. My work involved sequencing bacterial DNA from plant samples collected from the ISS. This work has translated into an interest in the gut microbiome and gastroenterology. In my free time I love singing; in college I was a member of an a cappella group and had the opportunity to try out for The Voice. I also enjoy playing golf and watching the Eagles football team.



Chantal Barksdale, MD, MSc

Categorical Intern

Hello! My name is Chantal. I grew up in New Milford, Connecticut, graduated from Boston College, and then spent two years as a research assistant at BIDMC prior to attending medical school at UCLA. Struck by the health inequities that I confronted during rotations, I also took an additional year to obtain an MSc in Public Health from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. My hobbies and interests include visiting national parks (I have been to 23 and counting), hiking, and plants (especially my lemon tree affectionately known as Iced Tea). I am thrilled to be returning to Boston (as well as many of my favorite restaurants) and to be joining the MGH family!



Lauren (Lulu) Belak, MD, MPH

Categorical Intern

I grew up in the small town of New Canaan, CT, and have had a passion for swimming since childhood. I swam competitively at Amherst College where I majored in Biology, and worked as research assistant at the Weill Cornell Center for Eating Disorders prior to attending medical school at Emory. While in Atlanta, I pursued my MPH at the Rollins School of Public Health where I became captivated by social determinants of health and addressing health disparities. My outside interests include surfing, running, boxing, cycling, and raising litters of English Setter puppies with my dad!



Alexander (Alex) Beschloss, MD

Categorical Intern

I was born and raised in Washington, D.C., and attended Williams College, where I was a varsity baseball pitcher. I went to the Perelman School of Medicine at Penn, where I also attended Wharton and got an MBA in Healthcare Management, with a special interest in the intersection of health policy, health equity and innovation. Although I am delighted to be in Red Sox Nation, I am a loyal Nationals fan, and cannot wait to watch baseball at Fenway. I am also a fly-fishing and Marvel enthusiast.



Sarah Brown, MD

Primary Care Intern

I am from southern California and New Jersey, returning from the East Coast to the sun for undergraduate studies at UCLA. From UCLA I coordinated a monthly clinic in Tijuana staffed by family medicine physicians. There my passion for health equity and community medicine grew. I broke my coastal streak when moved to Tennessee for Vanderbilt University School of Medicine where I fell in love with complex primary care in medically underserved populations through my work at the student-run free clinic, Shade Tree Clinic. Outside of patient care, you can find me listening to audiobooks with my guinea pigs, searching for wildlife with my partner, or scuba diving.



Adriana Cantos, MD

Psych Preliminary Intern

Hi there! My name is Adriana and I was born in Portoviejo, Ecuador. I grew up in South Florida before attending the University of Notre Dame for my undergraduate studies, where I majored in Neuroscience and Behavior. I then attended Loyola University Chicago Stritch School of Medicine. Some of my interests include mental health advocacy, psychoneuroimmunology research, and health disparities. I am very interested in Consult-Liaison and Community Psychiatry. Outside of medicine, I enjoy playing basketball, dancing, plant propagation, and running.



Alexander (Alex) Cerjanic, MD, MS

Neuro Prelim Intern

I grew up in Las Vegas, NV (with a spell in Northern Virginia), then to the midwest for medical and graduate school, before landing in Boston. A nerd through and through, I love reading about the history of computers, trying out escape rooms with friends, and pursuing great coffee. My PhD involved development of diffusion weighted imaging techniques with MRI and I've developed an interest in clinical applications of fast neuroimaging methods.



Dan Chait, MD, MEd

Psych Preliminary Intern

Hi! My name is Dan Chait and I went to medical school at the Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania. Prior to med school, I spent 8 years working in public education in NYC - first as a physics teacher in Teach for America, then as a director of non-profit services at a tutoring company, during which time I tutored and mentored students across the city. I'm completing my residency at MGH in psychiatry and I'm passionate about mental health for both adolescents and for patients in hospice/palliative care. At home, I love practicing meditation, writing comedy with my hilarious wife, and trying to get my cat to pay attention to me. Excited to be here!



Justin Cheung, MD

Categorical Intern

I was born and raised in Commack, Long Island and received my bachelor's in chemical engineering and my medical degree both from Stony Brook University. Outside of the hospital, running, hiking, exploring new foods, and playing the violin are hobbies of mine. I've hiked in twenty national parks and completed a few half marathons with a life goal of one day scaling up to marathon level! I'm also passionate about exploring new street foods - most recently I've been interested in Uzbek food, both trying and making it myself! Looking forward to starting a new life chapter in Boston and getting to meet all of you!



Ruth Choa, MD, PhD, MS

Categorical PSP Intern

I grew up in Ellicott City, Maryland, and obtained my Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Bioengineering from Harvard. I then went on to complete an MD/PhD at UPenn, where I studied how the immune system regulates obesity for my doctoral thesis. Clinically, I'm interested in Heme/Onc, and hope to pursue a physician-scientist career in academia. I enjoy playing classical piano and violin, and being in the outdoors, hiking, kayaking, and running.



Andrew Chun, MD

Psych Preliminary Intern

I grew up in Rochester, NY and majored in anthropology at Yale. Afterward, I taught high school math in NYC, where I became interested in student mental health and school-based health services. I then went to Harvard Medical School and completed a joint degree at the Harvard TH Chan School of Public Health. I'm excited to join the MGH/McLean psychiatry residency to continue pursuing my interests in child psychiatry and community psychiatry. In my free time, I love crosswords, reflective writing, and basketball.



Alexandra (Alex) Clay, MD

Psych Preliminary Intern

Hello! I'm originally from just outside Columbus, OH where I grew up with my two older brothers. For undergrad, I attended Stanford where I was also on the diving team. I took two gap years in Boston; one year I spent as a clinical assistant at a dermatology practice and the other year was spent completing infectious disease research and scribing in a wound clinic. For medical school, I attended Case Western in Cleveland, OH where I confirmed that psychiatry was the field for me. I am particularly interested in psychotherapy and addiction. I enjoy being outside as much as possible, usually by way of running, hiking, and skiing. I also love playing board games with friends, and I look forward to trying as many different Boston pizza places as possible.



Shannon Cleary, MD

Med-Peds Intern

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!



Jennifer (Jen) Cloutier, MD, PhD

Categorical PSP Intern

I was born in Toronto and grew up in Ottawa, Canada. I moved to Boston after high school to attend Harvard college where I studied stem cell biology and development. During this time, I worked in the laboratory of Konrad Hochedlinger at MGH investigating cellular reprogramming and stem cell pluripotency factors. I then joined the Harvard-MIT MD-PhD program and did my PhD in the laboratory of Peter Reddien where I studied whole-body regeneration in planarian flatworms. My clinical interests include GI, rheumatology, and non-healing wounds. As a wheelchair user, I am also passionate about thinking about innovation in adaptive technologies that can help patients in and out of the hospital. Outside of medicine - I love cooking, going to the library, and spending time outside with my partner (Stephen) and puppy (Hammy)!



Lucas Cofer, MD, MS

Categorical Intern

I was born in New York City and grew up in Connecticut. I attended Harvard for undergrad, then NYU for medical school as well as a Masters in Clinical Investigation for which my research focused on platelet activity and cardiovascular risk. In my spare time, I enjoy playing soccer (Chelsea supporter, looking for some pickup in Boston), backpacking, reading, and doing the NYT crossword.



Olivia Cohen, MD, MSPH

Preliminary Intern

I am originally from Long Island, NY and pursued a career in global vaccine science & policy prior to medical school. I love trying new restaurants, recipes and wine, any exercise class with a dark room and loud music, and became an expert tie-dyer in the 2020 quarantine. I spend most of my free time with my fiancé, friends, and large crazy NY family! I hope to be a dermatologist focusing on global populations and increasing access to complex dermatologic care in the future.



Jade Connor, MD, MSc

Primary Care Intern

I'm from Dallas, Texas and went to Baylor University for undergrad. Before coming to medical school at Harvard, I did a master's in European Public Health in the Netherlands. My clinical/academic interests include primary care, geriatrics, community health, and the integration of health equity themes into medical education. I have a passion for mentorship, especially for people from marginalized backgrounds. Outside of medicine, I enjoy running, reading, and listening to podcasts.



Danielle (Dani) Crabtree, MD

Categorical Intern

I'm originally from the West Coast and was a history major in undergrad at Reed College. I had a career in book publishing prior to attending medical school, and one of my favorite things to do still is give book recommendations. I also enjoy fishing, crabbing, playing tennis, puzzles, and board games. I am passionate about addressing healthcare disparities and hope to explore this in residency and beyond.



Shraddha Damaraju, MD, MPH

Primary Care Intern

I grew up in Delaware, and spent my college and medical school years at Drexel University in Philadelphia. Through my experiences there, I developed a passion for health equity, health education, public health and social justice which I hope to center in my medical practice. In particular, I hope to practice medicine and public health in a way that always empowers communities made vulnerable by oppression. Outside of work, I love reading fantasy books, singing, baking, and spending time with my loved ones!



Kimberly (Kim) DeBruer, MD

Categorical Intern

I am a native Texan who started my education in the Dallas County Community Colleges before transferring to Rice to complete my bachelors in Biochemistry. I attended Stanford for medical school. My clinical and research interests include critical care medicine, equity in end of life care, and practical improvements in medical education. Outside of medicine I am an avid cook, an improving runner, and a very enthusiastic gardener.



Quinten Dicken, MD

Categorical Intern

I was born and raised in a small city in southeast Washington State called Richland. For undergraduate, I attended Washington University in St. Louis, and after graduating, I served for Americorps in Washington DC. (I have been to many Washingtons over the years.) Unfortunately my Washington-streak ended when I started medical school at Boston University where I have been until starting residency. In my free time I enjoy playing tennis and basketball, playing video games, and reading about astronomy.



Hanna Erickson, MD, PhD, MS

Categorical PSP Intern

Hi! My name is Hanna Erickson. I was born and raised in Minnesota and completed my undergraduate training in chemistry at the University of Minnesota where I also became a big fan of the Gophers football and hockey teams (mostly thanks to my involvement as a clarinet player in the University of Minnesota Marching Band!) I then completed my MD/PhD training at the University of Illinois College of Medicine's Urbana campus where I also grew to love the Illini (though not as much as the Gophers!) I did my PhD training with Dr. Sayeepriyadarshini Anakk where I studied regulation of metabolism and tumor growth in the liver. I have two cats named Lady and Smeagol and am a huge Lord of the Rings nerd, if you couldn't tell from the fact that I named a cat Smeagol.



Unyime-Abasi (Unyime) Eyobio MD, MS

Categorical Intern

Hello, my name is Unyime-Abasi Eyobio. I am very passionate about serving underserved populations, teaching, mentorship, and influencing positive change through Health Policy. Outside of Medicine, I enjoy serving in my church, exploring new Netflix shows, amateur nature photography, and cooking Nigerian dishes



Christian Faaborg-Anderson, MD

Categorical Intern

I was born in Copenhagen, Denmark, where I lived for five years as a child. Growing up, I also lived in Pretoria, Brussels, and New York City with my family, before attending college at Georgetown University where I majored in neurobiology. I loved Washington, D.C. so much that I decided to stay in the area for two more years, working as a research fellow at the NIH in Bethesda. Next, I traded in my pipetter for a stethoscope and headed south to Emory for medical school where I ultimately fell in love with Internal Medicine. In my free time, I enjoy relaxing with friends, playing sports of any kind, watching Jeopardy!, and fly fishing on nearby rivers. I'm also an avid traveler and hope to incorporate many international experiences into my practice as a physician in the future. Last, I'm a big New York sports fan, and I can't wait to watch my beloved NY Yankees give the Red Sox a run for their money at Fenway over the next three years.



Cassandra (Cassy) Fiorino, MD

Categorical Intern

I grew up outside of Philadelphia with two younger brothers and many cousins. I lived in Pennsylvania until I moved to North Carolina for medical school. My hobbies include cooking, baking, traveling and skiing. I also am a bookworm and love to read in my free time.



Elaine Fletcher, MD

Categorical Intern

My name is Elaine! I'm a first-generation Ghanaian-American who was raised in Shrewsbury, MA. I love MedEd, and working with students from URM backgrounds. Long term, I'm very interested in a career as a pulmonary critical care physician. Outside the hospital, I love to hike, bike, and ski!



Christopher (Chris) Galvin, MD MS

Neuro Prelim Intern

I was born in New Jersey before moving to St. Louis, MO. I spent four years out on the West Coast at Reed College for Undergrad where I studied Biology before pursuing a Master's in Biology from NYU. After, I moved close to my family in Boca Raton, Florida, where I attended medical school at Florida Atlantic University. Throughout medical school, I developed a deep passion for diversity, equity, and inclusion as well as health disparities research. I hope to pursue these passions further as I pursue a career in Neurology. Outside of work, I enjoy cooking, walking my dog, taking care of my orchid/plant collection, and exploring nature!



Lucy Gao, MD

Categorical Intern

I grew up in Mississauga, Canada and came to the US for college at the University of Pennsylvania, where I majored in chemistry. While there, I was drawn to medicine through my research exploring musicality and child development. Then in medical school, I became interested in inpatient quality of life and the psychosocial factors impacting patient care. I hope to continue this work with a focus on end-of-life care and hematology/oncology patients. I'm excited to join the MGH family and learn from my colleagues and mentors! Outside of work, I enjoy board games, escape rooms, food, reading historical fiction and piano.



Olivia Gardner, MD

Neuro Prelim Intern

I am originally from San Diego, California, and I recently completed an MD/PhD at the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine. I am interested in the application of genetic and multi-omic approaches to the study of Alzheimer Disease. Outside of work, I enjoy cooking, reading, and scuba diving.



Alyssa Greenhouse, MD

Categorical Intern

I'm from Columbia, SC and grew up with two physicians for parents (mom-pediatrics, dad-geriatrics). My sister took the path less traveled and is a public defender in Montgomery, AL. I attended Duke University for undergrad and took an extra year in medical school to receive an MPH in Epidemiology. I am passionate about advocacy and the intersection of public health and medicine, especially the social determinants of health. I am excited by hospital medicine and look forward to increased exposure to sub-specialty fields. I adopted a pandemic pup named Nelson, so my hobbies primarily include walking and taking him to dog parks, indoor gardening, and reading.



Catherine (Cathy) Gutierrez, MD PhD

Categorical PSP Intern

I'm originally from Queens, NY and of Colombian descent - which means I have some great Colombian restaurant recommendations for my fellow foodies! I did my MD/PhD at Harvard in Cathy Wu's lab studying tumor heterogeneity and cancer evolution, and am interested in Heme/Onc. My hobbies include baking, rowing, and backpacking in the White Mountains with my puppy, Duke!



Rafi Haque, MD, PhD

Neuro Prelim Intern

After spending my first couple decades in Alabama, I graduated from University of Pennsylvania and then finished my MD/PhD at Emory University. Outside of work, I enjoy fantasy football, playing poker, national parks, open mic nights, and playing almost all sports.



Daniel Harris, MD

Psych Preliminary Intern

My name is Daniel Harris, and I am born and raised in the metro Detroit area. After attending the University of Michigan for undergrad, I went to Wayne State in Detroit for medical school. I am in the psychiatry program and excited to develop a strong medicine knowledge this year, especially given my interests in consult/liaison and public and community psychiatry. In my free time, I love watching and following college football, college basketball, baseball, biking, landscaping, playing tennis, and spending as much time as I can outside.



Shahzeb Hassan, MD

Preliminary Intern

I grew up in six different countries. I went to University of Maryland, Baltimore County for my undergraduate studies. After that, I spent two years at the NIH doing research and studying Gaucher disease. For medical school, I went to Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine. In regards to my hobbies, I like playing soccer and basketball.



Michael Hendrickson, MD

Categorical Intern

My name is Michael Hendrickson. I grew up outside of Ann Arbor, Michigan and attended the University of Michigan for undergraduate, where I studied psychology and played baseball. After a cup of coffee in the minor leagues, I attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill for medical school. My career interests include cardiology, epidemiology research, and healthcare innovation/administration. Outside of the hospital, I love any outdoor activity (especially sports and skiing), cooking, and most importantly, lounging with my very low-motor dog, Charlie.



Bryan Holtzman, MD

Med-Peds Intern

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.



David Iskhakov, MD

Categorical Intern

I was born and raised in Brooklyn, New York and lived there until moving to Boston for medical school. Growing up I played soccer, basketball, and tennis and still enjoy watching/playing sports. Also, I love traveling. My favorite city that I've visited so far is Barcelona! Clinically, I am interested in Cardiology and Quality Improvement.



Haya Jamali, MD, PhD

Categorical Intern

Hi, I'm Haya! I am originally from Washington State, where I went to school at Whitman College. Subsequently, I earned a PhD in chemical biology from Yale prior to medical school, studying small molecule inhibitors of disease-modulating enzymes. I returned to the University of Washington for medical school, where I developed interests in cardiopulmonary physiology and teaching medical students. I hope to eventually become a pulmonary/critical care doctor and clinician educator. When I'm not excitedly discussing the alveolar gas equation, I like to hike in the mountains (recently acquired game-changing trekking poles), bake (specializing in scones) and trying new falafel spots (in an homage to my heritage). I'm excited to continue exploring the East Coast and Boston!



Katherine (Katie) Jolin, MD

Preliminary Intern

I grew up in a small town in Connecticut with an avid Red Sox fan for a dad. Many days were spent driving into Boston for Sox games so I couldn't be happier to be going back to a place of so many happy memories! I love my dog, taking him for long walks, exploring new cities, and painting in my spare time.



Kevin Kleffman, MD

Categorical PSP Intern

I grew up in the SF bay area and attended UC Berkeley for undergrad. I completed my MD-PhD at NYU where I studied a connection between brain metastasis and neurodegeneration in the lab of Eva Hernando. I am interested in heme/onc fellowship and continuing to study the intersection between cancer and neuroscience. I have two amazing kitties named Snickers and Vanilla! My hobbies include playing tennis, hiking, strategy boardgames, piano, snowboarding, baking, cooking, and scuba diving.



Kameron Kooshesh, MD

Categorical Intern

I am a Sonoma Valley, Northern California native that has lived in Boston for 10 years through undergrad, post grad research, and medical school. I am a survivor of childhood ALL, an experience that spurred a passion for hematology/oncology and basic science research. I love kayaking, sailing, and wine tasting!



Manik Kuchroo, MD

Categorical PSP Intern

I was born and brought up in Boston, Massachusetts and am of Indian/Kashmiri descent. I went to school at Buckingham, Browne and Nichols in Cambridge before attending Harvard College where I studied Neurobiology. I completed my MD/PhD at Yale School of Medicine during which I developed machine learning tools to analyze high dimensional and complex biological datasets. I am interested in genetics/genomics, machine learning and oncology. I love playing cricket, chess and ping pong in my free time!



Daniel Leonard, MD, PhD

Categorical PSP Intern

I grew up just outside of NYC, went to undergrad in upstate NY, spent a couple of years at NIH exploring basic science and then attended medical school in Cleveland, OH. Along my journey I've found that I simply love sharing new experiences with new people and diverse perspectives. I've spent time as a Firefighter, a Rescue Diver and even as a trainer/bite-aid for police K9 programs. What would a day outside of training look like for me? During the day I would love to explore the outdoors with my wife, our son, and our two German Shepherds. In the afternoon I might tend to the growing number of plants that I've acquired, while making a mess in the kitchen as I try to conquer some new dish that was most likely beyond my skill set. To round out the night you might catch me on the dance floor of a salsa club or dance party, again possibly short on skill but never on passion.



Thuy-Lan Lite, MD, PhD

Categorical PSP Intern

I'm from St. Louis, MO and went to Princeton for college. I came to Harvard and MIT for my MD/PhD, where I did research on bacterial proteins implicated in chronic infection. I enjoy spending time with my husband Gabe (a neurosurgery resident at MGH) and our son Levi, and my hobbies include film photography, indoor gardening, and biking around Boston with my dog in a basket.



Jennifer Liu, MD, PhD

Preliminary Intern

I'm so excited to be joining the internal medicine program at MGH as a preliminary medicine resident. I trained in the MD/PhD program at UCSF but grew up on the East Coast, and I'm thrilled to be back for intern year. I am interested in translational research and quality improvement, and I will be completing my advanced training in Dermatology. Outside of the hospital, I am an avid skier and look forward to a snowy winter!



Karine Liu, MD

Categorical Intern

I was born and raised in New Jersey, before moving to Rhode Island to attend Brown University. I graduated with a B.S. in Neuroscience and came to Boston for Harvard Medical School. During medical school, I realized a passion for gastroenterology and general hospital medicine. I have also become interested in mentoring and medical education. My hobbies include reading, cooking, and listening to podcasts (often about reading and cooking).



William (Will) Lu-Culligan, MD

Categorical PSP Intern

I grew up in Newtown, CT and attended the University of Notre Dame, where I majored in chemistry. After working at the NIH for two years, I headed to Yale for my MD/PhD where I studied novel chromatin modifications that regulate gene expression. Clinically, I'm interested in cardiology and I hope to eventually study epigenetic regulation in cardiovascular disease. In my free time I like sports and games of all sorts, as well as hiking with my excited dog and resigned cat.



Mirai Matsuura, MD

Med-Peds Intern

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, cooking, baking, and hanging out with my two cats and dog.



Frederick (Freddie) Morgan, MD, MS, PhD

Preliminary Intern

My hometown is Grand Rapids, MI. I completed my undergraduate degree at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and my medical degree at the Cleveland Clinic Lerner College of Medicine. In my free time, I enjoy golfing and walking with my corgi.



Fadeke Muraina, MD

Psych Preliminary Intern

My name is Fadeke (pronounced fa-DAY-KEH) Muraina. I grew up in the best small city in the country, Macon, GA. I went to Yale University for undergrad where I studied Sociology and first became interested in how mental health conditions affect historically marginalized groups. During my gap year, I worked as a Research Program Coordinator at the Poverty and Inequality Research Lab at Johns Hopkins University on a longitudinal qualitative study of Baltimore residents' experiences of neighborhood change, and as a volunteer with the Baltimore Harm Reduction Coalition. I then went on to Case Western for medical school where I participated in the Urban Health Pathway, SNMA/LMSA, and received a grant to study the recovery experiences of victims of crime. In my spare time, I love to listen to podcasts, care for and search for new houseplants, and unashamedly watch reality television.



Victoria Nadile, MD

Primary Care Intern

Hi! My name is Victoria, and I hail from Tarrytown, NY, home to the legend of Sleepy Hollow (my high school mascot was the headless horseman!). I went to college upstate at Cornell University, where I developed a passion for sustainability and healthcare after spending a semester on Hawai'i Island. After graduating from Cornell, I worked at the New York Power Authority for two years, first as a business analyst and subsequently as a compliance analyst. I then transitioned to work as a full-time assistant genetic counselor for Regional Medical Genetics Center before beginning medical school as part of NYU Long Island School of Medicine's inaugural class. At medical school, I was active on several educational committees to improve the school's curriculum. I also was a founding member of an internal medicine specialty interest group as well as our school's mentorship program for local high school and college students. In my spare time, I love being outside and active. I try to get outside as often as possible, and have the goal to visit all of the U.S. national parks (9 down, 54 more to go). From hiking to the top of Mt. Kilimanjaro to scuba diving as a PADI certified diver along the shores of the Hawaiian islands, I've always enjoyed being in nature. I also like to run, having completed four half marathons. Strength training, yoga, and cooking plant-based recipes are also some of my interests.



Ben Ouyang, MD, PhD

Categorical PSP Intern

I was born in Tianjin, China, and emigrated to the US for a few years, then settled in Toronto when I was 6. I attended undergrad at the University of Toronto's Engineering Science program, and discovered my love for research and the MD/PhD pathway at a yearlong research internship at Jeff Karp's lab. I joined the University of Toronto's MD/PhD program, and continued my research journey in Warren Chan's lab, where I worked with nanoparticles for cancer drug delivery. I'm excited to continue learning about the mysteries of the human body and developing technologies to push the boundaries of human health. Outside of research and medicine, I like jogging, playing volleyball and badminton, taking portrait and landscape photos, and watching F1.



Yushan (Sophie) Pan

Categorical Intern

Hey there, my name is Sophie! I was born in Shanghai but grew up in Queens, the best NYC borough. I love learning about and trying different cuisines. My heart is where my stomach is.



Margo Peyton, MD

Neuro Prelim Intern

I grew up in Milwaukee, Wisconsin and studied English at the University of Pennsylvania. After college, I worked in film and television story development for DreamWorks Animation in Los Angeles. I completed a post-bacc pre-med program and matriculated at Johns Hopkins for medical school. In addition to Neurology, I am interested in the history of medicine, creative non-fiction writing, and disability studies. Outside of the hospital, I enjoy walking my senior pup, Archie, with my partner, Michael



Alexis Phillips, MD

Categorical Intern

Hello! I am a proud native of Brooklyn, NY. I spent the past several years in the beautiful city of Philadelphia, where I received my BA in Biology and MD from the University of Pennsylvania. During medical school, I dedicated a year to advancing high-impact research and community engagement projects to serve Castleman disease patients and loved ones. In residency, I am excited to become a strong internist and build lasting relationships while exploring my interests in hematology/oncology, collaborative research, community outreach, and health equity. Outside of the hospital, I am a crocheter, an urban hiker, and a period drama and soca music enthusiast.



Fred (Will) Pohlman, MD, MPH

Categorical Intern

I grew up on a Black Angus cattle farm in NW AR. Farming, food, cooking, and nutrition still hold a special place in my heart. I enjoy staying active with my partner, Alex, and our Goldendoodle, Oliver, and can't wait to explore Boston. I'm working on my green thumb, and have managed to keep an orchid and succulent alive. I love musical theater and the symphony.



Priyanka Pullarkat, MD

Categorical Intern

I was raised in Los Angeles and went to college at UCLA, where I majored in Biology and Biomedical Research. There, I spent much of my time singing for patients in hospitals throughout LA with my a cappella group, which inspired me to pursue a career in medicine. After college, I ventured to the Midwest to attend Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis. I had a fantastic medical school experience thanks to the support and guidance of my faculty mentors, professors, and classmates. I decided to pursue Internal Medicine and am so thrilled to be starting as an intern at MGH! In my spare time, I enjoy singing, trying new restaurants, and baking.



Christopher Radcliffe, MD

Categorical Intern

Hello! My name is Chris Radcliffe. Originally from West Virginia, I completed my undergraduate degree at West Virginia University before earning my M.D. at Yale School of Medicine. My academic interests include transplant infectious disease and global medicine. I spend my free time reading, watching films, and learning Mandarin.



Azucena (Susy) Ramos-Morales, MD, PhD

Categorical PSP Intern

My name is Azucena (Susy) Ramos and I grew up in San Diego, CA and on a small farm in the rural pueblo of El Organo, San Luis Potosi, MX. I attended Smith College in Western Massachusetts and then worked as a technician in Fernando Camargo's lab at Children's Hospital Boston before moving on to the MD/PhD program and Harvard and MIT. During my PhD, I used functional genomics approaches (namely, pooled genome-wide in vivo screening in mice) to examine how resistance to frontline and immunotherapies arises in acute leukemias. My ultimate goal is to become a physician-scientist who both sees patients and runs her own basic science research program centered around understanding how the tumor microenvironment affects therapy response. Clinically, I am interested in hematology/oncology, gastroenterology, or pulmonary critical care, but I am excited for the opportunity to explore all fields of medicine during residency. Lastly, I am deeply committed to improving health equity and increasing diversity in medicine. When I am not working, I enjoy spending time with my son, my husband and my dog, playing indie tabletop board games, and creating specialty/wedding cakes.



Esdras (Ezra) Rodriguez, MD

Primary Care Intern

Hello! I'm Ezra or Esdras (Ez-druh-s), whichever you prefer. I'm a first-generation Hispanic American & the first in my family to have the opportunity to pursue higher education. I love medicine for all its beauty & for how much of a difference it has made in my life regarding various socioeconomic aspects in addition to what I have been able to do for my patient's own SES issues through it. Given the above, I hope to be able to pursue a career in primary care, social justice/immigration reform, and/or medical education as I love to teach & mentoring has been a big factor in my success. Lastly, I'm a big foodie who loves to explore new dishes, enjoy a good comedy show (or put on one during the day to pass the time), and to spend time with my friends, family, and loved ones including my doggo & wife.



Adriana Saavedra-Simmons, MD

Categorical Intern

I am a first-generation college graduate and a proud daughter of Mexican immigrants. I grew up in the Rio Grande Valley along the Texas-Mexico border. I am a graduate of Brown University and UTRGV SOM. I am interested in hematology/oncology, health disparities, and pipeline mentoring. I love watching French shows, going on walks, hiking, and spending time with my family.



Alexander (Alex) Sakers, MD

Categorical PSP Intern

I am originally from the Philadelphia area and attended Tufts for college where I majored in biochemistry. I completed my MD/PhD at the University of Pennsylvania with Patrick Seale, studying adipocyte progenitor cells and the development of white and brown fat tissue. Looking forward, I am interested in Cardiology and in research exploring the mechanisms which drive the development of cardiometabolic diseases. In my free time, I enjoy reading, podcasts, board games, biking, traveling, and trying new restaurants.



Melissa (Mel) Sarver, MD

Preliminary Intern

Hi! My name is Mel Sarver and I am originally from Los Angeles, California. I attended UCLA for undergrad and Duke for medical school. I enjoy training for triathlons, taking walks, cooking, and trying new coffee shops with my partner.



Christina Shincovich, MD

Categorical Intern

I am from Alexandria, Virginia. I attended Swarthmore College where I received a degree in Neuroscience. Following college, I worked at Children's National Medical Center as a clinical research coordinator on a device to objectively measure pain, work which I continued through medical school. I attended George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences for medical school. Outside the hospital, I enjoy volleyball, running, reading, and trying new restaurants. Clinical interests are broad and include pulmonary/critical care, hematology/oncology, and patient safety.



Daniel Shonibare, MD, MSc

Categorical Intern

I am Nigerian, but I was born in London, England and moved to Toronto, Canada at the age of 6. I went to the University of Toronto where I received a BSc and MSc in Pharmacology. Some hobbies of mine are playing piano and basketball. I also love anime, travelling and food!



Yomaira Silva, MD

Categorical Intern

Hello, I'm Yomaira! I'm coming from the University of Illinois at Chicago. I have lived in Chicago and its suburbs my whole life but I'm very excited to get to know Boston! (Can I find Italian beef and deep dish pizza anywhere here??) During undergrad, I studied Sociology and French at Northwestern University. I come from a Mexican-Ecuadorian immigrant family and I am a native Spanish-speaker. In my spare time, I enjoy taking care of my plants, watching rom-coms, and dancing salsa.



Shambhavi (Sham) Singh, MD, PhD

Categorical Intern

Hello MGH family! I grew up in New Delhi, India and am coming back to Boston after an 8 year stint in Charlottesville, VA where I completed my MD/PhD at UVA. I'm so excited to train at MGH and learn how best to care for patients as an internist. I'm passionate about mentorship and inclusivity in medicine and science, and want to research the best ways to close healthcare disparity gaps in oncological care. Other things that bring me joy include my dog, discovering new restaurants and new recipes, live music, and trying to create ceramic art. I'm so excited to get to know all of you! Please know that I am always happy to pause and lend an ear :)



Thomas (Tom) Sommers

Categorical Intern

My name is Tom Sommers and I'm originally from Wayland, MA and went to high school in Belmont, MA, just outside of Boston. I attended Amherst College for undergrad, but after countless Super Bowl championships and World Series titles, I decided it was finally time to leave Massachusetts. I spent four great years in Philly at Penn for medical school and am excited to rejoin my fellow New England sports fans for residency. In my free time, I like to go for runs, watch football, play Spikeball or Catan, and explore the beaches of Cape Cod.



Jiunn Song, MD, PhD

Categorical PSP Intern

I grew up in South Korea and Irvine, California. I majored in biology and chemistry at Cornell University and completed MD-PhD at Harvard Medical School where I performed cell biology research. I enjoy hiking, running, singing, and trying out new restaurants.



Yuliang (Leon) Sun, MD, PhD

Preliminary Intern

I moved to the US at the age of 12 but am originally from China and previously lived in Japan for 6 years growing up. Following the east-ward trend, I went to University of Wisconsin-Madison for college (go Badgers!) and completed my MD-PhD training at Boston University. For my PhD, I developed a disease model for a pediatric lung disease using type II pneumocytes derived from patient-specific pluripotent stem cells. My wife and I have really enjoyed living in and exploring New England during the last 8 years and am thrilled to continue my clinical training at MGH. During my free time, I enjoy cooking Japanese and Chinese cuisines, hiking, cycling, and traveling. I am also an avid formula 1 fan.



Natalia Sutherland

Categorical Intern

Hi! I grew up in southwestern Virginia. My mom is from Puerto Rico and my dad grew up in Galax, Virginia. I love spending time with my family and my cat (she's very cute), reading, and hiking.



Samir Touhamy, MD,MS

Categorical Intern

Hello there! My name is Samir Touhamy II, and I was born and raised in Long Island, New York. I completed my undergraduate studies at Cornell University and subsequently obtained a Master's in Human Nutrition from Columbia University. Shortly thereafter, I returned to Weill Cornell for medical school. My academic interests include metabolic disease, clinical research, and community outreach. Outside of medicine, I enjoy reading, cooking, and biking. Ask me about cars or your latest diet and exercise routine. I'm very excited to meet you all!



Leanna Travis, MD

Primary Care Intern

Leanna grew up in New Hampshire where she developed a passion for all things outdoors, fresh maple syrup and square dancing. She left small-town life to study neuroscience and gender studies at the University of Pittsburgh in Pennsylvania. After college, Leanna moved back to New Hampshire where she trained and worked as a licensed nursing assistant in an assisted living and intensive care unit. In medical school at Brown University, Leanna developed her interests in primary care, geriatrics and working with the population experiencing homelessness. In her free time, Leanna enjoys playing with her baby nephew, running and knitting.



Jonathan Turner, MD

Categorical PSP Intern

I am originally from WV and attended WVU for my undergraduate education, studying chemistry. I then completed my MD PhD training at the Medical University of South Carolina, where my dissertation research focused on mechanisms of cephalosporin resistance in *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* - in line with this work, my clinical and research interests are in antimicrobial resistance and drug discovery. Aside from the biomedical sciences, my favorite things are my Australian Shepherd (Benzene), coffee, fun cocktails, Star Wars, and just generally being silly.



Lianet (Lia) Vazquez, MD, MA

Categorical Intern

I was born and raised in Cuba and immigrated to the US when I was 15. I majored in Biology and Political Science and spent time in the Middle East prior to starting medical school working on issues of nuclear security and conflict resolution. I love riding horses, dancing, and writing, and I am thrilled to begin training in internal medicine. Within medicine, I enjoy cardiology, rheumatology, and nephrology. I am hoping to merge my interests in medicine and conflict resolution in my approach to health in conflict settings.



Tiana Walker, MD

Categorical Intern

Hi! I'm Tiana and I'm from the DC-Maryland-Virginia (DMV) area, and I will be the first in my family to become a physician! I have many interests within Internal Medicine, including GI (specifically, IBD) in addition to working with marginalized patients, patients with substance use and incarcerated patients. I love to play and watch basketball (looking forward to catching some Celtics games!), try out new dessert recipes and thrift for fun knick-knacks to put on my bar cart.



Anson Wang, MD

Neuro Prelim Intern

I grew up on Long Island, NY (but lost the accent) and studied biochemistry at Yale University. I then stayed for a gap year working with acute stroke patients before attending medical school in NYC at Weill Cornell. My interests include all things brain, medical education, and LGBTQ health. Outside of medicine I'm excited to add another New England city to my list and explore all the great eats Boston has to offer. I also love music and attending shows/concerts, tennis, cycling, and photography.



Darius White, MD

Med-Peds Intern

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!



Ziyang Xu, MD, PhD

Preliminary Intern

I'm an immigrant, scientist and husband. I spent my childhood in Xiamen, a coastal city of China, before I moved to Singapore, another island city, for high school. I arrived in the US in 2011, completing my undergrad study at Northwestern University, followed by MD/PhD training at University of Pennsylvania, where I studied design and formulation of next-generation DNA vaccines. I'm excited about starting my intern year at MGH, and will be going to NYU for dermatology training after. In my spare time, I enjoy karaoke, hiking with my husband, and playing poker with friends.



Allison Zhong, MD

Neuro Prelim Intern

Hi! My name is Allison, and I'm one of the neuro prelims. I was born and raised in the Los Angeles area. I attended UC Berkeley for undergraduate where I studied Chemical Biology and Linguistics. Afterwards, I spent a couple years doing aphasia research before moving out east to New York Medical College for medical school. Within medicine, I'm interested in medical education and mental health/wellness. Outside of medicine, I'm a dancer, photographer, and the mom friend. I'm also a bit of a serial hobbyist and love trying out new activities and learning new skills!