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Faculty Recognition Reception



Dear Colleagues:

Faculty excellence is the foundation of Rush University and the Rush University System for Health. I extend my congratulations to all the Faculty Excellence Award winners and nominees, and to those of you who have achieved promotions and appointments this year. Your contributions to education, discovery, innovation, patient care and the community, as well as your limitless resilience, are recognized and applauded.

Resilience has taken on new meaning in this era of COVID-19, and you exemplify a steady influence and the willingness to go the extra mile for our students and patients. You are the role models — collectively writing the blueprint, navigating the impact, continuing the research, and paving the way to improve health and health care at Rush and beyond.

As we continue to take on this immense responsibility, please take a moment to reflect on your academic and research accomplishments, leadership promotions and appointments, and your day-to-day interactions with students and one other. Your efforts create the culture, and the change — locally, nationally and globally. It is an honor to recognize and celebrate your contributions.

All the best,

Susan L. Freeman, MD MS

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Provost and Senior Vice President

Robert C. and Naomi T. Borwell Presidential Professor, Rush University



Dear Faculty:

Together, we are climbing out of the depths of the COVID-19 pandemic and are moving onward stronger both at home with our families and at Rush as an institution. Faculty at Rush University continue to achieve excellence in online and hybrid education while remaining engaged as clinicians and researchers and addressing the challenges that COVID-19 has brought — all in a remarkably strong manner.

You continue to use best practices in research and seek avenues to offset future pandemics, and you do this while still addressing the current challenges our communities are facing. The manner in which you have forged ahead is nothing short of remarkable, and I am honored to celebrate all of these achievements.

I'm proud to share that, despite the commotion of our current time, many of you still took the time to recognize the incredible work performed by your colleagues. This year, we have six Excellence Award winners in addition to all of the academic appointments, promotions and achievements, as well as grants awarded and leadership positions earned.

The service Rush faculty provide to the institutional, local, regional, national and global communities is impactful and impressive. It is an honor for my office, the Office of Faculty Affairs, to support your professional, career and leadership development.

We have entered a new era, with faculty who are better equipped to face anything they may come across. It heartens me to know our communities are in a safer place due to your clinical best practices, your research endeavors and your work molding future health care leaders. I look to the future with awe and anticipation of all the great accomplishments you will be able to achieve in the future.

Susan Chubinskaya, PhD
Vice Provost, Faculty Affairs, Rush University

Faculty Excellence Award Nominees

Excellence in Clinical Service

James J. Connors, MD, MS
J. Brady Scott, PhD, MSc, RRT-ACCS, AE-C, FAARC, FCCP
Paola Susan, MD

Excellence in Community Service

Neelum Aggarwal, MD
Jennifer Rousseau, DNP, WHNP-BC, CNE

Excellence in Education

Beth Nachtsheim Bolick, DNP, APRN, PPCNP-BC, CPNP-AC, FAAN
Jori Fleisher, MD
Rebecca Ozelie, DHS, OTR/L
Aimee Szewka, MD

Excellence in Mentoring

Wrenetha Julion, PhD, MPH, RN, CNL, FAAN
Madhu Soni, MD
Mary Tobin, MD

Excellence in Research

Sandra Gomez-Perez, PhD, RD, LD
Lauren Little, PhD, OTR/L
Kalipada Pahan, PhD, MS
Olimpia Paun, PhD, PMHCNS-BC, FGSA

Faculty Award Recipients

Excellence in Clinical Service

James J. Conners, MD, MS

J. Brady Scott, PhD, MSc, RRT-ACCS, AE-C, FAARC, FCCP

Excellence in Community Service

Jennifer Rousseau DNP, WHNP-BC, CNE

Excellence in Education

Beth Nachtsheim Bolick, DNP, APRN, PPCNP-BC, CPNP-AC, FAAN

Excellence in Mentoring

Wrenetha Julion, PhD, MPH, RN, CNL, FAAN

Excellence in Research

Olimpia Paun, PhD, PMHCNS-BC, FGSA

Excellence in Clinical Service

James J. Conners, MD, MS



James J. Conners, MD, MS, associate professor and interim chair in Rush Medical College's Department of Neurological Sciences, first joined Rush in 2010. Conners took over as medical director of the Joint Commission, and in this role he worked to develop Rush's TeleStroke program to deliver care to stroke patients in remote emergency rooms across Chicagoland. With this technology, Rush was able to reach patients who were not being properly evaluated and treated due to a lack of local coverage.

The TeleStroke program helped cement many transfer relationships, and in partnering with the 2-Brain Program has led to Rush University Medical Center becoming a destination center for neuro-emergency transfers. They have seen more than 7,000 patients and treated more than 1,500 with thrombolytics, which has been proven to improve outcomes in acute stroke. In 2017, the program received the Telehealth Achievement Award for Caring for Underserved Populations. Conners is also a founding member of the Chicago Stroke Trials Consortium and has served in a clinical leadership role in multiple committees.

In July 2015, Conners was named medical director of the Rush Oak Park stroke program. He led the program through its first certification as a Joint Commission Primary Stroke Center. He improved inpatient stroke care by developing protocols and training staff to keep post-thrombolytic patients at Rush Oak Park Hospital rather than transferring them to Rush University Medical Center, which significantly benefitted both institutions.

Conners led efforts to help Rush University Medical Center become one of the first Joint Commission Comprehensive Stroke Programs in the country. Each year the department achieved the highest possible quality awards from the American Heart Association (AHA). Rush's stroke program has consistently been recognized as the top stroke program in the region. As an integral part of the AHA's Regional Stroke Advisory Subcommittee, his expertise has helped improve stroke care regionally.

"It is not an overstatement to say that under Dr. Conners' leadership, oversight, and vision, the Rush Section of Cerebrovascular Disease is considered to be one of the finest in the country, as evidenced by our strong rankings, our training program, and the high demand for our clinical expertise," says Sarah Song, MD, MPH, associate professor, Department of Neurological Sciences.

In March 2019, Conners became interim clinical vice chair in the Department of Neurological Sciences and deputy director of the Neurosciences service line, which added the clinical programs in the Departments of Neurosurgery and Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation to his purview. He gained insights of the inner workings of all neurosciences at Rush and how to combine efforts to augment each of the various clinical programs.

Since August 2020, Conners has served as interim chairperson of the Department of Neurological Sciences and co-director of the Neurosciences service line. In the past year, he helped guide the department through the COVID-19 pandemic by creating contingency plans for inpatient clinical operations, modifying workflows for acute stroke patients in the ER, and integrating telemedicine visits in the outpatient setting to be less disruptive for patients. He worked with the transfer center to be sure the system wasn't overwhelmed while still treating patients who absolutely needed the highest level of neurologic care. Concurrently, he initiated citywide discussions with stroke experts in the Chicagoland area to share best practices. He has also collaborated with cardiology services at Rush for a neuro-cardiology clinic, and he has worked within his department to formalize a cross-sectional women's neurology clinic and a post-COVID-19 neurology clinic.

In January 2021, Conners served as chairperson and course moderator for the Rush Neurology-Therapeutics and Management Updates course. Clinical expertise was shared with more than 220 attendees from 16 states and eight countries.

In the most recent *U.S. News & World Report* Best Hospital rankings, neurology at Rush University Medical Center ranked fourth in the nation and first in Illinois.

Excellence in Clinical Service

J. Brady Scott, PhD, MSc, RRT-ACCS, AE-C, FAARC, FCCP



J. Brady Scott, PhD, MSc, RRT-ACCS, AE-C, FAARC, FCCP, is the director of clinical education and an associate professor in the Department of Cardiopulmonary Sciences, Division of Respiratory care. He has been a respiratory therapist for more than 20 years, with clinical practice experience in adult emergency/critical respiratory care. In 2007, he was named the Adult Acute Care Specialty Practitioner of the Year by the American Association for Respiratory Care. Scott has lectured at regional, state, national and international conferences on respiratory care topics. His research interests include simulation-based education and emergency/critical respiratory care.

It is within Rush's unique teacher-practitioner model that Scott continues to work as a bedside practitioner, which was particularly helpful during the COVID-19 pandemic, as the majority of his time was spent in the COVID Intensive Care Units caring for extremely ill patients. When the pandemic created a major clinical surge in patients requiring assisted ventilation from March to June, Scott was tasked with opening cases of ventilators from the Strategic National Stockpile that were less familiar to staff and quickly put them into newly established intensive care units run by non-traditional staff.

He rapidly responded to questions and problem-solved the logistics for an ever-changing and challenging situation. When staffing for night shifts was short, he covered high patient loads of critically ill patients during work hours that other faculty were not able to fill. Additionally, his advocacy skills shined in local and national media outlets. He was a source for several print and on-camera media stories about respiratory care during the pandemic. Scott regularly contributed to the Public Voices project by writing four Op-Ed's published prominently in national news outlets and one in his hometown newspaper this past year. He did this while shifting to an online work environment, mentoring student research projects and finalizing a dissertation.

Scott has been active with the American Association for Respiratory Care (AARC) and American College of Chest Physicians CHEST. For the AARC, he serves as chair of the program committee. As a panelist on a joint webcast with the AARC and the Society of Critical Care Medicine, he spoke about patient care during a pandemic, and he has presented numerous critical care lectures. Additionally, he is an AARC representative to the Association for the Advancement of Medical Instrumentation Ventilator Alarms Workgroup and on the editorial board for the journal *Respiratory Care*. He became a fellow of the AARC in 2014.

Scott is a devoted CHEST volunteer, serving as a faculty staff member for several programs. CHEST is a global leader in advancing best patient outcomes through innovative chest medicine education, clinical research and team-based care. Scott received recognition from CHEST as a Distinguished Chest Educator for the past several years. He is a member for the Mechanical Ventilation Live Learning Domain Task Force and an incoming member for the Respiratory Care Network steering committee. As a member of the Mechanical Ventilation Domain Task Force, he has contributed to the development of live, hands-on course content and has served as faculty in multiple courses. In 2017, he became a fellow of the American College of Chest Physicians.

"His key contribution is the translational learning he can provide clinicians," says Chad Jackson, MS, RRT, FCCP, chief innovation officer, CHEST, American College of Chest Physicians. "Scott has the ability to provide his native experience in clinical respiratory practice and be able to describe how that will help our clinicians as they take back this knowledge and apply it to their own clinical practice. Not every RRT could provide that key insight and knowledge."

Excellence in Community Service

Jennifer Rousseau, DNP, APRN, WHNP-BC, CNE



Jennifer Rousseau, DNP, APRN, WHNP-BC, CNE, is an assistant professor in the College of Nursing's Department of Women, Children and Family Nursing. In this role, she teaches across the MSN and DNP program, advises students and serves as the coordinator of the Family Connects nurse home visiting program. "Dr. Rousseau is an amazing community servant who is not only making a profound impact on society but also training future clinicians to imbue her passion for caring for extraordinarily vulnerable families in the community setting," says Rousseau's nominator, Wrenetha Julion, PhD, MPH, RN, CNL, FAAN, associate dean for Equity and Inclusion at the College Nursing, and professor in the College of Nursing's Department of Women, Children and Family Nursing.

Rousseau has committed nearly 18 years of service to the Save Abandoned Babies Foundation, a small grassroots organization that strives to increase awareness about the Illinois Safe Haven Law. As a past board member and the only practicing nurse volunteer, she meets monthly with other members of the organization to plan innovative ways to inform a variety of audiences in Illinois about the Safe Haven law. The law states that a person may legally and anonymously relinquish an unharmed newborn 30 days old or less to staff at a hospital, fire station or police station without fear of prosecution. Over the years, the group has met with legislators several times in Springfield, Illinois, to amend the law. These changes, such as increasing the age limit of the infant who can legally be relinquished and mandating that information about the law be part of the public school curriculum, all help to save more lives. Since 2001, the year the law went into effect, 143 infant lives have been saved in Illinois alone. In 2020, there were five legal relinquishments and no newborn deaths due to abandonment reported.

Rousseau has worked at all levels to raise awareness about the law. At the local level, she educates other health care professionals about their role in a legal relinquishment through writing hospital policy, running simulation and providing in-services to ED staff. More than 1,500 nursing students also learned about the law through a lecture Rousseau provides in one of her classes. At the state-wide level, she developed a pamphlet that is offered to all people who legally relinquish a newborn about relinquishing persons, how mothers who recently delivered should take care of themselves and what signs and symptoms warrant the attention of a health care provider. She facilitates DNP projects that relate to the law, such as reducing barriers to implementing the program in public schools where illegal abandonments have happened. And as part of a rapid response team, she reaches out to hospitals throughout the state where abandonments or relinquishments have occurred to offer assistance.

Rousseau's publications in both professional and lay literature have helped inform and to save the lives of infants, and prevent the criminalization of their mothers.

On a national level, Rousseau recently joined the National Safe Haven Alliance (NSHA) Board and was an invited speaker at the NSHA conference in 2019. She published an article in the *Journal of Emergency Nursing* about variations in the law throughout the United States and how hospitals can assess nurse competency through a relinquishment simulation drill in their emergency department. The National Safe Haven Alliance is seeking funding to develop a video based on the article that can be shared with hospitals about how to prepare emergency department staff for infant relinquishment.

Excellence in Education

Beth Nachtsheim Bolick, DNP, APRN, PPCNP-BC, CPNP-AC, FAAN



Beth Nachtsheim Bolick, DNP, APRN, PPCNP-BC, CPNP-AC, FAAN, is a professor in the Department of Women, Children, and Family Nursing (WCFN) and Director of the Acute Care Pediatric Nurse Practitioner (AC PNP) program in the College of Nursing. Bolick has been committed to innovation in preparing pediatric providers to care for ill and injured children for almost 40 years. In the 1980s, she was among the first Pediatric Advanced Life Support trainers in the U.S. and traveled the Midwest with a small team to bring this systematic process for pediatric critical illness care directly to the providers. This experience led the Emergency Nurses Association to call on her to contribute to the development of a similar program, the

Emergency Nurses Pediatric Course (ENPC). This course was designed for nursing providers who cared for children in intergenerational centers.

With her experience in neonatal and pediatric emergency/critical care and passion for teaching, the Rush Departments of Pediatrics and Women, Children, and Family Nursing asked Bolick in 1994 to start a new nurse practitioner program – one for acute care pediatric nurse practitioners. The University had been awarded a HRSA grant to fund the initiative to prepare providers to be members of interprofessional teams caring for critically ill and injured children. With an interprofessional team of Rush physicians, pharmacists, nutritionists, therapists and nurses, Bolick led the initiative to national prominence. It is known for its rigor and its philosophy: “there are no shortcuts to excellence.”

Over the years Bolick worked with a national team to define the specialty and competencies, develop the national certifying examination and design a yearly certification maintenance program. Bolick is lead editor for the authoritative text *Pediatric Acute Care: A Guide for Interprofessional Practice*. The text has 250 contributors from four continents and 11 professions. This past year, she initiated a monthly national mentoring group for AC PNP program directors who needed to pivot their campus programs to on-line learning because of the Covid-19 pandemic and restrictions to campus education. The Rush College of Nursing is ranked number one by U.S. News and World Report for on-line learning. The didactic portion of the Rush AC PNP program has been mostly online since 2003 to provide access to this unique specialty for learners across the country. The Rush on-line experience was invaluable this past year to students in programs all across the country. Rush alumni now direct 11 of the 45 AC PNP programs in the U.S.

Wrenetha Julion, PhD, RN, CNL, FAAN, associate dean for Equity and Inclusion at the College Nursing, and professor in the College of Nursing’s Department of Women, Children and Family Nursing, says “Beth’s leadership led to the College of Nursing Acute Care Pediatric Nurse Practitioner program being designated as the No. 1 program in the country by *U.S. News & World Report* in March 2021.” The specialty was ranked for the first time in 2021.

Two alumni of the program are presidents of the National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners, three are editors of pediatric acute care texts, and three are executive board members of a national organization for vulnerable youth. Bolick’s passion for interprofessional team effectiveness led her to work with a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Executive Nurse Fellows group to build www.stopbullyingtoolkit.org. The resources in the toolkit were compiled and developed to help organizations identify, intervene and prevent workplace bullying in health care. The tool-kit has been accessed by more than 450,000 users from 143 countries.

This spring, Bolick was named the 22nd recipient of the Henry K. Silver Memorial Award, which is given biannually by the National Association for Pediatric Nurse Practitioners for outstanding achievement in child health and advanced practice nursing. She recently served on the University Learning Management System committee and the College of Nursing Dean’s Search committee. She serves on the University LEARN Strategy Advisory Committee and as presiding officer-elect for the College of Nursing Faculty Senate. Bolick is a fellow in the American Academy of Nursing and the Illinois Institute of Medicine.

Excellence in Mentoring

Wrenetha Julion, PhD, MPH, RN, CNL, FAAN



Wrenetha Julion, PhD, MPH, RN, CNL, FAAN, is the associate dean for Equity and Inclusion at the College Nursing, and professor in the College of Nursing’s Department of Women, Children and Family Nursing. As a senior mentor, Julion has learned about the value of collective thought and how the insights and perspectives of mentees must be as equally valued as the perspectives of the mentor. Her program officer at the National Institutes for Nursing Research recognizes her mentoring skills, as he frequently refers researchers to her to gain insights into conducting health disparities research in communities of color. In this capacity, she has worked with individuals from Rutgers University, the University of Michigan, Case Western Reserve University and Duke University.

“She guides and nudges but doesn’t direct or demand,” says Rebekah Hamilton, RN, PhD, CNL, FAAN, professor, Department of Women, Children and Family Nursing at the College of Nursing. “She collaborates with mentees to develop the most effective plan for advancing the person’s career and professional development. She expects responsiveness to mutual plans and encourages the mentee to develop plans in a way that is reasonable to their own lives.”

Julion has conducted research with low-income African American parents since 1996 and has conducted qualitative research since 2000. She has developed an intervention to promote positive African American father parental involvement for those who do not live with their children on a full-time basis. Since 1987, she has worked collaboratively in the African American community to promote the health and wellness of pregnant and parenting women and their children.

Julion is currently working on interprofessional and transdisciplinary teams to conduct research through the Erie Family Health Center to integrate fathers into prenatal care. She has also worked with fellow researchers to develop a nationally known parent-training program for low-income Latinx and African American families and collaborated on the development of an obesity intervention for African American mother-daughter days.

Her research has helped junior investigators learn the nuances of conducting community-based intervention research with African American families. For her NIH-funded fatherhood study, Julion specifically hired two junior researchers as co-project directors and has mentored them in preparation for becoming experienced researchers who are now embarking upon their own programs of research. She provided an opportunity for her Research Coordinator to participate in a training that prepares individuals to “Write to Change the World,” through the OpEd Project.

Julion knows that the need for minority nurses in academia is critical to the formation of a diverse nursing workforce. She is a strong advocate for societal changes that address health inequities, and her influence on students and faculty goes well beyond her formal mentor-mentee relationships. She mentors the next generation of health care professionals through involvement with pipeline programs at Rush and the community.

In 2019, Julion was first author on a manuscript that detailed a Think Tank approach to academic advancement and scholarship. Her group-based mentoring strategy for accelerating the growth of research resulted in an increase in faculty productivity. As a result of the ensuing mentorship and collaboration, faculty members published papers, developed and submitted grant proposals and successfully achieved promotions. The outcomes of her mentoring are evident in the numerous publications, presentations, funding and awards achieved by her mentees.

She is currently collaborating with a group of nurses with doctoral degrees to implement a mentoring program to support minority PhD and DNP students. They conduct biannual Minority Doctoral Student forums to mentor the next generation of researchers and practitioners of color. She has also served on the dissertation committees for students who are interested in research on African American fathers and families — from as far away as Howard University in Washington D.C.

In 2018, Julion was the recipient of the College of Nursing Dean’s Award. She also plays a role in the community as a mentor on a project with the Interfaith Youth Core to promote COVID-19 vaccine access and acceptance through church, college and university collaborations.

Excellence in Research

Olimpia Paun, PhD, PMHCNS-BC, FGSA



Olimpia Paun, PhD, PMHCNS-BC, FGSA, is a professor in the Department of Community, Systems and Mental Health Nursing at the Rush University College of Nursing, and the Rush Nurses Alumni Association Chair of Health and the Aging Process. In 2020, she received the Researcher of the Year award from the American Psychiatric Nurses Association. This honor is given to nurse scientists who make significant impact in the field of psychiatric nursing. She has 35 research-based publications, one book chapter, and has given six regional, 10 national, and six international research presentations.

Her research program focuses on the chronic grief felt by family caregivers of patients with dementia and has been funded through local, regional and federal grants. Early support from the National Institute of Nursing Research allowed her to create and pilot a Chronic Grief Management Intervention designed for Alzheimer’s disease or related dementias (ADRD) caregivers who placed their family members in long-term care. This group-based intervention was delivered in-person over 12 weekly, manualized sessions. Based on promising results from the initial study, Paun refined the intervention for digital delivery.

Paun is currently a principal investigator in a National Institutes of Aging- funded, randomized clinical trial that is testing the effects of the Chronic Grief Management Intervention on ADRD family caregivers’ grief, depressive and anxiety symptoms, and positive states of mind, among other outcomes. Her chronic grief management intervention is among the first to provide an online support group to dementia caregivers using video conference technology, a new approach that addresses caregiver grief, depression and anxiety.

“This study will inform translation of the intervention into long-term care settings and provide access to care through the internet. As such, it has unlimited potential for evidence-based nursing intervention with this growing population and addresses a critical public health need,” says Arlene Michaels Miller, PhD, RN, FAAN, professor, Department of Community Systems and Mental Health Nursing at Rush.

Paun is also lending her expertise in caregiver research as co-investigator on an R01 grant funded by the National Institutes of Health/Eunice Shriver Kennedy National Institute of Child Growth and Human Development to promote problem-solving skills of group home residents and their caregivers.

“I genuinely have been amazed by her resilience and perseverance to secure funding for her program of research successfully,” says Ben Remor Inventor, PhD, APN/CNP, director of the Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner program, and assistant professor, Rush University College of Nursing. “Her research endeavors have a tremendous positive impact on the academic growth of students and faculty and, more importantly, the health outcomes of patients and their caregivers.”

Paun is an expert in dementia caregiving and receives frequent calls for manuscript, abstract and grant reviews. She is currently serving on a National Institute on Aging Special Review Panel and has reviewed grant proposals for the Israel Research Foundation, Research Retirement Foundation, American Psychiatric Nursing Association, Midwest Nursing Research Society, Sigma Theta Tau International and the Alzheimer’s Association. She is also a regular manuscript reviewer for *Western Journal of Nursing Research*, *American Journal of Alzheimer’s Disease and Other Dementias*, *Journal of the American Psychiatric Nurses Association*, *Japanese Journal of Nursing Research*, and the *Gerontologist and Geriatric Nursing*. She is an editorial board member of two high-impact nursing journals, including the *Journal of Psychosocial Nursing and Mental Health Services* and the *Journal of Practical and Professional Nursing*.

Faculty Recognition Reception Honorees

Congratulations on your appointments and promotions.

The following is a list of new professors named this past academic year.

Fiscal Year 2021 Professors

Oluwatoyin M. Adeyemi, MD

Internal Medicine
Rush Medical College

Faran Bokhari, MD, MBA, FACS, FCCP

Surgery
Rush Medical College

Cynthia Brincat, MD, PhD

Obstetrics and Gynecology
Rush Medical College

Paul Casey, MD, MBA, FACEP

Emergency Medicine
Rush Medical College

Xian-Ming Chen, MD

Microbial Pathogens and Immunity
Rush Medical College

Teresa Deshields, PhD, ABPP

Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences
Rush Medical College

Francine Grodstein, ScD

Internal Medicine
Rush Medical College

Frank Hicks, PhD, RN, CNE

Adult Health and Gerontological Nursing
College of Nursing

Niranjan Karnik, MD, PhD

Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences
Rush Medical College

Christine Kennedy, PhD, RN, FAAN

Women, Children and Family Nursing
College of Nursing

Carl Maki, PhD

Cell and Molecular Medicine
Rush Medical College

Aloka Patel, MD

Pediatrics
Rush Medical College

Kumar B. Rajan, PhD

Internal Medicine
Rush Medical College

Ruta Rao, MD

Internal Medicine
Rush Medical College

Jonathan Ross, MD

Surgery
Rush Medical College

Todd Ruppap, PhD, RN, GCNS-BC, FAHA, FAAN

Adult Health and Gerontological Nursing
College of Nursing

Madeleine Shalowitz, MD, MBA, FAAP

Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences
Rush Medical College

Jay Shils, PhD

Anesthesiology
Rush Medical College

Andrew Stephenson, MD, MBA

Urology
Rush Medical College

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Garth Swanson, MD, MS

Internal Medicine
Rush Medical College

Jason Turner, PhD, MAE, FAHM, CHFP

Health Systems Management
College of Health Sciences

Lydia Usha, MD

Internal Medicine
Rush Medical College

David Vines, PhD, MHS, RRT, FAARC, FCCP

Cardiopulmonary Sciences
College of Health Sciences

Hong Wu, MD, MS

Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation
Rush Medical College

Faculty Recognition Reception Honorees

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The following is a list of new associate professors named this past academic year.

Fiscal Year 2021 Associate Professors

Adrienne Adams, MD, MS

Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences
Rush Medical College

Amina Ahmed, MD

Obstetrics and Gynecology
Rush Medical College

Samer Al-Khudari, MD

Otorhinolaryngology
Rush Medical College

Mohammad Saleem Bhat, PhD

Urology
Rush Medical College

Mihir Kiran Bhayani, MD, FACS

Otorhinolaryngology
Rush Medical College

Christopher Bruti, MD, MPH

Internal Medicine
Rush Medical College

Elaine Chen, MD

Internal Medicine
Rush Medical College

Laurel Cherian, MD, MS

Neurological Sciences
Rush Medical College

Galeta Carolyn Clayton, MD, FACEP

Emergency Medicine
Rush Medical College

Lionel Clement, PhD

Internal Medicine
Rush Medical College

Matthew Colman, MD

Orthopedic Surgery
Rush Medical College

Alexandre d'Audiffret, MD

Cardiovascular and Thoracic Surgery
Rush Medical College

Dayle Davenport, MD

Emergency Medicine
Rush Medical College

Summer Dewdney, MD

Obstetrics and Gynecology
Rush Medical College

Ioannis Economou, MD

Internal Medicine
Rush Medical College

Deborah Edberg, MD

Family Medicine
Rush Medical College

Jori E. Fleisher, MD, MSCE

Neurological Sciences
Rush Medical College

Sharon Foley, PhD, RD, LDN

Clinical Nutrition
College of Health Sciences

Ricardo Fontes, MD, PhD

Neurological Surgery
Rush Medical College

Laurie Gillard, MS, MLS(ASCP), SBB

Medical Laboratory Science
College of Health Sciences

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Sandra Gomez-Perez, PhD, RD, LDN
Clinical Nutrition
College of Health Sciences

Manya Gupta, MD, FHM
Internal Medicine
Rush Medical College

Marilyn Hallock, MD
Emergency Medicine
Rush Medical College

Sobia Hassan, MD
Internal Medicine
Rush Medical College

Scott Heinrich, MD, FACEP
Emergency Medicine
Rush Medical College

Barbara Hinch, DNP, RN, APN-ACNP
Adult Health and Gerontological Nursing
College of Nursing

Henry Huang, MD
Internal Medicine
Rush Medical College

Josune Natalia Iglesias, MD, FACP
Internal Medicine
Rush Medical College

Ravi Kasi, MD
Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation
Rush Medical College

Anil Kesavan, MD
Pediatrics
Rush Medical College

Douglas Kuperman, PhD, RRT
Health Sciences
College of Health Sciences

Vincent La Russa, PhD, MSc
Internal Medicine
Rush Medical College

Nadine Lerret, PhD, MT(ASCP)
Medical Laboratory Science
College of Health Sciences

Rabia Malik, MD
Neurological Sciences
Rush Medical College

Stelios Mantis, MD
Pediatrics
Rush Medical College

Nicholas Moore, PhD, MLS(ASCP)CM
Medical Laboratory Science
College of Health Sciences

Naomi Parrella, MD
Family Medicine
Rush Medical College

Daniel Pohlman, MD
Internal Medicine
Rush Medical College

Robin Pourzal, PhD
Orthopedic Surgery
Rush Medical College

Jitesh Pratap, PhD
Cell and Molecular Medicine
Rush Medical College

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Lisa Sanchez-Johnsen, PhD
Family Medicine
Rush Medical College

Michelle Sergel, MD
Emergency Medicine
Rush Medical College

Ami Shah, MD
Surgery
Rush Medical College

Robert Shulman, MD
Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences
Rush Medical College

Jagadeesh S. Singh, MD
Diagnostic Radiology and Nuclear Medicine
Rush Medical College

Hussam Suradi, MD
Internal Medicine
Rush Medical College

Jordan Tasse, MD
Diagnostic Radiology and Nuclear Medicine
Rush Medical College

Elizabeth Van Opstal, MD
Pediatrics
Rush Medical College

Neha Yadav, MD
Internal Medicine
Rush Medical College

New Endowed Chairs

Cynthia A. Brincat, MD, PhD
The John M. Simpson Professorship of Obstetrics and Gynecology

Brian Cole, MD, MBA
The Dr. Ralph and Marian C. Falk Professorship of Biochemistry

Donald Jensen, MD
The Richard Capps Chair of Hepatology

Aloka Patel, MD
The Glore Family Professorship of Neonatology

Madeleine U. Shalowitz, MD, MBA
The James A. Hunter, MD, University Professorship

Jean M. Silvestri, MD
The Woman's Board Chair of Pediatrics

External Awards

Leadership Positions

Indu Agarwal, MD
Alternate Delegate
House of Delegates - Illinois
College of American Pathologists

Puja Agarwal, PhD
Incoming Chair
Communications
Alzheimer's Association

Elizabeth Baker, MD, MHPE
Immediate Past Chair
Central Group on Educational Affairs
Association of American Medical Colleges

Jay Behel, PhD
Elected Vice Chair
Central Group on Student Affairs
Association of American Medical Colleges

Mallory Bejster, DNP, RN
Board of Directors
Association of Public Health Nurses

Adriana Bermeo-Ovalle, MD
Co-Chair
Spanish Symposium: Status Epilepticus:
Hot Topics Annual Meeting
Council Member-at-Large
American Clinical Neurophysiology Society

Co-Founder
Escuela Latinoamericana Para Tecnicos en EEG

Karen Burns, RN, RVT, MBA, FSVU
Co-Chair
Annual Conference
Society for Vascular Ultrasound

Richard Byrne, MD, FAANS
Board of Directors
The American Board of Neurological Surgery

Treasurer
The Society of Neurological Surgeons

Catherine Catrambone, PhD, RN, FAAN
Co-Chair
Executive Committee
Distinguished Service Illinois Asthma Partnership
Illinois Department of Public Health

Vice Chair
Respiratory Health Association

Susan Chubinskaya, PhD
Board Member
International Combined Orthopedic Research Societies

President
Board of Directors
Chair, Nominating Committee
Orthopedic Research Society

Heide Cygan, DNP, RN, PHNA-BC
Chair
Student Engagement Task Force
Association of Community Health Nurse Educators

Rima Dafer, MD, MPH
Advisory Board
Global Migraine Education

Brian David, PhD
Councilor
Chicago Society for Neuroscience

Julianne Doucette, DNP
Board of Directors
Beyond Pink Foundation

Melinda Earle, DNP
Chair
Board of Directors
Heartland Alliance Health

Vice Chair
Board of Directors
Heartland Alliance

External Awards

Leadership Positions

Rachel Epstein, MD

Board Member
Young Physician Committee
Eversight

Raechel Ferry-Rooney, DNP, APRN-ANP-BC

Board President
Illinois Society for Advanced Practice Nursing

Mary Jo Fidler, MD

Co-Chair
Thoracic Clinical Trail Working Group
Hoosier Cancer Research Network

Maribeth Flaws, PhD

President-Elect
Board of Directors
National Accrediting Agency for Clinical
Laboratory Sciences

Sherine Gabriel, MD, MSc

Elected Member
National Academy of Medicine

Rajeev Garg, MD, MS

Lead
Neurosciences Communication Committee
Neurosciences Section
Society of Critical Care Medicine

Crystal Glover, PhD

Social Chair Vice President
Twitter Chat
Black in Gerontology and Geriatrics

Michael Gottlieb, MD

President
Ultrasound Section
American Academy of Emergency Medicine
Chair
Academy for Scholarship - Scholarship Pillar
Council of Residency Directors in Emergency Medicine

Deborah Hall, MD, PhD

Chair
Study Section
Department of Defense

Shannon Halloway, PhD

Elected Board
Nominating Committee
Midwest Nursing Research Society

Michael Hanak, MD

Board President
Board of Directors
Illinois Academy of Family Physicians

Mary Hayden, MD

President
Board of Directors
Board of Trustees
Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America

Mary Heitschmidt, PhD, APRN, CCRN-K

Chair
Research thru Academic-Clinical Partnerships
Research Interest Group
Midwest Nursing Research Society
Research and Scholarship Advisory Council
Sigma Theta Tau International

Sara Hock, MD

Elected Treasurer
Simulation Academy
Society for Academic Emergency Medicine

Thomas Holland, MD, MS

Program Chair
Non-Pharmacological Intervention Professional
Interest Area
Alzheimer's Association International Society to
Advance Alzheimer's Research and Treatment

External Awards

Leadership Positions

Josie Howard-Ruben, PhD, APRN-CNS, AOCN

Elected President
Gamma Phi Chapter
Sigma Theta Tau International

Josune Natalia Iglesias, MD, FACP, Dipl ABOM

Elected Council
Illinois Northern Region Council
American College of Physicians

Kristin Jacobs, MD

Board Member
International Organization for Women and Development

Sara Jandeska, MD

Advisory Council
Pediatric Nephrology MOCA-Peds Standard Setting Panel
American Association of Pediatrics

Urmeka Jefferson, PhD, RN

Board Member
Hekademeia Research Solutions

Miral Jhaveri, MD, MBA

Advisory Board
Glassbeam

Viju John, MD, FACP

Planner
Educational Program Planning Committee
Alliance for Academic Internal Medicine
Vice Chair
Program Planning Committee
National Meeting
Clerkship Directors in Internal Medicine

Tricia Johnson, PhD

Chair-Elect
Nutrition Economics Special Interest Group
International Society of Pharmaceutical and
Outcomes Research

Niranjan Karnik, MD, PhD

Director
Illinois Substance Use Prevention & Recovery Regional
Leader Centers on Substance Use Disorder

Alana Kirby, MD, PhD

Councilor
Executive Committee
Chicago Chapter
Society for Neuroscience

Lisa LaGorio, PhD

Advisory Board
Medical Nutrition Council
American Society of Nutrition

Yixiang Liao, PhD

Board Member
Midwest Chapter
American Association of Physicists in Medicine

Phillip LoSavio, MD, MS

Founder
Chair
Otolaryngology Education Consortium
President
Chicago Laryngological and Otologic Society

Gina Lowell, MD

Co-Chair
Universal Newborn Support Subcommittee
Home Visiting Task Force
Illinois Early Learning Council

Mahboobeh Mahdavinia, MD, PhD

Appointed President
Illinois Society for Allergy and Immunology

Amy Manion, PhD, CPNP-PC

Chair
Communication, E-Chapter
National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners

External Awards

Leadership Positions

Karen Mayer, PhD, MHA, RN
Chair
Research and Awards Committee
Gamma Phi Chapter
Sigma Theta Tau International

Nicholas Moore, PhD, D(ABMM)
Elected Councilor
Board of Directors
Illinois Society of Microbiology

James Murphy, MD
Program Co-Chair
The Future of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery
International Virtual Symposium
American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons
The International Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons
The British Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons
Councilor
Illinois Society of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery

Janice Odiaga, APRN, DNP, CPNP-PC
Board of Directors
Chicago Chapter
Institute of Medicine

Rebecca O'Dwyer, MD
Chair
Geriatric Neurology Section
American Academy of Neurology

Tochukwu Okwuosa, DO
Board of Directors
Chicago Board
American Heart Association

Sean O'Mahony, MB, BCh, BAO
Course Co-Director
COVID Palliative Medicine Skills Development
Webinar Series
Regional Palliative Training Program
Coleman Foundation Grant

Claudia Perez, DO, MS, FACOS
Oral Board Examiner
General Surgery
American Osteopathic Board of Surgery

Janice Phillips, PhD
National Commission to Address Racism in Nursing
American Nurses Association
National Black Nurses Association
National Coalition of Ethnic Minority Nurse Associations
National Association of Hispanic Nurses

Serge Pierre-Louis, MD, MPH
Vice Chair
Chair-Elect
Membership Committee
American Epilepsy Society

Srikumar Pillai, MD
Chair
Coordination of Pediatric Trauma initiatives in Chicago
Chicago Committee on Trauma

Yanina Purim-Shem-Tov, MD, MS, FACEP
Subcommittee Leader
Membership Committee
American College of Emergency Physicians

Patricia Raksin, MD
Chair-Elect
Joint Section on Neurotrauma and Critical Care
American Association of Neurological Surgeons

Anupama Rao, MD, FACC, FSCMR
Appointed Vice-Chair
Certification Board
Assessment Committee
Cardiovascular Magnetic Resonance

Monique Reed, PhD
Elected Vice President
American Nurses Association - Illinois

External Awards

Leadership Positions

Todd Ruppap, PhD, RN, GCNS-BC, FAHA, FAAN
Chair
Council on Cardiovascular and Stroke Nursing
Articles of the Year Award Committee
American Heart Association

President-Elect
International Society for Medication Adherence

Dino Samartzis, DSc, PGDip EBHC, MSC
Chair Research
Spine Section
Orthopaedic Research Society

Rupa Sanghani, MD
Course Co-Director
Nuclear Cardiology Today
National Conference
American Society of Nuclear Cardiology

Margaret Scotellaro, MD
Elected Vice President
Executive Committee
Illinois Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics

Sasha Shafikhani, PhD
Conference Organizer
OLC International Oncology Conference- Chicago

Nicole Siparsky, MD
Vice Chair
Education Subcommittee
Surgery Section
Society of Critical Care Medicine

Barbara Soltes, MD, FACOG
Chair
Education Committee
North American Menopause Society

Elizabeth Stiles-Shields, PhD
Co-Chair
Research Subgroup
Antiracism Workgroup
Society of Pediatric Psychology

Sandra Swantek, MD, FAPA
Alternate Delegate
American Medical Association House of Delegates
American Association for Geriatric Psychiatry

Board President
Trustee
Blowitz-Ridgeway Foundation

Michelle Sweet, MD
Appointed Vice-Chair
Medical Education Learner Transitions Improvement
Task Force
Alliance for Academic Internal Medicine

Aimee Szewka, MD
Co-Chair
Pipeline Committee
North American Neuro-Ophthalmology Society

Alan Tan, MD
Genitourinary Executive Officer
Alliance for Clinical Trials in Oncology
National Clinical Trials Network

Leah Tatebe, MD
Co-Chair
Tactical Emergency Medical Support Committee
Illinois Tactical Officers Association

Celalettin Ustun, MD
Medical Advisory Board
The Mast Cell Disease Society

Laura Vanpuymbrouck, PhD
Academic Chair
Student Occupational Therapy Association

External Awards

Leadership Positions

Annabelle Volgman, MD

Governor Elect
American College of Cardiology
State of Illinois

Dian Wang, MD, PhD, FASTRO

President
Sino-American Network for Therapeutic Radiology
and Oncology

Lakshmi Warrior, MD

Co-Chair
Racism and Health Equity Initiative
Elected Treasurer
Executive Medical Staff
Cook County Health

External Awards

Honors and Awards

Puja Agarwal, PhD

Martha Clare Morris Best Oral Presentation Award
International Conference
Alzheimer's Association

Sarah Ailey, PHNA-BC, CNE, CDDN

Fellow
American Academy of Nursing

Konstantinos Arfanakis, PhD

Magna Cum Laude Merit Award
29th Annual International Conference
International Society for Magnetic Resonance
in Medicine

Elisabeth Barrett, DNP

40 Under 40 Emerging Nurse Leader Award
Illinois Nurses Foundation

Ellen Becker, PhD, RRT

Dr. H. Fred Helmholz Education Lecture Series Award
Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care

Amar Bhatt, MD, FAES

Fellow
American Epilepsy Society

Torrey Birch, MD

Recognition Award
Residency-Fellowship Program Director
American Academy of Neurology

Alan Blank, MD

Emerging Leadership Program Member
American Orthopedic Association

Young Investigator Award

Symposium on Clinical Interventional Oncology
Society of Interventional Oncology

Beth Bolick, DNP, PPCNP-PC, CPNP-AC, FAAN

Henry K. Silver Memorial Award
National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners

Christopher Bruti, MD, MPH

Board of Directors' Award
Excellence in Clinical Leadership for Physicians
Society of Hospital Medicine

Aleksandra Bukiej, MD

Image Competition Winner
American College of Rheumatology

Elizabeth Carlson, PhD

70 Visionary Leaders
School of Nursing
University of Alabama Birmingham

Nicholas Chien, MD

Ruth Fox Scholarship
American Society of Addiction Medicine

Susan Chubinskaya, PhD

Fellow
American Institute for Medical and Biological
Engineering

Presidential Award

Orthopedic Research Society

Michelle Collins, PhD, CNM, RN-CEFM

Nursing Leadership Fellowship
Duke Johnson & Johnson

Jori Fleisher, MD, MSCE

Innovation and Inspiration to Cure Award
Standout Achievement Award
CurePSP

Christopher Ford, PhD, MPH

Travel Fellowship
Alzheimer's Association International Conference

Therese Gallagher, DNP

Nurse Educator Fellowship
Illinois Board of Higher Education

External Awards

Honors and Awards

Laurie Gillard, MS, MLS(ASCP), SBB
 Kay Beattie Award
 The Michigan Association of Blood Banks

Michael Gottlieb, MD, RDMS
 Most Prolific Research Award
 Rising Star Research
 Academy of Emergency Ultrasound

Jonathan Gustafson, PhD
 Trainee Registration Award
 Orthopaedic Research Society

Shannon Halloway, PhD
 New Investigator Award
 Health Promoting Behaviors Across the Lifespan
 Research Interest Group
 Midwest Nursing Research Society

Harriet H. Werley New Investigator Award
 Midwest Nursing Research Society

Abigail Hardin, PhD
 Emerging Leaders Scholarship Award
 Women in Healthcare

Keiki Hinami, MD, MS, FACP
 Steve Whitman Research Award
 Health & Medicine Policy Research Group

Barbara Hinch, DNP
 Fellow
 American Heart Association

Jacqueline Hoffman, DNP, APRN, NNP-BC
 CareGiver of the Month
 PeaceHealth Southwest

Kristin Jacobs, MD
 Clinician Specialists' Rising Stars
 Aging Research Program
 National Institute on Aging

Sara Jandeska, MD
 Distinguished Fellow
 American College of Nephrology
 Pediatric Device Prize
 Southwestern Pediatric Device Consortium
 Food and Drug Administration

iCorps Mentee
 National Science Foundation

Zell Fellow
 Northwestern University

Urmeka Jefferson, PhD, RN
 Fellow
 Betty Irene Moore Fellowship for Nurse Leaders and
 Innovators
 UC Davis Health

Donald Jensen, MD
 Distinguished Service Award
 American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases

Miral Jhaveri, MD, MBA
 Case of the Year
 Cerebral Amyloid Angiopathy-Related Inflammation
 American Society of Neuroradiology

Juan Jimenez, MD
 Good Heart Award
 Riverside Healthcare Foundation

Eitan Kimchi, MD
 Best Psychiatry Residency Website
 University of Texas Health

Frank Ko, PhD
 Collaborative Exchange Grant
 Orthopaedic Research Society

Louis Kraus, MD, DFAPA
 Agnes Purcell McGavin Award
 Distinguished Career in Child and Adolescent Psychiatry
 Council on Children, Adolescents and Their Families

Carl Lambert, MD, FAAFP
 Dream Maker Award
 Dream in Black Campaign
 AT&T

Teacher of the Year Award
 Illinois Academy of Family Physicians

Distinguished Alum Leadership Award
 Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy

“Top Healthcare Professional Under 40” Award
 National Medical Association

Amanda LaMonica-Weier, MSN
 40 Under 40 Emerging Nurse Leader Award
 Illinois Nurses Foundation

Jie Li, MS, RRT-NPS-ACCS
 Fellow
 American Association for Respiratory Care

Michael Lin, MD, MPH
 Fellow
 Society of Healthcare Epidemiology of America

Latania Logan, MD, MSPH
 Pediatric Scholarship Award
 The Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America

Angela Lorbeck, DACM, MPH, MSTOM, Dipl OM, LAC
 The New Investigator Forum Award
 Society for Integrative Oncology

Phillip LoSavio, MD, MS
 Distinguished Service Award - Voyager Trace Council
 Boy Scouts of America

Physician of Excellence
 Inspire Medical

Hannah Lundberg, PhD
 Best Presentation
 Orthopaedic Implants Section
 Podium Competition
 Orthopaedic Research Society

Anne-Marie Malfait, MD, PhD
 Basic Science Award
 Osteoarthritis Research Society International

Amy Manion, PhD, CPNP-PC
 Preceptors of the Year
 E-Chapter
 National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners

Masako Mayahara, PhD, RN, CHPN, FPCN
 Mid-Career Investigator Awards
 Research Interest Groups
 Midwest Nursing Research Society

Joshua Melson, MD, MPH
 Best Reviewer
Gastrointestinal Endoscopy
 American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy

Gregory Mork, BA, LP, CCP, FPP
 Fellow of Pediatric Perfusion
 American Society of Extracorporeal Technology

Nicholas Oстераas, MD, MS
 Certificate of Recognition
Journal of Stroke and Cerebrovascular Disease

Olimpia Paun, PhD, PMHCNS-BC, FGSA
 Researcher of the Year
 American Psychiatric Nurses Association

Janice Phillips, PhD
 Recognition
 Notable Nurses and Champions Series
 National Black Nurses Association

External Awards

Honors and Awards

External Awards

Honors and Awards

Sebastian Pollandt, MD

Fellow
American Clinical Neurophysiology Society

Kyle Popovich, MD, MS

Mid-Career Scholar Award
Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America

Nataliya Pyslar, MD

Fellow
National Lipid Association

Monique Reed, PhD

Nurse Leader
Diversity, Equity and Inclusion
Black History Month
National Emergency Nurses Association

Anelique Richard, PhD, RN, CENP

Outstanding Alumni Achievement Award
College of Nursing
University of Illinois at Chicago

Lynette Richter, DNP, RN, CCRN-K

Non-Research Poster Award
International Nursing Association for Clinical
Simulation and Learning

Beverley Robin, MD, MHPE, CHSE

Ilene Harris Best Thesis Award
University of Illinois Department of Medical Education

Dino Samartzis, DSc, PGDip EBHC, MSC

Best Paper Award
North American Spine Society

Katherine Schafer, MSN, APRN, PCNS-BC, CNL, CCRN-K, CHSE

Non-Research Poster Award
International Nursing Association for Clinical
Simulation and Learning

Palmi Shah, MBBS, MD

Cum Laude Award
Education Exhibit
Radiological Society of North America

Raj C. Shah, MD

President's Award
Illinois Academy of Family Physicians

Neeral Sheth, DO

Senior Scholar
Alcohol Medical Scholars Program
Innovations Award
Association of Directors of Medical Student Education
in Psychiatry

Elizabeth Stiles-Shields, PhD

Most Cited Paper Award
Journal of Pediatric Psychology

Stacey Sudholt, MD

Excellence in Teaching Award
Association of Professors of Gynecology

Rick Sumner, PhD

Fellow
Orthopaedic Research Society

Mark Supanich, PhD, DABR

Meritorious Service Award
Board of Directors
Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors

Barbara Swanson, PhD

Pinnacle Award
Power of Nursing Leadership
University of Illinois College of Nursing

Kathryn Swartwout, PhD

Pinnacle Award
Power of Nursing Leadership
University of Illinois College of Nursing

Leah Tatebe, MD

MVP Team
Trauma Team
Advocate Good Samaritan Hospital

Elizabeth Van Opstal, MD

Administrator Award – Research Award
Council on Medical Student Education

Laura Vanpuymbrouck, PhD

Public Awareness Award
Illinois Occupational Therapy Association

Dian Wang, MD, PhD, FASTRO

Fellow
The American Society for Radiation Oncology

Kristen Warner, MSN

Nursing Leadership Fellowship
Duke Johnson & Johnson

Lakshmi Warrior, MD

Fellow
American Academy of Neurology

Joellen Wilbur, PhD, RN, FAAN

Alumni Achievement Award
College of Nursing
University of Illinois at Chicago

Laura Zimmermann, MD, MS, FACP

Letter of Recognition
High-Quality Manuscript Reviews
Annals of Internal Medicine

External Awards

Honors and Awards

Rush Awards

Steve Attanasio, DO, FACC, FSCAI

Teacher of the Year
Cardiovascular Medicine Program
Teaching Award, Residency
Internal Medicine
Rush Medical College

Grace Banner, MD

Faculty Excellent Educator Award
Obstetrics and Gynecology
Rush Medical College

Gail Basch, MD, FASAM

Thresholds Hero Award
Addiction Medicine Fellowship
Rush Medical College

Amar Bhatt, MD, FAES

Resident's Outstanding Faculty Teaching Award
Neurology
Rush Medical College

Rakhee Bowker, MD FAAP

Teaching Honor Roll
Pediatric Residency Program
Rush University Medical Center

Carol Burke, MD

Excellence in Medical Student Teaching
Internal Medicine
Rush Medical College

Catherine Catrambone, PhD, RN, FAAN

Mary Beth O'Holleran Nurse Mentorship Award
Professional Nursing Staff
Rush University Medical Center

Christina Chen, MD

Teaching Honor Roll
Pediatric Residency Program
Rush Medical College

Allison Chen-Mccracken, MD

Faculty Excellent Educator Award
Obstetrics and Gynecology
Rush Medical College

Leonard Tow Faculty Award

Rush Medical College

Jordan Dale, MD

Outstanding Teacher
Internal Medicine
Rush Medical College

Dayle Davenport, MD

Positive Learning Environment Award
Rush Medical College

Jieun David, MD

Staff of the Month
Newborn Intensive Care Unit
Rush University Medical Center

Laura Deon, MD

EPIC Physician Power User
Rush University Medical Center

Gordon Derman, MD

Best Faculty Teacher
Division of Plastic Surgery
Rush Medical College

Robin Drake, MD, FACOG

Faculty Excellent Educator Award
Obstetrics and Gynecology
Rush Medical College

Carlo Franco, MD

Excellence in Clinical Training Award
Anesthesiology
Rush Medical College

Celine Goetz, MD

Outstanding Teaching Award
Internal Medicine
Rush Medical College

Jared Greenberg, MD

Rush Coronavirus Research Award
Rush University Medical Center

Jamie Hamill, DNP, APRN, PMHNP-BC

Daisy Award
College of Nursing

Taemyn Hollis, MD

Golden Apple Award
Resident Teaching Award
Rush Medical College

Melissa Holmes, MD

Kenneth M. Boyer Excellence in Leadership Award
Rush University Medical Center

Jonathan Kaplan, MD

Award for Outstanding Teaching and Mentorship
Psychiatry Residency Training Program
Rush University Medical Center

Sonali Khandelwal, MD

Attending Teaching Award
Rheumatology Fellows
Rush Medical College

Ruth Kleinpell, PhD

Distinguished Alumni Award
Rush Presbyterian St. Luke's Medical Center

Carl Lambert, MD, FAAFP

Phoenix Award
Rush Medical College

Laura Laursen, MD, MS

Faculty Excellent Educator Award
Obstetrics and Gynecology
Rush Medical College

Jie Li, MS, RRT-NPS-ACCS

Teaching Excellence Award
Respiratory Care Program
College of Health Sciences

Kerri Lockhart, MD

Humanism in Medicine Award
Pediatrics
Rush Medical College

Latania Logan, MD, MSPH

Teaching Honor Roll
Pediatrics
Rush Medical College

Angela Lorbeck, DACM, MPH, MSTOM, Dipl OM, LAC

Champion Award
Rush Generations Program
Rush University Medical Center

Abhimanyu Mahajan, MD, MHS

Public Voices Fellow
Rush University

Karen Mayer, PhD, MHA, RN

Transformational Leadership and Innovation Award
Nursing Professional Governance Organization
Rush Oak Park Hospital

Jennifer McDonnell, MD

Teaching Honor Roll
Pediatric Residency Program
Rush Medical College

Joshua Murphy, MD

Shark Tank, Clinical Programs
Rush University

Colleen Nash, MD, MPH

Teaching Honor Roll
Pediatric Residency Program
Rush Medical College

Jeffrey Nelson, MD

Academic Excellence Award
Physician Assistant Studies
College of Health Sciences

Rush Awards

Rush Awards

Kathryn Osborne, PhD, RN, CNM
MVP Award for Education
College of Nursing

Nicholas Osteraas, MD, MS
Pizza Champion Series Winner
Neurology Residency
Rush Medical College

Pete Pelletier, MD, FASA
Attending of the Year
Student Registered Nurse Anesthetist
College of Nursing

Jitesh Pratap, PhD
Best Teacher Award
Graduate College

Peter Revenaugh, MD
Faculty Excellence in Teaching
Otorhinolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery
Rush Medical College

Beverley Robin, MD, MHPE, CHSE
Teaching Honor Roll
Pediatric Residency Program
Rush Medical College

Michael Roche, MD
Faculty Excellent Educator Award
Obstetrics and Gynecology
Rush Medical College

Dino Rumoro, DO, MPH
ICARE Achievement Award
Medical Staff
Rush University Medical Center

Katherine Schafer, MSN, APRN, PCNS-BC, CNL, CCRN-K, CHSE
Diane Cronin-Stubbs Memorial Award
Golden Lamp Society
Rush University

Laura Seske, MD, MS
Staff of the Month
Newborn Intensive Care Unit
Rush University Medical Center

Thomas Shannon, DVM, PhD
Brainard Award
Rush Medical College

Madhu Soni, MD, FAAN
Preceptor of the Year
Neurology
Rush Medical College

Madeline Stark, MD
Faculty Excellent Educator Award
Obstetrics and Gynecology
Rush Medical College

Stacey Sudholt, MD
Faculty Excellent Educator Award
Obstetrics and Gynecology
Rush Medical College

Christine Tsai, MD, FHM
Outstanding Teacher
Hospital Medicine
Rush Medical College

Elizabeth Van Opstal, MD
Clerkship Positive Learning Environment Award
SCORE Positive Report Recipient
Faculty Hooper
Graduation
Hippocratic Oath Reader
Internal Medicine Outstanding Teacher Award
Rush Medical College

Laura Vanpuymbrouck, PhD
Hooper
Occupational Therapy Doctorate Class
College of Health Sciences

Marylouise Wilkerson, MD
Attending of the Year
Pediatric Residency Program
Rush Medical College

Rush Leadership Positions

Sarah Adelstein, MD
Co-Director
Program for Abdominal and Pelvic Health
Rush University Medical Center

Medical Director
Urology
Rush Medical College

Gillian Alex, MD
Patient Safety Officer
Cardiovascular and Thoracic Surgery
Rush Medical College

Dhara Amin, MD
Chair
Morbidity and Mortality
Emergency Medicine
Rush Medical College

Zoe Arvanitakis, MD
Vice Chair
Research
Neurological Sciences
Rush Medical College

Steve Attanasio, DO, FACC, FSCAI
Medical Director
CICU
Rush University Medical Center

Grace Banner, MD
Assistant Clerkship Director
Rush Medical College

Gail Basch, MD, FASAM
Medical Director
Center for Clinical Wellness
Rush University Medical Center

Marta Batus, MD
Co-Director
Adolescent and Young Adult Sarcoma Program
Hematology, Oncology and Cell Therapy
Internal Medicine
Rush Medical College

Pravir Baxi, MD
Course Director
Renal Biopsy Conference Grand Rounds
Nephrology
Internal Medicine
Rush Medical College

Adan Becerra, PhD
Assistant Program Director
Rush Medical College

Jay Behel, PhD
Chair
Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee
Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences
Rush Medical College

Mallory Bejster, DNP, RN
Co-Chair
Academic-Practice Partnerships Committee
Community, Systems and Mental Health Nursing
College of Nursing

Adriana Bermeo-Ovalle, MD
Interim Vice-chair
Faculty Affairs
Neurological Sciences
Rush Medical College

Kyle Bersted, PhD
Secretary
Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Executive Board
Pediatrics
Rush Medical College

Director
Child, Adolescent, and Pediatric Psychology Track
Pediatrics, Psychology Section
Rush Medical College

Sophia Bodnar, DO
Assistant Clerkship Director
Rush Medical College

Rush Leadership Positions

Lauren Bradley, PhD
 Program Director
 Psychology
 Graduate Medical Education
 Rush Medical College

Michael Brown, MD, MACM, FACP, AGAF, FACG
 Director
 Section Services
 Rush Oak Park Hospital

 Appointed Vice-Chair
 M4 Curriculum Subcommittee
 Curriculum Development and Updating
 Rush Medical College

Christopher Bruti, MD, MPH
 Division Chief
 Rush University Hospitalists

Asokumar Buvanendran, MD
 Interim Chair
 Anesthesiology
 Rush Medical College

Elaine Chen, MD
 Director
 Critical Care Palliative Services
 Internal Medicine
 Rush Medical College

Joyce Chen, MD
 Co-Director
 M4 Electives
 Family Medicine
 Rush Medical College

Stuart Chen, MD
 Associate Director
 Echocardiography Lab
 Internal Medicine
 Rush Medical College

Lin Cheng, MD, PhD
 Acting Medical Director
 Immunohistochemistry Lab
 Pathology
 Rush Medical College

Laurel Cherian, MD, MS
 Director
 Research, Section of Cerebrovascular Diseases
 Neurological Sciences
 Rush Medical College

Jennifer Coleman, PhD
 Assistant Clinical Director
 Rush Road Home Program
 Rush Medical College

James Connors, MD, MS
 Chair
 Neurological Sciences
 Rush Medical College

Joyce Corsica, PhD
 Director
 Health and Neuropsychology Sections
 Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences
 Rush Medical College

Rosario Cosme-Cruz, MD
 Acting Medical Director
 Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Clinic
 Rush University Medical Center

Stephanie Crowley McWilliam, PhD
 Director
 Pediatric Chronobiology & Sleep Research
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Notable Health Care Heroes
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A Placebo-Controlled, Double-Blind, Parallel Treatment Arm, 216 Week Study to Evaluate Efficacy and Safety of Treatment with BAN2401 in Subjects With Preclinical Alzheimer's Disease and Elevated Amyloid (A45 Trial) and in Subjects With Early Preclinical Alzheimer's Disease and Intermediate Amyloid (A3 Trial)
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1R01 AG062637-01A1

Mind Diet and Dementia Prevention in Ischemic Stroke Patients
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1T32 GM139785-01
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3R01 AG062624
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3UM1 AI068632
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1U19NS120384
The Clinical Significance of Incidental White Matter Lesions on MRI Among a Diverse Population With Cognitive Complaints (INDEED)
National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke
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1R01 AG065398

Genetic Modifiers of the Mediterranean-DASH Diet Intervention for Neurodegenerative Delay (MIND) Response
National Institute on Aging
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1RF1 AG068388

Disparities in the Life Course Origins of Cognitive
2R01 AG043544
Childhood Misfortune and Adult Health Among Black, White and Hispanic Americans
National Institute on Aging
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1R21 AG065654

The Role of Mid-life Psychosocial Stressors, Social Resources and Physiological Dysregulation in Understanding Race Differences in Cognitive Decline
National Institute on Aging
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1R01 AG067525

Lifecourse Exposure to Community Violence and Risk of Cognitive Decline, Alzheimer's Disease, and Related Dementias Among African Americans
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5UM1 HG009390
A Catalog of Cell Types and Genomic Elements in Tissues, Organoids and Disease
National Human Genome Research Institute
Broad Institute

7R01 NS086736

Clinical-Pathological Study of Cognitive Impairment in Essential Tremor
National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke
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2P01 AG014449

Neurobiology of Mild Cognitive Impairment in the Elderly
National Institute on Aging
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1R01 AG067497

Air Pollution and Alzheimer's Dementia: Neuropathologic and Olfactory Mechanisms in Multiethnic Longitudinal Cohorts
National Institute on Aging
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5U01 AG061359

Metabolomic Signatures for Disease Sub-Classification and Target Prioritization in AMP-AD
National Institute on Aging
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1R01 AG069976

A Multiscale Investigation of the Living Human Brain
National Institute on Aging
Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai

3R01 AG067025

Understanding the Molecular Mechanisms that Contribute to Neuropsychiatric Symptoms in AD
National Institute on Aging
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1R01 AG068405

Ethnic-Specific Effects of Mitochondrial DNA Variants and Environmental Factors on Cognitive Functioning and Dementia
National Institute on Aging
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2R01 HD076189
A Cognitive Test Battery for Intellectual Disabilities
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1R35 GM138313
Novel Bayesian Statistical Tools for Integrating Multi-Omics Data to Help Elucidate the Genomic Etiology of Complex Phenotypes
National Institute of General Medical Sciences
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4UH3 NS095557
ICVP - A Phase I Clinical Trial to Determine the Feasibility of a Human Cortical Visual Prosthesis for People With Blindness
National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke
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7R01 AI116323-07
Molecular Basis of Intestinal Cryptosporidiosis
7R21 AI141325-03
Intestinal Stem Cell Responses to Cryptosporidium Infection
7R01 AI136877-05
LincRNAs in Muscosal Defense to AIDS Opportunistic Pathogen Cryptosporidium
7R21 AI156370-02
LncRNA Regulation of Type I IFN Signaling in Intestinal Epithelium
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1R01 DK128203-01
Soluble Mediators of Relapse
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1R01 DK126926-01
Kidney PCSK9 in Nephrotic Syndrome
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1U01 NS102289
StATins Use in intRacerebral Hemorrhage PatieNts (SATURN) Study
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5R01 HL151512-01
Adolescent Circadian Phase Shifts: Novel Time-of-Day Targets for Bright Light
National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute
1R01 HL147915
Impact of Well-Timed vs. Mis-timed Sleep Extension on Adolescents' Dietary Intake
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1R21 AG070287-01
Primary Prevention, Life Expectancy, and Years Lived With and Without Alzheimer's Dementia in the United States
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1R01 AG065359
Air Pollution and Noise Exposures in Relation to Dementia: From Brain Imaging Markers to Clinical Disease
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5P30 AG064200
Roybal Translational Research Center to Promote Context-Specific Caregiving of Community-Dwelling Persons Living With Alzheimer's Disease or Related Disorders
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A Multicenter Platform Evaluating Putative Therapeutics for the Treatment of COVID-19 in Hospitalized Adults
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5U19 AI135964
Successful Clinical Response In Pneumonia Therapy (SCRIPT) Systems Biology Center
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RF1 AG0622480
Prebiotics Intervention to Reduce Alzheimer's Disease Risk via Brain-Gut Axis in an APOE4 Mouse Model
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1R01 HD100439-01A1
Effects of Background Noise on Word Learning in Preschool-Age Children
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1R01 DC017984
Literacy Development for Preschoolers with Hearing Loss
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1R01 DC018596-01
The Influence of Visual Speech on Lexical Access in Children
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5R01 AG053273
Optimism and Exceptional Longevity
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1R01 DK125394-01A1
The Role of ICOSL in Renal Protection
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1R21 AR079063-01
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1U19 AG063720
The Study of Women's Health Across the Nation: the Impact of Midlife and the Menopause Transition on Health and Functioning in Early Old Age
 National Institute on Aging
 University of Pittsburgh

Niranjan Karnik, MD, PhD

1R01 DA051464
Data-Driven Strategies for Substance Misuse Identification in Hospitalized Patients
 National Institute on Drug Abuse
 Loyola University Chicago

Justin Karush, DO

R01 CA207442
Implementing Tobacco Treatment in Low Dose CT Lung Cancer Screening Sites
 National Cancer Institute
 Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center

Ali Keshavarzian, MD

3R01 DK123733
Role of Intestinal Barrier Integrity in Modulating the Host Glycome During COVID-19
 National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases
 The Wistar Institute

Badrinath Konety, MBBS, MBA

5R01 CA218657
RESTORE: Improving Sexual Outcomes of Gay and Bisexual Prostate Cancer Survivors
 National Cancer Institute
 University of Minnesota

Melissa Lamar, PhD

1R01 AG062180
A Dynamic Environmental Exposure Approach to Study Health Behaviors in Midlife
 National Institute on Aging
 University of Illinois at Chicago

Alan Landay, PhD

5U01 HL146245
MACS/WIHS Combined Cohort Study: Cook County Clinical Research Site
 National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute
 Hektoen Institute for Medical Research

1R01 HL154862
Myocardial Vulnerability to Ischemia-Induced Dysfunction and Heart Failure: The Impact of HIV/SIV, ART and Targeted Immunotherapy
 National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute
 Northwestern University

SUM1 AI068636
LOC-IMPAACT Leadership Group
 National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases
 Johns Hopkins University

2UM1 AI106701
AIDS Clinical Trial Group Laboratory Center
 National Institutes of Allergy and Infectious Diseases
 The Regents of the University of California

SUM1 AI068636
 Leadership and Operations Center, AIDS Clinical Trials Group
 National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases
 University of California, Los Angeles

1R33 AG067069
AIDS and Aging Research Platform
 National Institute on Aging
 University of Washington

Brittney Lange-Maia, PhD, MPH
 1R03 AG071943-01
Multilevel Contributors to Cognitive and Physical Function Decline in Older African Americans
 National Institute on Aging

Amanda Mathew, PhD
 1R03 HL156941-01
Optimizing Self-Management COPD Treatment Through the American Lung Association Helpline
 National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute

National Institutes of Health Grants

New Grants Received in Fiscal Year 2021

Masako Mayahara, PhD, RN, CHPN, FPCN
1R211 NR018952-01A1
The Use of a Digital Application for Reporting Pain and Pain Management in Home Hospice
National Institute of Nursing Research

Rachel Miller, PhD
1R01 AR077019-01A1
The Role of Mechanosensation Pathways in Osteoarthritis Joint Damage and Pain
National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases

James Moy, MD
3UL1 TR002389
Moderate Versus High Dose Vitamin D for Prevention of COVID-19 in Healthcare Workers
National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences
University of Chicago

5U24 HL138998
Data, Modeling and Coordination Center for PrecISE Network
National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Ece Mutlu, MD, MBA, MS
1R211 TR003105-01A1
Gut Microbiome and Steroid Hormones
National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences

Daniel Nicholson, PhD
1R01 NS115471
Glutamate Receptor Signaling Pathways in the Circuit Integration of Adult-Born Neurons
National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke
Northwestern University

7RF1 AG056061
The Role of Elevated BIN1 Expression in Alzheimer's Disease
National Institute on Aging
University of South Florida

Kalipada Pahan, PhD
1R01 AT010980-01
Muscle Building Supplement HMB for Remyelination
National Center for Complementary and Integrative Health

1R21 AG069229-01
Intranasal TIDM Peptide for Tauopathy
National Institute on Aging

Vasil Peev, MD
5U01 DK116092
APOLLO - Upper Midwest
National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases
University of Wisconsin, Madison

Yanina Purim-Shem-Tov, MD, MS, FACEP
75N91020C00040
Personalized Analytics and Wearable Biosensor Platform for Early Detection of COVID-19 Decompensation
National Cancer Institute
PhysIQ

OT2 HL156812
COVID-19C3PO: Clinical Trial of COVID-19 Convalescent Plasma in Outpatients
National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute
University of Michigan

1UG3 HL145269
1/2 ICECAP: Influence of Cooling Duration on Efficacy in Cardiac Arrest Patients
National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute
University of Illinois at Chicago

Kumar Rajan, PhD
U19 NS120384
The Clinical Significance of Incidental White Matter Lesions on MRI Amongst a Diverse Population With Cognitive Complaints (INDEED)
National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke
The Regents of the University of California

P30 AG010129
UC Davis Alzheimer's Disease Core Center
National Institute on Aging
University of California, Davis

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New Grants Received in Fiscal Year 2021

7R01 AG051635-06
Nonlinear Models of Cognition Preceding AD in a Biracial Population Sample
7RF1 AG057532-03
Factors Influencing Decline in AD Trends in a Biracial Population Study
7R01 AG058679-03
Preserving Cognitive Resilience: a Biracial Parent-Offspring Study
National Institute on Aging

Jochen Reiser, MD, PhD
1R01 DK125858-01
suPAR and Renal Fibrosis
National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases

1R01 DK127139
Elucidating Genetic and Environmental Second Hits in Racial and Ethnic Minorities with APOL1 High-Risk Genotypes
National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases
Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai

1R01 ES032214
Developmental Origins of Kidney Function in Early Life and Environmental Risks
National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences
New York University

1R01 HL153384
Role SuPAR in the Intersection Between Cardiovascular and Kidney Disease
National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute
University of Michigan

Ryan Ross, PhD
5U01 HL146245
MACS/WIHS Combined Cohort Study: Cook County Clinical Research Site
National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute
Hektoen Institute for Medical Research

Carlos Santos, MD, MPHS
5U01 AI138897
HOPE in Action Prospective Multicenter, Clinical Trial of HIV+ Deceased Donor Liver Transplants for HIV+ Recipients
National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases
Johns Hopkins University

Jeffrey Schneider, PhD
7K01 OD024882-04
The Role of Steady State Broadly Neutralizing Antibody Tissue Levels in Preventing Distal Site SHIV Replication
Office of the Director
National Institutes of Health

1R21 MH125339-01
Imaging the CNS SIV Reservoir in a cART Cessation Model
National Institute of Mental Health

Sasha Shafikhani, PhD
1R01 AI150668-01A1
Role of Immune System in Prophylaxis Antibiotic's Surgical Site Infection Control
National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases

Raj Shah, MD
5U01 GM132133
Building Up
National Institute of General Medical Sciences
1U19 AG065188
Pragmatic Evaluation of Events and Benefits of Lipid Lowering in Older Adults
National Institute on Aging
Duke University

U19 AG024904
Alzheimer's Disease Neuroimaging Initiative 3
National Institute on Aging
University of Southern California

Latha Soorya, PhD
4R44 MH121965
ARGUS-MDS: Automated, Quantitative and Scalable System for Social Processes in Behavioral Health
National Institute of Mental Health
Argus Cognitive

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New Grants Received in Fiscal Year 2021

Colleen Stiles-Shields, PhD

1P50 MH119029
Technology Enabled Services for Coordinated Care of Depression in Healthcare Settings
 National Institute of Mental Health
 Northwestern University

Garth Swanson, MD, MS

1R01 DK124280-01A1
The Impact of Circadian Misalignment on Colonic Barrier Homeostasis in Ulcerative Colitis
 1R01 DK128085-01
Chronotherapy of 5-Aminosalicylic Acid in Ulcerative Colitis: A Randomized Crossover Trial
 National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases

Alan Tan, MD

5U10 CA180821
Alliance for Clinical Trials in Oncology Operations Center
 National Cancer Institute
 Brigham & Women's Hospital

Christy Tangney, PhD

5R01 AG064440
Sleep Ancillary Study to the US Study to Protect Brain Health Through Lifestyle Intervention to Reduce Risk
 5R01 AG062689
US POINTER Imaging Ancillary Study
 National Institute on Aging
 Wake Forest University Health Sciences

David Williams, PhD

1R21 AI149102-01A1
Identification of the Target of Meclonazepam in Schistosome Worms
 National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases

1R21 AI146512

Rational Drug Development for Schistosomiasis Targeting HDAC
 National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases
 University of Illinois at Chicago

Andrea Zammit, PhD

7K01AG054700-06
Application of Latent and Integrative Approaches to Understand the Spectrum of Cognitive Aging
 National Institute on Aging

Foundation and Other New Grants

Senada Bajakovic-Kacila, MD

Quality Improvement Projects: Review of Assessment Procedures in Graduate Medical Education
 American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology
 University of Illinois at Chicago

Robert Balk, MD

SEID19AB0
CF Learning Network: Implementation Phase
 Cystic Fibrosis Foundation
 Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center

Patricia Boyle, PhD

Response Testing Campaign Project
 Heart+Mind Strategies

Francine Grodstein, ScD

Large Scale Studies of Walnut Consumption and Health in Aging
 California Walnut Commission

Mary Hayden, MD

Assessing Factors Associated with Candida Auris Environmental Contamination as a Source of Transmission
 National Foundation for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Valerie Kalinowski, MD

COVID-19 Anticoagulation in Children - Thromboprophylaxis (COVAC-TP) Trial
 All Children's Research Institute

Rasa Kazlauskaitė, MD

Establishing Surveillance: Metabolic Impact of Diabetes Phenotypes and Age on COVID-19
 Research Triangle Institute

Lauren Koffman, DO, MS

Aneurysmal Subarachnoid Hemorrhage - Red Blood Cell Transfusion and Outcome (SAHaRA): a Randomized Controlled Trial
 Ottawa Hospital Research Institute

Abhimanyu Mahajan, MD, MHS

Dystonia Coalition Projects - 3
 Dystonia Medical Research Foundation
 Emory University

Carter Neugarten, MD

Emergency Medicine Palliative Care Access
 Patient Centered Outcomes Research Institute
 New York University

Kousiki Patra, MD

SMART NICU2HOME: Supporting Illinois Families of Premature Infants With Smartphone Technology
 Health Care Service Corporation
 Northwestern Feinberg College of Medicine

Arvind Rajagopal, MBBS

A Pilot Study Examining Conscious Awareness and Cognitive Experiences During Deep Hypothermic Circulatory Arrest
 NYU Grossman School of Medicine

Beverly Sha, MD

A Single-Arm, Open-Label, Pilot Study of Semaglutide for Non-Alcoholic Fatty Liver Disease (NAFLD), a Metabolic Syndrome w/ Insulin Resistance, Increased Hepatic Lipids and Increased Cardiovascular Disease Risk (The SLIM LIVER Study)
 University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston

Raj Shah, MD

Chicago Area Patient Centered Outcomes Research Network
 Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute
 Northwestern University

Jeff Snell, MD

Multicenter, Randomized-Controlled Trial to Evaluate the Efficacy and Safety of Antithrombotic Therapy for Prevention of Arterial and Venous Thrombotic Complications in Critically Ill COVID-19 Patients
 Brigham & Women's Hospital

Dian Wang, MD, PhD, FASTRO

A Trial to See What the Results Are for Radiation Therapy and Hormone Therapy vs. Radiation Therapy With Enhanced Hormone Therapy With Enzalutamide for Patients With PSA Recurrence After Surgery (STEEL)
 RTOG Foundation

Systematic Light Exposure to Prevent Fatigue in Prostate Cancer Patients (PC-LIGHT Study)
 American Cancer Society
 Northwestern University

Other Federal and State Grants

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Fragile X Clinic and Research Cooperative
Consortium Agreement
Centers for Disease Control
National Fragile X Foundation

Patricia Boyle, PhD
5RD R18000001
Center for Financial Security Retirement and Disability
Research Consortium
Social Security Administration
The Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin
System

Jordan Dale, MD
3R01 HS024917
*Development of Evidence-Based Decision Support for
the Management of COVID19*
Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality
City of Hope National Medical Center

Stefan Green, PhD
NNX15AL05G
*Effects of Spaceflight on Gastrointestinal Microbiota in
Mice: Mechanisms and Impact on Multisystem Physiology*
National Aeronautics and Space Administration
Northwestern University

Mary Hayden, MD
Regional Innovative Public Health Laboratory
City of Chicago
1U54 CK000607-01-00
Chicago Prevention and Intervention Epicenter III
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Ali Keshavarzian, MD
NSF-2031754
*Collaborative Research: RAPID: Molecular Underpinnings
that Define Volatile Compound Signature of the Lung*
National Science Foundation

Michael Lin, MD, MPH
75D30121F0000
*Evaluating SARS-CoV-2 Vaccine Effectiveness
Among Healthcare Personnel During Early Phase,
Post-Introduction Vaccination*
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Clark McKown, PhD
R30 5A200220
*Web-based Assessment of Social-Emotional Skills in
Middle School*
US Department of Education

Jonathan Rubenstein, MD
1UIOEY026869
*Long-Term Suppressive Valcyclovir Treatment for
Herpes Zoster Ophthalmicus*
National Eye Institute
NYU Grossman School of Medicine

Nicole Russo-Ponsaran, PhD
R30 5A200463
*Validation of a Spanish-Language Social Reasoning
Assessment for Spanish-Speaking English Language
Learners*
U.S. Department of Education

Carlos Santos, MD, MPHS
75D30120C09927
*Multicenter Impact of COVID-19 on Secondary Infections
and Incidence of Hospital-onset Antimicrobial-Resistant
(AR) and Fungal Organisms*
Center for Disease Control
Medical Research Analytics and Informatics Alliance

Sarah Song, MD, MPH
1R18 HS027264
*Targeted Healthcare Engineering for Systems
Interventions in Stroke*
Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality
University of Chicago

Robert Weinstein, MD
75D30120c08008
*Innovative Support for Patients with SAR SARSCOV2
Infections (INSPIRE) Registry*
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Julion Wrenetha, PhD, MPH, RN, CNL, FAAN
90ZJ0055-01-01
*Preparing for Parenthood: A Father Inclusive Model
of Prenatal Care*
Department of Health and Human Services
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Award and Expansion Award
Department of Defense

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Peer Reviewed Medical Research Program
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German Research Foundation

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On Foundation, Switzerland

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Transformation Coordination and Evaluation Center
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National Institute on Aging

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Section
National Institutes of Health

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Research and Measurement Grant Competition
Department of Health and Human Services
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Grant Reviewer
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Department of Defense

Ad Hoc Grant Reviewer
K99/R00 Transition to Independence Study Section (NCI-I)
National Institutes of Health

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Rush Medical College
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College of Health Sciences

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Assistant Professor
Department of Cell and Molecular Medicine
Rush Medical College

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Rush Medical College

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College of Nursing

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2020 Postdoctoral Mentor of the Year

Vineet Gupta, PhD

The Charles Arthur Weaver Chair of Cancer Research
Vice Chair for Innovation, Department of Internal
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