



12th Annual

Faculty Recognition Reception

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Faculty Recognition Reception



Dear Faculty:

Recognizing faculty excellence has become a time-honored tradition at Rush and is part of the celebration at the end of an academic year. 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 science, education, patient care and the community, as well as your limitless accomplishments, are recognized and applauded.

Despite the COVID-19 pandemic, the state of the university is strong because of your commitment, resilience and dedication. You are the role models — collectively writing the blueprint, interpreting the outcomes, creating the impact and paving the way toward improving health and health equity while transforming education.

As we continue to take on the challenges of health care, research and education in the 21st century, please take a moment to reflect on your academic and research accomplishments, leadership promotions and appointments, and your day-to-day interactions with students, staff and one other.

Your efforts are making a difference — locally, nationally and worldwide.

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:

As we move into the third year since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, we are starting to reach a new balance. We are finding ways to function — and even excel — in our present times while still remaining vigilant. Faculty at Rush University continue to shine in educating our students. You have reached new heights in research endeavors by securing Rush’s highest-ever amount of NIH funding and are transitioning to new ways of providing patient care. 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 many of you still took the time to recognize the incredible work performed by your colleagues. This year, we have six Faculty Excellence Award winners in addition to many new 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 the resilience of our faculty, together we are better equipped to face anything that may come our way. 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

- Laura Laursen, MD, MS
- Kerstin Stenson, MD

Excellence in Community Service

- Sobia Ansari, MD
- Mallory Bejster, DNP, RN
- Elizabeth Davis, MD
- Laura VanPuymbrouck, PhD, OTR/L

Excellence in Education

- Brinda Bradaric, PhD
- Princess Currence, DSW, MSW
- Andrew Garman, PsyD, MS
- Kathryn Osborne, PhD, RN, CNM, FACNM

Excellence in Mentoring

- Dayle Davenport, MD
- Seema Gandhi, MD, FACG
- Paria Mirmonsef, PhD
- Michael Schoeny, PhD

Excellence in Research

- Neelum T. Aggarwal, MD
- Sasha Shafikhani, PhD
- Bobby Tajudeen, MD

Faculty Award Recipients

Excellence in Clinical Service

Kerstin Stenson, MD

Excellence in Community Service

Elizabeth Davis, MD
Laura VanPuymbrouck, PhD, OTR/L

Excellence in Education

Andrew Garman, PsyD, MS

Excellence in Mentoring

Dayle Davenport, MD

Excellence in Research

Neelum T. Aggarwal, MD

Excellence in Clinical Service

Kerstin Stenson, MD



Kerstin Stenson, MD, is a professor and associate vice chair in the Department of Otorhinolaryngology, Rush Medical College. She is also the director of the Head and Neck Cancer Program at Rush University Medical Center.

Pete Batra, MD, chair of the Department of Otorhinolaryngology at Rush Medical College and Stenson’s nominator, writes, “She has been instrumental in the development of our premier Head and Neck Cancer Program over the past eight years. The program is now the market leader in the Chicago region.”

Stenson co-authored the AAO/HNS clinical practice guideline Opioid Prescribing for Analgesia After Common Otolaryngology Operations. Her work has been highly cited and has influenced head and neck programs nationally to adjust their approach to postoperative pain management. She has helped develop and refine treatment protocols in conjunction with colleagues on the Head and Neck Tumor.

In addition, she has been instrumental in recruiting key faculty to the Department of Otorhinolaryngology. And as a clinician, Stenson works across disciplines to ensure excellent health care for patients.

“Head and neck cancer procedures require a major commitment from the surgeon — not only do they require technical expertise and long operative times but also extensive counseling and complex postoperative care and decision-making skills. Offering this advanced type of care for the most complex cases has been critical to the growth of the Head and Neck Cancer Program at Rush and is essential for patient care,” writes one of Stenson’s award nominators, Samer Al-Khudari, MD, FACS, associate professor, Department of Otorhinolaryngology at Rush.

Jacob Friedman, MD, chief resident of otorhinolaryngology at Rush, writes in his letter of support, “With every verbal and non-verbal cue, she demonstrates to her patients that she feels their suffering, understands their trepidation and shares in their sense of loss. She fights to restore dignity and autonomy for patients who have lost both. It is by her example that we, as ENT residents, learn to never hesitate in an emergency, to meet aggressive disease with aggressive treatment and to remain diligent in the care of our patients. We aspire to live up to her example.”

Stenson is an active member of the American Head and Neck Society and is a fellow of the American College of Surgeons and the Academy of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery.

She serves on the editorial board of *Head and Neck* and has more than 100 head and neck-related publications and book chapters. She has expertise in all aspects of head and neck surgical oncology for head and neck tumors, from those with early stage cancer who require local reconstructions to those with advanced tumors whose care entails a multidisciplinary treatment approach.

Stenson’s clinical knowledge makes her a sought-after speaker. She has a special interest in patients with recurrent tumors and those who have complications after chemoradiation.

She completed a residency in otolaryngology-head and neck surgery at University of Illinois in Chicago and a fellowship in head and neck surgical oncology and microvascular reconstruction at the University of Michigan.

Excellence in Community Service

Elizabeth Davis, MD



Elizabeth Davis, MD, is the medical director for Community Health Equity at Rush University Medical Center and is an assistant professor at Rush Medical College. She has been committed to community service throughout her career and has woven together community service, clinical innovation and education throughout her time at Rush.

Davis launched the Rush@Home program to provide home-based primary care to historically marginalized communities on the West Side. This program was recently awarded an expansion grant after demonstrating that patients had 25% fewer hospitalizations and 50% fewer emergency department visits compared to a control group. In March 2020, Davis created an in-home COVID-19 testing program for home bound patients with COVID symptoms. In February 2021, she organized a large volunteer team to rapidly vaccinate Rush@Home patients and other home bound patients in Chicago. She was featured on CNN and Univision for this work.

During the pandemic, she launched a volunteer outbreak testing team in homeless shelters as an emergency response and then worked with leaders across Rush and the Chicago Department of Public Health (CDPH) to make this team a sustainable part of Chicago's long-term outbreak response strategy. From there, Davis and colleagues developed additional community-based services, including a community-based testing site in partnership with the CDPH, a National Institutes of Health-funded partnership with the Alive Faith Network focused on COVID mitigation strategies in West Side churches, and a philanthropically funded community vaccination team working with community organizations on the West Side. These programs have provided over 84,000 COVID tests and over 8,400 vaccinations in community-based settings. All of these programs provide clinical care outside of the four walls of Rush to communities that have faced disparities driven by racism and other structural determinants of health.

Davis is one of the founders of the Center to Transform Health and Housing, a philanthropically funded center to expand clinical services, education, advocacy and research with the goal of improving health care and housing resources for people experiencing homelessness. She also worked with students to launch the Health and Homeless elective in Rush Medical College.

Davis built the Health Equity and Social Justice elective at Rush Medical College with a small group of faculty members and then co-led its expansion into a four-year program. She also launched the community health branch of the Health Equity Track in the Rush Internal Medicine residency program. Davis and her colleagues have incorporated Rush learners — including interprofessional students, residents and fellows — into all of their community clinical work. During the Omicron surge, she worked with Rush Medical College leadership to launch the Service and Leadership in a Health Care Crises elective for fourth-year medical students.

Davis is on the operations committee of the Rush BMO Institute for Health Equity. She volunteers teaching community members about COVID vaccination through the Chicagoland Vaccine Partnership and the Interfaith Youth Core Ambassadors. She was a committee member in the Chicago Department of Public Health Systems Change Collaborative. She also is a member of the Chicago Homelessness and Health Response Group for Equity. Davis has served on committees for the Institute for Healthcare Improvement, National Quality Forum, California Association of Public Hospitals and San Francisco Department of Public Health. Prior to joining Rush, she was a faculty member at the University of California, San Francisco, where she taught about complex care, health equity and quality improvement.

Excellence in Community Service

Laura VanPuymbrouck, PhD, OTR/L



Laura VanPuymbrouck, PhD, OTR/L, is an assistant professor in the Department of Occupational Therapy in the College of Health Sciences at Rush University. Since 2019, VanPuymbrouck has worked to establish collaborative relationships with Chicago-area community services agencies, including the ReVive Center for Housing and Healing, Chicago Street Medicine, The Boulevard South Loop Community Table, the Night Ministries, and Rush Street Medicine.

VanPuymbrouck has developed and implemented a monthly free occupational therapy (OT) drop-in clinic that addresses the gaps in health care management for residents and the community of the ReVive Center for Housing and Healing, a transitional living center. This clinic has grown to become a supervised student-run clinic that provides invaluable opportunities for service provision and student learning. She also saw the need for OT services for people experiencing homelessness outside of the ReVive Center, so she collaborated with Rush Medical College students and the Night Ministries to incorporate OT into the Rush Street Medicine program. She recruited eight OT students to integrate street OT into the Rush program, guiding OT students to understand the occupational needs of people experiencing homelessness, and leading numerous OT teams in Rush Street Medicine and Night Ministries services.

As part of the Rush Street OT program, VanPuymbrouck arranged for OT practitioners and students to be present for weekly meals at South Loop Community Table, a weekly food pantry. Here, weekly OT services are available to people who otherwise would not have access. Throughout all of this community programming, VanPuymbrouck works to integrate opportunities for teaching and learning, bringing experts she meets into her classroom to expand student understanding on issues of health care access.

Faith K. Brown, an occupational therapy student at Rush, writes in her letter of support, "Van is a community-centered leader both within the OT profession and in the countless additional service initiatives she undertakes. She provides opportunities for students to engage with the community and regularly invites community leaders to guest lectures."

Molly Bathje, PhD, OTR/L, assistant professor, DePaul University, and VanPuymbrouck's former colleague at Rush, writes in her letter of support, "I noted how effective she is in establishing relationships with community partners and members. This is attributed to her desire to truly understand who she is serving. She is an excellent advocate and an example of how health care practitioners can address health equity issues in the community by designing effective and sustainable programs."

In early 2020, during the early phase of the pandemic, VanPuymbrouck co-founded the PPE4PWD Coalition, a group of individuals from across disability groups and organizations whose primary mission is to distribute personal protective equipment to people with disabilities living in the community experiencing barriers to accessing PPE for themselves and their personal assistants. These efforts opened the door to understanding how the needs of people with disabilities are missing from many of the state of Illinois' emergency response plans. In response, she and her coalition members engaged in legislative advocacy coauthoring Illinois Senate Bill 921, which recommends the state create an Access and Functional Needs Advisory Committee within the Illinois Emergency Management Agency. This bill was signed into law by Governor Pritzker in 2021.

VanPuymbrouck's work is dedicated to optimizing health, supporting empowerment and creating meaningful community participation and quality of life for people with disabilities and others who are disenfranchised. In her research, she adopts a disability studies approach: participants are viewed as experts in their own lives, which is extremely important when conducting research with marginalized populations. She has participated as a researcher in the fields of disability studies, health care of people with disabilities and health care access inequities of individuals from marginalized communities.

Excellence in Education

Andrew Garman, PsyD, MS



Andrew Garman, PsyD, MS, is a professor in the Department of Health Systems Management in the College of Health Sciences at Rush University. His teaching focuses on health care leadership as a catalyst for well-being, social change and planetary health. He joined Rush in 1998, in a position split between the College of Health Sciences and the Department of Human Resources at Rush University Medical Center.

Over the course of his tenure with the department, the Master of Science in Health Systems Management program rose from 34th in the country to fifth (*U.S. News & World Report*). The program also added a new executive track this past year.

Garman has taught a variety of courses for the Master of Science in Health Systems Management program, including leadership, organizational analysis, governance and human resource management. His courses have consistently received superior evaluation scores.

In addition to leading courses, Garman has served as a mentor to a number of student organizations, including Students for Social Responsibility and TEDXRushU. Garman received the Excellence in Teaching Award from the Department of Health Systems Management's graduating class in 2019. In 2021-22, the students voted Garman as their graduation hoodler, which is an honor given to faculty for their helpfulness and commitment to students.

Aubree Larson, MS, a graduate of the Health Systems Management program and currently an administrative fellow, Hospital Operations, UCLA Health, writes in her letter of support, "Professor Garman guaranteed that we would graduate feeling ready to tackle the world and created a space where students could bring our whole selves to class. He provided students with resources and exercises that I still use today. I have shared these lessons with the director of Strategy and Performance at Cleveland Clinic, the chief operating office at UCLA Health and a crowd of more than 200 people at the American College of Healthcare Executives' Congress on Healthcare Leadership."

Garman partnered with George Fitchett, DMin, PhD, professor, Religion, Health and Human Values, to create a nine-month certificate in Spiritual Care Management and Leadership. Fitchett writes in his letter of support, "What inspires me is the way he engages the students. Every student's comment and question is valued and affirmed while he offers alternative perspective and suggestions."

From 2012-2020 Andrew served as part-time CEO for the National Center for Healthcare Leadership. During this time, he helped launch numerous leadership continuing education programs, including collaborations with the American College of Healthcare Executives, the Healthcare Financial Management Association, Illinois Hospital Association, King Faisal Specialist Hospital & Research Centre, Ontario Hospital Association, Society of Industrial Psychologists and Rush's own Transforming Chaplaincy.

In 2022, he become co-leader of a University-wide initiative to strengthen planetary health education, with support from the President's Collaborative Research award, and he is designing a leadership program for the International Hospital Federation's Geneva Sustainability Centre. Garman is the author of four leadership development books, including the recently published *Healing our Future: Leadership for a Changing Health System*.

Excellence in Mentoring

Dayle Davenport, MD



Dayle Davenport, MD is the Assistant Dean of Diversity and Inclusion for Rush Medical College and an Associate Professor in the Department of Emergency Medicine. She has a long-standing history of mentorship, with an emphasis on those who are underrepresented in the health care field, dating back over 20 years. During her time at Harvard Medical School, she co-lead Girl Power, a local program that introduced preadolescent girls to science, health and environmental issues. As a result of her work, she was selected as a Boston Schweitzer Fellow.

Since joining the Department of Emergency Medicine in July 2008, Davenport has expanded her mentorship endeavors as a trusted adviser and sponsor for countless students, residents and faculty at Rush. She has served as the adviser for the Peck Advisory group; House Staff Diversity, Equity and Inclusion group; URM Student Empowerment group; Rush University Diversity and Inclusion student organization; and the Chicago Minority Medical Student Emergency Medicine Program, among other roles.

She has worked on initiatives to recruit underrepresented minority (URM) students, mentored URM medical students and residents, and worked with medical student leadership from the Student National Medical Association and Latino Medical Student Association to address challenges facing these students. Davenport has also worked with the Rush University Diversity and Inclusion student organization as part of Black History month, and even led the Black History Month Family Feud event. She has acted as an adviser for the Chicago Minority Medical Student Emergency Medicine Program, which promotes careers in academic and community emergency medicine to URM and LGTB medical students.

Kristin Hill, MA, a student at Rush Medical College, writes in her letter of support, "Practical advice, connection to resources and personal encouragement are gifts from the mentorship I have received from Dr. Davenport time and time again. Each encounter leads to what feels like an elixir for the heart, mind and spirit! She connected with the Student National Medical Association executive board and provided a platform for our voices to be heard."

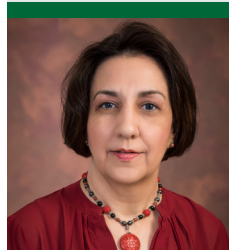
As the first Assistant Dean of Diversity and Inclusion for Rush Medical College, she runs a lunch and learn series for URM students to discuss various topics, including culture at Rush, imposter syndrome, dealing with microaggressions and intersectionality. She also helped reinstate the first-generation program at Rush, Together We Thrive, increased faculty membership and started a dinner and discussion series with faculty, house staff, students and invited guests. These programs have created a safe space for important conversations and guidance as well as created a community for underrepresented minority and first-generation students.

Davenport has also been active in initiatives for women, providing mentorship through the Women in Emergency Medicine at Rush program, the Rush Women Mentoring Program, and worked on the Women's Wellness Workgroup (WWW). Through the efforts of the WWW, Rush started a partnership with Bright Horizon's to provide employees back up childcare and other family support services.

She is also a national leader in diversity, equity and inclusion. She is actively involved with the Section on Minority Affairs and Diversity for the American College of Emergency Physicians and Group on Diversity and Inclusion for the Association of American Medical Colleges. She has also worked with the Resident/Young Faculty Steering Committee for the Women in Medicine Summit. She has been an invited speaker for multiple conferences and published several papers examining diversity and equity among publications, leadership roles and standardized letters of evaluation.

Excellence in Research

Neelum T. Aggarwal, MD



Neelum T. Aggarwal, MD, is a professor in the Department of Neurological Sciences at Rush Medical College. For more than 20 years, she has served as a co-investigator for multiple National Institutes of Health (NIH)-funded studies at the Rush Institute for Aging and the Rush Alzheimer’s Disease Center. As a physician and population health researcher, Aggarwal’s research interests focus on aging across the lifespan and how cardiovascular contributions, stroke, sex and gender, and race and ethnicity affect cognitive and physical health.

Laurel Cherian, MD, MS, an associate professor in Rush’s Department of Neurological Sciences, says, “The trust she has built through her fieldwork has resulted in hundreds of participants choosing to participate in research and donate their brains to the Rush Alzheimer’s Disease Center upon their death. Their final act of generosity has empowered us to tackle critical research questions.”

Aggarwal has also translated findings from her epidemiological and population-based research into clinical activities. For example, she has leveraged longstanding partnerships to deliver large-scale, culturally sensitive and inclusive community-based education programming, such as Walk with a Doc. She was a co-principal investigator for CEERIAS and 2CEERIAS, two successful studies on stroke disparities funded by the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute.

In addition, Aggarwal is a Rush Steering Committee member, a site principal investigator for multiple NIA-funded consortia trials for Alzheimer’s disease (AD), and co-chair of the NIA IDEA-CT and Outreach and Policy Subcommittee. She is the lead faculty member for the NIA-funded IMPACT AD course, which focuses on equitable methods of trial recruitment and retention among underrepresented minority populations, and also leads the NIA-supported AGREED workgroup, which develops tools and best practices regarding communication and disclosure processes for dementia-related risk evaluation and education.

As research director for the Rush Heart Center for Women (RHCW), Aggarwal has deepened her interest in the intersectionality of sex and gender with cognitive function, cardiovascular disease, stroke and dementia. In 2014, she began working with Annabelle S. Volgman, MD, a cardiologist at Rush University Medical Center, and developed the Cardiology Cognitive Clinic which provides cognitive screenings, diagnoses, recruitment to NIH funded AD prevention trials, referrals and interdisciplinary treatment plans to women with heart disease.

Aggarwal co-leads the research effort for the Nutrition Effects on Brain Outcomes and Recovery in Stroke after Hospitalization (NOURISH) study, an NIA-funded, phase three clinical trial that she originally worked on with the late Martha Clare Morris, ScD. This trial is designed to assess whether a specific dietary pattern would improve the cognitive outcomes of recent acute ischemic stroke survivors. It has the potential to reduce the cognitive decline that often accompany strokes.

Her other scholarly focus on innovative methods for engaging students in science, technology, engineering, mathematics, and medicine (STEMM). One project delivers a Sex and Gender Medical Education curriculum to high school students that focuses on sex differences in cardiovascular, cognitive and mental health. In another, Aggarwal works with Rush medical students and a start-up company to utilize virtual reality (VR) to build an understanding of dementia as a disease.

Her research in STEMM engagement has been highly successful and has been presented on international stages at the Centennial Meeting of the Medical Women’s International Association, the VR Voice Consortium, the Alzheimer’s Association International Conference, the American Academy of Neurology; and recognized with research awards from the American Association of Geriatric Psychiatry, the American Medical Association and the American Medical Women’s Association.

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 2022 Professors

Neelum T. Aggarwal, MD
Neurological Sciences
Rush Medical College

Costica Aloman, MD
Internal Medicine
Rush Medical College

Elizabeth Baker, MD, MHPE
Internal Medicine
Rush Medical College

Mohammad S. Bhat, PhD
Surgery
Rush Medical College

Cynthia Boyd, MD, MBA
Internal Medicine
Rush Medical College

Theodore Corbin, MD, MPP
Emergency Medicine
Rush Medical College

Mary Fidler, MD
Internal Medicine
Rush Medical College

Graeme Forrest, MBBS
Internal Medicine
Rush Medical College

Christopher B. Forsyth, PhD
Internal Medicine
Rush Medical College

James Herdegen, MD
Internal Medicine
Rush Medical College

Braden James Hexom, MD
Emergency Medicine
Rush Medical College

Miral Jhaveri, MD, MBA
Diagnostic Radiology and Nuclear Medicine
Rush Medical College

Sivadasan Kanangat, PhD
Pathology
Rush Medical College

Melissa Lamar, PhD
Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences
Rush Medical College

Melissa Larson, MD
Internal Medicine
Rush Medical College

Brett Levine, MD, MS
Orthopedic Surgery
Rush Medical College

Latania Logan, MD, MSPH
Pediatrics
Rush Medical College

Supriya Mehta, PhD
Internal Medicine
Rush Medical College

Babak Mokhlesi, MD, MSc
Internal Medicine
Rush Medical College

Mark Mycyk, MD
Emergency Medicine
Rush Medical College

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Sean O'Mahony, MB, BCh, BAO

Internal Medicine
Rush Medical College

Sam Pappas, MD, FACS

Surgery
Rush Medical College

Kyle Popovich, MD, MS

Internal Medicine
Rush Medical College

Sasha Shafikhani, PhD

Internal Medicine
Rush Medical College

Valeriy Shafiro, PhD

Communication Disorders and Sciences
College of Health Sciences

Raj C. Shah, MD

Family Medicine
Rush Medical College

Sumihiro Suzuki, PhD

Preventive Medicine
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 2022 Associate Professors

Rana Abraham, MD

Internal Medicine
Rush Medical College

Sandeep Amin, MD

Anesthesiology
Rush Medical College

Sobia Ansari, MD

Emergency Medicine
Rush Medical College

Mallory Bejster, DNP, RN

Community, Systems and Mental Health Nursing
College of Nursing

Sudeep Bhabad, MBBS

Diagnostic Radiology and Nuclear Medicine
Rush Medical College

Brian Birmingham, MD

Anesthesiology
Rush Medical College

Torrey Boland-Birch, MD

Neurological Sciences
Rush Medical College

Donald Casey, MD

Internal Medicine
Rush Medical College

Jeffrey DeSanto, MD

Diagnostic Radiology and Nuclear Medicine
Rush Medical College

Marielle Fricchione, MD

Pediatrics
Rush Medical College

Santhosh Gaddikeri, MBBS

Diagnostic Radiology and Nuclear Medicine
Rush Medical College

Rajeev Garg, MD

Neurological Sciences
Rush Medical College

Stefan Green, PhD

Internal Medicine
Rush Medical College

Tina Grieco-Calub, PhD

Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences
Rush Medical College

Shannon Halloway, PhD, RN

Community, Systems and Mental Health Nursing
College of Nursing

Mary Heitschmidt, PhD, APRN, CCRN-K, FAHA

Women, Children, and Family Nursing
College of Nursing

Sara Hock, MD

Emergency Medicine
Rush Medical College

Anne Hoffmann, PhD, CCC-SLP

Communication Disorders and Sciences
College of Health Sciences

Sybil Hosek, PhD

Internal Medicine
Rush Medical College

Inna Husain, MD

Otorhinolaryngology
Rush Medical College

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Mia A. Levy, MD, PhD
Internal Medicine
Rush Medical College

Yixiang Liao, PhD
Radiation Oncology
Rush Medical College

Gina Lowell, MD
Pediatrics
Rush Medical College

Sreekumar Madassery, MD
Diagnostic Radiology and Nuclear Medicine
Rush Medical College

Gaurav Marwaha, MD
Radiation Oncology
Rush Medical College

Rachel E. Miller, PhD
Internal Medicine
Rush Medical College

Angela M. Moss, PhD, APRN, ANP-BC, FAAN
Community, Systems and Mental Health Nursing
College of Nursing

Frances Norlock, DO, MPH, FACP
Internal Medicine
Rush Medical College

Keyur Parekh, MBBS
Diagnostic Radiology and Nuclear Medicine
Rush Medical College

Neepa Patel, MD
Neurological Sciences
Rush Medical College

Sebastian Pollandt, MD, FACNS
Neurological Sciences
Rush Medical College

Nataliya Pyslar, MD
Internal Medicine
Rush Medical College

Arvind Rajagopal, MD, MPH
Anesthesiology
Rush Medical College

Josefina Ramos-Franco, MD, PhD
Physiology and Biophysics
Rush Medical College

Anupama Rao, MD
Internal Medicine
Rush Medical College

David Reid, MD
Otorhinolaryngology
Rush Medical College

Peter C. Revenaugh, MD
Otorhinolaryngology
Rush Medical College

Jennifer Rousseau, DNP, WHNP-BC, CNE
Women, Children, and Family Nursing
College of Nursing

Meeta Shah, MD
Emergency Medicine
Rush Medical College

Behnoosh Shayegan, MD
Anesthesiology
Rush Medical College

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Mark Supanich, PhD, DABR
Diagnostic Radiology and Nuclear Medicine
Rush Medical College

Aimee Szewka, MD
Neurological Sciences
Rush Medical College

Bobby A. Tajudeen, MD
Otorhinolaryngology
Rush Medical College

Benjamin Veenstra, MD
Surgery
Rush Medical College

Sumeet Virmani, MD
Diagnostic Radiology and Nuclear Medicine
Rush Medical College

Lakshmi Warrior, MD, MPH
Neurological Sciences
Rush Medical College

Thaddeus Waters, MD
Obstetrics and Gynecology
Rush Medical College

Brett Williams, MD
Internal Medicine
Rush Medical College

Sarah Won, MD, MPH
Internal Medicine
Rush Medical College

Adam Yanke, MD
Orthopedic Surgery
Rush Medical College

Sloane York, MD, MPH
Obstetrics and Gynecology
Rush Medical College

Laura Zimmerman, MD
Preventive Medicine
Rush Medical College

Andrew Zloza, MD, PhD
Internal Medicine
Rush Medical College

New Endowed Chairs

Lothar A. Blatter, MD

The John H. and Margaret V. Krehbiel Chair of Cardiology

Babak Mokhlesi, MD

The J. Bailey Carter, MD, Professorship of Cardiology

Sadia Haider, MD, MPH

The Dr. Glenn G. and Blanche S. Ehrler Professorship of Obstetrics and Gynecology

Christopher W. Seder, MD

The Arthur E. Diggs, MD, and L. Penfield Faber, MD, Professor of Surgical Sciences

Irving Waxman, MD

The James R. Lowenstine Professorship

National Institutes of Health Grants

New Grants Received in Fiscal Year 2022

Mitra Afshari, MD, MPH

1U01 NS113851
 “Study in Parkinson Disease of Exercise Phase 3 Clinical Trial: SPARX3”
 National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke
 Northwestern University

Neelum T. Aggarwal, MD

1R01 AG073627-01
 “Impact of COVID-19 on AD Occurrence: a Biracial Intergenerational Population Study”
 National Institute on Aging

Kyle Amber, MD

1R21 OD030057-01A1
 “Collagen XVII Unmasking in Parkinson’s Disease and Scratching”
 Office of the Director, National Institutes of Health

Konstantinos Arfanakis, PhD

2UF1 NS100599-06
 “Longitudinal Validation of Cerebral Small Vessel Disease Biomarkers in Diverse Community-Based Older Adults Without Dementia”
 National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke
 National Institute of Aging

Zoe Arvanitakis, MD

1RF1 AG074549-01
 “The Role of Blood and Brain 5-Hydroxymethylcytosine in Linking Vascular Risk Factors to ADRD in Older White and Black Persons”
 National Institute on Aging

5R01 AG062624

“Metformin in Alzheimer’s dementia Prevention (MAP)”
 National Institute on Aging
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Mariam Aziz, MD

UM1 AI038632
 “IMPAACT2019: Phase I/II Study of the Pharmacokinetics, Safety and Tolerability of Abacavir/Dolutegravir/Lamivudine Dispersible and Immediate Release Tablets in HIV-1-Infected Children Less than 12 Years of Age”
 National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases
 Johns Hopkins University

Kathrin Banach, PhD

1R01 HL155762-01A1
 “IP3 Receptor, NOX2 and Calcium Signaling Domains in Atrial Physiology and Pathophysiology”
 National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute

Edward Barker, PhD

1R01 AI161816
 “Harnessing Adaptive NK Cell Transfer to Deplete Viral Reservoirs”
 National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases
 Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System on Behalf of the University of Wisconsin, Madison

Lisa Barnes, PhD

2R01 AG022018-12
 “Racial Differences in Late-Life Cognitive Decline and Risk of Alzheimer’s Disease”
 National Institute on Aging

David Bennett, MD

1R01 AG069042
 “Targeting REST in Alzheimer’s Disease”
 National Institute on Aging
 President and Fellows of Harvard College o/b/o Harvard Medical School

3U01 AG061356

“Multiomic Network-Directed Proteoform Discovery, Dissection and Functional Validation to Prioritize Novel AD Therapeutic Targets”
 1RF1 AG072471

1RF1 AG072471

“Interrogation of a Human Microglia Phenotype Associated With Alzheimer’s Disease”
 5R01 AG067581

5R01 AG067581

“Microglia Antigen Presentation in the CNS of Alzheimer’s Disease”
 National Institute on Aging
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1P30 AG072975-01

“Rush Alzheimer’s Disease Research Center”
 National Institute on Aging

RF1 AG044342

“Soluble α Syn is a Modulator of AD Pathophysiology”
 National Institute on Aging
 Regents of the University of Minnesota

National Institutes of Health Grants

New Grants Received in Fiscal Year 2022

Elizabeth Berry-Kravis, MD, PhD

3R01 HD076189-S1
 “A Cognitive Test Battery for Intellectual Disabilities”
 Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development
 University of California - Davis

Mohammad Bhat, PhD

7R01 CA193739-06
 “Novel Targeted Chemo/Immunotherapy Approach for Localized and Metastatic CaP”
 National Cancer Institute

Lothar Blatter, MD

1R01 HL155762-01A1
 “IP3 Receptor, NOX2 and Calcium Signaling Domains in Atrial Physiology and Pathophysiology”
 National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute

Patricia Boyle, PhD

2R01 AG033678-11A1
 “Epidemiologic Study of Decision Making in Preclinical Alzheimer’s Disease”
 National Institute on Aging

Aron Buchman, MD

U24 DK112349
 “Exploring the Link Between the Muscle Proteome, Physical Activity, Cognitive Resilience and Alzheimer’s Disease”
 National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases
 Battelle Memorial Institute, Pacific Northwest Division

1RF1 AG070436

“Bidirectional Interactions Between Sleep and Alzheimer’s Disease: Functional Dissection of the Brain Transcriptome in Humans and Drosophila”
 National Institute on Aging
 Washington University in St. Louis

1R01 AG075728-01

“Identifying Resilience Proteins in Key Motor Tissues that Drive Motor and Cognitive Decline and Offset the Negative Effects of ADRD Pathologies Within and Outside the Brain”
 National Institute on Aging

1R01 AG071638

“Establishing Sleep Apnea As a Non-Cognitive Phenotype of Brainstem ADRD Pathologies in Older Adults”
 National Institute on Aging
 Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Inc.

John Burns, PhD

R01 DA050334
 “Stress and Opioid Misuse Risk: the Role of Endogenous Opioid and Endocannabinoid Mechanisms”
 National Institute of Drug Abuse
 Vanderbilt University

3U24 NS112873-03S1

“Clinical Coordinating Center for the Acute to Chronic Pain Signatures Program: Administrative Supplement”
 University of Iowa

Sumant Chugh, MBBS

1R01 DK129522-01
 “COVID-19 Cytokine Storm”
 National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases

Fredric Cohen, PhD

1R01 GM136777-01A1
 “Biophysical Mechanisms of Cholesterol Homeostasis”
 National Institute of General Medical Sciences

Philip De Jager, MD, PhD

3U01 AG061356
 “Multiomic Network-Directed Proteoform Discovery, Dissection and Functional Validation to Prioritize Novel AD Therapeutic Targets”
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Denis Evans, MD

1R01 AG073627-01
 “Impact of COVID-19 on AD Occurrence: a Biracial Intergenerational Population Study”
 National Institute on Aging

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New Grants Received in Fiscal Year 2022

Michael Fill, PhD
2R01 HL057832-22A1
“Collective Ryanodine Receptor Operation at Release Sites”
National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute

Graeme Forrest, MBBS
SUM1 AI104681
“A Phase 2b, Multicenter, Randomized, Open-Label, Assessor-Blinded Superiority Study to Compare the Efficacy and Safety of Dalbavancin to Standard of Care Antibiotic Therapy for the Completion of Treatment of Patients With Complicated S. Aureus Bacteremia”
National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Disease
Duke University

Rajeev Garg, MD, MS
5R01 NS110779
“Hemostasis, Hematoma Expansion and Outcomes After Intracranial Hemorrhage”
National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke
Northwestern University

Dirk Gillespie, PhD
2R01 HL057832-22A1
“Collective Ryanodine Receptor Operation at Release Sites”
National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute

Michelle Greene, PhD
R01 HD104072
“Parent Training for Parents of Toddlers Born Very Premature: a Factorial Design to Test Web Delivery and Telephone Coaching”
National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities
Ohio State University

Francine Grodstein, ScD
1R01 AG069904-01A1
“A Novel Epigenetic Clock for Brain Aging”
National Institute on Aging
1RF1 AG067744
“Prospective Study of the Gut Microbiome in Aging”
National Institute on Aging
The General Hospital Corporation d/b/a
Massachusetts General Hospital

Sadia Haider, MD, MPH
7R01 HD097171-04
“Linking Interprofessional Newborn and Contraception Care (LINCC) Trial; a Novel Approach to Postpartum Contraception Provision at the Well-Baby Visit”
Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development

Narine Hakobyan, PhD
1R56 HL149881
“Regulation of Blood Coagulation by the ZPI/PZ Anticoagulant System”
National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute
University of Illinois at Chicago

Deborah Hall, MD, PhD
1R01 NS125294-01
“Racial Disparities in Parkinson Disease: Clinical Phenotype, Management and Genetics”
National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute

Henry Huang, MD
1R01 HL148444
“Genotype-Guided Therapy for Atrial Fibrillation”
National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute
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Shivi Jain, MD
1OT2 HL156812
“COVID-19 Post-Hospital Thrombosis Prevention Study: a Multicenter, Adaptive, Prospective, Randomized, Placebo-Controlled Platform Trial Evaluating the Efficacy and Safety of Antithrombotic Strategies in Patients With COVID-19 Following Hospital Discharge”
National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute
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Bryan James, PhD
1R01 AG072559-01A1
“Predictors and Consequences of the Timing and Accuracy of Clinical Dementia Diagnosis”
National Institute on Aging

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New Grants Received in Fiscal Year 2022

Imke Janssen, PhD
3U19 AG063720-02S2
“The Study of Women’s Health Across the Nation (SWAN): the Impact of Midlife and the Menopause Transition on Health and Functioning in Early Old Age”
National Institute on Aging
University of Pittsburgh

Ali Keshavarzian, MD
1R01 AA029859-01
“Microbiota-Mediated Bidirectional Interactions Between Alcohol Misuse and PostCOVID-19 Syndrome”
National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism

Thomas Kim, MD
“A Randomized Phase II Study of Deintensified ChemoRadiation for Early Stage Anal Squamous Cell Carcinoma (DECREASE)”
National Cancer Institute
ECOG-AGRIN Cancer Research Group

Frank Ko, PhD
1K01 AR077679-01A1
“Role of Periostin Expressing Cells in Intramembranous Bone Regeneration”
National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases

Melissa Lamar, PhD
1R01 AG070883
“The Neighborhoods Study: Contextual Disadvantage and Alzheimer’s Disease and Related Dementias (ADRD)”
National Institute on Aging
University of Wisconsin, Madison

Alan Landay, PhD
1R56 AI158293
“Impact of Reproductive Aging on HIV Persistence and Inflammation”
National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Disease
The Regents of the University of California, San Diego

1UM1 AI164570
“BEAT-HIV: Delaney Collaboratory to Cure HIV-1 Infection by Combination Immunotherapy”
National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Disease
The Wistar Institute

2UM1 AI068632
“LOC-IMPACT Leadership Group”
National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases
Johns Hopkins University

Elizabeth Lynch, PhD
1UG3 HL154297
“Community Intervention to Reduce Cardiovascular Disease in Chicago”
National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute
Northwestern University

1OT2 HL156812
“NIH Community Engagement Alliance (CEAL) Against COVID-19 Disparities”
National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute
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1P50 MD0178349
“Chicago Chronic Condition Equity Network (C3EN)”
National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities
University of Chicago

Mathew MacCumber, MD, PhD
“A Randomized Clinical Trial Evaluating Fenofibrate for Prevention of Diabetic Retinopathy Worsening (Protocol AF)”
National Eye Institute
Jaeb Center for Health Research Foundation, Incl
“Genetics in Retinal Diseases Project”
National Institutes of Health
Jaeb Center

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New Grants Received in Fiscal Year 2022

Anne-Marie Malfait, MD, PhD

2R01 AR060364-09A1
 “Molecular Pathways of Pain Generation in Osteoarthritis”
 1P30 AR079206-01
 “Chicago Center on Musculoskeletal Pain (C-COMP)”
 National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases
 1R01 AR075737
 “Modulation of Inflammation in Osteoarthritis via CD14-Mediated Pattern Recognition”
 National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases
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Babak Mokhlesi, MD, MSc

5U01 DK061230
 “Progress in Diabetes Genetics in Youth (ProDIGY) Data Analysis Under the TODAY2 Phase 2 (T2P2) Study”
 National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases
 George Washington University

James Moy, MD

3U24 TR001608-Suppl
 “ACTIV-6”
 National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences
 Duke University

Ece Mutlu, MD, MBA, MS

1U01 DK127378
 “Mechanisms of Diabetes From Acute Pancreatitis in African Americans and Hispanics”
 National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases
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Tochukwu Okwuosa, DO

1R13 CA268650-01
 “Cardio-Oncology Midwest Regional Symposium”
 National Cancer Institute

Sanda Predescu, PhD

2R01 HL127022-05A1
 “Cleavage of Intersectin-1s by Granzyme B and Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension”
 National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute

Kumar Rajan, PhD

P30 AG072972
 “UC Davis Alzheimer’s Disease Center”
 National Institute on Aging
 The Regents of the University of California, Davis
 1R01 AG073627-01
 “Impact of COVID-19 on AD Occurrence: a Biracial Intergenerational Population Study”
 National Institute on Aging

Ryan Ross, PhD

1R21 AR079309-01A1
 “Characterization of a Humanized Mouse Model to Study HIV and ARV Effects on Bone”
 National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases
 1R03 DE029873-01A1
 “Assessing the Functional Role of Sclerostin in Periodontal Disease in XLH”
 National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research

Carlos Santos, MD, MPHS

7U24 TR002306
 “A National Center for Digital Health Informatics Innovation”
 National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences
 University of Colorado

Julie Schneider, MD, MS

2UF1 NS100599-06
 “Longitudinal Validation of Cerebral Small Vessel Disease Biomarkers in Diverse Community-Based Older Adults Without Dementia”
 National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke
 National Institute of Aging
 1RF1 AG070438
 “Discovery and Validation of Genetic Variants Affecting Microglial Activation in Alzheimer’s Disease”
 National Institute on Aging
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Beverly Sha, MD

3UM1 AI068614-15S1
 “COVID-19 Prevention Network (CoVPN) Site Preparedness Funding — Chicago — Rush Protocol-Specific Site”
 National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases
 Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center
 3UM1 AI068614
 “CoVPN 3006 Protocol Funding (PF) — Chicago — Rush Protocol-Specific Site”
 National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases
 Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center

Raj C. Shah, MD

1RF1 AG067744
 “Prospective Study of the Gut Microbiome in Aging”
 National Institute on Aging
 Hennepin Healthcare Research Institute
 5U19 AG065188
 “PRagmatic EVAluation of evENTs and Benefits of Lipid-lowering in oldEr Adults (PREVENTABLE) — Data Coordinating Center”
 National Institute on Aging
 Duke University
 1R43 AG074725
 “Development of Memesto, A Wearable Repetitive Message and Music Therapy Device That Senses and Reduces Agitation in Persons With AD/ADRC”
 National Institute on Aging
 Edgewater Safety Systems LLC

Kelly Stein, MD

R43 HL156588
 “FHIR-ed Up for Tobacco Cessation”
 National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute
 Pro-Change Behavior Systems, Inc.

Elizabeth Stiles-Shields, PhD

1K08 MH125069-01A1
 “Supporting Mental Health in Underserved Youth: Engagement with Digital Mental Health Technologies in Pediatric Primary Care”
 National Institute of Mental Health

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Christy Tangney, PhD, MS, FACN, CNS

5U19 AG063744
 “Alzheimer’s Gut Microbiome Project”
 National Institute on Aging
 Wake Forest University Health Sciences
 5U19 AG063744
 “The POINTER Neurovascular Ancillary Study”
 National Institute on Aging
 Wake Forest University Health Sciences

Yanling Wang, MD, PhD

1R01 AG074082-01A1
 “Uncovering Cell-Type-Specific Driver Genes of Alzheimer’s Disease by Pathology Indexing scRNA-seq”
 National Institute on Aging

Lei Yu, PhD

1R01 AG072475
 “Unraveling the Intersection of Synaptic Biology, Lifestyle and Cognitive Resilience”
 National Institute on Aging
 The Regents of the University of California, San Francisco

Andrea Zammit, PhD

1R21 AG074708-01
 “Physical and Mental Health Pathways to Cognitive Decline in World Trade Center Responders: the Roles of Pulmonary Function and Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder”
 National Institute on Aging

Lan Zhao, PhD

5R21 AR074072
 “Gradient Hydrogels to Promote MSC Differentiation for Osteochondral Defect”
 National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases
 Illinois Institute of Technology

Foundation Grants

Andrew Berenz, MD

GRT-00001296
 “Does Universal Masking Decrease Late-Onset Infections in the NICU?”
 Gerber Foundation
 University of Pennsylvania

Elizabeth Berry-Kravis, MD, PhD

FT2021-003
 “FAST Emergency Care Consortium”
 Foundation for Angelman Syndrome Therapeutics
 Regents of the University of Colorado, Denver

Alexander Chow, MD

“Stockholm3 Validation Study in a Multiethnic Cohort”
 Karolinska Institute

George Fitchett, DMin, PhD, BCC

“Mapping Spiritual Care in CommonSpirit Small and Critical Access Hospitals”
 CommonSpirit Health

Vineet Gupta, PhD

ASAP-021030
 “Co-Pathologies Drive Neuroinflammation and Progression in PD”
 Michael J. Fox Foundation
 Arizona State University

Urmeka Jefferson, PhD, RN

“Improving Access to Breastfeeding Support: the Mother’s Milk Connection Project”
 Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation
 The Regents of the University of California

Alan Landay, PhD

110180-69-RSCV
 “Symptoms and Biomarkers of Long COVID in People Living With HIV”
 American Foundation for AIDS Research

James Moy, MD

U01HL128954
 “ALA-ACRC LEEP/Losartan Effects on Emphysema Progression (LEEP) COVID-19 Ancillary Study”
 American Lung Association
 National Institutes of Health
 Northwestern University

Sean O’Mahony, MB, BCh, BAO

21-116924
 “Coleman Palliative Medicine Training Program”
 The Coleman Foundation
 The University of Chicago

Girish Sharma, MD

000185CC321
 “Cystic Fibrosis Foundation Registry”
 Cystic Fibrosis Foundation

Giles Slocum, PharmD, BCCCP

J829800-C
 “Urinary Tract Infections in the Emergency Department (UNTRIED)”
 University of Iowa

Adam Yanke, MD

“Freeze-Dried Conditioned Serum for the Treatment of Osteoarthritis”
 The Board of Governors of the Colorado State University System
 Colorado State University

“Regenerative Potential of Sheep Fetal Chondrocytes”
 Translational Medicine Institute
 The Board of Governors of the Colorado State University System

Other Federal Grants

Elizabeth Berry-Kravis, MD, PhD

1U01DD001298-01-00
 “Characterizing the Natural History of Fragile X Syndrome to Inform the Development of Intervention, Outcome Measures”
 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

George Fitchett, DMin, PhD, BCC

“Transforming Chaplaincy and Ascension Health Partnership to Advance Spiritual Care”
 Ascension Health Alliance

“Transforming Chaplaincy and Providence — Partnership to Advance Spiritual Care”
 Providence St. Joseph Health

Jared Greenberg, MD

W81XWH2010432
 “Cooling to Help Injured Lungs (CHILL) Phase IIb Randomized Control Trial of Therapeutic Hypothermia in Patients With ARDS”
 Department of Defense
 University of Maryland

Bala Hota, MD, MPH

90AX0031
 “Cumulus: a Universal Research Sidecar for a SMART Learning Healthcare System”
 Department of Health and Human Services
 Office of National Coordinator for HIT (ONC)
 The Children’s Hospital Corporation d/b/a Boston Children’s Hospital

Audrey Kam, MD

EA2176
 “A Randomized Phase III Study of Immune Checkpoint Inhibition With Chemotherapy in Treatment-Naïve Metastatic Anal Cancer Patients”
 ECOG-ACRIN Cancer Research Group

Clark McKown, PhD

S423A200114
 “Social and Emotional Learning Study Groups+ for Educators of Students with Emotional and Behavioral Disorders (EBD)”
 U.S. Department of Education
 University of Alabama

Hale Thompson, PhD

1R21 HSO28511-01
 “A Machine Learning Health System to Integrate Care for Substance Misuse and HIV Treatment and Prevention Among Hospitalized Patients”
 Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality

Dian Wang, MD, PhD, FASTRO

“Phase II Study of Bladder-Sparing Chemoradiation with Durvalumab in Clinical Stage III, Node Positive Bladder Cancer (INSPIRE)”
 ECOG-ACRIN Cancer Research Group

Joel Williams, MD

“DIFFIR: Geriatric Distal Femur: Fixation Versus Replacement-A Randomized Controlled Trial of Acute Open Reduction Internal Fixation (ORIF) Versus Distal Femur Replacement (DFR)”
 Unity Health Toronto

Rush Research Mentoring Program Awards

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(Section of Epidemiology Research)
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and Behavioral Sciences
Rush Medical College

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Department of Surgery
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Rush Medical College

Carrie Richardson, MD, MHS
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(Division of Rheumatology)
Rush Medical College

2021 Symposium Abstract Winners

Muhammad R. Haque, PhD
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College of Health Sciences

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Department of Orthopedic Surgery
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Rush Medical College

Rush Research Mentoring Program Awards

2021 Symposium Poster Winners

Adrian Mansini, PhD
Assistant Professor
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Rush Medical College

Brian T. David, PhD
Assistant Professor
Department of Neurological Surgery
Rush Medical College

Martina Guidetti, PhD
Postdoctoral Fellow
Department of Orthopedic Surgery
Rush Medical College

2021 Mentee of the Year

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Professor and Chairperson, Department of Anatomy
and Cell Biology, Rush Medical College
Fellow, American Association for the Advancement
of Science, American Association for Anatomy,
and Orthopaedic Research Society

2021 Postdoctoral Mentor of the Year

Rachel E. Miller, PhD
Associate Professor
Department of Internal Medicine
(Division of Rheumatology)
Rush Medical College



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- Identify current adaptation/resilience strategies
- Learn a practical negotiations framework

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- Financial management in academic settings
- Establishing effective mentoring relationships
- Navigating appreciative inquiry and difficult conversations
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