



13th Annual

Faculty Recognition Reception

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Esteemed Colleagues:

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 fortitude during these past pandemic years, are recognized and appreciated.

Please take a moment to reflect on your academic and research accomplishments, leadership efforts, promotions and appointments, and your day-to-day interactions with students and one other.

Your efforts to create the next generation of clinicians, scientist, educators and advocates is an immense responsibility. It is what distinguishes an academic medical center and a health sciences university from other institutions of practice and education. It is all of you — the people who work here — who make the difference.

We all share in your commitment to excellence. The Faculty Awards Reception recognizes you for honoring the pursuit of excellence.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Christine M. Kennedy'.

Christine M. Kennedy RN, PhD, FAAN
The John L. & Helen Kellogg Dean, College of Nursing
Provost, Interim, RUSH University

Faculty Recognition Reception



Dear Faculty:

I am extremely excited to host this reception in person again. We have finally returned to most of our pre-COVID-19 ways of operating. I hope this reception will again provide an opportunity for you to engage with one another and learn about your tremendous accomplishments and contributions to RUSH excellence.

Faculty demonstrated phenomenal resilience while providing the best education to our students, thriving in research and transitioning to new ways of providing patient care. We have made it through the COVID-19 pandemic even stronger, and I am honored to celebrate all your 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, 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 and the passion for what they do, together we are better equipped to face any challenge. It heartens me to know that our communities are safer due to your clinical excellence, research endeavors and teaching.

I look to the future with anticipation of all the great accomplishments you will achieve in the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "S. Chubinskaya".

Susan Chubinskaya, PhD
Vice Provost, Faculty Affairs, RUSH University
The Klaus Kuettner Professor of Osteoarthritis Research

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Faculty Excellence Award Nominees

Excellence in Clinical Service

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Sarah Song, MD, MPH

Excellence in Education

Nadine Lerret, PhD, MLS (ASCP)^{cm}

Jason Turner, PhD

Excellence in Mentoring

Jori Fleisher, MD, MSCE

Mary Jo Guglielmo, MPH

Sonali Khandelwal, MD

Paria Mirmonsef, PhD

Lynn Mohr, PhD, APRN, PCNS-BC, CPN, FCNS

Ami Shah, MD, FACS

Excellence in Research

Urmeka Jefferson, PhD, RN

Tricia Johnson, PhD

Jie Li, PhD, RRT, RRT-ACCS, RRTNPS, FAARC, FCCM

Faculty Award Recipients

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Tricia Johnson, PhD

Excellence in Clinical Service

Ricardo B. V. Fontes, MD, PhD



Ricardo B. V. Fontes, MD, PhD, is an associate professor in the Department of Neurosurgery and residency program director of the Neurosurgery Residency Program at RUSH University Medical Center. He obtained his MD and PhD degrees and completed his first neurosurgery residency at the Universidade de Sao Paulo, in his native Brazil. He then completed a fellowship in complex and minimally invasive spine surgery at RUSH University Medical Center, followed by a second neurosurgery residency at the same institution.

He has over 100 publications, won several academic awards, lectured extensively and is a member of several national and international professional organizations. His clinical and academic focus is adult and pediatric spinal deformity, spine surgery in the medically complex patient and the teaching of spine surgery to neurosurgery residents in the operating room.

Within RUSH, his most relevant recent clinical work has been in the surgical and multidisciplinary care of patients with spinal infections. Spinal infections disproportionately affect individuals with severe medical, social and economic conditions who often find themselves neglected by conventional health care strategies. With the assistance of colleagues from the Departments of Infectious Diseases, Neurology, Internal Medicine and Radiology, Fontes' team has managed to collect and study the largest database of primary spinal bacterial infections in the world, directly benefiting the population of Chicago, and in particular the Near West Side.

"Dr. Fontes is the referral of last resort for many spine surgeons across the state," says Bradley Kolb, MD, a fourth-year neurosurgery resident at RUSH. "He regularly treats patients who have exhausted all other options. He takes on patients that other neurosurgeons cannot. RUSH's national reputation in neurosurgery is built on the fact that our department is filled with such individuals, but Fontes is surely the leading example."

Despite the challenges of a busy clinical and academic practice and multiple familial demands, Fontes makes a point to take call at John H. Stroger, Jr. Hospital of Cook County as part of RUSH's outreach to that population. His group provides expert consultation to that service.

He is known for being accessible and for his Saturday morning rounds. He models exceptional patient care, as described by J. Roberto Varela, a soon-to-be graduate of RUSH Medical College and future RUSH neurosurgery resident: "In navigating my path to neurosurgery, Fontes inspired me and other medical students to pursue a career in this field by showing us the difference one can make in a patient's life. Fontes not only shows residents what operative management should be but also shows us how to approach each patient interaction with the utmost empathy and compassion. Dr. Fontes sees patients on some of the hardest days of their lives, and I have witnessed his ability to comfort and put patients at ease during difficult times, which is a testament to his exceptional patient care."

Fontes recently returned from his first trip back to his native Brazil in eight years, which was a journey he describes as both humbling and illuminating. He was able to see firsthand the impact that the international connections he maintained over the years has had on the quality of spinal surgery in Brazil. Observing the daily struggles of doctors at the University of Sao Paolo Hospital also made him that much more grateful to be part of the RUSH community.

Excellence in Community Service

Mallory Bejster, DNP, RN, CNL



Mallory Bejster, DNP, RN, CNL, is an associate professor in the College of Nursing's Department of Community, Systems and Mental Health Nursing. She joined the College of Nursing in 2017 as a junior faculty member and has since become a nationally recognized leader in her field.

Bejster serves the Lake County, Illinois community by combining her experiences as a community member with her expertise as a public health nurse to provide input on everything from strategic planning to policies and procedures to quality improvement efforts.

Bejster became involved in community service in Lake County shortly after moving to the area in 2014. In 2015, she began serving on the Governing Council of the Lake County Health Department (LCHD) and Community Health Centers' Federally Qualified Health Centers. In 2017, Bejster joined the Live Well Lake County (LWLC) initiative, which carries out the Community Health Improvement Planning (CHIP) process. At that time, she joined the LWLC Eat Well Action Team to address food insecurity. She is passionate about promoting health within her community.

Jon Ashworth, Lake County Health Department community systems development manager, worked with Bejster to develop community partnerships. In reflecting upon Bejster's work with a particular Lake County school, he says, "Overall, Mallory has been an incredibly powerful and positive influence through these efforts within our communities."

As part of the LWLC Data Team, she worked with local colleagues and two RUSH College of Nursing students on the qualitative analysis of local focus groups conducted as part of the CHIP process. The Education Action Team was recently formed in response to education being selected as one of the top priorities in Lake County. As a member of this team, Bejster works with colleagues throughout Lake County to plan, implement and evaluate strategies to promote equitable education opportunities.

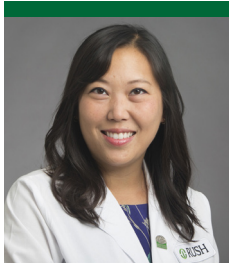
In 2021, once COVID-19 vaccinations became widely available within the community, LCHD put out a call for a Community Health Ambassador (CHA) program, which Bejster immediately joined. As a CHA, she provided educational sessions, answered questions and shared additional COVID-19 resources.

Bejster's service-driven, volunteer-based partnership work has had a significant influence on her additional service activities, scholarly work and teaching. According to Masako Mayahara, associate professor and associate chairperson of the Department of Community, System and Mental Health Nursing at RUSH, "Dr. Bejster is a strong nurse leader. She serves as the AACN Essentials Champion for the College of Nursing and has served as the chair of the Academic-Practice Partnership Committee for the College of Nursing. She provides extensive mentoring to all her students and junior faculty members."

She was named a 2021 Illinois Nurses Foundation 40 under 40 Emerging Nurse Leader Award recipient. Bejster is also the director of the Public Health Nursing Scholar Program and the current president of the Association of Public Health Nurses.

Excellence in Community Service

Sarah Song, MD, MPH



Sarah Song, MD, MPH, joined the Department of Neurological Sciences at RUSH Medical College as an assistant professor in 2012 and was promoted to associate professor in 2019. She currently serves as the program director of the Vascular Neurology Fellowship and medical director of the TeleStroke program at RUSH.

Song is dedicated to advocating for patients with neurological conditions and their caretakers, and for the specialized physicians who treat those patients. As a junior neurologist, she applied for the prestigious Palatucci Advocacy Leadership Forum (PALF), a leadership program for individuals passionate about patient advocacy developed by the American Academy of Neurology (AAN).

She was accepted into the program and was able to develop her project that focused on addressing stroke disparities in Asian American seniors, which she turned into a National Institute on Aging-funded project. The advocacy skills she gained through PALF led to her working with and leading several different committees with the AAN and the American Heart Association.

In 2016, Song created the Illinois State Neurological Society, a non-profit organization whose mission is to promote best practices and education in neurology and to advocate on behalf of patients with neurological conditions and their physicians. This has led to six successful conferences with upwards of 200 neurologists from throughout the state coming together for education, a robust training program and a communication channel through which to explain the practice of neurologists to legislators charged with creating policy that affects both patients and practitioners.

Jori Fleisher, MD, MSCE, FAAN, the Leslie Nan Burridge Endowed Faculty Scholar in Parkinson's Disease, research director of Clinical Affairs in the Division of Movement Disorders and an associate professor in the Department of Neurological Sciences, spoke about Song's exceptional commitment to service: "When I joined the RUSH faculty in 2017, I was pleased to learn that the Illinois State Neurological Society (ISNS) was a thriving organization with many educational and advocacy activities. What I did not realize at the time was that nearly all of that activity was due to Song's efforts to revitalize and lead the ISNS. The ISNS is now one of the pre-eminent state neurological societies and is a testament to Song's dedication to creating opportunities for networking, collaborating, learning and advocacy."

Song has also worked with the patient advocacy magazine *Brain & Life*, a free publication provided by the Academy of Neurology. As associate editor for the magazine, she brainstorms story ideas, reviews articles, conducts interviews and writes articles. The magazine reaches many people, with quality stories that are clinically factual and full of pragmatic ideas and support.

Song is also committed to working with students to help them learn and develop their own advocacy skills. With the help of some very enterprising and impassioned medical students and residents, she worked to create the RUSH Stroke Force in 2015, a RUSH Community Services Initiatives program. The RUSH Stroke Force works to educate the community about stroke.

Laurel Cherian, MD, MS, an associate professor in the Department of Neurological Sciences and division chief of Cerebrovascular Disease, says, "Whether it is sitting with a stroke survivor and their family as they process the immediate aftermath of a stroke, improving the ways an immigrant community shares health information or walking the halls of Congress to give a voice to the voiceless, Dr. Song has made community service and engagement the cornerstone of her career. She has inspired so many of us to do more, to reach out, to advocate."

Excellence in Education

Nadine Lerret, PhD, MLS (ASCP)^{cm}



Nadine Lerret, PhD, MLS (ASCP)^{cm}, began her career in 2014 as an assistant professor in the Medical Laboratory Science program and was promoted to associate professor and program director in July 2020.

Her zeal for education started when she was a graduate student at RUSH University working toward her PhD in immunology. With the encouragement of her research mentor, Amanda Marzo, PhD, Lerret was able to take on a lecturer position at Dominican University. There, she realized that teaching post-secondary education was her passion.

After postdoctoral training, she was able to come back to RUSH University — this time in the Department of Medical Laboratory Science. She has developed and taught courses in immunology and clinical chemistry at both the undergraduate and graduate level. She continually modernizes her teaching by incorporating globally centered topics to develop students who emerge as leaders in the field.

Her current position as a passionate professional in the underrepresented field of medical laboratory science enables her to spread enthusiasm and knowledge while serving as an educator and mentor to the next generation. She strives to create easily digestible content for her students that is relevant and engaging, but also pertinent to the objectives they must conquer. Ultimately, her goal is to foster a culture of excellence, collaboration and innovation in the classroom that her students can then take with them as they venture out into the field.

Toward interprofessional education, she utilizes case-based learning in every course she teaches to not only foster discussions that allow for student engagement and critical thinking but also to give an in-depth view of other allied health professions. From cardiovascular perfusion and respiratory therapy to nurse practitioners, her MLS students know how they are all connected and working together toward accurate and compassionate patient care.

Karen Cuellar, a RUSH University student, says, “I hope that every undergraduate and graduate student gets to have a professor like Dr. Lerret at least once in their lifetime. She gave us the fundamental knowledge and, more importantly, the fire we needed to enter the field of laboratory medicine with confidence. She did not just teach. She also inspired us.”

Lerret recently authored the leading Medical Laboratory Science Review text for those preparing to take the BOC exam. This gives her a platform that reaches beyond students at RUSH University to a global audience of students in the field of medical laboratory science.

Most recently, in response to an increased demand for trained medical laboratory professionals, she is creating a postbaccalaureate certificate program to accommodate students who are unable to commit to a full master’s degree program in medical laboratory science.

Her role as program director has given her the opportunity to be a driver for the Medical Laboratory Science program curriculum design and execution. By staying on top of national trends, continuously assessing her program’s outcomes and staying in close contact with alumni, Lerret is able to ensure the MLS curriculum not only produces excellent outcomes in terms of student graduation rates and BOC exam rates, but that it also meets students where they are and fosters their development to be accomplished and active professionals in the field.

“The college is extremely fortunate to have a dedicated and forward-thinking faculty member like Dr. Lerret in its ranks,” says Nicholas Moore, PhD, D(ABMM), MLS (ASCP), associate professor, College of Health Sciences. “She embodies each of RUSH’s core I CARE values in her roles as a faculty member and a leader in our program.”

Excellence in Mentoring

Lynn Mohr, PhD, APRN, PCNS-BC, CPN, FCNS



Lynn Mohr, PhD, APRN, PCNS-BC, CPN, FCNS, is the department chair and an associate professor in the Department of Woman, Children and Family Nursing in the College of Nursing. She began teaching at RUSH as an instructor in 2010 before becoming an assistant professor in 2016 and an associate professor in 2019.

Mohr's career has focused on addressing the needs of vulnerable populations, particularly children and their families. As a clinician, teacher and researcher, she mentors students, nurses, faculty and colleagues.

Her clinical practice focuses on impacting the care of children and their families by mentoring pediatric health care providers in using evidence and research collaboratively within interprofessional healthcare teams. Many of the providers, particularly nurses, have gone on to pursue advanced education and now function in various leadership and advanced practice roles.

Beth Bolick, DNP, APRN, PPCNP-BC, CPNP-AC, FAAN, director of the Acute Care Pediatric NP program, and professor in the Department of Women, Children and Family Nursing nominated Mohr and said this about her colleague:

“At the center of her core values is always respect for the experience of patients and families and their goals for health. She understands the need for collaboration among the entire health care team. She is a standard setter who has positively impacted the lives of millions of children and their families by mentoring others to develop new educational programs, build a resilient workforce and enact new standards of care. She models these attributes to her students, faculty, and external colleagues.”

Mohr built a wound care practice focusing on the needs of children, adolescents, and their families with ostomies. This practice spawned the national mentorship of health care providers in understanding wound practice and interprofessional research addressing the needs particularly of adolescents and their families.

In her faculty role, Mohr mentors others who are providing health care to children, adolescents and their families. She has impacted the careers of faculty beginning their academic careers and experienced faculty in their professional development toward rank promotion and their ability to mentor others. She has provided mentorship for podium and poster presentations, publications and other media, such as a blog and OpEds.

She has mentored numerous students. Due to her mentorship, students have excelled in their projects, resulting in presentations locally, regionally and nationally, with subsequent publications. Her mentorship of clinical nurse specialist (CNS) students has resulted in graduates serving in CNS positions, faculty roles, senior leadership positions and entrepreneurial endeavors. She still serves as a mentor for many of them. Mohr has mentored several prelicensure students in the Women, Children and Family Nursing Scholar program in their professional development, and some of these students have published, presented at national conferences and are enrolled in doctoral education.

Her mentorship has extended beyond RUSH. Mohr has provided guidance to colleges and universities and institutions in the care of children and families, curriculum design, faculty professional development and the role of the CNS. This mentorship has resulted in the development of new CNS programs in the United States and refined education in Singapore, and publications by novice faculty member colleagues in other institutions.

As Bolick said in her nomination letter, “She not only meets the criteria for excellence in mentoring. She also defines it.”

Excellence in Research

Tricia Johnson, PhD



Tricia Johnson, PhD, is a health economist whose research focuses on the intersection of economics, health equity and policy. Over the past two decades, her work has examined the economic impact of new care models and their effects on disparities. She joined the Department of Health Systems Management at RUSH as an assistant professor in 2002 and became full professor in 2016.

One of her most significant contributions to the science has been to quantify the economic impact of maternal breast milk feedings for very premature infants. She is currently the principal investigator of two National Institutes of Health-funded R01 studies (with Aloka Patel, MD) that seek to address racial gaps in the provision of a mother's own milk during the neonatal intensive care unit stay. She has a long track record of collaborations that support the success of other researchers and clinician-scientists and routinely serves as a co-investigator to evaluate the cost and cost-effectiveness of interventions and programs aimed at reducing racial and ethnic disparities in health and health care.

"Looking at the breadth of topics across which she has published and the sheer number of co-investigators with whom she has worked speaks volumes about her collaborative nature and skill set," says Jeff Canar, PhD, assistant professor, Department of Health Systems Management, who nominated Johnson. "Dr. Johnson has strong mathematical, statistical and computer programming skills. Many researchers will subcontract out their data analysis to a biostatistician. This means she is not one step removed from the data analysis process. Being able to manage the analyses on her own contributes to a greater understanding of her own research."

She co-leads the RUSH BMO Institute for Health Equity's research committee (with Elizabeth Lynch, PhD) and actively mentors the next generation of researchers and clinician scientists. She has been a standing and ad hoc member of the study section for the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality's Research training and career development research award applications (K01, K08 and R36).

Additionally, she is an executive committee member of the International Society of Research in Human Milk and Lactation and chairperson of the Nutrition Economics Special Interest Group of the International Society of Pharmacoeconomics and Outcomes Research.

"Her success in leading multiple multi-million-dollar research grants from the National Institute of Health is a testament to her dedication and expertise to minimizing health care disparities in our local communities and helping RUSH University become a world-class institution in health equity," says Matthew J. DePuccio, PhD, MS, Assistant Professor, College of Health Sciences' Department of Health Systems Management.

He added, "On a personal level, Tricia has always offered me helpful and timely advice about developing research grants and proposals. This saved me a lot of anxiety as an early career faculty member. Along with others in my department, I often see Tricia as the first resource when discussing research challenges. Her willingness to help her colleagues at a moment's notice is invaluable."

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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 2023 Professors

Ambika Amblee, MD

Internal Medicine
RUSH Medical College

Riccardo Autorino, MD, PhD

Urology
RUSH Medical College

Marta Batus, MD

Internal Medicine
RUSH Medical College

Faraz Bishehsari, MD, PhD

Internal Medicine
RUSH Medical College

Edie Chan, MD, FACS

Surgery
RUSH Medical College

James Connors, MD, MS, FAHA

Neurological Sciences
RUSH Medical College

Steven Flamm, MD

Internal Medicine
RUSH Medical College

Grant Garrigues, MD

Orthopedic Surgery
RUSH Medical College

Dirk Gillespie, PhD

Physiology and Biophysics
RUSH Medical College

Sadia Haider, MD, MPH

Obstetrics and Gynecology
RUSH Medical College

Diane Howard, PhD, MPH

Health Systems Management
College of Health Sciences

Gregory Huhn, MD

Internal Medicine
RUSH Medical College

Alexander Mazur, MD

Internal Medicine
RUSH Medical College

Tochukwu (Tochi) Okwuosa, DO

Internal Medicine
RUSH Medical College

Philip Omotosho, MD, FACS

Surgery
RUSH Medical College

John Rich, MD, MPH

Internal Medicine
RUSH Medical College

Rupa Sanghani, MD

Internal Medicine
RUSH Medical College

Loren Schechter, MD

Surgery
RUSH Medical College

Christopher Seder, MD

Cardiovascular and Thoracic Surgery
RUSH Medical College

Amarjit Viridi, PhD

Anatomy and Cell Biology
RUSH Medical College

Emily Wang, PhD

Communication Disorders and Sciences
College of Health Sciences

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Steve Attanasio, DO, FACC, FSCAI

Internal Medicine
RUSH Medical College

Anupam Basu, MD

Diagnostic Radiology and Nuclear Medicine
RUSH Medical College

Pravir Baxi, MD

Internal Medicine
RUSH Medical College

Bryan Bernard, PhD

Neurological Sciences
RUSH Medical College

Alisha Bhatia, MD

Anesthesiology
RUSH Medical College

Alan T. Blank, MD

Orthopedic Surgery
RUSH Medical College

Michael Bradaric, PhD

Anatomy and Cell Biology
RUSH Medical College

Jorge Chahla, MD, PhD

Orthopedic Surgery
RUSH Medical College

Adrienne Dade, MD

Obstetrics and Gynecology
RUSH Medical College

Jennifer Eastwood, PhD

Anatomy and Cell Biology
RUSH Medical College

Patrcia Fank, PsyD

Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences
RUSH Medical College

Amie Gamino, MD

Internal Medicine
RUSH Medical College

Crystal Glover, PhD

Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences
RUSH Medical College

Celine Goetz, MD

Internal Medicine
RUSH Medical College

Katarzyna (Kasia) Gore, MD

Emergency Medicine
RUSH Medical College

Jared Greenberg, MD

Internal Medicine
RUSH Medical College

Neha Gupta, MD

Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences
RUSH Medical College

Faisal Hasan, MD, FACC, FSCAI

Internal Medicine
RUSH Medical College

Philip Held, MD

Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences
RUSH Medical College

Edward Hollinger, MD, PhD

Surgery
RUSH Medical College

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Shivi Jain, MD

Internal Medicine
RUSH Medical College

Nikhil Joshi, MD

Radiation Oncology
RUSH Medical College

Fareesa Khan, MD

Obstetrics and Gynecology
RUSH Medical College

Brian Klassen, PhD

Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences
RUSH Medical College

Graham Lubinsky, MD

Anesthesiology
RUSH Medical College

Rupal Mehta, MD

Pathology
RUSH Medical College

Dan Mihailescu, MD, FACE

Internal medicine
Rush Medical College

Augusto Miravalle, MD

Neurological Sciences
RUSH Medical College

Colleen Nash, MD, MPH

Pediatrics
RUSH Medical College

Ailda Nika, MD

Internal Medicine
RUSH Medical College

Isaac Paintsil, MD, MPH

Internal Medicine
RUSH Medical College

Vasil Peev, MD

Internal Medicine
RUSH Medical College

Claudia Perez, DO, MS, FACOS

Surgery
RUSH Medical College

Mark Pool, MD

Pathology
RUSH Medical College

Rameshwar Prasad, PhD

Diagnostic Radiology and Nuclear Medicine
RUSH Medical College

Beverley Robin, MD, MHPE

Pediatrics
RUSH Medical College

Ryan Ross, PhD

Anatomy and Cell Biology
RUSH Medical College

Michael Schindlbeck, MD

Emergency Medicine
RUSH Medical College

Palmi Shah, MD

Diagnostic Radiology and Nuclear Medicine
RUSH Medical College

Shivanjali Shankaran, MD

Internal Medicine
RUSH Medical College

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Ajaypal Singh, MD

Internal Medicine
RUSH Medical College

Lisa Stempel, MD

Diagnostic Radiology and Nuclear Medicine
RUSH Medical College

Natalie Stevens, PhD

Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences
RUSH Medical College

Shannon Theis, PhD, CCC-SLP

Communication Disorders and Sciences
College of Health Sciences

Abhaya Trivedi, MD

Internal Medicine
RUSH Medical College

Laura VanPuymbrouck, PhD

Occupational Therapy
College of Health Sciences

Allison Wainer, PhD

Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences
RUSH Medical College

Gregory White, MD

Diagnostic Radiology and Nuclear Medicine
RUSH Medical College

Elif Yucebay, MD

Emergency Medicine
RUSH Medical College

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New Endowed Chairs

Cynthia A. Brincat, MD, PhD

The Henry P. Russe, MD, Dean of RUSH Medical College

John Burns, PhD

The Cynthia Oudejans Harris, MD, Professorship of Psychiatry

James Joseph Conners, MD, MS, FAHA

The Jean Schweppe Armour Professorship of Neurology

Philip Omotosho, MD

The Jack Fraser Smith Professorship of Surgery

John Rich, MD

The Harrison I. Steans Directorship of the RUSH BMO Institute for Health Equity

National Institutes of Health Grants

New Grants Received in Fiscal Year 2023

Neelum T. Aggarwal, MD

1R43 AG077737

“Preventing Medication Mismanagement in People Living With Dementia Through Automated Medication Dispensing With Facial Recognition and Video Observation”

National Institute on Aging
Hido Technologies, Inc.

Lena Al-Harathi, PhD

R01 DA055497-01A1

“Human/Animal Brain Chimera in Drugs of Abuse and HIV”

National Institute on Drug Abuse

Bradley Appelhans, PhD

1R01 HL156622-01A1

“Stress, Race and Cognitive Mediators of SES-related Disparities in Behavioral Obesity Treatment Outcomes”

National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute

Zoe Arvanitakis, MD

1RF 1AG076124

“Brain cPLA2 As a Mechanism for Neuroinflammation in AD/ABR With and Without APOE4”

National Institute on Aging
University of Southern California

Sawsan Awad, MD

1R01 HD100929

“Surveillance and Treatment to Prevent Fetal Atrioventricular Block Likely to Occur Quickly (STOPBLOQ)”

Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development
New York University

Mariam Aziz, MD

5UM 1AI068636

“AIDS Clinical Trials Group for Research on Therapeutics for HIV and Related Infections”
National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Disease
The Regents of the University of California (UCLA)

“IMPAACT 2023 - A Phase I Study of the Safety, Tolerability, and Pharmacokinetics of Dolutegravir in Neonates Exposed to HIV-1”

National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases
Johns Hopkins University

Lisa Barnes, PhD

1U19 AG078109

“The Health & Aging Brain Study – Health Disparities (HABS-HD)”

National Institute on Aging
The University of North Texas Health Science Center at Fort Worth

1R01 AG078533

“Education and Cognitive Functioning in Later Life: The Nation’s High School Class of 1972”

National Institute on Aging
The University of Texas at Austin

2KL2 TR002387

“Institutional Career Development Core”

National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences
University of Chicago

1R01 AG077948

“The Influence of Structural Racism on Incidence of Alzheimer’s Disease and Related Dementias (ABR) in Black Women”

National Institute on Aging
Trustees of Boston University

National Institutes of Health Grants

New Grants Received in Fiscal Year 2023

Kathrin Banach, PhD

1R01 HL164453-01

“Atrial Excitation-Contraction Coupling, Calcium Signaling and Electro-Mechanical Alternans”

National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute

David Bennett, MD

1R01 AG076940

“Hippocampal Neurogenesis In Cognitive Function and Dysfunction in Alzheimer’s Disease”

National Institute on Aging

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2U24 AG056270

“National Institute on Aging Alzheimer’s Disease Family-Based Study (NIA-AD-FBS)”

National Institute on Aging

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1R01 AG073439

“Sex-Specific Genetic Drivers of Alzheimer’s Disease Endophenotypes”

National Institute on Aging

Vanderbilt University

Elizabeth Berry-Kravis, MD, PhD

1R01 HD106652

“Autonomic and Sensory Dysfunction in FMR1 Conditions: Development, Mechanisms and Consequences”

Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development

University of South Carolina

1R01 AG073374

“Aging Symptom Trajectories in Mother Carriers of the FMR1 Premutation”

National Institute on Aging

University of South Carolina

Faraz Bishehsari, MD, PhD

1R01 CA279487-01

“Development of a Precision Medicine Platform for Circadian Based Therapeutics in Pancreatic Cancer”

National Cancer Institute

1R21 CA277110-01

“Personalized Organoid-Chip Model For Drug Testing in Pancreatic Cancer”

National Cancer Institute

Lothar Blatter, MD

1R01 HL164453-01

“Atrial Excitation-Contraction Coupling, Calcium Signaling and Electro-Mechanical Alternans”

National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute

Patricia Boyle, PhD

2R01 AG034374-11

“Characterizing the Behavior Profile of Healthy Cognitive Aging”

National Institute on Aging

Aron Buchman, MD

1R01 AG079133-01

“Thinking About Walking: Can Digital Phenotyping of Mobility Improve the Prediction of Alzheimer’s Dementia and Inform on the Pathologies and Proteins Contributing to this Association?”

National Institute on Aging

John Burns, PhD

1R01 AT012069

*“Improving Physical Function in Adults with Chronic Pain: A Multi-Site Feasibility Study”*National Center for Complementary and Integrative Health
Massachusetts General Hospital

3U24 NS112873

*“Clinical Coordinating Center for the Acute to Chronic Pain Signatures Program: Administrative Supplement”*National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke
University of Iowa

1R01 NR020610-01

“Comparative Mechanisms (Mediators, Moderators) of Psychosocial Chronic Pain Treatments”

National Institute of Nursing Research

National Institutes of Health Grants

New Grants Received in Fiscal Year 2023

Asokumar Buvanendran, MD

4UH3 CA261067

“Optimizing the Use of Ketamine to Reduce Chronic Postsurgical Pain”

National Cancer Institute

NYU Grossman School of Medicine

Crystal Glover, PhD

R01 AG0540290

“The A3 Study: Ante-Amyloid Prevention of Alzheimer’s Disease”

National Institute on Aging

University of Southern California

Stefan Green, PhD

1R01 NS127865

“Trauma, the Gut, and the Brain: the Gut Microbiota-Microglia Axis in Traumatic Brain Injury”

National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke

Northwestern University

RF1 AG062480

“Supplement to Prebiotics Intervention to Reduce Alzheimer’s Disease Risk via Brain-Gut Axis in an APOE4 Mouse Model”

National Institute on Aging

University of Missouri

Francine Grodstein, ScD

1R01 AG079226-01

“Use of Healthcare Across the Full Continuum of Cognitive Health and Decline in Older Adults”

National Institute on Aging

Vineet Gupta, PhD

1R01 DK132888

“The Role of Vascular Calprotectin in Arteriovenous Fistula Maturation”

National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and

Kidney Diseases

University of Miami

Sadia Haider, MD, MPH

1R01 MH128051

“Implementation and Dissemination of Evidence-Based Interventions to Improve PrEP Care Continuum Outcomes Among Women in Community Health Clinics in the Southern U.S.”

National Institute of Mental Health

University of Chicago

Xiu-Ti Hu, MD, PhD

1R01 DA057197-01

“cART, NeuroHIV, Cocaine Abuse and the mPFC Neuron/Astrocyte Dysfunction”

National Institute on Drug Abuse

Joshua Jacobs, MD

2UL1 TR002389

“The Institute for Translational Medicine”

National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences

University of Chicago

Tricia Johnson, PhD

1R01 HD107348-01A1

“Early Childhood Neurodevelopmental, Economic and Nutritional Outcomes Among Former Very Low Birth Weight Infants From the Reducing Disparity in Mother’s Own Milk (ReDiMOM) Trial”

Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development

Alifiya Kapasi, PhD

1K01 AG075177-01A1

“Small Vessel Disease Contributions to Neurodegeneration in Alzheimer’s Disease”

National Institute on Aging

Ali Keshavarzian, MD

2TL1 TR002388

“J. NRSA Training Core”

National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences

University of Chicago

1R01 HL153969

“Food Timing to Mitigate Adverse Consequences of Night Work”

National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute

Brigham & Women’s Hospital

Faculty Recognition Reception

National Institutes of Health Grants

New Grants Received in Fiscal Year 2023

Bryan Killinger, PhD

1R01 NS128467-01

*“Proteomic Mapping of Pathological Interactions
Across the Synucleinopathy Brain”*

National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke

Alana Kirby, MD, PhD

1R21 NS127037-01A1

*“Limbic Pallidal Circuits Linked to Apathy in Parkinson’s
Disease During Subthalamic Deep Brain Stimulation”*

National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke

Melissa Lamar, PhD

1R01 AG076143-01A1

*“Favorable Cardiovascular Health, Connectome
Integrity, and ADRD Clinical Outcomes and Pathologic
Underpinnings in a Diverse Cohort”*

National Institute on Aging

Alan Landay, PhD

1R21 AI172061

“Epigenetic Histone Landscape Profiles in HIV”

National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases

Leland Stanford Junior University

Elizabeth Lynch, PhD

OT2 HL158287

*“Community-Engagement Research Alliance
Against COVID-19 in Disproportionately Affected
Communities (CEAL)”*

National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute

University of Illinois at Chicago

Mathew MacCumber, MD, PhD

UG1 EY014231

*“Randomized Trial Comparing Immediate versus
Deferred Surgery for Symptomatic Epiretinal
Membranes”*

National Eye Institute

Jaeb Center

Camille Mace, PhD

1R01 DK133330-01A1

“Covid-19 Induced Worsening of Glomerular Diseases”

National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and

Kidney Diseases

Mahboobeh Mahdavinia, MD, PhD

1R03 TR004005-01A1

“Cognitive Impairment in Chronic Rhinosinusitis”

National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences

Anne-Marie Malfait, MD, PhD

1UC2 AR082186-01

“Mapping the Joint-Nerve Interactome of the Knee”

National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal

and Skin Diseases

Joao Filipe Mamede, PhD

1R61 AI169661

*“Coupling Epitranscriptomics to Molecular Disease
Mechanisms and Nucleic Acid Therapeutics in
Persistent Residual HIV Infection”*

National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases

Southern Illinois University

1R21 MH129205-01A1

“HIV Innate Sensing in Glial Cells and Inflammation”

National Institute of Mental Health

Amanda Mathew, PhD

1R01 HL160656-01A1

*“A Mechanistic Test of Treatment Strategies to Foster
Practice Quitting”*

National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute

Supriya Mehta, MHS, PhD

7R01 HD106822-02

*“Increased Risk of STI and HIV Among Adolescent Girls and
Young Women Due to COVID-19 and Pandemic Mitigation:
Biological, Behavioral, and Psychosocial Mediators”*

Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health
and Human Development

1R01 AI170564-01

*“Single Arm Trial of Menstrual Cups Among Economically
Vulnerable Women to Reduce Bacterial Vaginosis and STIs
Through Reduced Harmful Sexual and Menstrual Practices”*

National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases

National Institutes of Health Grants

New Grants Received in Fiscal Year 2023

Rupal Mehta, MD

1R21 AG079221-01

“Arachnoid Granulation Senescence in Aging, CAA and Alzheimer’s Disease”

National Institute on Aging

Babak Mokhlesi, MD, MSc

5R01 HD097786

“SIESTA (Sleep of Inpatients: Empower Staff to Act) for Acute Stroke Rehabilitation”

Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development
University of Chicago

Jennifer Moriuchi, PhD

1R01 MH121627

“1/3 Effectiveness Trial of the Early Social Interaction (ESI) Model Using Mobile Technology for Toddlers With Autism Identified from Early Screening in Primary Care”

National Institute of Mental Health
Florida State University

Teresa Moro, PhD, LCSW

5P50 MD017349

“Chicago Chronic Condition Equity Network (C3EN)”

National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities
University of Chicago

Joo Yeon Nam, MD

A071401

“Phase II Trial of SMO/ AKT/ NF2/CDK Inhibitors in Progressive Meningiomas with SMO/AKT/ NF2/CDK Pathway Mutations”

Alliance for Clinical Trials in Oncology

Celeste Napier, PhD

1R21 NS127037-01A1

“Limbic Pallidal Circuits Linked to Apathy in Parkinson’s Disease During Subthalamic Deep Brain Stimulation”

National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke

Daniel Nicholson, PhD

1R56 AG074378-01A1

“High-Resolution Multiplex Localization of Alzheimer’s Disease Risk and Resilience Factors”

National Institute on Aging

Shahram Oveisgharan, MD

1R01 NS128909

“Elucidating Microvascular Contributions to Cognitive Impairment at Single-Cell Resolution”

National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke
The Regents of the University of California,
San Francisco

Aloka Patel, MD

1R01 HD107348-01A1

“Early Childhood Neurodevelopmental, Economic and Nutritional Outcomes Among Former Very Low Birth Weight Infants From the Reducing Disparity in Mother’s Own Milk (ReDiMOM) Trial”

Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development

Srikumar Pillai, MD

1R21 HD104078

“Safety Assessment of Perioperative Pain Medications for Children (SAPPhire)”

Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development
Northwestern University

Monique Reed, PhD

1R01 DK132698-01

“Black Girls Move: A Daughter/Mother Intervention to Prevent Obesity by Increasing Physical Activity and Improving Dietary Intake Among Black Adolescent Daughters”

National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases

National Institutes of Health Grants

New Grants Received in Fiscal Year 2023

Jochen Reiser, MD, PhD

1R01 DK132072-01A1

“Targeting Bone Marrow to Treat Renal Disease”
National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and
Kidney Diseases

1U2 CDK129917

*“Chicago Kidney Urology Hematology Network for
City-Wide Research Training and Career Development
(Chicago KUH FORWARD)”*

National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and
Kidney Diseases
Northwestern University

Liudmila Romanova, PhD

1R01 AG064226

*“Differential Clearance of Pyroglutamate A β
Through Arachnoid and Meningeal Lymphatics
in Alzheimer Disease”*

National Institute on Aging
Wright State University

Ryan Ross, PhD

1R01 AR081151-01A1

*“Bone and Fat Cross-Talk in Antiretroviral Therapy
(ART) Treated HIV Patients”*

National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal
and Skin Diseases

1R01 AR080740

“Skeletal and Non-Skeletal Roles for Osteocalcin”
National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal
and Skin Diseases

The Children’s Hospital Corporation d/b/a Boston
Children’s Hospital

Dino Samartzis, BSc, PGDip EBHC, Dip EBHC, MSC, DSc

1R21 AR079679-01A1

*“Human Microbiome and Its Role in the Development
of Lumbar Spine Degeneration and Modic Changes”*

National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal
and Skin Diseases

Sepehr Sani, MD

1U01 NS122764

*“A Placebo-Controlled Effectiveness in iNPH Shunting
(PENS) Trial”*

National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke
Johns Hopkins University

Carlos Santos, MD, MPHS

75N95021D00001

*“Data Ingestion for the National COVID Cohort
Collaborative (N3C) Data Enclave”*

National Centre for Advancing Translational Sciences,
Information Technology Resources Branch
Axle Informatics

Julie Schneider, MD, MS

2R01 AG051641

*“Vitamins K and D and Cognitive Impairment in
Older Adults”*

National Institute on Aging
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Valeriy Shafiro, PhD

1R21 DC018871

*“Environmental Sound Recognition Before and After
Cochlear Implantation in Adults”*

National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication
Disorders
Medical College of Wisconsin

Raj C. Shah, MD

1R01 HL155396

*“Coronary Artery Calcium in Pragmatic Evaluation of
Events and Benefits of Lipid-Lowering in Older Adults
(CAC PREVENTABLE Ancillary Study)”*

National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute
Duke University

5U19 AG065188

*“Pragmatic Evaluation of Events And Benefits of
Lipid-Lowering in Older Adults (PREVENTABLE) -
Administrative and Trial Management”*

“Clinical Sites Core”

National Institute on Aging
Duke University

5R01 AG071807

*“The PREVENTABLE Physical Performance Ancillary
Study”*

National Institute on Aging
Wake Forest University Health Sciences

National Institutes of Health Grants

New Grants Received in Fiscal Year 2023

Latha Soorya, PhD

1R01 HD107522-01

"Promoting Prosocial Behavior in Syndromic Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities"

Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development

Tanya Sorrell, PhD, PMHNP-BC, RN, MS

7UG1 DA049467

"Great Lakes Node of the Drug Abuse Clinical Trials Network"

National Institute on Drug Abuse
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Rick Sumner, PhD

R01 AR0791179

"Systems Genetics of Bone Regeneration"

National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases
University of Virginia

1R21 HD102026-01A1

"Establishing a New Model of Bone Health in Formerly Premature Individuals"

Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development

Shinya Tasaki, PhD

1RF1 AG072167

"Identifying Cell Type-Specific Autonomous and Non-Autonomous Effects in AD"

National Institute on Aging
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Ken Tatebe, MD, PhD

"NRG-BN009: Phase III Trial of Salvage Stereotactic Radiosurgery (SRS) or SRS + Hippocampal-Avoidant Whole Brain Radiotherapy (HA-WBRT) for First or Second Distant Brain Relapse After Upfront SRS with Brain Metastasis Velocity ≥ 4 Brain Metas"

NRG Oncology

Federal Cooperative Group

Robin Voigt-Zuwala, PhD

1R01 AG077489

"Towards Precision Nutrition for Alzheimer's Dementia Prevention: A Prospective Study of Dietary Patterns, the Gut Microbiome and Cognitive Function"

National Institute on Aging
Brigham & Women's Hospital, Inc.

Allison Wainer, PhD

1R01 HD107522-01

"Promoting Prosocial Behavior in Syndromic Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities"

Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development

Jennillee Wallace, PhD

1R21 MH130266-01

"Myeloid Cell Signaling Pathways in NeuroHIV"

National Institute of Mental Health

Yanling Wang, MD, PhD

1R01 AG079223-01

"Investigating the Effect of APOE Alleles on Neuro-Immunity of Human Brain Borders in Normal Aging and Alzheimer's Disease Using Single-Cell Multi-Omics and In Vitro Organoids"

National Institute on Aging

Robert Wilson, PhD

1R01 AG072120

"A Brain Multi-omic Approach to Identity Key Molecular Drivers or Neuropsychiatric Symptoms in Alzheimer's Dementia"

National Institute on Aging
Emory University

Foundation Grants

Mitra Afshari, MD, MPH

“A Novel Virtual Personalized in-Home Fall Prevention Protocol for Parkinson’s Disease (aka: Virtual Home Safety Evals)”
Parkinson’s Foundation
Massachusetts General Hospital

David Ansell, MD, MPH

“Testing, Scaling and Dissemination of a Racial Equity in Healthcare”
Commonwealth Fund
Illinois Health and Hospital Association

Robert Balk, MD

CC077-AD
RUMC CF Center
Cystic Fibrosis Foundation

“Cystic Fibrosis Lung Transplant and Transition Regional Dissemination Network - Mini-Grant for Continued Quality Improvement”
Cystic Fibrosis Foundation
University of New Hampshire

Rima Dafer, MD, MPH

“Symptomatic Carotid Outcomes Registry With Multi-center Evaluation”
University of Maryland

Grant Garrigues, MD

“Comparison of Partial Rotator Cuff Repair Versus Superior Capsular Reconstruction for Irreparable Rotator Cuff Tears”
University Hospitals Cleveland Medical Center

Stefan Green, PhD

IS-5537-22R
“Short Term Drought Tolerance Inducing Rhizobacteria (SDTiR): a Potential for Water Stress Amelioration in Wheat”
The United States - Israel Binational Agricultural Research and Development Fund (BARD)

Mindy Li, MD

“Diaphragmatic Hernia Research & Exploration; Advancing Molecular Science”
The Trustees of Columbia University in the City of New York

Xiaoran Liu, PhD, MS

AARG-22-928311
“Antioxidants, APOE4, and Alzheimer’s Dementia Risk in a Biracial Population”
The Alzheimer’s Association

Mahboobeh Mahdavinia, MD, PhD

Start Eating Early Diet (SEED) Study
Food Allergy Research and Education
Northwestern University

Anne-Marie Malfait, MD, PhD

“Examining the Impact of Sirt1/Lef1 Axis in Dictating TLR2 Mediated Pain in Osteoarthritis”
Binational Science Foundation

Rachel Miller, PhD

“Sex Differences in the Development of Osteoarthritis Pain”
Orthopaedic Research Society
The Regents of the University of Michigan

Sean O’Mahony, MB, BCh, BAO

Palliative Care Needs Assessment
Michigan Health Endowment Fund
Central Michigan University

Aloka Patel, MD

“Closing the Gaps in Neonatal Nutrition Through Data Science”
Mead Johnson Nutrition
Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Inc.

Kyran Quinlan, MD, MPH

“Community Partnership Approaches for Safe Sleep”
American Academy of Pediatrics

Foundation Grants

Ruta Rao, MD

“A Phase I Study to Evaluate the Safety of Intratumoral Influenza Vaccine Administration in Patients With Breast Cancer”

Brian Piccolo Cancer Research Fund

Jonathan Brady Scott, PhD, RRT, RRT-ACCS, AE-C, FAARC, FCCP

“Assessing Manual Ventilation Delivery in Intubated Patients during Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation”

American Association for Respiratory Care

Raj C. Shah, MD

RI-DCRI-01-P52

CAPriCORN Clinical Data Research Network Project
Patient Centered Outcomes Research Institute
Northwestern University

Girish Sharma, MD

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Cystic Fibrosis Foundation Registry
Cystic Fibrosis Foundation

Latha Soorya, PhD

Autism Care Network
Autism Speaks, Inc.

Dian Wang, MD, PhD, FASTRO

“Phase I/II Trial of Pre-Operative Image Guided Intensity Modulated Proton Radiation Therapy (IMPT) or Photon (IMRT) with Simultaneously Integrated Boost to the High Risk Margin for Retroperitoneal Sarcomas”

Massachusetts General Hospital

Jeremiah Wasserlauf, MD

“Early Dronedarone Versus Usual Care to Improve Outcomes in Persons With Newly Diagnosed Atrial Fibrillation (CHANGE-AFIB)”

American Heart Association

Adam Yanke, MD

“The Influence of Amniotic Suspension Allografts and Bone Marrow Aspirate Concentrate on Inflammation and Cartilage Matrix Metabolism in Osteoarthritis”

The Board of Governors of the Colorado State University System

Other Federal Grants

Neelum T. Aggarwal, MD

SG-22-877415-AHEAD

“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)”

Alzheimer’s Association

University of Southern California

Ed Blazek, PhD

DE-AC05-76RL01830

“Reduce Cesium Irradiator Replacement Project-Comparison Studies”

U.S. Department of Energy

Pacific Northwest National Laboratory

Anne Hoffmann, PhD

2T73MC11047

“Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Related Disabilities (LEND) Training Program

Health Resources and Services Administration

The Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois

Michael Lin, MD, MPH

75D30121D12772

“Safety and Healthcare Epidemiology Prevention Research Development (SHEPheRD) Program”

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Carl Maki, PhD

W81XWH2210134

“Rational Targeting of TTK/MPS1 in HER2-Negative Breast Cancer”

Department of Defense

Carlos Santos, MD, MPHS

6U54CK000616

“Feasibility and Utility of Robust Antibiotic Use Risk-Adjustment in Antimicrobial Stewardship Program Assessments”

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Duke University

Mindy Simpson, MD

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“Great Lakes Foundation Health Research and Service Administration (HRSA)”

Health Resources and Services Administration

Great Lakes Hemophilia Foundation

Tanya Sorrell, PhD, PMHNP-BC, RN, MS

“Substance Use Disorder Prevention that Promotes Opioid Recovery and Treatment for Patients and Communities”

Illinois Department of Human Services

Cook County Health and Hospitals System

Alan Tan, MD

“A032001: MAIN-CAV: Phase III Randomized Trial of Maintenance Cabozantinib and Avelumab vs Maintenance Avelumab After First-Line Platinum-Based Chemotherapy in Patients With Metastatic Urothelial Cancer”

Alliance for Clinical Trials in Oncology

Rush Research Mentoring Program Awards

Fiscal Year 2023 Cohn Fellows

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Assistant Professor
Department of Orthopedic Surgery
RUSH Medical College

Amanda L. Marzo, PhD
Assistant Professor
Department of Internal Medicine
(Division of Hematology, Oncology and Cell Therapy)
RUSH Medical College

Chundo Oh, PhD
Assistant Professor
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RUSH Medical College

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RUSH Medical College

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RUSH Medical College

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RUSH Medical College

Rush Research Mentoring Program Awards

2022 Symposium Poster Winners

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Catherine Yuh, PhD
Instructor
Department of Orthopedic Surgery
RUSH Medical College

Kevin Jones, PhD
Assistant Professor
Department of Radiation Oncology
RUSH Medical College

2022 Mentee of the Year

Jori Fleisher, MD, MSCE
Associate Professor
Department of Neurological Sciences
RUSH Medical College

2022 Mentor of the Year

Latha Soorya, PhD
Associate Professor
Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences
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Director
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Research, Treatment and Services (AARTS) Center
Adjunct Assistant Professor
Seaver Autism Center
Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai

2022 Postdoctoral Mentor of the Year

Anna Spagnoli, MD
John W. and Helen H. Watzek Professor
Department of Orthopedic Surgery
(Director, Section of Molecular Medicine) and
Department of Pediatrics
RUSH Medical College

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2023-24

Teaching Academy Series

Third Tuesday of each month from noon to 1 p.m.

All RUSH University faculty are invited to participate in the 2023-24 Teaching Academy Series. The following is a tentative schedule of presentation topics:

4Ms of an Age-Friendly Health System Into Each of the Colleges

Erin Emery-Tiburcio, PhD

Associate Professor, Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences
RUSH Medical College

Laurin Mack, PhD

Assistant Professor, Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences
RUSH Medical College

and Team

Responsible AI: Prioritizing Patient Safety, Privacy, and Ethical Consideration

Christopher Ross

Chief Information Officer at Mayo Clinic

Author Metrics: What They Are and How to Use Them

Patricia Chavez, MLIS

Library Research Information Specialist
Library of RUSH University Medical Center

Intellectual Property and Technology Transfer Basics

Heather Kartsounes

Senior Associate General Counsel
Office of Legal Affairs

Expanding Use of Marijuana and Health Risks

Amanda L. Persons, PhD

Associate Professor, Department of Physician Assistant Studies
College of Health Sciences

***Business Principles Are Key to Preserving the Current Health Care System
and Enabling It to Evolve to Meet Community Needs***

Wayne M. Lerner, DrPH, MHA, FACHE

Associate Professor, Department of Health Systems Management;
Past President, Holy Cross Hospital

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Research Integrity

Stephanie Guzik, MBA, BSN, RN, CHRC
University Compliance Officer
RUSH University

Associate Vice President, Research Compliance and Conflict of Interest, Corporate Compliance
RUSH University Medical Center

Qualitative Research Methodology: An Overview

Olimpia Paun, PhD, PMHCNS-BC, FGSA
Professor and the RUSH Nurses Alumni Association Chair in Health and Aging
RUSH University College of Nursing

Interest-Based Relational Approach to Conflict Resolution

Janet M. Shlaes, PhD, MBA, MA, ICF/ACC
Director, Center for Innovative and Lifelong Learning (CILL)
Katie Oczkowski, Manager, Center for Innovative and Lifelong Learning
RUSH University

Appreciative Inquiry: A Tool for Creating a Collective Vision

Laura Schweitzer, PhD
President Emeritus and Vice President for Health Sciences

Operationalizing Hospital-at-Home

Candy Szymanski
Associate Vice President, Hospital at Home
UMass Memorial Health

Strengthening Professional Brand/Maximizing Impact in Social Media

Katie Hunter
Senior Content Strategist, Marketing Communications

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