

## Current/Past Fellows, Rush University Medical Center

Name	Current Location	Career focus
Caroline Olvera, MD	<i>1st year Movement Disorders Fellow, Rush University Medical Center, Chicago, IL</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Working on a project comparing an order set for patients with Parkinson's disease to current practice (mentor, Mitra Afshari, MD)</li> <li>-Preparing submission for the AAN national meeting, on the gamut of presentations of SCA-8, supported by videos</li> <li>-Preparing chapter on: "Community palliative care for movement disorders" (mentor, Jori Fleisher, MD)</li> <li>-Finalizing manuscript from residency project: "Training neurology residents to effectively communicate FNDs"</li> </ul>
Deepal Shah-Zamora, MD	<i>1st year Movement Disorders Fellow, Rush University Medical Center, Chicago, IL</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Working on a research project on the therapeutic window of DBS leads placed on awake vs asleep procedures (mentors, Leo Verhagen, MD, PhD and Jessica Karl, PhD)</li> <li>-Submitted residency project for publication on "Mindfulness based stress reduction on people with Parkinson's disease and their care partners"</li> <li>-Working on book chapter on MEG and dystonia (mentor, Abhimanyu Mahajan, MD)</li> <li>- Currently enrolled in the Master of Science in Clinical Research program, Rush University Graduate College (expected MS in 2022)</li> </ul>
Roshni Patel, MD	<i>2nd year Movement Disorders Fellow, Rush University Medical Center, Chicago, IL</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Parkinson's Foundation (PF) fellowship recipient</li> <li>- Working on project to assess structural MRI imaging biomarkers correlation with cognitive impairment on GBA vs. non-GBA patients having undergone STN DBS (mentor, Gian Pal, MD)</li> <li>- Research project on COVID-19 outcomes in patients with neurodegenerative diseases (mentor, Brandon Barton, MD)</li> <li>- Sub-I on studies: Neural study, Immune biomarkers in neurodegenerative diseases and Tele-rehab for PD studies</li> <li>- Currently enrolled in the Master of Science in Clinical Research program, Rush University Graduate College (expected MS in 2021)</li> </ul>
Alana Kirby, MD, PhD	<i>Assistant Professor of Neurological Sciences, Movement Disorders, Rush University Medical Center, Chicago, IL</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Parkinson's Foundation (PF) fellowship recipient</li> <li>- Interested in combining basic science research into the circuitry of Movement Disorders with clinical care</li> <li>- She is working in the laboratory to establish a rodent model of gait in Parkinson's disease. Her goal is to identify viable circuit-based targets for DBS/TMS and pharmacotherapies (mentors Celeste Napier PhD and Christopher Goetz, MD) and the effects of rhythmic auditory stimulation on gait in a parkinsonian animal model</li> <li>- In addition to her research work, she participates in patient outreach and medical education</li> </ul>
Chandler Gill, MD, MS	<i>Assistant Professor of Neurological Sciences, Movement Disorders, Rush Oak Park Hospital, Rush University Medical Center, Chicago, IL</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- DBS fellow for the senior year of fellowship (mentor, Leo Verhagen, MD, PhD)</li> <li>- Participated in a research project on the effects of karate on Parkinson's disease (mentor, Jori Fleisher, MD)</li> <li>- Master of Science in Clinical Research program, Rush University Graduate College (MS in 2020)</li> </ul>
Natalie Witek, MD, MS	<i>Assistant Professor of Neurological</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Safra fellow</li> <li>- Special interest in autoimmune mediated movement disorders (mentor, Deborah Hall, MD, PhD)</li> </ul>

	<i>Sciences, Movement Disorders, Rush University Medical Center, Chicago, IL</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Conducting a prospective observational study assessing immune dysregulation in parkinsonism supported by the Melvin Yahr Early Career in Research grant.</li> <li>- Participating in clinical trials and patient outreach.</li> <li>-Completed Master of Science in Clinical Research program, Rush University Graduate College (MS in 2019)</li> </ul>
Anjali Gera, MD, MS	<i>Northwestern Health System Clinician, Neurology/ Movement Disorders, Central Dupage Hospital, Winfield, IL</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Completed a research project using quantitative motion analysis to determine the pattern of gait and balance impairment in <i>GBA</i> mutation carriers vs. non-mutation carriers with PD vs. healthy control subjects (mentor, Gian Pal, MD). Manuscript accepted at PLOS</li> <li>-Completed the Master of Science in Clinical Research program, Rush University Graduate College (MS in 2019)</li> </ul>
Avram Frait, MD, MS	<i>Northwestern Health System Clinician, Neurology/ Movement Disorders, Lake Forest hospital and Northwestern University, Lake Forest, IL</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Completed a project on: Feasibility, reliability and satisfaction of post-Botulinum toxin telemedicine visit for Cervical Dystonia, clinical grant from the Dystonia Medical Research Foundation (DMRF) (mentor, Cindy Comella, MD)</li> <li>-Completed the Master of Science in Clinical Research program, Rush University Graduate College (MS 2018)</li> </ul>
Meagan Bailey, MD, MS	<i>Assistant Professor of Neurological Sciences, Movement Disorders, Rush University Medical Center, Chicago, IL</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Involved in research examining stigma from impulse control disorders in Parkinson's disease</li> <li>- Involved in collaborative clinical research examining health disparities in the African American community with Parkinson's disease (mentor Deborah Hall, MD, PhD)</li> <li>-Submitted K award with the overall objective of determining differences in Parkinsonism phenotype and cognitive profile of African Americans with Parkinsonism, and survey the understanding of Parkinsonian symptoms between African Americans and White Americans in a well-established cohort of aging community dwelling individuals in the Chicago area</li> <li>- Involved in teaching the Neuroscience block at the Rush medical school</li> <li>- Completed the Master of Science in Clinical Research program, Rush University Graduate College (MS 2017)</li> </ul>
Ian Owen Bledsoe, MD, MS	<i>Assistant Professor, University of California, San Francisco, San Francisco, CA</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Research Interests: Neuroimaging and focal dystonia, special interest in musician's dystonia</li> <li>- Completed research during fellowship on callosal volume and DTI changes in Parkinson's disease (mentors Dr. Jennifer G. Goldman, MD, MS, Glenn Stebbins, PhD). Manuscripts published in Neurology</li> </ul>
Padmaja Vittal, MD, MS	<i>Northwestern Health System Clinician, Neurology/ Movement Disorders, Central Dupage Hospital, Winfield, IL</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Received the AAN Clinical Research Training Fellowship in 2015 to investigate the role of antisense fragile X mental retardation (ASFMR) gene to allow clinicians to determine who will ultimately develop FXTAS (mentor Deborah Hall, MD, PhD)</li> </ul>
Gian Pal, MD, MS	<i>Assistant Professor of Neurology, Movement Disorders,</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Research interests: Deep Brain Stimulation (DBS) in PD: awarded an NIH K23 award to use genetic testing to identify subgroups of PD subjects at risk for cognitive decline after DBS (mentors Chris Goetz, MD, Deborah Hall, MD, PhD)</li> </ul>

	<i>Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson, New Brunswick, NJ</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Received a Rush University Neurology Departmental grant as a fellow to examine biomarkers related to the gastrointestinal tract in parkinsonism (2013-2014)</li> <li>- Publications on movement disorder treatments and gut inflammation in PD</li> <li>- Completed the Master of Science in Clinical Research program, Rush University Graduate College (MS 2014)</li> </ul>
Sheila Eichenseer, MD, MS	<i>Assistant Professor of Neurology, Medical College of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, WI</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Received a grant from the Dystonia coalition (mentor, Cynthia Comella, MD)</li> <li>- Publications in peer-reviewed journals on sleep quality in patients with Cervical Dystonia and new genetic mutations causing NBIA (mentors, Cynthia Comella, MD, Jennifer G. Goldman, MD, MS)</li> <li>- Completed the Master of Science in Clinical Research program, Rush University Graduate College (MS 2013)</li> </ul>
Christina Vaughan, MD, MS	<i>Associate Professor of Neurology, University of Colorado, Denver, Colorado</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Interested in palliative care and management of symptoms in advanced patients with movement disorders; integration of telemedicine as a means of outreach for advanced neurologic disease.</li> <li>- Completed fellowship training in Movement Disorders and in Hospice/Palliative Medicine</li> <li>- Practices in the Neuropalliative section of the Department of Neurology, University of Colorado</li> <li>- Completed the Master of Science in Clinical Research program, Rush University Graduate College (MS 2012)</li> </ul>
Houman Houmayoun, MD, PhD	<i>Assistant Professor of Neurology, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Academic Movement Disorders Neurologist specializing in DBS</li> </ul>
Sachin Kapur, MD	<i>Chicago Movement Specialists, Bolingbrook, IL</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Currently in private practice with major focus in movement disorders</li> <li>- Developed studies on vibration therapy for PD and varenicline for PD gait during his fellowship (mentor, Chris Goetz, MD)</li> </ul>
Brandon R Barton, MD, MS	<i>Associate Professor of Neurological Sciences, Rush University Medical Center &amp; Neurology Attending, Jesse Brown VA Medical Center, Chicago, IL</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Research has focused on: exploring causes and risks for PD dementia in veteran populations; effects of TBI on non-motor symptoms</li> <li>- Has co-created a large VA PD patient database to study risks of cognitive impairment and health care services utilization, as well as diagnostic accuracy in the VA system</li> <li>- Publications in peer-reviewed journals on PD dementia and Evidence Based Medicine</li> <li>- Education and administrative coordination for Movement Disorders patients in the VA Parkinson's Disease, Research, and Clinical Care Centers (PADRECC)</li> <li>- Website educational development for the Movement Disorders Society</li> <li>- Completed the Master of Science in Clinical Research program, Rush University Graduate College (MS 2009)</li> </ul>
S. Elizabeth Zauber, MD, MS	<i>Associate Professor of Neurology, Indiana University School of Medicine, Indianapolis,</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Research interests: DBS and the clinical and neurophysiological elements of DBS, including modeling of abnormal neuronal firing in movement disorder patients</li> <li>- Impact of medical and surgical therapies on communication in PD</li> <li>- Collaborator on NIH-funded research investigating MRS biomarkers in a cohort of welders with parkinsonism and PD</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Completed the Master of Science in Clinical Research program, Rush University Graduate College (MS 2009)</li> </ul>
Nidhi Watson, MD	<i>Deceased (2007)</i>	
Aleksandar Videnovic, MD, MS	<i>Associate Professor of Neurology, Massachusetts General Hospital and Harvard Medical School</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Research interests: sleep, circadian biology and movement disorders</li> <li>- Received the clinician scientist AAN Foundation/PDF award to study Circadian rhythms and sleep-wake cycle in PD (2008) and NIH K23 to study sleep and PD, Currently RO1 funded to examine bright light modulation of non-motor symptoms in PD</li> <li>- Director of the Division of Sleep medicine at MGH and director of the MGH program on Sleep, Circadian Biology and Neurodegeneration at Massachusetts General Hospital</li> <li>- Publications in peer-reviewed journals on sleep, circadian rhythms, and movement disorders</li> <li>- Completed the Master of Science in Clinical Research program, Rush University Graduate College (MS 2007)</li> </ul>
Ilija Itin, MD	<i>Assistant Professor of Neurology, Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland OH</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Clinical care of patients with movement disorders at the Center for Neurological Restoration, Cleveland Clinic</li> <li>- Publications in peer-reviewed journals on the clinical characteristics of movement disorders, dystonia, and DBS in FXTAS</li> </ul>
Jennifer G. Goldman, MD, MS	<i>Professor, Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation and Neurology, Northwestern Feinberg Medical School, Chicago, IL</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Section Chief for PD and Movement Disorders Rehabilitation at the Shirley Ryan Ability Lab.</li> <li>- Previously at Rush University, Director of Neuropsychiatry program in Movement Disorders section; Co-director of Rush Movement Disorders Brain Bank</li> <li>- Has been chair of IPMDS Pan-American Section Education Committee; Member of the IPMDS Leadership Task Force</li> <li>- Has worked on PD and neuropsychiatric complications; Biomarkers and therapeutics; Focal hand dystonia/musicians dystonia; Education and mentorship</li> <li>- Completed the Master of Science in Clinical Research program, Rush University Graduate College (MS 2009)</li> </ul>
Vanessa Hinson, MD, PhD	<i>Professor of Neurology, Medical University of South Carolina and chief of neurology at the Ralph H. Johnson VA Medical Center</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Research interests: PD, functional movement disorders, and clinical trials</li> <li>- Movement Disorders Program Director at MUSC and Chief of Neurology, Ralph H. Johnson VA Medical Center, Charleston, SC</li> <li>- Funded by MJFF to investigate the use of atomoxetine in PD cognitive dysfunction</li> <li>- Collaborator with basic scientists and neuroimaging researchers on noradrenergic systems in PD</li> <li>- Publications in peer-reviewed journals on PD, dystonia, functional movement disorders</li> </ul>
Stacy Horn, DO	<i>Associate Research Professor, Department of Pathology and Cell Biology, Jefferson University, Philadelphia PA</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Clinical care of patients with movement disorders and clinical trials</li> <li>- Former Assistant Clinical Professor of Neurology, University of Pennsylvania from 2002-2013</li> <li>- In 2014 she moved to Thomas Jefferson University to pursue a clinical trials career</li> <li>- While at Penn, was director of the clinical trials program and was awarded the excellence in teaching award by the residents in 2007</li> </ul>
Esther Cubo, MD	<i>Associate Professor of</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Research interests: epidemiology of Tic disorders in Spain, movement disorders and neurological diseases in Cameroon</li> </ul>

	<i>Neurology, University of Burgos, Burgos, Spain</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Has been chair of the Telemedicine Task Force of the International Parkinson and Movement Disorder Society (IPMDS), implemented an IPMDS-funded tele-education program for health care providers and later for medical students in Cameroon</li> <li>- Awarded the Presidential Lecture Award in the IPMDS in 2014</li> <li>- Has led several projects analyzing clinimetric aspects of new rating scales in PD; Member of the IPMDS Rating Scales task force and the Neuroepidemiology Department, at Instituto of Health Carlos III, Spain.</li> <li>- Awarded grants to study the prevalence of tic disorders and their association with school impairment</li> <li>- Involved in the European Huntington's Disease Network, the PD longitudinal network in Spain, and several task forces in the IPMDS</li> </ul>
Kathy Kujawa, MD, PhD	<i>Assistant Professor, Movement Disorders, Loyola University, Maywood, IL</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Currently at Loyola University, dedicated practice in Movement Disorders</li> <li>- Received AAN Clinical Research Training Fellowship (2000)</li> </ul>
Katie Kompoliti, MD	<i>Professor of Neurological Sciences, Rush University Medical Center, Chicago, IL</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Special interests include Tourette Syndrome (TS), functional movement disorders, and education</li> <li>- Education Director for Rush University Movement Disorder section and Director of the Movement Disorder Fellowship Program</li> <li>- Past member of the National Medical Advisory Board for the Tourette Syndrome Association</li> <li>- Currently directing a Center of Excellence for Tourette Syndrome and Tic Disorders</li> </ul>
Tarif Bakdash, MD, MS	<i>Pediatric Neurologist, Royal Oak, Michigan</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Pediatric neurologist trained in movement disorders, epilepsy and sleep</li> <li>- Formerly, Associate Professor of Neurology, University of Mississippi</li> <li>- Formerly, the Director of Pediatric movement disorders at the Medical College of Wisconsin until 2016</li> <li>- Completed a Masters in Health Sciences Bioethics, at the University of Toronto, funded by a grant from the United Nations</li> <li>- Created the first Bioethics curriculum, using WHO guidelines, at Damascus University, Syria</li> <li>Served as Services Director for the largest non-profit organization for people with disability in Syria and was appointed the first Secretary General for the Disabled; ran the National Plan for the Disabled while collaborating with the United Nations</li> <li>- Has received grant awards from the Gates Foundation, Ford Foundation, and the Wellcome Trust in the UK</li> <li>- Continues to do humanitarian work as a doctor in Syria</li> </ul>
Eric J. Pappert, MD	<i>Physician, Neurology Associates, San Antonio, TX (private practice)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Movement disorders clinical practice, medical affairs for pharmaceutical companies - Has served as Assistant Professor at Rush University Medical Center and at the University of San Antonio, TX</li> <li>- Has been medical director of Solstice Neuroscience, Merz, and currently medical director for Sunovion, pharmaceutical</li> <li>- Runs private practice with a personal focus in movement disorders</li> <li>- Publications in peer-reviewed journals on PD, hallucinations, dystonia and co-editor of Textbook of Neurology (with Chris Goetz, MD)</li> </ul>
Mitchell Grobman, MD	<i>Locum Tenens Neurology,</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Formerly in private practice for neurological disorders, Libertyville, IL</li> </ul>

	<i>Kansas City, Kansas</i>	
Melanie Brandabur, MD	<i>Medical Director, Ultragenyx Pharmaceuticals</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Movement disorders clinical practice and research trials</li> <li>- Has served as Assistant Professor at Rush University Medical Center and the University of Illinois in Chicago, and as the Clinical Director at the Parkinson's Institute, Sunnyvale, CA involved in clinical practice, education and clinical trials in PD</li> <li>- Since 2014 she has become the Medical Director of Ultragenyx Pharmaceuticals</li> </ul>
Nico Diederich, MD	<i>Professor of Neurology, Cologne, Germany</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Research interests: PD, hallucinations, visual system, REM behavior disorder</li> <li>- Neurologist and Senior Clinical Researcher, Luxembourg Center for Systems Biomedicine, University of Luxembourg, Professor of Neurology, University of Cologne, Cologne, Germany.</li> <li>- Has served in the editorial board of Movement Disorders and the Journal of Neurological Science.</li> <li>- Research has focused on (including collaborations with Drs. Comella, Goetz, Goldman, and Stebbins): i) changes in different aspects of lower and upper level vision in PD; ii) hallucinations in PD and other Parkinsonian syndromes and conceptual frameworks for etiological factors of visual hallucinations in PD; iii) REM sleep behavior disorder and sleep apnea in PD and has showed reduced sympathetic heart rate variability in REM and NREM sleep in PD; iv) phylogenetic aspects and mitochondrial dysfunction in PD</li> <li>- Currently co-principal investigator for the National Centre of Excellence in PD Research, funded by the National Foundation for Research in Luxembourg</li> </ul>
Susan Ditter	<i>Physician, Psychiatry, Forensic Psychiatry, Neurology, San Jose, CA (Private Practice)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Currently in Neurology private practice.</li> </ul>
James Sutton, MD	<i>Pacific Neuroscience Medical Group (Private Practice), Oxnard, CA</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Currently in Neurology private practice.</li> </ul>
Cynthia L. Comella, MD	<i>Professor Emeritus of Neurological Sciences, Rush University Medical Center, Chicago, IL</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Recently retired from clinical practice</li> <li>- Research interests: dystonia and botulinum toxin; PD, sleep, and exercise; clinical trials; mentorship and education</li> <li>- Current chair of the PAS of the IPMDS</li> <li>- Has been Chair of the Leadership Task force for the IPMDS and Mentor for the Emerging Leaders Forum program for the AAN; past chair of the mentorship committee for the Parkinson Study Group; past chair of the Dystonia Study group</li> </ul>
Kathleen M. Shannon, MD	<i>Professor of Neurology and Chairman of the Department of Neurology, University of Wisconsin, Maddison, WI</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Research interests: Huntington's disease (HD), gut biomarkers of PD, and clinical trials</li> <li>- Currently Chairperson of the Department of Neurology, University of Wisconsin, Maddison, WI</li> <li>- Director, Center of Excellence for HD, funded by the HD Society of America (HDSA).</li> <li>- Recipient of HDSA honors on 2 separate occasions</li> </ul>
Joseph McDermott, MD	<i>Private Practice, Puerto Rico, PR</i>	

Charles Oates, MD	<i>Private Practice, Louisville, KY</i>	-Retired
Caroline (Carlie) Tanner, MD, PhD	<i>Professor, Department of Neurological Sciences, University of California San Francisco</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Research interests: Neuroepidemiology, PD, and clinical trials</li> <li>- Professor, Department of Neurology, UCSF School of Medicine,</li> <li>- Previously medical director at the Parkinson's Institute, Sunnyvale, CA</li> <li>- One of the founding members of the Parkinson Study Group; Chair or Member of multiple committees and working groups at NINDS, NIH and other national and international organizations</li> <li>- Received the Movement Disorders research award from the AAN and multiple other awards and honors, including being named one of the White House Champions for change in PD</li> <li>- Conducted seminal research including: i) the world's largest study on PD concordance in monozygotic vs. dizygotic twin pairs; ii) study of environmental factors associated with PD risk, influence of genetic variants on the individual susceptibility to environmental agents in PD, iii) identification of Biomarkers and "at risk" populations in PD; iv) development and conduct of clinical trials in PD</li> <li>- Very well funded with both federal and foundation grants</li> </ul>