

The University of Pittsburgh
School of Medicine
announces the

AWARDING OF DIPLOMAS

The Eighteenth of May
Two Thousand Twenty

PROGRAM

COMMENCEMENT..... Ann E. Thompson, MD, MCCM
Vice Dean, School of Medicine
Professor of Critical Care Medicine and of Pediatrics

WELCOME AND OPENING..... David G. Metro, MD
Faculty Marshal
Professor of Anesthesiology and Perioperative Medicine

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM Members of the PalPITtations

INVOCATION..... Chenits Pettigrew Jr., EdD
Assistant Dean for Student Affairs
Assistant Dean for Faculty Affairs
Director of Diversity Programs

SALUTATION Arthur S. Levine, MD
John and Gertrude Petersen Dean, School of Medicine
Senior Vice Chancellor for the Health Sciences
Professor of Medicine, Molecular Genetics, and Neurobiology

ADDRESS..... David Fajgenbaum, MD, MBA, MSc
Assistant Professor of Medicine
Division of Translational Medicine and Human Genetics
University of Pennsylvania
Executive Director, Castleman Disease Collaborative Network

ANNOUNCING OF MASTER OF SCIENCE,
DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY, AND
MD/PhD GRADUATES.....

John P. Horn, PhD
Associate Dean for Graduate Studies, School of Medicine
Professor of Neurobiology

Richard A. Steinman, MD, PhD
Associate Dean, Medical Scientist Training Program
Associate Professor of Medicine and of Pharmacology and Chemical Biology

ANNOUNCING OF DOCTOR
OF MEDICINE GRADUATES.....

Joan Harvey, MD
Associate Dean for Student Affairs
Associate Professor of Medicine

DECLARATION OF GENEVA.....

Chenits Pettigrew Jr., EdD

CLOSING REMARKS

Melissa A. McNeil, MD, MPH
Professor of Medicine and of Obstetrics,
Gynecology, and Reproductive Sciences

ALMA MATER.....

Members of the PalPITtations

*Alma Mater, wise and glorious,
Child of Light and Bride of Truth,
Over fate and foe victorious,
Dower'd with eternal youth.*

*Crowned with love of son and daughter,
Thou shalt conquer as of yore.
Dear Old Pittsburgh, Alma Mater,
God preserve Thee evermore!*

CLOSING.....

David G. Metro, MD



DAVID FAJGENBAUM, MD, MBA, MSC

David Fajgenbaum, MD, MBA, MSc, was a third-year medical student in 2010 when he began experiencing inexplicable fatigue. Within weeks, his organs were failing, and still no diagnosis had been made. He survived but had to endure several more relapses with what would be identified as a form of Castleman disease, a rare and deadly condition described as a cross between cancer and an autoimmune disorder that attacks the vital organs.

With limited time and treatment options, Dr. Fajgenbaum began conducting his own research on Castleman disease. He uncovered a precision treatment for idiopathic multicentric Castleman disease (iMCD), his specific disease type, and tested it on himself. Years later, he remains in his longest remission.

Dr. Fajgenbaum is currently an assistant professor of medicine in the Division of Translational Medicine and Human Genetics at the University of Pennsylvania. As cofounder and executive director of the Castleman Disease Collaborative Network—which launched in 2012—Dr. Fajgenbaum and colleagues accelerate Castleman research and treatment through a “collaborative network approach,” a business-inspired tactic for biomedical research that has become a blueprint for advancing rare-disease research. His research centers on understanding the etiology and pathogenesis of iMCD, identifying treatments for iMCD patients, and studying the signaling pathways, dysregulated cell types, and other cellular and molecular processes pertinent to iMCD and other cytokine storm disorders.

Reflecting on his journey as a patient and physician-scientist, Dr. Fajgenbaum wrote “Chasing My Cure: A Doctor’s Race to Turn Hope into Action.” His acclaimed memoir seeks to share the lessons he learned about living after nearly dying and fighting back, raise awareness and funds for Castleman disease research, and highlight new approaches to accelerating biomedical research and therapies for other rare diseases. “Chasing My Cure” was featured on “Good Morning America” and CNN and in Reader’s Digest. It was named one of the Best Books of 2019 by the Next Big Idea Club, which selects and shares books by important writers and thinkers.

Dr. Fajgenbaum is the principal investigator of more than a dozen translational research studies, including a clinical trial of the drug that Dr. Fajgenbaum identified that marks the first National Institutes of Health R01-funded research on idiopathic multicentric Castleman disease. At Penn, he is also associate director, patient impact of the Orphan Disease Center and founding director of the Center for the Study and Treatment of Lymphadenopathies and Cytokine Storms. Dr. Fajgenbaum earned both his MD and MBA at the University of Pennsylvania, his MSc in public health at the University of Oxford, and his bachelor’s degree at Georgetown University.



CHENITS PETTIGREW JR., EDD

Chenits Pettigrew Jr., EdD, has devoted his career to enabling access to higher education and fostering student success. At the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, he is assistant dean for student affairs, assistant dean for faculty affairs, and director of diversity programs. Broadly, he works to enhance the recruitment, retention, and graduation of underrepresented minority students. He aims to create a success-oriented culture for students that values and sustains diversity and inclusion, as well as an institution that recognizes these qualities as indicators of excellence.

Dr. Pettigrew is an instructor in medicine in the School of Medicine and an instructor in clinical and translational science. His academic publications include journal articles on building diversity in a large, complex academic medical center; student affairs and retention; and the psychosocial aspects of HIV/AIDS.

As scores of Pitt med graduates can attest, Dr. Pettigrew is known for calling prospective School of Medicine students immediately after their acceptance and making “the promise”—if they choose Pitt, he will commit to doing everything he can to ensure their academic, professional, and personal success. Many alumni continue to seek his guidance for years after graduation.

In 2010, the Pettigrew Endowed Fund was established to provide needs-based scholarships and program support for diversity initiatives at the School of Medicine and to honor Dr. Pettigrew’s commitment to medical students. As described by fund co-creator Margaret Larkins-Pettigrew, MD, Class of 1994, “Chenits has dedicated his career to changing the world, one life at a time.”

Before joining the University of Pittsburgh, Dr. Pettigrew held a variety of teaching and administrative positions at Carlow University, the University of California, Los Angeles, Tuskegee University, and Florida State College. He earned his undergraduate political science degree at Westminster College, his Master of Education at Pitt, and his Doctor of Education at Pepperdine University.



MELISSA A. McNEIL, MD, MPH

Melissa A. McNeil, MD, MPH, received her undergraduate degree from Princeton University, her MD from the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, and her Master of Public Health from the University of Pittsburgh Graduate School of Public Health. She is a professor of medicine, of obstetrics, gynecology, and reproductive sciences, and of clinical and translational science.

Dr. McNeil currently serves as the associate chief of the Division of General Internal Medicine and as vice chair for education in the Department of Medicine. She is also chief of the Section of Women's Health within the Division of General Internal Medicine and is an inaugural member of the Academy of Master Educators at Pitt's School of Medicine.

Dr. McNeil has been widely recognized both locally and nationally for her achievements in women's health and education. From the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine she has received the Charles Watson Award for Teaching Excellence, the Donald S. Fraley Award for Medical Student Mentoring, and the Schuit Award for Master Educator. She was named the Society of General Internal Medicine's Distinguished Professor of Women's Health in 2014 and received its Career Achievement in Medical Education Award in 2016. Recently, members of the School of Medicine Class of 2020 voted for Dr. McNeil to receive the prestigious Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine Faculty Award, presented by the Arnold P. Gold Foundation, which recognizes a faculty member who serves as a role model for humanistic behavior.

More than 80 residents and 30 fellows have graduated from Dr. McNeil's women's health educational programs and have gone on to successful careers in academic women's health.

GRADUATES FOR APRIL 2020 AND
AUGUST AND DECEMBER 2019
SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

MASTER OF SCIENCE

April 2020

Amanda Artsen

BS, BA, University of Toledo, 2009
MD, Washington University, 2013

Daniel Brynien

BS, Pennsylvania State University, 2013
MD, University of Pittsburgh, 2017

Amy Collins

BSPH, MD, Tulane University, 2008, 2014

Allie Dakroub

BSE, MD, University of Michigan, 2007, 2011

Brandan Dunham

BS, Shawnee State University, 2011
MS, University of Cincinnati, 2016

Ziad Faramand

MBBS, Jordan University of Science and Technology, 2012

Cassandra Formeck

BS, University of Pittsburgh, 2009
MD, Ohio State University, 2013

Mariah Hildebrand

BS, Allegheny College, 2016

Kimberly Hsiung

BS, Cornell University, 2013

Lauren Huckaby

BS, Brown University, 2009
MD, Temple University, 2014

Adam Janicki

BA, University of Pennsylvania, 2008
MD, Tufts University, 2012

Adriana Johnson

BA, Bard College, 2012

Amy Kennedy

BS, Gonzaga University, 2010

MD, University of Washington, 2014

Andrew Klein

BS, University of Notre Dame, 2010

MD, University of Rochester, 2014

Nicole Komara

BS, Susquehanna University, 2017

Amelia Lucisano

BS, University of Notre Dame, 2011

MD, Washington University in St. Louis, 2015

Christine March

BA, University of Pennsylvania, 2009

MD, University of Cincinnati, 2013

Kyle Markel

BS, MD, Wayne State University, 2011, 2015

Meghan McCormick

BS, The College of New Jersey, 2011

MD, Rutgers New Jersey Medical School, 2014

Marina Mutter

BS, Lehigh University, 2010

MD, University of Rochester, 2015

Kristina Nicholson

BS, George Fox University, 2008

MD, University of Southern California, 2014

Kathleen Noorbakhsh

BA, The College of William and Mary, 2003

MD, Eastern Virginia Medical School, 2008

Brian Orr

BS, University of Tennessee, 2005

MD, University of Tennessee Health Science Center, 2010

Natalie Pace

BS, University of Arizona, 2009

MD, University of Pittsburgh, 2019

Vikram Raghu

BS, MD, University of Pittsburgh, 2010, 2014

Katherine Reitz

BA, MD, University of Rochester, 2009, 2015

Jennifer Rodriguez

BS, University of Texas at Austin, 2010

MD, Baylor College of Medicine, 2015

Laura Seese

BA, MD, University of California, Irvine, 2010, 2015

Mourad Senussi

MD, University of Tripoli, Libya, 2009

Clark Veet

BS, University of Scranton, 2010

MD, Jefferson Medical College, Thomas Jefferson University, 2014

Michael Ward

BS, University of Pittsburgh, 2014

John Willis

BA, Princeton University, 2013

December 2019

Michael Alan Belsky

BS, Pennsylvania State University, 2015

Kar-Hai Chu

BS, Johns Hopkins University, 2001

MS, Columbia University, 2005

PhD, University of Hawai'i, 2012

Furqan Habib Khattak

MBBS, Khyber Medical University, Peshawar, Pakistan, 2009

Kristina Diane Lamens

BS, University of South Florida, 2015

Lauren M. Rost

BA, St. Mary's College of Maryland, 2015

August 2019

Adetokunbo Olyumayode Ayokanmbi
BS, University of Alabama at Birmingham, 2018

Rasmine Amari Baker
BS, University of South Carolina, Columbia, 2016

Mariah Joy Berman
BS, University of Pittsburgh, 2018

Jessica Brooks
BS, University of Pittsburgh, 2018

Kelly Anne Brustman
BS, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, 2018

Mary Elizabeth Callahan
BS, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2009
MD, Rush Medical College, 2014

Nolan Thorne Carew
BS, University of Pittsburgh, 2019

Dina Ashley Collins
BS, University of Delaware, 2017

Jaclyn Anne Connelly
BS, Pennsylvania State University, 2016

Kevin M. Cullison
BA, Franklin & Marshall College, 2004
MD, St. Louis University, 2012

Kanya Dayananth
BA, University of Pittsburgh, 2018

Elizabeth Ann Dennis
BA, University of Delaware, 2018

Nerone Douglas
BA, Stony Brook University, 2018

Tyler Engle
BA, West Virginia University, 2018

Haley Flick
BA, Pennsylvania State University, 2018

Nicholas Tyler Grice
BA, Thiel College, 2018

Renee Hart
BS, Villanova University, 2016

Iman Hassan
BA, Columbia University, 2010
MD, Albert Einstein College of Medicine, Yeshiva University, 2014

Margaret Ngoc-Bao Ho
BA, University of California, Irvine, 2015

Bridget M. Hunt-Tobey
BS, Carnegie Mellon University, 2016

Bhavita Jagessar
BS, University of Pittsburgh, 2018

Rachel Elizabeth Jantea
BA, University of Texas at San Antonio, 2009
MD, Baylor College of Medicine, 2013

Erica D. Johnson
BA, University of Massachusetts, 2007

Adam Joseph Knudson
BS, BA, University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh, 2009
MD, Georgetown University, 2014

Claire Kowalczyk
BA, Union College, 2018

Annie Rose Litrenta
BS, Ohio State University, 2018

Jinling Liu
BS, East China Normal University, 2008
PhD, Pennsylvania State University, 2014

Alec Martin
BA, Christopher Newport University, 2017

Peyton Darbi McIntyre
BA, Duquesne University, 2017

Markeya Jenay Menefee
BA, Cheyney University of Pennsylvania, 2018

Yilan Miao
BA, BS, Susquehanna University, 2018

Brittany Paige Nelson
BS, Georgia Institute of Technology, 2015

Huong Nguyen
BS, University of Pittsburgh, 2017

Chinoso Obidike
BA, Lincoln University of Pennsylvania, 2018

Samantha Elizabeth Optiz
BS, University of Pittsburgh, 2018

Akosua Osei-Tutu
BA, University of Maryland, Baltimore County, 2015

Anjali S. Patel
BA, DePaul University, 2007

Geoffrey Lewis Pecar
BS, Bethany College, 2018

Elizabeth Nicole Plakseychuk
BS, Denison University, 2018

Adriana Leigh Racki
BS, University of Connecticut, 2017

Madison L. Remick
BS, University of Michigan, 2014

David Rivetti
BS, University of Dayton, 2018

Cameron Robins
BS, Arizona State University, 2017

Nathaniel Rodriguez
BS, University of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras, 2018

Amit Seth
BS, Syracuse University, 2015

Sameer Atul Shetty
BA, University of Pittsburgh, 2018

Jennifer Sumi Shin
BS, University of Pittsburgh, 2013

Joshua Lee Shoemaker
BS, University of Pittsburgh, 2018

Blaise Stearns
BS, University of Michigan, 2018

Christopher Sutton
BS, Penn State Erie, The Behrend College, 2016

Corey Xavier Tapper
BS, City College of New York, 2011
MD, Albany Medical College, 2013

Karthik Vadamalai
MBBS, Kilpauk Medical College and Hospital, India, 2012

Gregory Joseph Varga
BS, University of Pittsburgh, 2016

Kedwin Ventura
BS, The State University of New York at Potsdam, 2017

Zhishuo Wei
BS, University of Pittsburgh, 2016

Laura Skylar Weiss
BS, BA, The State University of New York at Binghamton, 2016

Michael L. Whaby
BS, West Liberty University, 2017

Ashley Marie Whited
BS, University of Pittsburgh, 2018

Bakar Yasin
BS, University of Nebraska Omaha, 2014

Sharon Yau
BA, University of California, Berkeley, 2018

Emmanuelle Benkoski Yecies
BS, Stanford University, 2010
MD, University of Pittsburgh, 2014

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

April 2020

Tiffany Bernardo

BS, Pennsylvania State University, 2014
Major: Cellular and Molecular Pathology
Dissertation: Roles of PPAR γ and Lactate Metabolism in the Hypoxic Response of Trophoblasts

Kate Carroll

BS, MS, Iowa State University, 2010, 2013
Major: Microbiology and Immunology
Dissertation: Contributions of Innate and Adaptive Immunity in the Development of Herpes Stromal Keratitis after Corneal HSV-1 Infection

Sherin David

BS, Amity University, 2012
MS, University at Buffalo, the State University of New York, 2014
Major: Molecular Genetics and Developmental Biology
Dissertation: Stem Cell and Tissue-Based Therapies for Male Infertility

Michael Ding

BA, Harvard University, 2012
MS, University of Pittsburgh, 2016
Major: Biomedical Informatics
Dissertation: Predicting Cancer Drug Effectiveness with Deep Learning Artificial Intelligence

Chatchanan Doungkamchan

MD, Chulalongkorn University, Thailand, 2012
Major: Molecular Genetics and Developmental Biology
Dissertation: Gene Therapy for Male Infertility

Sarah Dremel

BS, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, 2015
Major: Molecular Virology and Microbiology
Dissertation: HSV-1 Reprogramming of the Host Transcriptional Environment

Adolfo Frias

BS, Southern Illinois University Carbondale, 2013
Major: Microbiology and Immunology
Dissertation: Transcriptional and Translational Regulators: Roles in Development and Function of Innate-Like and Adaptive Regulatory T Cells

Anastasiia Gorelova

BS, MA, Lomonosov Moscow State University, Russia, 2012, 2014
Major: Molecular Pharmacology
Dissertation: The Role of EBP50 in Regulating Endothelial-to-Mesenchymal Transition in Pulmonary Hypertension

Shelby Hemker

BS, Michigan State University, 2014

Major: Molecular Genetics and Developmental Biology

Dissertation: Hypoxia-Induced microRNA-210 Regulation of Kidney Development

Amber Hill

BS, University of British Columbia, Canada, 2011

MSPH, Johns Hopkins University, 2012

MD, University of Pittsburgh, 2019

Major: Clinical and Translational Science

Dissertation: Examining the Association between Substance Use and Relationship among Adolescents

Heejae Kang

BA, University of California, Berkeley, 2010

Major: Cellular and Molecular Pathology

Dissertation: Discovery of Novel Small Molecule Inhibitors of Bcl10-MALT1 Interaction for the Treatment of Aggressive Diffuse Large B-Cell Lymphoma

Anthony Lentscher

BS, Tennessee Technological University, 2014

Major: Microbiology and Immunology

Dissertation: Tissue-Restricted Chikungunya Virus Is Attenuated in Mice and Protective Against Virulent Virus Challenge

Zheqi Li

BS, Shanghai Jiao Tong University, China, 2015

Major: Molecular Pharmacology

Dissertation: Hotspot Mutations on Estrogen Receptor- α are Multimodal and Contextual Drivers of Breast Cancer Endocrine Resistance and Metastasis

Maria Ly

BA, Johns Hopkins University, 2012

Major: Neurobiology

Dissertation: Brain Age as Measure of Brain Reserve in Neuropsychiatric Disorders

Weiguang Mao

BS, Tsinghua University, China, 2014

Major: Computational Biology

Dissertation: Generative Models of Biological Variations in Bulk and Single-Cell RNA-Seq

Timothy Mtonga

BS, University of Malawi-Chancellor College, 2012

Major: Biomedical Informatics

Dissertation: Design, Development, and Evaluation of a Laboratory Order Entry and Results Review System for a Low-Resource Inpatient Setting

Sara Myers

BA, MA, Stanford University, 2008, 2008
MS, Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis, 2009
MD, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 2014
Major: Clinical and Translational Science
Dissertation: The Effects of Gender Stereotypes and Bias on the Developing Academic Surgeon

Tolani Olonisakin

BA, Fisk University, 2012
Major: Cellular and Molecular Pathology
Dissertation: Stressed Erythrophagocytosis as a Modifier of the Innate Immune Response to *Klebsiella pneumoniae*

Jenna Schabdach

BS, MS, Drexel University, 2016, 2016
Major: Biomedical Informatics
Dissertation: Correction, Validation, and Characterization of Motion in Resting-State Functional Magnetic Resonance Images of Pediatric Patients

Ariel Shensa

BA, Chatham University, 1998
MA, University of Pittsburgh, 2006
Major: Clinical and Translational Science
Dissertation: Social Media and Face-to-Face Interactions Among U.S. Young Adults: Associations with Depression

Alex White

BS, Butler University, 2015
Major: Molecular Pharmacology
Dissertation: Molecular and Cellular Mechanisms Regulating PTH Receptor Signaling and Biology

She Zhang

BS, Nanjing University of Chinese Medicine, China, 2014
Major: Computational Biology
Dissertation: Studying Chromatin Dynamics Using the Gaussian Network Model

December 2019

Amie Barda

BS, Ohio State University, 2013
MS, University of Pittsburgh, 2015
Major: Biomedical Informatics
Dissertation: Design and Evaluation of User-Centered Explanations for Machine Learning Model Predictions in Health Care

Emily Beckwitt

BA, Colby College, 2010
Major: Molecular Biophysics and Structural Biology
Dissertation: Single Molecule Studies of DNA Damage Recognition by XPA

Greg Buchan

BA, University of Akron, 2014

Major: Molecular Pharmacology

Dissertation: Formation and Signaling of Electrophilic Lipids in Immunity

Amity Eaton

BA, Emory University, 2009

Major: Cell Biology and Molecular Physiology

Dissertation: Effects of Stretch on the Bladder Umbrella Cell Apical Junctional Ring

My Song Hoang

BA, Union College, 2015

Major: Molecular Pharmacology

Dissertation: Control of Telomeric Homology-Directed Repair by Poly (ADP-ribose) Metabolism

La Li

BA, MA, Peking University, China, 2010, 2013

Major: Cellular and Molecular Pathology

Dissertation: Mechanism of Blast Trauma-Induced Heterotopic Ossification: Role of Muscle Trauma

Joshua Lorenz-Guertin

BS, Grand Valley State University, 2014

Major: Molecular Pharmacology

Dissertation: Regulation of GABAAR Signaling and Neuroadaptations in Response to Diazepam

Ravi Patel

BS, University of Minnesota, 2013

Major: Molecular Pharmacology

Dissertation: SRC-Family Kinases Impact Prognosis and Targeted Therapy in FLT3-ITD+ Acute Myeloid Leukemia

Helen Rich

BA, Oberlin College, 2014

Major: Microbiology and Immunology

Dissertation: Controlling Bacterial Super-Infection During Influenza

Ryan Slack

BS, Centenary College of Louisiana, 2006

Major: Molecular Biophysics and Structural Biology

Dissertation: Structural Basis for HIV-1 Reverse Transcriptase Maturation

Nikita Trivedi

BSc, M.G. Science Institute, India, 2008

MSc, Gujarat University, India, 2010

MS, University of Texas, 2013

Major: Microbiology and Immunology

Dissertation: Mechanisms of Germinal Center and Non-Canonical B-Cell Responses

Nathan Vogler

BS, University of Pittsburgh, 2014

Major: Neurobiology

Dissertation: Mechanisms of Synaptic Zinc Plasticity in Mouse Dorsal Cochlear Nucleus

Justin Wendzicki

BS, Duquesne University, 2013

Major: Molecular Virology and Microbiology

Dissertation: Comparative Analyses of Tumorigenic Mechanisms of Merkel Cell Polyomavirus T Antigens

Hiroshi Yano

BS, University of Redlands, 2011

Major: Microbiology and Immunology

Dissertation: Regulatory T Cell-Derived Inhibitory Cytokines and Regulation of Anti-Tumor Immunity

August 2019

Patricia Campbell

BS, Columbus State University, 2011

Major: Molecular Biophysics and Structural Biology

Dissertation: Assembly and Structure of Bacteriophage Capsids and Tails

Casey Cargill

BS, University of New Haven, 2015

Major: Molecular Genetics and Developmental Biology

Dissertation: The Role of Hypoxia in Metabolism and Nephron Development

Patricia Castillo

BS, University of Maryland, Baltimore County, 2012

Major: Microbiology and Immunology

Dissertation: Disruption of Intestinal Th17 Signaling and the Microbiome Exacerbates Extra-Intestinal Pathologies

Michael Chiang

BA, University of California, Berkeley, 2010

Major: Neurobiology

Dissertation: Divergent Neural Pathways Emanating from the Lateral Parabrachial Nucleus Mediate Distinct Components of the Pain Response

Victoria Corbit

BS, Lafayette College, 2013

Major: Neurobiology

Dissertation: The Effects of Cortical and Pallidal Inputs on Striatal Microcircuit Activity and Behavioral Output

Mondraya Howard

BS, University of Pittsburgh, 2012

Major: Molecular Virology and Microbiology

Dissertation: ToxR Regulation of Adaptive Responses in *Vibrio cholera*

Colleen Judge-Golden

BA, Princeton University, 2011

Major: Clinical and Translational Science

Dissertation: Patient-, Provider-, and System-Level Factors Impacting Contraceptive Access and Use

Chelsea Merkel

BS, Eastern University, 2013

Major: Cell Biology and Molecular Physiology

Dissertation: The Adherens Junction Interactome and the Role of Vinculin in Cytoskeletal Integration at the Cardiomyocyte ICD

Stephanie Mutchler

BS, The College of William and Mary, 2012

Major: Molecular Pharmacology

Dissertation: The Effects of Salt and Aldosterone on Vascular and Renal Function

Raghavendran Partha

BS, MS, Indian Institute of Technology, India, 2014

Major: Computational Biology

Dissertation: Evolutionary-Based Methods for Predicting Genotype-Phenotype Associations in the Mammalian Genome

Sean Piantadosi

BA, St. Mary's College of Maryland, 2010

Major: Neurobiology

Dissertation: Translational Examination of the Orbitofrontal Cortex and Striatum in Obsessive Compulsive Disorder

Kevin Raehzt

BA, Michigan State University, 2010

Major: Microbiology and Immunology

Dissertation: Early Events of SIV_{ab} Mucosal Transmission in African Green Monkeys

Paige Rudich

BS, Carnegie Mellon University, 2014

Major: Cell Biology and Molecular Physiology

Dissertation: Defining the Properties and Toxicity Mechanisms of Non-Canonical Translation Products Associated with ALS and Huntington's Disease Using *C. elegans*

Jacquelyn Russell

BA, Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey, 2014

Major: Cellular and Molecular Pathology

Dissertation: Investigating the Mechanisms of Hepatocyte or Biliary Epithelial Cell-Mediated Liver Regeneration

Patrick Wilkinson

BA, Saint Vincent College, 2014

Major: Cellular and Molecular Pathology

Dissertation: Polyploidy in Liver Regeneration and Adaptation to Chronic Liver Injury

Chung-Yang Yeh

BS, Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey, 2014

Major: Neurobiology

Dissertation: Targeting Kv2.1/Syntaxin Interaction for Neuroprotection

MEDICAL SCIENTIST TRAINING PROGRAM (MD/PhD) GRADUATES OF 2020

The University of Pittsburgh and Carnegie Mellon University have a tradition of training the best and the brightest biomedical scientists. Our combined-degree program students matriculate into a rigorous six- to nine-year program seeking combined training to prepare them for future careers bridging clinical and basic sciences. Since its formal recognition in 1983, the Pitt/Carnegie Mellon program has graduated 201 students. This year we are recognizing eight students who have earned both Doctor of Philosophy and Doctor of Medicine degrees. The eight students are:

Heather E. Acuff

BS, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 2013

PhD, University of Pittsburgh, 2018

Major: Neuroscience

Dissertation: Brain Structure and Function in Emotion Processing, Emotion Regulation, and Reward Processing Neural Circuitries in Offspring at Risk for Bipolar Disorder

Matthew B. Amdahl

BS, Rice University, 2011

PhD, University of Pittsburgh, 2018

Major: Bioengineering

Dissertation: Hexacoordinate Globins: Characterization and Engineering for Development of Novel Therapeutic Agents

Colin H. Beckwitt

BS, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 2013

PhD, University of Pittsburgh, 2018

Major: Cellular and Molecular Pathology

Dissertation: Breast Cancer Metastatic Dormancy and Emergence, A Role for Adjuvant Statin Therapy

James D. Fisher

BS, PhD, University of Pittsburgh, 2009, 2018

Major: Bioengineering

Dissertation: Regulatory T Cell-Enriching Microparticles for Promoting Tolerance in Vascularized Composite Allotransplantation

Soma Jobbágy

BS, University of Delaware, 2012

PhD, University of Pittsburgh, 2018

Major: Molecular Pharmacology

Dissertation: Impact of Nrf2 Signaling on Thiol Homeostasis and Renal Physiology

Kevin M. Levine

BA, Washington University in St. Louis, 2012

PhD, University of Pittsburgh, 2018

Major: Cellular and Molecular Pathology

Dissertation: FGFR4 Overexpression and Hotspot Mutations Are Druggable Targets for Endocrine-Resistant Lobular Breast Cancer

Yuzhe Liu

BS, MEng, Cornell University, 2010, 2011

MS, PhD, University of Pittsburgh, 2016, 2018

Major: Biomedical Informatics

Dissertation: Precision Critical Care Management of Blood Pressure in Stroke Patients Using Dynamic Linear Models

Zachary A. Yochum

BS, University of Notre Dame, 2012

PhD, University of Pittsburgh, 2018

Major: Molecular Pharmacology

Dissertation: TWIST1 Suppresses Apoptosis and Mediates Therapeutic Resistance in Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer

DOCTOR OF MEDICINE GRADUATES AND HOSPITAL APPOINTMENTS

December 2019

Matthew Brian Amdahl

Eagan, MN
BS, Rice University
PhD, University of Pittsburgh

Mayo Clinic School of Graduate
Medical Education
Rochester, MN
Internal Medicine

James Dean Fisher

Pittsburgh, PA
BS, PhD, University of Pittsburgh

UPMC Medical Education
Pittsburgh, PA
Plastic Surgery

Soma Jobbágy

Basking Ridge, NJ
BS, University of Delaware
PhD, University of Pittsburgh

Massachusetts General Hospital
Boston, MA
Pathology

† **Zachary Alan Yochum**

Wheeling, WV
BS, University of Notre Dame
PhD, University of Pittsburgh

Brigham and Women's Hospital
Boston, MA
Internal Medicine

Simon Paulos Yohannes

Lawrenceville, GA
BEng, Vanderbilt University
MPH, University of Pittsburgh

Piedmont Columbus Regional
Columbus, GA
Family Medicine

May 2020

Heather Elise Acuff

Pittsburgh, PA
BS, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
PhD, University of Pittsburgh

Barnes-Jewish Hospital
St. Louis, MO
Anesthesiology

Humza Ahmed

Pittsburgh, PA
BS, University of Pittsburgh

UPMC Medical Education
Pittsburgh, PA
Neurology

Olutiwa Modupe Akomolede

Mason, OH
BS, University of Pittsburgh
MS, Johns Hopkins University

Vanderbilt University Medical Center
Nashville, TN
Urology

Wyeth Dodge Alexander

Cleveland, OH
BS, University of North Carolina
at Chapel Hill

University of California San Diego
Medical Center
San Diego, CA
General Surgery

MaryJane Anderson

Clifton Park, NY
BS, University of Vermont
DMD, MBE, University of Pennsylvania

UPMC Medical Education
Pittsburgh, PA
Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery

Aris Ryan Lucas Arakelians
Los Angeles, CA
BS, University of California, Los Angeles

University of Miami/Jackson Health
System
Miami, FL
General Surgery

Daley Favo Auvil
Oakmont, PA
BA, Case Western Reserve University

Portsmouth Naval Hospital
Portsmouth, VA
Pediatrics

◦ **Kiran Neha Bandi**
Rockville, MD
BA, Case Western Reserve University

Cincinnati Children's Hospital
Medical Center
Cincinnati, OH
Pediatrics

Megan Elizabeth Bannon
Fogelsville, PA
BA, Davidson College

McGaw Medical Center of Northwestern
University/Lurie Children's Hospital
Chicago, IL
Pediatrics

Joshua Michael Barnett
Reading, PA
BS, University of Delaware

Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai
New York, NY
Plastic Surgery

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