



# DUKE MEDICINE-PEDIATRICS

## Newsletter

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Visit to the Durham Museum of History organized by the Duke Med-Peds Equity & Inclusion Committee!



Brandon Moritz (MP2) with Ruchi Doshi (2021) and Courtney Lamberton (2019)

### Alum Highlight: Claudia Leung (2021)

#### What attracted you to Duke Med-Peds and/or Durham?

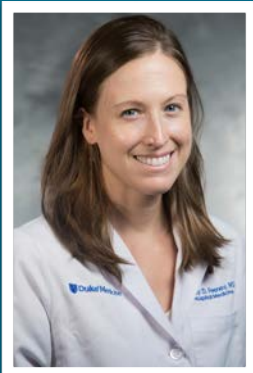
*I had spent a year in Kenya as a medical student through Duke, and through that experience had met many passionate Duke global health leaders (Jerry Bloomfield, Peter Kussin, Tim Mercer). Tim in particular spoke so highly of his Duke Med Peds training experience. Knowing I wanted to pursue a career in global health, I wanted to choose an institution known for their global health work and partnerships, and high quality medical training, and Duke turned out to be the perfect fit.*



Claudia pictured (center) with core AMPATH Ghana team at the end of her two years in Ghana.

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### Hello from the Program Director!



Greetings from Durham!

We've had a wonderful start to the academic year, which has been filled with socials, an E&I committee outing, Journal club, SAR talks, academic presentations, and so much more! We've also been preparing for our 6th Annual Med-Peds Advocacy Run, which we will update you on in the Spring Newsletter. In this issue, we hope you enjoy reading about 2021 graduate, Dr. Claudia Leung, and our new interns, the class of 2028! Wishing you a joyous fall and holiday season. Go Duke!

- Colby

## Alum Highlight Continued...

### What did you do after residency and what are you doing now?

*After residency, I spent a year as the 7800 nocturnist (Pulm Transplant and Advanced Lung Disease), before moving to northern Ghana for two years to help establish a new academic partnership between the AMPATH Consortium and a teaching hospital and medical school in northern Ghana. In this role, I helped establish new partnerships, as well as clinical, educational, and research programs particularly around simulation education, chronic disease management, and adolescent mental health.*



Kamala Harris visited Ghana in 2023. Claudia and her team are selected to stand behind her during her speech!

*In my second year in Ghana, I also received a Fogarty Research Fellowship to support my mental health research, and decided to pursue a career as a physician researcher. Most recently, I returned to the US earlier this year and started a faculty position at the University of Chicago (and reunited with my fellow MP co-resident Austin Wesevich!). Clinically, I see med-peds patients as a primary care physician (precepting residents and my own clinic), and still get to do a few weeks of hospital medicine a year. I'm also continuing my research in Ghana on improving chronic disease care and outcomes and adolescent mental health.*



Claudia with her adolescent mental health research team in Ghana after a human-centered design workshop held

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Residents and Faculty in our Med-Peds Continuity Clinic!

### The Duke Med-Peds Residency Fund

This fund supports our current Med-Peds residents in a variety of educational experiences, including participation in research projects, attendance at national meetings, preparation and presentation of scholarly work, global health opportunities and involvement in community outreach programs. Please consider making a contribution [online](#) and clicking Combined Medicine-Pediatrics Residency Program from the list or send a check to Duke Health Development Office, Attn. Duke Med-Peds Residency Fund, 300 W. Morgan Street, Suite 1200, Durham, NC 27701.



## Alum Highlight Continued...

**Looking back to where you are now, what were the most important aspects of your Duke Med-Peds Residency experience that helped prepare you for your career?**

*Two things come to mind – my training and my Duke family. I’m so appreciative of amazing friends I made at Duke in residency that really became like family. My clinical training also prepared me well to work in VERY diverse settings with variable resources.*

**What do you want to do next?**

*After two years in a fairly rural part of Ghana, my husband and I are excited to be back in the BEST city in America! We’re enjoying exploring the city before winter kicks in, and spending time with friends and family. Professionally, I’m lucky to have really amazing research mentors at UChicago, and have really enjoyed having the time and space to invest in my growth as researcher. I’ll be applying for a career development award to support my training and continued research in Ghana. I’m also excited to be a part of expanding UChicago’s impact in West Africa through both trainee and faculty engagement.*

**What brings you the most joy during your work days and in your free time?**

*In my free time – spending time with husband and my dog Millie. While I did medical school in Chicago and know the city well, I’m definitely enjoying it so much more now as an attending! Chicago has so much great food and no shortage of places to explore! At work, I love having a job with so much diversity and one that allows me to continue my global health work.*

**Any words of wisdom for current trainees?**

*Residency gets stressful – make sure you build in time to pour into yourself.*



End of term celebration with Ghana partners!



Millie dressed up as a pirate!



Claudia with Duke residency friends Sheila Sherzoy and Anmol Singh!

## Meet our Med-Peds Class of 2028!



### Courtney Bair

Courtney is from Columbus, Ohio. She completed her undergraduate studies at Vanderbilt University with a B.A. in Biology. In her gap year, she worked as a clinical research analyst in an orthopedic lab at Vanderbilt. She then matriculated at Duke Medical School where she performed research on genetic causes of heart failure in patients with congenital heart disease. Courtney is passionate about teaching and mentorship as evidenced by her roles as a small group leader for the 1st year medical students, POCUS instructor, and mentor. She held multiple leadership roles as VP of Duke First Generation and Low Income in Medicine, Co-President of the Med-Peds Interest Group, and in the Feagin Leadership Program. In her free time, she loves baking, running, and watching college sports!



### Bronwen Foreman

Originally from Denver, CO, Bronwen attended Amherst College for her undergraduate studies, earning a B.A. in Neuroscience. She was a collegiate rower and captain of her team. Prior to medical school, she spent two years as a lead clinical research coordinator for a clinical trial on immunotherapy in colorectal and pancreatic cancer at MGH. She then matriculated at Duke for medical school. Bronwen founded the Student Coalition for Addiction Recovery, a student group aimed at promoting education, research, and community outreach for patients with substance use disorders. She was a small group leader for medical students and selected for the Feagin Leadership Program. She is a musician, avid reader, and amateur birdwatcher in her free time!



### Ibukun Olubowale

Ibukun is from Providence, Rhode Island. She earned a B.A. in Neuroscience at University of Pennsylvania to complete her undergraduate studies. Prior to medical school, she spent two years as a clinical research coordinator on multiple NIH trials in MFM and Gyn Onc at University of Pennsylvania. She then attended Temple University for medical school. Ibukun was Chair of the Diversity and Recruitment Subcommittee and advocated for policy changes and support for underrepresented students. She conducted research on adverse childhood experiences and depression in pregnancy in Black patients. In her free time, she is an avid reader, particularly of African women authors, and a food enthusiast, as she enjoys cooking new recipes!

## Our Med-Peds Class of 2028, continued



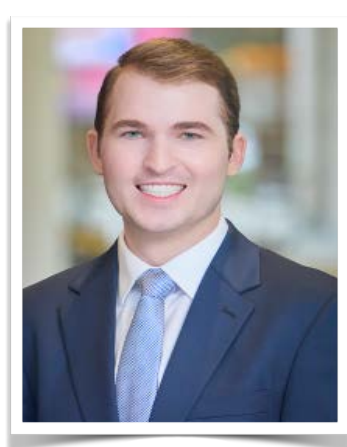
### Michael Qureshi

Michael is from Miami, FL and attended University of Miami for his undergraduate studies, earning a B.S. in Microbiology and Immunology. He attended Florida International University for medical school. He was on the Student Advisory Board, representing his medical school class, to improve the Medicine and Society Curriculum. He created events to improve vision screenings for underserved children in Miami. Michael led a team of volunteers to provide underserved households with adequate internet access to improve their ability to engage in Telehealth services. He engaged in scholarly work with review articles on the impact of social determinants of health for cancer referrals in patients with HIV and the use of POCUS for estimating pleural effusion volume. In his free time, he plays multiple musical instruments, cooks homemade meals, and kayaks!



### Sanjana Ravi

Sanjana is from Plano, TX and completed her undergraduate studies at University of Texas in Dallas, earning a B.S. in Biology. During undergrad, she worked at multiple nonprofit organizations in Dallas to assist with refugee resettlement and support survivors of sexual assault and child abuse. She then matriculated at UT Austin Dell Medical School, where she also earned a Masters of Public Affairs. She worked on a QI project there to help improve transitions of care for unhoused hospitalized patients. Her team earned a national award at the Society of Hospital Medicine meeting for their innovative work. During medical school, Sanjana was also the Chief Operations Officer at her student-run clinic. She was involved in advocacy as a delegate for Texas and American Medical Associations as well as the AAP. In her free time, Sanjana loves to garden, be outside, or try new restaurants!



### Kent Sutton

Kent is from Chapel Hill, NC. He went to Dartmouth to complete a B.A. in Hispanic Studies. Prior to medical school, he was a clinical research assistant at UNC on a trial to address health disparities related to hypertension. He then attended Duke for medical school, also earning an MPH from UNC Chapel Hill. He was Co-President of the Holton Clinic which provides primary care to underserved Durham residents. He served as a research project mentor to students through Duke Clinical Research Institute. Kent was on the Exec Committee of Duke Med Pride, an LGBTQ+ professional organization for medical students and trainees, and volunteered at the LGBTQ Center of Durham. He fostered a cat in medical school and is also an avid skier, photographer, concert-goer in his free time!



# Resident Updates

- ✦ **Michael Qureshi** published in *Cureus* on a case of posterior urethral valves in a health-appearing athletic adult.
- ✦ **Courtney Richman** (pictured right) earned the GME Safety Advocate Award in May 2024.
- ✦ **Lily Suarez** was accepted into the Learning Health System Training Program 2024-2025 cohort and she also presented (pictured right) at the Duke Palliative Care “Compassionate Care Conference” on addressing weight bias in healthcare.
- ✦ **Amber Fleck** received the Resident Roundtable Award at the North American Cystic Fibrosis Conference in September 2024.
- ✦ **Shane Clark** (pictured right) presented a case report on a new HIV diagnosis at the annual NC Triangle Society of Hospital Medicine conference in October 2024. He was mentored by **Jane Trinh** (2006).
- ✦ **Joe Goddu** and **Courtney Richman** were selected as GME Resident Council Members for 2024-2025
- ✦ **Karen Lin** and **Josh Mercer** were selected as members of the GME Patient Safety and Quality Council for 2024-2025
- ✦ **Joe Goddu** was selected as the Med-Peds Residency Council Class Representative for 2024-2025.
- ✦ **Amber Fleck, Julia Hiserodt, Karen Lin, Aashu Patel, Lily Suarez, Sam Collins** (photos below) all presented work at the NC Peds Society conference in August 2024. Lily Suarez’s research was selected as a podium presentation and a Top Three poster.



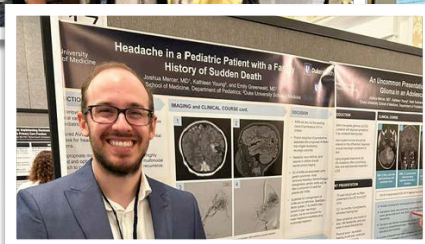
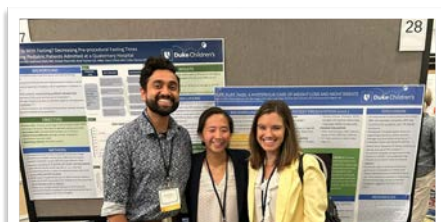
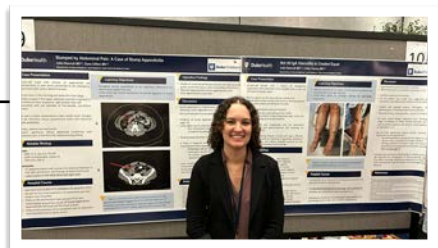
## End of Year Resident Awards

Appleseed Teaching Awards in Internal Medicine - Courtney Richman and Sam Curtis

Robert P. Drucker Excellence in Teaching Awards in Pediatrics - Karen Lin and Amber Fleck

Y.T. Chen Award in Resident Education - Sandra Loriaux

Duke Peds Grand Rounds - Senior Talk - Sandra Loriaux



First year MP residents and loved ones having a pumpkin party!

# Graduate and Faculty/Staff Updates



Graduating MP Class of 2024 at their senior dinner, left to right: Ashley Thrower, Sandra Loriaux, Sam Curtis, Vivian Chen-Andrews, Bari Rosenberg, Maxine Chan

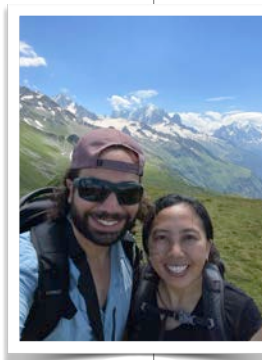


Dana Clifton (2016), Amy Lee (2017), and Nick Turner (2016) meeting up in Durham!

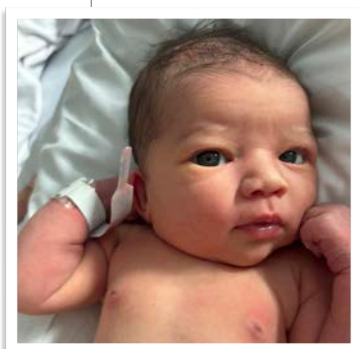


Class of 2021 MP grads Ruchi Doshi, Marge DeOliveira, and Henry Foote and families meeting up in Durham!

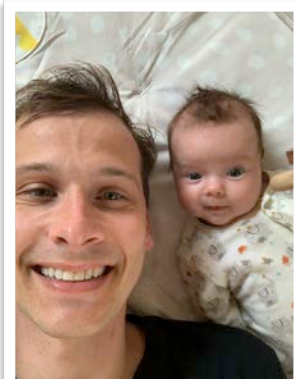
- ◆ **Nick Turner** (2016) presented his ground-breaking results of a clinical trial utilizing dalbavancin for PICC-free treatment of Staph bacteria at the European Society of Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases (ESCMID) conference in Barcelona this summer, highlighted [here](#).
- ◆ **Monty Natour** (2021) started as an Assistant Professor in the Division of Neonatology at Children’s Hospital Los Angeles / USC Keck School of Medicine September 2024. Additional congrats on engagement to Linda (pictured right)!
- ◆ **E-beth Ockerman** (2020) is a hospitalist at Children’s National Hospital and a Clinical Instructor at George Washington School of Medicine. She and family welcomed a 2nd son to the family, Eddings Hubbard, in January 2024 (pictured below).
- ◆ **Dan Ostrovsky** (MP Core Faculty) published on his work on “Development, Implementation, and Assessment of an Online Modular Telehealth Curriculum for Health Professions Students” in *Advances in Medical Education and Practice*.
- ◆ **Matt McCulloch** (2020) started a Master of Management in Clinical Informatics (MMCi) at Duke. He is currently an Assistant Professor of Pediatric Allergy & Immunology at Children’s Hospital Colorado.



## Med-Peds Baby Corner!



Congratulations to Erin McGuire (2019) and family on the birth of **Lia Grace DiBenedetto!**



**Jane** was born to Ben Redpath (2023) and Peggy Sahu!



**Eddings** was born to E-beth Ockerman (2020) and family!



Congratulations to Marge DeOliveira (2021) and family on the birth of **Bonnie Anne Olivia McLaurin!**



# Graduate and Faculty/Staff Updates

- ✦ **Amadea Britton** (2020) is a Medical Officer in CDC’s National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases and Co-Lead of the ACIP Adult RSV Vaccine Work Group. She recently published on updated recommendations for the use of RSV vaccines in adults 60+ years in CDC’s *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report*.
- ✦ **Carrie Herzke** (2008) transitioned from her role as Chief Medical Officer at Medical University of South Carolina to become Chief Medical Officer and Vice President of Medical Affairs at Johns Hopkins University.
- ✦ **Joel Boggan** (2013) earned a Best Oral Abstract Award at the Society of General Internal Medicine Annual Meeting.
- ✦ **Rebecca Sadun** (2014) was appointed as the Associate Director of Duke AHEAD (Academy for Health Professions Education and Academic Development) in July 2024. She was also promoted to Associate Professor of Medicine and Pediatrics.
- ✦ **Richard Chung** (2009) was awarded an American Academy of Pediatrics Special Achievement Award. He transitioned from his role at Duke to become the Senior Medical Director for Enterprise Adolescent Medicine at Children’s Hospital of Pennsylvania.
- ✦ **Ruchi Doshi** (2021) won in the Best Innovations category at the Society of Hospital Medicine NC Triangle Scientific Abstract Competition for her work on “Identifying the Value of an Inpatient Transition Consult”.
- ✦ **Henry Foote** (2021) a current Pediatric Cardiology Research Fellow was awarded the Y.T. Chen Fellow Award for Discovery in Science and the Michael Frank Fellow Teaching Award (2nd year in a row).
- ✦ **Dana Clifton** (2016) won in the Best Research and Best Overall categories at the Society of Hospital Medicine NC Triangle Scientific Abstract Competition for her work on a hospital-led consult service for patients with opioid use disorder.



Justin Yoo (2020) at a research retreat with Duke IM residency graduates!



Maxine Chan (2024) and Sam Dizon (2022) meeting up in NYC!



MP residents, faculty, and alumni gathered at a recent MP student interest group event at Duke!

✦ **Chris Prater** (MP Residency APD) and **Ashley Bowes** (MP Residency Program Coordinator) were accepted to the Duke Department of Pediatrics Restorative Justice Ambassador Program for 2024-2025.

✦ **Kanecia Zimmerman** (2011) was promoted to Professor of Pediatrics.

✦ **Jane Trinh** (2006) was promoted to Professor of Medicine and Pediatrics.