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Our annual boat cruise to welcome all new interns!

## A MESSAGE FROM EILEEN

**Eileen Reynolds, MD**

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

Growing up with high school teacher parents, the end of the school year signified a time of hard work (scoring finals and getting final grades submitted), celebration (graduations, retirements, and in my family, lots of birthdays and anniversaries), transition (to new groups of students, to new curricula and colleagues), and great promise (the beginning of a summer full of longer days and a slower life). Early summer has always been my favorite time of year.

In the Division of General Medicine, we find ourselves similarly perched between last year and next year; we look backward with respect, gratitude, and even reverence for the year past and those who have served and moved on, and we look forward to navigating our ever-changing clinical world with new students, residents, fellows, faculty, staff and administrative partners. I have especially savored that we have been able to celebrate many of these transitions – whether with a small, well-spaced lunch (an administrative retirement), a tented, catered dinner for 80 at year-end for each resident class), or with a couple of hours on the water

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on the enormous Provincetown II cruise boat (to welcome incoming interns).

There has been a lot of administrative turnover throughout our sections. Turnover can be unsettling, even when it happens for good reasons – promotions, career decisions, family - and can create a greater burden for physician leaders and for other administrators who are holding their finger in the dike until reinforcements arrive. Thank you to everyone for patience, understanding, collaboration, and for all the amazing effort on behalf of your patients and colleagues.

The good news is that reinforcements are indeed arriving!

Paul Hart Miller has stepped in as the Interim Director of Ambulatory Operations in the Division of General Medicine for the remainder of Kayla Tremblay's parental leave. Mr. Miller has worked as the Administrative Director of Business Development in the Department of Medicine since 2015. He has held a number of roles across health care institutions in Boston and in his home state of Louisiana, including as Manager of Business Development and Physician Relations at Lahey, as a National Director at the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, and as the Chief Human Resources Officer Methodist Hospital in New Orleans. I am incredibly appreciative of his new partnership in our Division.

Debbie Mondestin will be joining us on August 14 as the new Administrative Director for Hospital Medicine. Ms. Mondestin is a graduate of the College of the Holy Cross, received her Master of Science in Health Administration from Regis College, and has completed a Certificate in Facilitative Leadership for Social Change from the Interaction Institute for Social Change in Boston. She too has worked for multiple health care institutions, and arrives here at BIDMC from her current role as Business Manager for OB-GYN and Urogynecology at Tufts Medical Center Community Care in Woburn. Ms. Mondestin is proficient in Haitian Creole. I look forward to having her join HMED!

Kate Willetts has joined HCA as Interim Nursing Director. Kate is well known to many here at BIDMC, as she has worked as an inpatient nurse on med-surg floors, and as a Resource Nurse since 2010. In 2020 Ms. Willetts stepped into the role of an Administrative Clinical Supervisor, and most recently, she has coordinated nursing for all the BIDMC-affiliated COVID vaccine sites. Ms. Willetts completed her Bachelors of Science in nursing, her Masters of Nursing Administration, and her Doctorate of Nursing Practice all at Simmons University.

Charlene Victorino-Griffiths joined HCA in late May as our new HCA Operations Manager. She joins us from Signature Healthcare where she was the Practice Manager for Dermatology. Prior to that, Ms. Victorino-Griffiths spent eight years at the BWH South Huntington Primary Care Practice, where she started as a Practice Assistant and was promoted several times, ultimately to Practice Manager. She has a Bachelor's of Science in Nursing from Boston College.

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We also have an incredible crew of new faculty and trainee physicians coming to work with us! Below I have listed our new division-specific learners – three Hospice and Palliative Medicine fellows and four Primary Care Track residents (though the entire residency program is led by many in our Division, I only have space to list the incoming Primary Care Residents!). In September, I'll tell you a bit about our fantastic new faculty members.

## **Hospice and Palliative Care Fellows and their residency programs:**

Eric Tsu	Tufts Medical Center
Julia Newman	Boston Medical Center
Charlotte Grinberg	Mount Auburn Hospital

## **Primary Care Residents and their medical schools:**

Christine Kohn.	Univ. of Connecticut School of Medicine
Son Quyen Dinh	Univ. of Texas Medical Branch School of Medicine
Gianna Aliberti	Tulane Univ. School of Medicine
Carter Baughman	Univ. of Kentucky College of Medicine

This infusion of new colleagues, leaders, and learners is an annual renewal, and is one reason why many of us are here, working in an academic medical center. While we are sad to see graduating or departing colleagues finish or move on, we know we will have the opportunity to meet exciting new community members, to hear new voices and new ideas and capture new contributions as we strive to sustain, enhance, and improve our work.

Most of all, I hope this summer allows each of you to find some personal renewal with the longer days and slightly slower life I personally try to enjoy at this time each year.



For me, that means things as simple as getting home in time to walk my dog in the warm daylight, reading a book in a hammock, or paddle boarding on a calm bay. Happy Summer! And welcome to all our new colleagues!

**Eileen Reynolds, MD**  
***Chief, Division of General Medicine***

# Academic Promotions & Awards



## **Tim Anderson - HCA**

Promoted to Assistant Professor of Medicine at Harvard Medical School

## **Emmanuel Mensah - HMED**

Selected to receive the 2021 Katherine Swan Ginsburg Humanism in Medicine award, and  
Recipient of the Outstanding Student Teaching Award in Internal Medicine for Excellence in Student Teaching in Inpatient Medicine, 2021

## **Grace Huang - HMED**

Appointed as Dean for Faculty Affairs at Harvard Medical School.

## **Jonathan Yeh - Palliative Care**

Awarded the 2020-2021 Beth Israel Veterans Administration HPM Faculty Teaching Award

## **Anjala Tess - HMED**

Chosen as the 2021 honoree by the the Selection Committee for the “Honoring Women in Medicine” Photo Exhibit and the Committee for the Advancement of Women. Her photograph and biography will be added to the photo collection which recognizes outstanding women in the Department of Medicine.

## **Josephine Cool - HMED**

Awarded the 2021-2022 Rabkin Fellowship in Medical Education  
Project: Implementation of a Novel Point-of-Care Ultrasound Curriculum for Faculty in the Application of Procedures and Diagnostics

## **Kelly Graham - General Medicine Education/HCA**

Selected to receive a CRICO Grant to study the Impact of residency training models on healthcare equity in a multicenter study, and as  
Recipient of the Robert C. Moellering, Jr. Teaching Award for 2021

## **Ritika Parris - HCA**

Selected to receive a CRICO Grant to study the Impact of a Novel Coaching Program on Medical Errors, Clinical Reasoning, and Well-being of Physicians.

## **Elizabeth Housman - HCA**

Recipient of the Outstanding Student Teaching Award in Internal Medicine for Excellence in Ambulatory Student Teaching in Primary Care Medicine

## **Brooke Lubinski - Primary Care Resident**

Selected to receive the Resident 2021 Katherine Swan Ginsburg Humanism in Medicine award

## **Lauren Doctoroff - HMED**

Received her MBA from Brandeis Heller School of Social Policy and Management



# Academic Promotions & Awards (cont.)

## **Stephen Juraschek - Research & HCA**

Selected to give one of the NIH Office of Disease Prevention's Early Career Lectures. In addition, will be funded as part of a new AHA health equity research network to do a version of his Amazon Fresh project.

## **Daniele Olveczky - HMED**

Selected by the Harvard Medical School Foundation Funds Committee as the Harvard Medical School nominee for Nickens Foundation Faculty Fellowship.

## **Andrew Junkin - HMED**

Newly appointed Continuing Medical Education Director for Hospital Medicine.

## Congratulations to our Graduates!



### **Our Primary Care Residency Graduates**

(L to R):

Niloo Latifi, Brooke Lubinski, Erin Duralde, Maelys Amat, Ilana Feuerstein, Barbara Lam, and Kelly Graham, Primary Care Program Director

### **Our Palliative Care Fellowship Graduates:**

Kirsten Engel, Brian Gacioch, and Sunny Grandhe



## Faculty Spotlight:

### Jacques Carter, MD, MPH

#### Community Leader Extraordinaire!



From the start, Jacques Carter has been known as a go-to leader and activist. As a scholarly Washington D.C. high school student, he drew the attention of a “Get Out the Vote” leader who convinced Jacques to man the sound truck bullhorn to encourage people to vote. In college, he worked part-time for Senator Paul Douglas (Dem., Illinois). After college, he was appointed to the Board of the United Way in D.C. and became Vice-Chair of one of the committees. Remember, he was just out of college! Following medical school at Georgetown, he made his way to Harvard for his MPH, and as a resident of Brookline, was appointed to the Brookline Board of Health. He served as the Chair for 13 of his 15 years.

His role as the Board of Health Chair exemplifies his personal commitment to volunteer work, community engagement, and the influence of one person’s altruism. A progressive and activist city, Brookline was a perfect place for him to exercise his leadership skills. He went to every meeting, engaged the public in debate, and responded to myriad issues including starting a Hepatitis B vaccination program in the local high schools; educating the public about the vaccine and autism controversy; and publishing all of the health statistics for the town. He started an annual public health policy forum, which former governor Michael Dukakis still moderates today, as a way to bring experts to Brookline and focus attention on public health issues.

He was instrumental in bringing free prostate cancer screening and education to Massachusetts communities to which he brought leaders from all over the world to speak. At a state prostate cancer symposium, Jacques was asked to present a workshop on the significantly different prostate cancer outcomes for African American men. To his surprise, over 100 people came to that first event, including then State Senator from Massachusetts and a WBZ reporter, both of whom were prostate cancer survivors. Eventually, Jacques served as the Medical Director of the Prostate Cancer Screening and Education Program at the Dana-Farber for 10 years during which thousands of patients were screened and educated. In 2004, he helped plan the first Annual African American Prostate Cancer Disparity Summit on Capitol Hill where then Senator John Kerry was the keynote speaker. This Summit continues today (bringing him full circle to his childhood home).

In 2010, HMS recognized Jacques with its Community Service Lifetime Achievement Award. And, in 2020, the Harvard Alumni Association (HAA) recognized Jacques with the 2020 HAA Award, presented annually to recognize alumni for their outstanding service to Harvard University through leadership and engagement activities.

If you asked him, Jacques would promote the virtues of physicians volunteering their time and expertise for the public good. Through mentorship, advocacy, board leadership, any person, over time, can have an important and beneficial impact on their community.



# CONGRATULATIONS

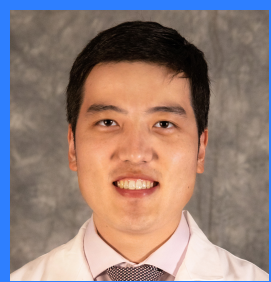
TO OUR HOSPITAL MEDICINE  
HOSPY AWARD WINNERS

## HMED MVP Award



**Catherine  
Matthys**  
(Plymouth)

## Clinicians of the Year



**Eric Min**  
(Plymouth)



**Bassima  
Abdallah**  
(Needham)

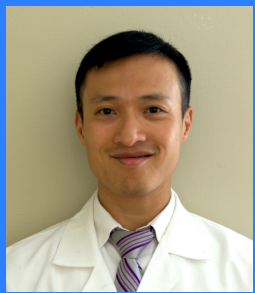


**Emmanuel  
Mensah**  
(Boston)



**Phillip  
Messer**  
(Milton)

## Teachers of the Year



**Thomas Ku**  
(Plymouth)



**Brian Persaud**  
(Boston)



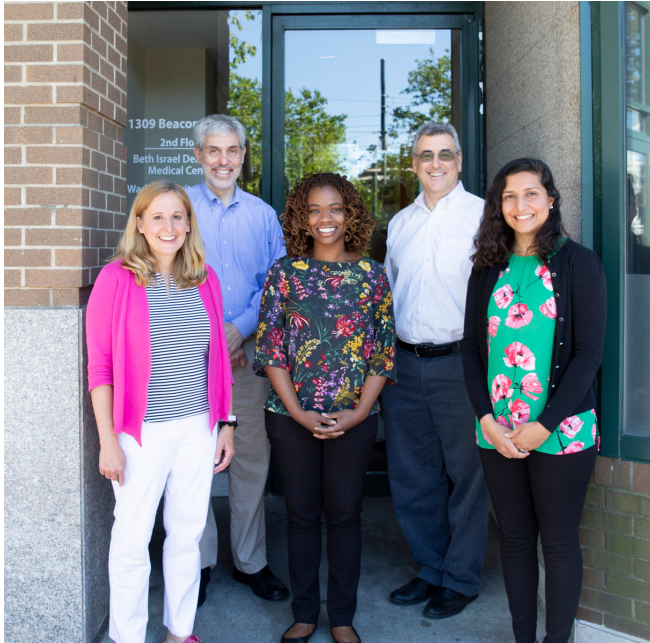
**Raj Tanikella**  
(Needham)



**Jon Goldman**  
(Needham)



## News from General Medicine Research: HRSA T32 Grant



Pictured from left to right: Mara Schonberg, Ed Marcantonio, Karla Kendrick, Ken Mukamal, Roma Bhatia

fund 90- plus programs and more than 3,000 grantees.

The General Medicine Research Section is proud to announce their new five-year HRSA T32 postdoctoral fellowship grant, which is awarded to Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center (BIDMC) with Dr. Ed Marcantonio as Program Director. This grant was previously based at Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH), where Dr. Jennifer Haas will continue to serve as Program Co-Director. The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) is an agency of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Its mission is to improve health outcomes and achieve health equity through access to quality services, a skilled health workforce, and innovative, high-value programs. They

The T32 is the primary funding mechanism for the Harvard Medical School (HMS) Fellowship in General Medicine and Primary Care, which offers fellows a rigorous two-year academic program preparing them for research careers in academic medicine and primary care. The program offers each fellow an appointment at HMS and one of its affiliated hospitals. Based on her/his interests, each fellow is matched to BIDMC, MGH, Brigham and Women's Hospital, Cambridge Health Alliance, or the Department of Population Medicine.

Fellows also matriculate at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, where they pursue coursework leading to a Master of Public Health or Master of Science degree. As part of their program, fellows are expected to conceive, design, execute, present, and publish two to three original research projects.

## Recent Philanthropic Gifts to General Medicine

- ★ \$50K to be used for General Medicine.
- ★ \$40K to the Young-Rourke Foundation to be used for faculty support.

**We give a Shout-out to our General Medicine partners!**



# Selected Division Shout-Outs!



## **Mitch Ross - Hospital Medicine (HMED)**

Thank you for your leadership of the sign-out Pilot!

## **Kayla Tremblay - General Medicine**

Thank you for doing such an amazing job prepping for your leave. I am in awe of your organizational skills, and commitment to your job!

## **Ateev Mehrotra - HMED**

Thank you for stepping in at the very last minute to save Medical Grand Rounds - and by writing a brand new talk for the occasion, to boot!

## **Shana Sklar - Palliative Care**

Thank you for being an amazing team player, including by holding the pager and facilitating team huddles / bereavement during this busy time!

## **Anjala Tess - HMED**

Congratulations on the CRICO Fellowship Alumni Event and indeed on the amazing success of the CRICO fellowship and its graduates!

## **Jonathan Yeh - Palliative Care**

Thank you for your exceptional teaching of, and support for, the Fellows!

## **Olu Spencer - HCA**

Thank you for supporting all of HCA in between administrative leaders!

## **Cat Ternes - HCA**

Thank you for your amazing dedication to access and HCA even when on vacation!

## **Rusty Phillips - HMED**

Thank you for your commitment to recruiting the absolute best doctors for HMED! As another year gets started, I appreciate your collaborations in recruiting our own residents, in particular.

## **Tom Stevens - General Medicine**

Thank you for stepping in to support HMED!!

## **Lynn Valencia - Palliative Care**

Thank you for being such a positive force and team player!

## **Mara Schonberg - Research**

Congratulations on the T32 - thank you for all the work with the fellowship!

## **Nina Dones - Palliative Care**

Thank you for all the amazing work with fellows' coming and going (amidst all your other tasks!).