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## Welcome to Volume 6

Dear University of Michigan Emergency Medicine Community,

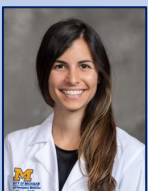
Welcome to the summer edition of our U-M Emergency Medicine alumni & community newsletter! As Ann Arbor buzzes with summer energy, we're excited to share the latest updates from our department.

Since our last edition, we enjoyed many major events – the SAEM conference where our very own outgoing chair, Dr. Bob Neumar, delivered the keynote address; Match Day where we will welcome our next class of amazing residents; Senior Day and Graduation where we celebrate the accomplishments of our learners and wish them luck as they move on to the next phase; and lots of new babies in our community!

Ann Arbor in the summer is a special place – think outdoor cultural activities and concerts, the classic art fair, lazy floats down the Huron River, enjoying the absence of traffic and congestion when the city's population dies down for the summer, and the obligatory excursions to northern Michigan. The greatest part is having the fall to look forward to and the buzz of another football season on the horizon.

We love hearing from you, so keep sharing your stories and accomplishments!

Go Blue!



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Class: 2018

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**We are excited to welcome all our new team members!**

**FACULTY**



**Mallory Davis** (class of 2022) – moved from Med Ed Fellow/Clinical Instructor to Clinical Assistant Professor at UM/EM on 7/1/24.

**Alex Janke** – moved from Research Fellow/Clinical Instructor to Clinical Assistant Professor at UM/EM on 7/1/24.

**Florian Schmitzberger** (class of 2022) – moved from Research Fellow/Clinical Instructor to Clinical Assistant Professor at UM/EM on 7/1/24.

**Max Spadafore** (class of 2024) – starting as Clinical Assistant Professor at UM/EM on 8/1/24.

**Jason Tehranisa** – moving from Cleveland Medical Center to Clinical Assistant Professor at UM/EM and VA US Director on 8/15/24.

**Sarah Tehranisa** (class of 2017) – moving from Cleveland Medical Center to Clinical Assistant Professor at UM/EM and MPLAN Lead on 9/16/24.

**John Greco** (Residency 2022, PEM 2024) – moving to Clinical Assistant Professor at UM on 9/15/24.

**Elizabeth Rosenman** – moving from UW Medicine to Clinical Associate Professor, Sim Director at UM/EM on 10/1/24.



## Match Day 2024 – Welcome to our incoming Residents!

### University of Michigan | Emergency Medicine Residency Program | Class of 2028



**Fatima Adem, MBBS, MPH**  
Alfaisal University COM  
MPH - Alfaisal University



**Samantha Akouri DO**  
Michigan State University COOM  
BS - University of Michigan



**Dakota Burke, MD**  
Mich. State Univ. College of  
Human Medicine  
BS - Eastern Michigan  
University



**Nimra Hassan, MD, MPH**  
Wayne State University SOM  
MPH - Case Western Reserve  
University  
BA - Case Western Reserve  
University



**Cailin Johnson, DO**  
Western Univ. of Health  
Sciences COOM of the Pacific  
BS - Washington State  
University Vancouver



**Kory Jones, MD**  
St. George's University SOM  
BS - Texas Woman's  
University



**Nikolette Jones, MD**  
Michigan State Univ. College of  
Human Medicine - Southeast  
Michigan  
BS - Michigan State University



**Alessandra Karam, MD**  
Central Michigan University COOM  
BS - University of Pittsburgh



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**Andrew Lekarczyk, MD**  
University of Michigan MS  
BS - Oakland University



**John Levine, MD**  
Univ. of Wisconsin SOM & PH  
BS - Univ. of Wisconsin-  
Madison



**Lilia Maeda, MD**  
University of Colorado SOM  
BS - Colorado State University



**Noah Newman, MD, MPH**  
University of Michigan MS  
MPH - University of Michigan  
School of Public Health  
BS - University of Michigan



**Morgan O'Neill, DO**  
Michigan State University  
COOM  
BS - Michigan State  
University



**Isabella Ramicone, MD**  
University of Cincinnati COM  
BS - University of Cincinnati



**Charlie Ryan, MD**  
Indiana University SOM  
BS - Indiana University



**Katia Tkachenko, MD, MS**  
Stanford University SOM  
MS - Stanford University  
BS - University of California,  
Berkeley

- Fatima Adem, MBBS, MPH – Alfaisal University College of Medicine
- Samantha Akouri, DO – Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine
- Dakota Burke, MD – Michigan State University College of Human Medicine
- Nimra Hassan, MD, MPH – Wayne State University School of Medicine
- Cailin Johnson, DO – Western University of Health Sciences College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific
- Koryanda Jones, MD – St. George's University
- Nikolette Jones, MD – Michigan State University College of Human Medicine
- Alessandra Karam, MD – Central Michigan University College of Medicine
- Andrew Lekarczyk, MD – University of Michigan Medical School
- John Levine, MD – University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health
- Lilia Maeda, MD – University of Colorado School of Medicine
- Noah Newman, MD, MPH – University of Michigan Medical School
- Morgan O'Neill, DO – Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine
- Isabella Ramicone, MD – University of Cincinnati College of Medicine
- Charles Ryan, MD – Indiana University School of Medicine
- Ekaterina Tkachenko, MD, MS – Stanford University School of Medicine

# ALUMNI AWARDS



Every other year, we seek nominations and select awardees of our alumni awards! In the past, we have had separate categories for awards.

This year we will select 1-2 “***Alumni of the Year***” award winners who have demonstrated excellence in one or more of several categories (research, education, service, diversity / equity / inclusion, health care administration, innovation).

Please submit your nominations by **September 1st**. We will announce awardees in the fall edition of our newsletter, which will also commemorate the 25th anniversary of the department!

All alumni, regardless of career duration, are eligible. The nomination form is very short and only requires a name as well as an optional description of support.

Nominate fellow alumni by **September 1, 2024!**

Click here for the [Nomination Form](#).

## Alumni, Faculty, Resident Accomplishments / News

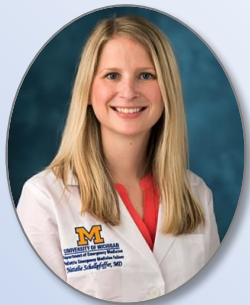
Congratulations to the following faculty on their promotions, effective September 1, 2024.



**Patrick Carter, MD** (class of 2009); Promotion to Professor of Emergency Medicine with tenure.



**Colin Greineder, MD** (class of 2007); Promotion to Associate Professor of Emergency Medicine with tenure and Associate Professor of Pharmacology without tenure.



**Natalie Schellpfeffer, MD** (PEM Fellowship 2019); Promotion to Clinical Associate Professor of Emergency Medicine & Pediatrics.



**Cemal Sozener, MD** (class of 2007); Promotion to Clinical Professor of Emergency Medicine & Neurology.

congratulations

## Alumni, Faculty, Resident Accomplishments / News (cont.)



Congratulations to **Rachael Tesorero, MD** (PGY-3) for being chosen as the President-Elect of the University of Michigan House Officer's Association!

Congratulations to **Scott VanEpps, MD** (class of 2013) for being elected President of the SAEM Foundation Board of Trustees. The SAEM foundation is a major source of research and career development funding for trainees and early career faculty in our specialty.



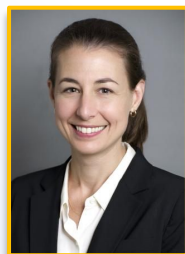
**Nate Haas, MD** (class of 2018) received the 2024 Research Career Development Award from the Caswell Diabetes Institute at the University of Michigan. This prestigious award grants him 50% protected time to focus on diabetes research for up to three years. This is the first time an emergency physician has been selected as the award recipient.

**Woody Sams, MD** (class of 2020) has been appointed to serve as the Medical Director for Emergency Management Operations (EMO) at UM-Health, effective February 1, 2024. In this role, Dr. Sams works closely with Emergency Management Operations (EMO) administrative and nursing leadership in the implementation and management of disaster preparedness programming and disaster response for Michigan Medicine.



## Alumni, Faculty, Resident Accomplishments / News (cont.)

Congratulations **Max Spadafore, MD** (class of 2024), for having three articles recently published in Academic Medicine!



Congratulations **Lauren Mamer, MD, PhD** (class of 2022) for presenting Grand Rounds at Stanford in March 2024.

**Vinitha Jacobs, MD, PhD** was received the Charles Woodson Collaborative Research Award from the Department of Pediatrics Intramural Research Funding Program. This award, amounting to \$50,000, supports her two-year project titled "Establishing the Role of the Cholesterol Synthesis Enzyme DHCR7 in Sepsis."



**Dominique Hill, MD** (class of 2014) was presented with the Outstanding Teacher of the Year award by her chief residents during their graduation ceremony in June.

Can we highlight your success?

If you would like to be featured, please email me ([calderom@med.umich.edu](mailto:calderom@med.umich.edu)) and we'll include a brief profile describing your current role and how you got there.

## Alumni, Faculty, Resident Accomplishments / News (cont.)



**Jenna Bartz White, MD** (class of 2012) and **Alison Haddock, MD** (class of 2011) were co-presenters at the American College of OB-GYN's Annual Clinical and Scientific Meeting on the identification and management of obstetric emergencies in emergency care settings. As highlighted in a previous newsletter, Dr. Haddock is also ACEP's President-Elect.



**Colonel (Dr.) Paul DeFlorio** (class of 2005) took command of the 99th Operational Medical Readiness Squadron in Nellis Air Force Base, Las Vegas, Nevada. He is pictured here with his wife, Amanda, and their children Wyatt, Emmaline, Rhett, and Dillon.





## Alumni, Faculty, Resident Accomplishments / News (cont.)



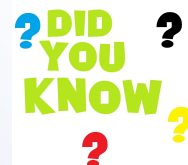
**Dan Overbeek, MD** (class of 2019) shares that his wife Meredith, daughter Evelyn (who is now almost 3), and he recently moved to Grand Rapids, MI to join Emergency Care Specialists. He is also working for them as a Toxicologist and Addiction Medicine physician (now triple-boarded)!

**Will Schaeffer, DO** (class of 2021) shares some exciting updates from Milwaukee, WI, where he works at the Medical College of Wisconsin (MCW)! Last year, he redesigned their ultrasound scholarly development track and is acting as the director of their ultrasound scholarly track with several residents pursuing fellowship now. He also took over as Director of Resident Ultrasound Education for the EM residency there and has piloted some curriculum changes and asynchronous learning that wasn't there before. And in July, he will be starting as an Assistant Program Director of the Residency at MCW. Congrats, Will!



The **UM EMS Division** has had a podcast running over the past 1-2 years featuring residents, fellows, and EMS professionals from the area. They are also opening it up to EMS-focused program alumni. Find it at:

<https://podcasters.spotify.com/pod/show/emspulse>

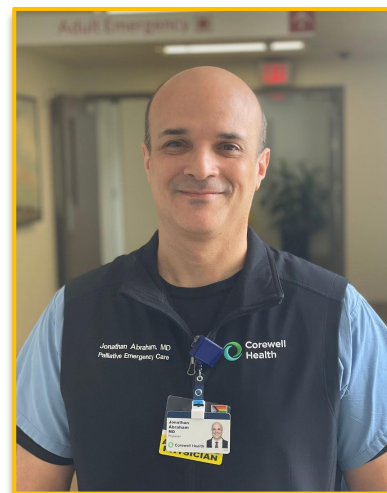


## Alumni, Faculty, Resident Accomplishments / News (cont.)

### Alumni Update

I hope all is well with the U of M EM team! I wanted to share an update on my somewhat non-traditional journey since finishing residency.

As some of you may recall, I graduated residency in 2019 and immediately transitioned to a Hospice and Palliative medicine fellowship at Henry Ford. During fellowship, my intention was to ultimately practice palliative care-focused emergency medicine. As you can imagine, being in Detroit as a palliative fellow in 2020 during the pandemic was a heartbreaking and transformative experience. Given the patient volume surge, I was embedded in the Henry Ford ED for much of it – on hand for urgent goals of care conversations and end of life care. In part due to that experience, it became increasingly clear that my skills would be best served by practicing palliative medicine full time.



**Jon Abraham, MD (class of 2019)**

I ended up accepting a palliative care position at Corewell (formerly Spectrum) Health – MSU in Grand Rapids, as core faculty in their fellowship program. I spent my first year there building a serious illness communication simulation program, in which our learners would be able to gain mastery in navigating difficult conversations with patients and family members. I continue to run the sim program to this day.

My experiences in Detroit also sparked my curiosity about forming a dedicated embedded palliative care program at our busy academic ED. A few similar programs had already been launched around the country, and as they began publishing the results of their efforts, I started building a proposal for our leadership. The impact from these programs was observed across institutions, noting reduced hospital length of stay, cost utilization, and ICU admission rates. They also observed marked increased patient and ED provider satisfaction.

After several years of discussion, I was ultimately given the green light to launch a three-month pilot where I would be embedded in the ED full-time seeing palliative medicine consults – on hand for urgent goals of care conversations, complex symptom management, and end of life care.

Our pilot launched in January 2024, and it was clear from the first week that we were addressing a critical need. In the month preceding our pilot launch, we had 6 total palliative consults placed from the ED. In the month February 2024 alone, we had tallied 89 consults. By the end of our pilot in April 2024, our division in conjunction with hospital and ED leadership elected to extend the pilot indefinitely. We are continuing to collect data on the program's impact with the hope of publishing our results in the future.

We are now entering the fifth month of our program, and this summer, my team and I were honored to learn that we were being presented with an innovation award from our health system president. It is exciting to be part of something that is both novel and to paraphrase Laura Hopson, serves as “the best part of a patient’s worst day.”

While I am not currently practicing EM, my training and skills gained in residency have been vital to my success in the ED space, so I am grateful for my experience at U of M. It would be fun to collaborate in the future!

Warmly,  
**Jon Abraham, MD**

## Alumni, Faculty, Resident Accomplishments / News (cont.)

### Alumni Update

**Drs. Jason and Sarah Tehranisa** (class of 2017) are excited to be returning home to Michigan Medicine. They will be joining the department as the VA Ultrasound Director (Jason) and MPLAN Medical Director (Sarah). In addition to their upcoming move, they also recently welcomed baby Nicholas on May 9, 2024. He joins big siblings Abigail (4.5) and Benjamin (2.5). The entire family can't wait to join the Michigan EM family this summer.



**Congrats  
Go Blue!!**

# congratulations



**Ryan Tucker, MD** (class of 2018) welcomed Jackson Robert Tucker on February 22, 2024.



**Aaron Krumheuer, MD** (Current PGY-4) welcomed baby boy Arlen on March 12, 2024.



**Mallory Davis, MD, MPH** (class of 2022) welcomed Brooks Davis on May 22, 2024.



**Kelsey Grace, MD** (class of 2022) welcomed Blake Grace McKay on 5/12/24 (Mother's Day!) weighing in at 7 lbs and 5 oz.

## Alumni, Faculty, Resident Accomplishments / News (cont.)



**Scott VanEpps, MD, PhD**, (class of 2013) and **Brian Zink, MD**, current and past Presidents of the SAEM Foundation, were awardees of the SAEM Organizational Advancement Award, which recognizes the tremendous amount of time, effort, and energy that they have given and continue to give to the organization.

**Nik Theyyanni, MD**, (class of 2014), won the SAEM Emergency Ultrasound Distinguished Service Award – an award for faculty who have a track record of significant contributions to the betterment of emergency ultrasound.

**David Haidar, MD**, (class of 2021) received the SAEM Academy of Emergency Ultrasound Rising Star in Education Award for early career physicians who have demonstrated great accomplishments in emergency ultrasound education.

**Ina Prevalaska, MD**, (class of 2024) received the Emergency Medicine Ultrasound Resident Research Award for residents who have demonstrated outstanding contributions to ultrasound-related scholarship during residency.



**Robert Neumar, MD, PhD**, presented the SAEM 2024 Dr. Peter Rosen Memorial Keynote Address entitled “*Emergency Medicine Research: Past, Present, and Future*”.

Dr. Neumar’s outstanding career in EM thus far has also been highlighted on the front page of the SAEM Pulse Newsletter for May-June 2024 in an article where he is interviewed:

[https://issuu.com/saemonline/docs/saem\\_pulse\\_may-june\\_2024](https://issuu.com/saemonline/docs/saem_pulse_may-june_2024).

He was also interviewed in preview of the Keynote:

<https://www.saem.org/annual-meeting/events/dr-peter-rosen-memorial-keynote>

# Alumni, Faculty, Resident Accomplishments / News (cont.)

**Connecting at SAEM:** faculty, residents, and alumni enjoyed hanging out, including at our department dinner.



## Alumni, Faculty, Resident Accomplishments / News (cont.)

One of our medical school alums (currently an Innovation and Design Fellow at Stanford) **Rana Kabeer** is working on a project related to integrating education on innovation within the emergency medicine residency space and is looking for faculty and resident participants for his survey. Please see the following to help!

“We are a team of clinicians and researchers from the Stanford Department of Emergency Medicine and we’re working to develop a new curriculum focused on healthcare innovation for EM residents. Your input regarding ways to improve residency education is invaluable. The survey is brief and will significantly impact how we shape this curriculum to equip more physicians to develop innovative solutions to complex healthcare problems. We expect it will take you approximately 10-15 minutes to complete our confidential survey.”



Link to survey:

[https://stanforduniversity.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_eKwSMHjT6lndkUe](https://stanforduniversity.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_eKwSMHjT6lndkUe)

For any questions, please contact Dr. Rana Kabeer at [kabeer@stanford.edu](mailto:kabeer@stanford.edu)

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A team of emergency physicians and research faculty are leading a national project exploring reasons that board certified emergency physicians leave emergency medicine practice. The rate of emergency physicians leaving clinical practice has accelerated in recent years following the pandemic. The decision to leave clinical practice may be complex and difficult.

Would you be willing to participate in a 30-minute interview to understand why emergency medicine physicians leave or consider leaving emergency medicine clinical practice and identify strategies to support retention?

If so, please complete this form:

<https://redcap.stanford.edu/surveys/?s=R39PY7PPXFLK3HH7>

Participants who complete the interview will be offered a \$25 gift card in appreciation for their time and insights. The data collected will be kept confidential, and all interviews will be analyzed anonymously. They are happy to answer any questions by phone or e-mail at [em-persist@stanford.edu](mailto:em-persist@stanford.edu).

# Senior Day & Graduation

**Senior Day:** We celebrated our graduating PGY-4 residents in style at HOMES Campus, where they shared their wisdom during senior day talks and **Dr. Sacha Montas** (class of 2010) delivered an excellent grand rounds speech.





## Senior Day & Graduation (cont.)



### Resident and Fellow Graduation 2024



Our graduates will be going off to make us proud at a number of institutions. Please join us in congratulating them and wishing them the best in their future endeavors:

#### **Pediatric Emergency Medicine Fellowship**

- Carissa Bunke, MD Children's Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN
- John Greco, MD, PhD University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI
- Andrew Shieh, MD Children's Hospital of Orange County, Orange, CA

#### **Ultrasonography Fellowship**

- Jan (Sarah) Chang, MD Advocate Medical Group, Park Ridge, IL
- Harini Vijay, DO Henry Ford Plymouth, Plymouth, MI
- Han Yu, DO UT Health Houston McGovern Medical School, Houston, Texas

#### **Medical Education Fellowship**

- Mallory Davis, MD, MPH University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI

#### **Emergency Medical Services Fellowship**

- Kevin Argentieri, MBBS University of Vermont, Burlington, VT
- Rolando Castillo Salcedo, DO Mercy Hospital Springfield, Springfield, MO

#### **Critical Care Fellowship**

- Kathrine Wray Giarra, MD Kootenai Health, Coeur d'Alene, ID
- Paul Valencia, MD The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH 😊



# Senior Day & Graduation (cont.)



## Resident and Fellow Graduation 2024



### Graduation Awards

**UM Consultant of the Year:**

Ramzy Meremikwu

**STAR of the Year:**

Karen Bryan

**UM Off-Service Intern of the Year:**

Julia Pudar

**UM Nurse of the Year:**

Sarah Nedam

**UM Tech of the Year:**

Liz Herczak

**Trinity Consultant of the Year:**

Patrick Kato and Evan Gorgas

**Trinity Off-Service Intern of the Year:**

Three-way tie between - Sage Anderson, Annika Grupp, and Anna Numi

**Trinity Nurse of the Year:**

Brianna Roehrig

**Trinity Tech of the Year:**

Brie Rippey



## Senior Day & Graduation (cont.)



### Emergency Medicine Residency 2024



**Emily Ager, MD**

Chief Resident  
National Clinician Scholars Program  
University of California, San Francisco, CA

**Carrie Bailes, MD**

Medical Education Fellowship, University of Michigan

**Matthew Basinger, MD**

Trinity Health Ann Arbor, Ann Arbor, MI

**Samantha Chao, MD**

Chief Resident  
Ethics Fellowship, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI

**Michelle Feeney, MD**

Team Health, Philadelphia, PA suburbs

**Rachel Frederick, MD**

Compass Emergency Physicians, Greater Cincinnati, OH area

**Sarah Jamali, MD**

Administration Fellowship, Baystate Health, Springfield, MA

**Aaron Krumheuer, MD**

Addiction Medicine Fellowship  
Mass General Hospital/Brigham & Women's, Boston, MA

**Miyante Newton, MD**

Critical Care Fellowship  
University of Maryland Medical Center, Baltimore, MD

**Connor O'Hare, MD**

Mayo Clinic Hospital, Phoenix, AZ

**Ina Prevalaska, MD**

Chief Resident  
Critical Care Fellowship, Washington University  
St. Louis, MO

**Nathan Roberts, MD, PhD**

Medical University of South Carolina, Charleston, SC

**Shoshana Rudin, MD**

Critical Care Fellowship, University of Pittsburgh  
Pittsburgh, PA

**Maxwell Spadafore, MD**

Chief Resident  
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI

**Nicholas Valentini, MD**

Emergency Medical Services Fellowship  
Brown University, Providence, RI



## Department Updates

**Residency Recreation Day:** Our program continued the tradition started last year that the last conference day of the year is spent enjoying each other's company outdoors and celebrating another year in the books! Residents, faculty and pets gathered at Olson Park and enjoyed tacos and ice cream from local food trucks.



## Department Updates (cont.)

**Welcome Picnic:** Dr. Laura Hopson, MD graciously hosted the welcome picnic for new faculty, fellows and residents at her home, where attendees enjoyed the traditional annual resident vs. faculty volleyball game.



### Attending vs. Resident Basketball Game at Crisler Center



## Department Updates (cont.)

**Transitions:** We thank **Dr. Robert Neumar, MD, PhD** for his service as Department Chair, and welcome **Dr. Prashant Mahajan, MD, MPH, MBA** as the incoming Department Chair.

Dr. Robert Neumar, MD, PhD led the Department of Emergency Medicine at the University of Michigan as Department Chair from July 2012 through June 2024, steering it through significant growth and numerous achievements in clinical care, research, and education.

Under Dr. Neumar's leadership, the department saw substantial advancements in clinical services. He oversaw the expansion of the Children's Emergency Services (CES) at C.S. Mott Children's Hospital, which doubled its capacity, catalyzed creation of the Joyce and Don Massey Family Foundation Emergency Critical Care Center (EC3), expanded presence and oversight of the Ann Arbor VA Emergency Department, and expanded local and regional leadership of EMS. This expansion was supported by a doubling of our faculty and the creation of new Divisions of Critical Care, Ultrasound, and Emergency Medical Services (EMS).

Dr. Neumar also spearheaded the diversification and growth of the department's research initiatives. Under his leadership, our department secured over \$118 million in NIH research funding as well as significant CDC, AHRQ, DOD, NSF, foundation and industry funding. Impactful research institutes, centers, and programs were created or grew under his leadership including the Max Harry Weil Institute for Critical Care Research and Innovation, the University of Michigan Injury Prevention Center, and the Michigan Emergency Department Improvement Collaborative (MEDIC) and the Emergency Medicine Education and Research by Global Experts (EMERGE) network. In addition, our faculty assumed leadership of newly formed national research networks including the Strategies to Innovate Emergency Care Clinical Trials Network (SIREN) and StrokeNet. Our faculty were also instrumental in the creation and leadership of the Institute for Firearm Injury Prevention at the University of Michigan. The department has also made important contributions to the EM research investigator workforce through federally and foundation funded research fellowships and career development awards.

Educational initiatives also grew significantly under Dr. Neumar's tenure. He expanded the faculty, reflecting the department's commitment to comprehensive education and mentorship. The residency expanded to 16 trainees per year. New fellowships in Critical Care, Ultrasound, EMS, and Medical Education provided advanced training opportunities and supported the professional development of emerging leaders in emergency medicine. He also supported the Ghana Emergency Medicine Collaborative, extending the department's educational impact globally.

Dr. Neumar's term included significant service and leadership contributions. He fostered a commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion through the appointment of an Associate Chair for DEI, ensuring a supportive and inclusive environment for all faculty, staff, and trainees. Under his leadership, EM faculty members assumed major institutional leadership roles, including Vice President for Research, Executive Vice Dean, Senior Associate Dean, Chief Medical Officer, and Chief of Staff within the University of Michigan and its affiliated hospitals.

The department also benefited from several major philanthropic gifts during Dr. Neumar's tenure. The Joyce and Don Massey Family Foundation have been major supporters of the EC3 and the Massey TBI Research Program. The Weil Family Foundation provided the naming gift to endow the Max Harry Weil Institute for Critical Care Research and Innovation. Dr. Neumar also spearheaded the fundraising for our first endowed professorship, the William G. Barsan Collegiate Professorship, which honors the legacy of our founding department chair.

Dr. Neumar's leadership solidified the University of Michigan's Department of Emergency Medicine's position as a premier academic department. His vision of creating the future of emergency care and investment in our faculty and trainees have set a strong foundation for continued success and innovation. His impactful 12-year tenure will leave a lasting legacy.



## Department Updates (cont.)

Congrats!

PRASHANT MAHAJAN, M.D., MPH,  
MBA, NAMED INTERIM CHAIR OF  
EMERGENCY MEDICINE



[Prashant Mahajan, M.D., MPH, MBA, named interim chair of Emergency Medicine | University of Michigan Medical School](#): Click the link for the official news release and blurb detailing Dr. Mahajan's amazing career.

**Dr. Rebecca Cunningham** recently transitioned out of her position at University of Michigan to assume the role of President of the University of Minnesota.

Prior to this, she served as the vice president for research and innovation at the University of Michigan, where she was responsible for fostering excellence and upholding the institution's public mission in research, scholarship and creative practice across three campuses. During her leadership tenure, U-M expanded its research volume to a record \$1.86 billion annually as Cunningham led the design and implementation of the first comprehensive review of the U-M research, scholarship and creative practice enterprise. A faculty member in the U-M Schools of Public Health and Medicine since 1999, Cunningham previously served as the associate vice president for research-health sciences, where she oversaw research faculty affairs and partnered with colleagues across disciplines to facilitate and energize the University's research agenda. Cunningham served in various leadership positions earlier in her career, including as associate chair of emergency medicine and director of the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention-sponsored Injury Prevention Center at the University of Michigan. As a researcher, Cunningham has earned continuous federal research funding for more than 25 years as a principal investigator and is a member of the National Academy of Medicine. She began as the University of Minnesota's 18th president on July 1, 2024.

We wish her all the best in this next role! For additional reading, see this article:

[Rebecca Cunningham selected as next president of the University of Minnesota | University of Minnesota \(umn.edu\)](#)



## Department Updates (cont.)

**Dr. Michele Carney, MD** has transitioned out of the PEM Fellowship Director role and **Dr. Sarah Tomlinson, MD** will serve as the new PEM Fellowship Director.

**Dr. Michelle Carney's** 11-year tenure as the Pediatric Emergency Medicine Fellowship Director demonstrated significant innovation and advancement in the program. Dr. Carney implemented a milestone-based assessment system, developed a comprehensive curriculum including Hurley, EMS, and research components, advanced critical care and ultrasound training, and established a combined fellowship in Ultrasound and Pediatric Emergency Medicine.

**Dr. Sarah Tomlinson**, a graduate of the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA, completed her training at the University of Michigan. She has participated in programs such as CoMET and the Medical Education Scholars Program and served as the Associate Program Director for both the EM residency and the PEM Fellowship. Her numerous teaching awards reflect her exceptional instructional skills and dedication.

**Dr. Tim Visclosky, MD**, a graduate of the PEM fellowship, also recently accepted the role of Associate Fellowship Director. He has been an advocate for the fellows and has demonstrated a vested interest in education leadership, currently serving as Assistant Residency Director for the emergency medicine residency. He will be a wonderful addition to the new leadership team, and we congratulate him as well on this new role!



**Jennifer Gegenheimer-Holmes, RN BSN MHSA** retired on July 11, 2024, after 40 years of service with University of Michigan Health. Throughout her career, Jennifer has been integral to the vision, strategy, and growth of both Adult and Children's Emergency Services. She has served as a mentor to many, a trusted and valued colleague, and a friend.





## Department Updates (cont.)

**Brian Zink** retired on 4/1/24, and has now moved to Adjunct Professor, Emergency Medicine. See the last volume of our newsletter for a blurb on Dr. Zink's amazing career.

**Ryan Tucker** (class of 2018) – transitioned from UM on 8/31/23 is now working at the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus.

**Will Peterson** (class of 2018) – transitioned from UM on 9/29/23 and is now working at the University of Minnesota.

**Cristina Cutter** (class of 2019) – transitioned from UM on 5/31/24 and is now in Boston, as her husband has joined Boston's Mass General, Brigham Harvard Medical School.

**Brendan Byrne** – transitioned from UM on 1/9/24.



### HELP US CELEBRATE 25 YEARS!

The 25th anniversary of the department is this year! We would love if alumni sent us photos and memories to include in a special edition newsletter for the occasion. Please email [calderom@med.umich.edu](mailto:calderom@med.umich.edu) any photos or memories from your time here that you would like us to include!

Save the



**ACEP U-M Happy Hour**  
Monday, September 30th  
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## CES PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT AWARD FOR CLINICAL EXCELLENCE

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*"Receiving this award enabled me to go on a wonderful CME trip, for which I'm very grateful, but it also acted as a rare moment to be recognized for my hard work and contributions to patient care in CES, which meant a lot to me as well."*

This award is made possible by the generous support of our alumni and current faculty. Your contributions are vital to maintaining the award so that we can continue to recognize the dedicated PAs working in the Emergency Department. Please use this [link](#) or form below.

To learn more, please contact Mark Clark (markclar@med.umich.edu) for details on this program and other ways to support the department.

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