Meet the 2021-2022 Pulmonary & Critical Care Medicine Fellows
First years – Class of 2024
Tom Bolig, MD

Undergrad: University of Michigan
Medical School: Wayne State University School of Medicine
Residency: University of Michigan

In Tom’s words:
1. One word that describes your co-fellows: “Yeah, can’t do that in one word—they are fun, approachable, friendly and at the same time wicked-smart, hard-working, and deeply invested in providing excellent care for patients and becoming stellar pulmonary/critical care medicine docs.”
2. Favorite thing to do on a day off in Chicago?: “Explore the city with my wife and dog; dinner with friends; play pinball at the nearby bar”
3. Pizza – Deep Dish, or Thin Crust? “Detroit-style deep dish (that’s a thing)”
4. What are you looking forward to most in fellowship?: “Exploring the amazing opportunities available here and working with all of these talented people”
5. What is your favorite book, movie, musical, or TV Show?: “Can’t say favorites for some of these, but what I have been reading lately is either history (Chicago-related) or sci-fi (Aurora, Paolini, Black Leopard Red Wolf). The last movie that I really enjoyed was Once Upon a Time in Hollywood. Favorite TV series of all time is Mad Men.”
Ted Cybulski, MD, PhD

Undergrad: MIT
Medical School: Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine
Residency: McGaw Medical Center of Northwestern University

Physician Scientist Training Program Fellow

In Ted’s words:
1. One word that describes your co-fellows: “Fun!”
2. Favorite thing to do on a day off in Chicago?: “Go for a walk on the lakefront trail.”
4. What are you looking forward to most in fellowship?: “Probably growing into leading the various ICU teams.”
5. What is your favorite book, movie, musical, or TV Show?: “Pretty much anything by the band The Mountain Goats.”
Elen Gusman, MD

Undergrad: City University of New York Hunter College
Medical School: Weill Cornell Medicine
Residency: Columbia – New York Presbyterian

In Elen’s words:
1. One word that describes your co-fellows: “TRULY THE BEST! But I guess that’s not one word, so I’ll go with AMAZING”
2. Favorite thing to do on a day off in Chicago?: “walking around/exploring the city”
3. Pizza – Deep Dish, or Thin Crust? “Thin crust!! (I LOVE Chicago, but I’m still a New Yorker at heart)”
4. What are you looking forward to most in fellowship?: “Learning a ton, developing clinical and leadership skills, and building new friendships!”
5. What is your favorite book, movie, musical, or TV Show?: “So many, and constantly changing. My latest favorite TV show is Lupin.”
Amy Ludwig, MD

Undergrad: Northwestern University
Medical School: Rush Medical College
Residency: University of Michigan

In Amy’s words:
1. One word that describes your co-fellows: “Easygoing & Brilliant”
2. Favorite thing to do on a day off in Chicago?: “Hop over to the lake on my bike; bop around all the various patios with our dog; go to a Cubs game”
3. Pizza – Deep Dish, or Thin Crust? “Thin all the way!”
4. What are you looking forward to most in fellowship?: “Learning from and with my colleagues how to be the best intensivist and pulmonologist I can be.”
5. What is your favorite book, movie, musical, or TV Show?: “Anything from the Bachelor/Bachelorette franchise!”
Tim Rowe, MD

Undergrad: University of Illinois – Champaign
Medical School: Loyola
Residency: University of Wisconsin - Madison

In Tim’s words:
1. One word that describes your co-fellows: “Grounded”
2. Favorite thing to do on a day off in Chicago?: “Bike the lakeshore path down to the Art Institute, or catch an afternoon game at Wrigley”
4. What are you looking forward to most in fellowship?: “Incorporating my clinical and educational research interests”
5. What is your favorite book, movie, musical, or TV Show?: “The Wire”
Second years –
Class of 2023
Alexandra “Ale” McQuattie Hanrahan, MD

Undergrad & Medical School: Universidad Central de Venezuela
Residency: McGaw Medical Center of Northwestern University

Physician Scientist Training Program Fellow

Lung aging and how aging impact lung injury. This year I’ll be focusing on the effect of PAI-1 haploinsufficiency on pulmonary structure and function, especially after Influenza infection.
• Research Mentor: Douglas E. Vaughan, MD

In Ale’s words:
1. One word that describes your co-fellows: “One word is not enough! Fun, smart, hard-working, homies, friends! I can keep going!”
2. Favorite thing to do on a day off in Chicago?: “Walk around, people watching, picnic in the park! But my super favorite city activity is the Christkindlmarket in December!”
3. Best thing about the fellowship program so far?: “Learning from such an amazing team”
4. Pizza – Deep Dish, or Thin Crust? “Thin crust 100%”
5. Favorite movie/book/tv show/hobby at the moment? I've currently been obsessed with podcasts, specially anything from audiochuck. Love crime junkie, and Park Predators. I really love the Harry Potter movies, and anything with bad, very predictable action like Taken. Favorite musical of all time is The Sound of Music, I know the lyrics in English and Spanish, and I still watch it multiple times a year, though have to admit that Hamilton is amazing, too. I watch any action/crime/law TV show, and I’m currently watching Luis Miguel."
Sydney Hyder, MD

Undergrad: Haverford College
Medical School: Rutgers
Residency: Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania

Healthcare Quality & Patient Safety
• Research Mentor: Dr. Susan Russell, Dr. Karl Bilimoira

In Sydney’s words:
1. One word that describes your co-fellows: “Friends”
2. What has brought you joy in Chicago?: “Spontaneous happy hours with my co-fellows, late night comedy shows after work, my Chicago Art Institute membership, and lounging on balcony in Lincoln Park that overlooks Lake Michigan”
3. Best thing about the fellowship program so far?: “Exploring my passions in critical care and all the procedures that come with it”
5. Favorite movie/book/tv show/hobby at the moment? “Favorite TV show is RuPaul’s Drag Race, hands down!”
David Kidd, MD

Undergrad: UCLA
Medical School: Johns Hopkins University
Residency: Johns Hopkins

How different patterns of tobacco use affect the development of obstructive lung disease
• Research Mentor: Dr. Ravi Kalhan

In David’s words:
1. One word that describes your co-fellows: “Fun”
2. Favorite thing to do on a day off in Chicago?: “Trying new restaurants and exploring Chicago’s numerous attractions/museums”
3. Best thing about the fellowship program so far?: “Supportive co-fellows and faculty, which creates a strong sense of community”
4. Pizza – Deep Dish, or Thin Crust? “Thin crust (used to be deep dish, but I kind of overdid it last year)”
Romy Lawrence, MD

Undergrad: University of Cape Town
Medical School: University of the Witwatersrand Faculty of Health Sciences
Residency: Boston University

Angiographic findings in early pulmonary vascular disease using the CARDIA Cohort
• Research Mentor: Dr. Michael Cuttica

In Romy’s words:
1. One word that describes your co-fellows: “Real”
2. Favorite thing to do on a day off in Chicago?: “Anything involving the lakefront (bike ride, sail, picnic, etc) followed by drinks/dinner at one of Chicago’s rooftop bars”
3. Best thing about the fellowship program so far?: “The people”
5. Favorite movie/book/tv show/hobby at the moment?
   “Hmmm, hobbies – probably running (I’m attempting to do the Chicago half marathon) and books – I just finished The Midnight Library by Matt Haig and really enjoyed it!”

Kaitlyn Vitale, MD

Undergrad: University of Notre Dame
Medical School: Michigan State University College of Human Sciences
Residency: University of Michigan

Critical Care POCUS curriculum development
- Research Mentor: Dr. Khalilah Gates

In Kaitlyn’s words:
1. One word that describes your co-fellows: “Incredibly supportive”
2. Favorite thing to do on a day off in Chicago?: “Explore the city! New parks, restaurants, museums, etc.”
3. Best thing about the fellowship program so far?: “Incredibly supportive faculty and co-fellows who are always readily accessible and willing to help.”
4. Pizza – Deep Dish, or Thin Crust? “Detroit-style. (I promise it’s a thing!)”
5. Favorite movie/book/tv show/hobby at the moment? “I just joined a kickball league!”
Third years –  
Class of 2022
Joseph “Joe” Bailey, MD

Undergrad: University of Chicago
Medical School: Loyola University Stritch School of Medicine
Residency: New York Presbyterian (Cornell)

Co-chief fellow

Long term outcomes of COVID-19 infection and Critical Illness
• Research Mentor: Dr. Ravi Kalhan

In Joe’s words:
1. One word that describes your co-fellows: “Helpful”
2. Favorite thing to do on a day off in Chicago?: “Go to the Botanical Gardens! They’re amazing!”
4. What are you looking forward to most in fellowship?: “Gaining independence in the ICU.”
5. What is your favorite book, movie, musical, or TV Show?: “Futurama (TV Show)”
Catherine “Cathy” Gao-Howard, MD

Undergrad: Northwestern University
Medical School: University of Michigan
Residency: Yale New Haven

T32 Lung Sciences Training Program

Critical care clinical informatics and outcomes in viral pneumonias
• Research Mentor: Dr. Richard Wunderink, Dr. Luis Amaral

See some of Cathy’s work here

In Cathy’s words:
1. One word that describes your co-fellows: “awesome”
2. What is your favorite memory from fellowship? “So many bronchs.”
3. What is the fellowship’s biggest strength? “Friendship!”
5. What has brought you joy in Chicago? “Great foodie city!”
6. Favorite movie/book/tv show/hobby at the moment? “authors I enjoy include Murakami, Ishiguro, Lahiri. I also love video games - Fortnite, Counterstrike, StarCraft; just beat The Last of Us II and working through Jedi: Fallen Order”
Undergrad: University of California, Davis
Medical School: Loyola University Stritch School of Medicine
Residency: UCLA David Geffen School of Medicine

Laboratory-based study of mechanisms underlying regulatory T-cell differentiation, epigenetics, and process of inflammation resolution.
• Research Mentor: Dr. Benjamin Singer

In Tony’s words:
1. One word that describes your co-fellows: “Generous”
2. What is your favorite memory from fellowship? “First night out with co-fellows”
3. What is the fellowship’s biggest strength? “The mentorship”
5. What has brought you joy in Chicago? “Exploring the various neighborhoods and music (mostly pre-COVID)”
Gabrielle “Gabby” Liu, MD

Undergrad: University of California, Berkeley
Medical School: University of Chicago
Residency: University of California, San Francisco

Co-Chief Fellow

Identification of predictors of early interstitial lung disease using the CARDIA cohort
• Research Mentor: Dr. Ravi Kalhan

In Gabby’s words:
1. One word that describes your co-fellows: “(the) BEST”
2. What is your favorite memory from fellowship? “Bonding with my new co-fellows at the beginning of 1st year during the Iowa Ultrasound course and Mayo Bronch course”
3. What is the fellowship’s biggest strength? “Lots of support from leadership and amazing mentors.”
5. What has brought you joy in Chicago? “My co-fellows and friends. The lake. The (slowly reviving) live music scene. Getting to bike everywhere.”
Daniel Meza, MD

Undergrad: Valparaiso University
Medical School: University of Illinois at Chicago
Residency: University of Chicago

Arthur Metz Fellow

Ethical dilemmas in the care of patients with COVID-19, variations in COPD epidemiology and care in Chicago neighborhoods.
- Research Mentor: Dr. Ravi Kalhan

In Daniel’s words:
1. One word that describes your co-fellows: “Real ones”
2. What is your favorite memory from fellowship? “Attending bronch course with co-fellows”
3. What is the fellowship’s biggest strength? “Fellows’ diverse academic interests”
4. Pizza – Deep Dish, or Thin Crust?: “Chicago tavern style”
5. What has brought you joy in Chicago? “Summer Weather”
Taylor Poor, MD

Undergrad: Wabash College
Medical School: Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine
Residency: McGaw Medical Center of Northwestern University

Physician Scientist Training Program Fellow

Using murine models to study the role of immune cell mitochondria in both the acute inflammatory phase, and the subsequent tissue repair phase of influenza infection.
Conducting metabolic analyses of bronchoalveolar lavage (BAL) fluid obtained from critically ill patients with COVID-19
• Research Mentor: Dr. Navdeep Chandel

See some of Taylor’s work [here](#)

In Taylor’s words:
1. What one word would you use to describe the program? “Supportive”
2. What is your favorite memory from fellowship? “How the fellowship came together in the spring of 2020 in response to the SARS-CoV-2 pandemic. Not a fun time, but I think it brought out the best of us.”
3. What is the fellowship’s biggest strength? “The people who make up the division”
5. Favorite thing to do on a day off in Chicago? “Going rock climbing. Post-pandemic: running along the lakefront”
6. One word that describes your co-fellows? “Fun!”