Meet the 2022-2023 Pulmonary & Critical Care Medicine Fellows
First years —
Class of 2025
Jose Castellanos, MD

Undergrad: St. Mary’s College of Minnesota
Medical School: University of Illinois College of Medicine
Residency: Massachusetts General Hospital

In Jose’s words:
1. One word that describes your co-fellows: “Supportive!”
2. Favorite thing to do on a day off in Chicago?: “Meet up with my family/friends and exploring the city/lakefront.”
3. Pizza – Deep Dish, or Thin Crust? “Thin crust!”
4. What are you looking forward to most in fellowship?: “Exploring the career options within pulm/crit care.”
5. What is your favorite book, movie, musical, or TV Show?: “In the Heights.”
Scott Laurenzo, MD

Undergrad: Creighton University
Medical School: University of Iowa Carver College of Medicine
Residency: University of Wisconsin

In Scott’s words:
1. One word that describes your co-fellows: “Brilliant.”
2. Favorite thing to do on a day off in Chicago?: “Go for a longer run on the Lakeshore Path.”
4. What are you looking forward to most in fellowship?: “Learning to take on more leadership on the MICU teams.”
5. What is your favorite book, movie, musical, or TV Show?: “Parks and Rec.”
Emily Olson, MD

Undergrad: St. Olaf College
Medical School: University of Wisconsin College of Medicine & Public Health
Residency: Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN

In Emily’s words:
1. One word that describes your co-fellows: “Too difficult to narrow to one! They are brilliant, compassionate physicians, and friends. I know I can rely on them for a good laugh.”
2. Favorite thing to do on a day off in Chicago?: “Bike along the lakeshore path and try new restaurants!”
4. What are you looking forward to most in fellowship?: “Learning from outstanding medical educators!”
5. What is your favorite book, movie, musical, or TV Show?: “The House in the Cerulean Sea”
Ashley Smith-Nuñez, MD

Undergrad: University of Washington
Medical School: University of Washington School of Medicine
Residency: University of Chicago

In Ashley’s words:
1. One word that describes your co-fellows: “Chill, helpful, amazing! Can’t pick one.”
2. Favorite thing to do on a day off in Chicago?: “Roof top patios, brunch, happy hours, dinners.”
4. What are you looking forward to most in fellowship?: “Learning more about being an ICU and pulmonary doctor, getting to know my co-fellows, working with the residents and students!”
5. What is your favorite book, movie, musical, or TV Show?: “Mostly a TV fan. Love the classics (the Office, Scrubs, Parks & Rec).”
Alison Szabo, MD

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

In Alison’s words:
1. One word that describes your co-fellows: “Brilliant, supportive, and all-around wonderful people!”
2. Favorite thing to do on a day off in Chicago?: “Going on a long bike ride by the lake followed by drinks on a patio.”
3. Pizza – Deep Dish, or Thin Crust? “New Haven-style thin crust, every time (sorry Chicago!)”
4. What are you looking forward to most in fellowship?: “Learning a LOT!”
5. What is your favorite book, movie, musical, or TV Show?: “It’s impossible to just pick one! I love anything by Neil Gaiman.”
Second years —
Class of 2024
Tom Bolig, MD

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

Role of lung microbiome and differential cytokine response in Pseudomonas aeruginosa VAP
• Research Mentor: Dr. Al Hauser

In Tom’s words:
1. One word that describes your co-fellows: “Awesome.”
2. Favorite thing about fellowship so far?: “The people.”
4. What brought you joy in the past year, and now?: “Past year – exploring Chicago/Wisconsin; now – looking forward to becoming a dad (wife due in October)!”
5. What is your favorite book, movie, musical, TV Show, or other artistic endeavor?: “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

Evaluation of the nasal epithelial transcriptome in people with cystic fibrosis
• Research Mentors: Drs. Manu Jain and Alexander Misharin

In Ted’s words:
1. One word that describes your co-fellows: “Supportive! (and still fun!)”
2. Favorite thing about fellowship so far?: “The camaraderie. And bronchs.”
4. What brought you joy this past year, and now?: “My daughter, Lila.”
5. What is your favorite book, movie, musical, TV Show, or other artistic endeavor?: “As is the case every year, the new album by The Mountain Goats.”
Elen Gusman, MD

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

Sleep Medicine
• Research Mentors: Drs. Lisa Wolfe & Justin Fiala

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

Inter hospital transfers processes and outcomes, post ICU Syndrome
• Research Mentor: Dr. Nandita Nadig

See some of Amy’s work [here](#)

In Amy’s words:
1. One word that describes your co-fellows: “Superstars.”
2. Favorite thing about fellowship so far?: “Learning from the smartest people I know – not just attendings and co-fellows, but all the nurses, RTs, pharmacists, etc., on a daily basis.”
3. Pizza – Deep Dish, or Thin Crust? “Thin all the way! With extra pepp and giardinera.”
4. What brought you joy this past year, and now?: “Exploring all the new restaurants in Chicago! Always something exciting and yummy to try.”
5. What is your favorite book, movie, musical, or TV Show, or other artistic endeavor?: “My greatest wish in life is for Harry Potter to be real! I also love gardening and collecting house plants.”
Tim Rowe, MD

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

Simulation-Based Mastery Learning in the management of airway bleeding
• Research Mentor: Dr. Clara Schroedl

In Tim’s words:
1. One word that describes your co-fellows: “Capable. Caring. Flexible. Loud.”
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?: “Finding an outlet for my educational Interests.”
5. What is your favorite book, movie, musical, or TV Show?: “The Wire”
Third 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. What is your favorite memory from fellowship so far: “ATS! Not just for networking & learning, but so fun with co-fellows & faculty just walking around San Francisco & doing fun things.”
3. What is the fellowship’s biggest strength?: “Faculty that is ready to teach you anything at any time. Learning is nonstop here, and the faculty is very approachable.”
4. Pizza – Deep Dish, or Thin Crust? “Thin crust 100%. I recommend Robert’s Pizza”
5. What has brought you the most joy since living in Chicago? “My favorite by far is the Christkindlmarket in December. I am biased since I met my husband here, and we’ve been able to enjoy the city from a different perspective now that we have a 2yo son and expecting a girl in the winter.”
6. Favorite book, movie, musical, TV show, artistic endeavor? “I’m obsessed with podcasts from Audiochuck (Crime Junkie, the Deck, etc); currently re-watching Gilmore Girls; and the book All Good People Here by Ashley Flowers. I also really love the Harry Potter movies and anything with bad, predictable action – like Taken.”
Sydney Hyder, MD

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

Co-chief fellow

Healthcare Quality & Patient Safety
- Research Mentor: Dr. Susan Russell, Dr. Nandita Nadig, and Dr. Rich Wunderink

In Sydney’s words:
1. One word that describes your co-fellows: “Family”
2. What is your favorite memory from fellowship so far?: “Long afternoons in the fellows work room that result in delirious laughs and random dance parties.”
3. What is the fellowship’s biggest strength?: “The ability to listen to feedback and adapt to make sure we get the best educational experience possible.”
5. What has brought you the most joy since living in Chicago?: “The Comedy Scene, especially all the Improv!”
6. Favorite movie/book/tv show/hobby at the moment? “Botany! I have about 50 plants in my one bedroom apartment.”
David Kidd, MD

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

Respiratory Symptoms and Smoking Trends
• Research Mentor: Dr. Ravi Kalhan

In David’s words:
1. One word that describes your co-fellows: “Fun”
2. What is your favorite memory from fellowship so far?: “Celebrating finishing first year with co-fellows.”
3. What is the fellowship’s biggest strength?: “Supportive co-fellows and faculty, which creates a strong sense of community.”
5. What has brought you the most joy since living in Chicago?: “Proximity to numerous world class attractions and restaurants.”
Romy Lawrence, MD

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

The associations between imaging features of pulmonary vascular disease, respiratory systems and lung function within the CARDIA cohort.

- Research Mentor: Dr. Michael Cuttica

In Romy’s words:
1. One word that describes your co-fellows: “Supportive.”
2. What is your favorite memory from fellowship so far?: “Making some of my closest friendships.”
3. What is the fellowship’s biggest strength?: “The people”
4. What has brought you the most joy since living in Chicago? “Lake Michigan/The amazing food.”
5. Favorite movie/book/tv show/hobby at the moment? “For All Mankind.”
Kaitlyn Vitale, MD

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

Co-chief fellow

Interprofessional simulation-based mastery learning of critical care skills & procedures
• Research Mentors: Clara Schroedl, MD and Jeffrey Barsuk, MD

See some of Kaitlyn’s work here

In Kaitlyn’s words:
1. One word that describes your co-fellows: “Supportive and overall they're just hilarious and great people to be around (sorry, I couldn’t pick just one word!)”
2. What is your favorite memory from fellowship so far?: “Yearly Lake Michigan boating outing with co-fellows and ICU APPs”
3. What is the fellowship’s biggest strength?: “Responsive leadership and great clinical exposure/training.”
4. Pizza – Deep Dish, or Thin Crust? “Neither; Detroit style pizza is best!
5. Favorite book, movie, musical, TV show, or other artistic endeavor?: “Current favorite TV show is the Breaking Bad & Better Call Saul plotline”