



## Meet the 2022-2023 Pulmonary & Critical Care Medicine Fellows

First years –  
Class of 2025

# Jose Castellanos, MD

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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 Lorenzo, MD

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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."*
3. Pizza – Deep Dish, or Thin Crust? *"Thin Crust"*
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

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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!"*
3. Pizza – Deep Dish, or Thin Crust? *"Thin Crust"*
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

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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."*
3. Pizza – Deep Dish, or Thin Crust? *"Deep dish."*
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

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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

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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."*
3. Pizza – Deep Dish, or Thin Crust? *"Deep dish."*
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

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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."*
3. Pizza – Deep Dish, or Thin Crust? *"Thin crust"*
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

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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

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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

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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”*
3. Pizza – Deep Dish, or Thin Crust? *“Deep Dish. Lou’s. Make sure to order it uncut if you’re getting delivery.”*
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

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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

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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."*
4. Pizza – Deep Dish, or Thin Crust? *"Thin crust"*
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

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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."*
4. Pizza – Deep Dish, or Thin Crust? *"Deep dish"*
5. What has brought you the most joy since living in Chicago?: *"Proximity to numerous world class attractions and restaurants."*
6. Favorite book, movie, musical, TV show, or other artistic endeavor? *"Currently, 'Only Murders in the Building'."*





# Romy Lawrence, MD

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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

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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"*

