

Annual Initiation Banquet

Wednesday, March 11, 2020

Saint Louis Club

Clayton, Missouri



*Alpha Omega Alpha
Honor Medical Society*
“Worthy to Serve the Suffering”

Washington University in St. Louis
School of Medicine Chapter

Program

Cocktail Reception

6:30 pm

Dinner

7:15 pm

Welcome

Diane F. Merritt, MD

Chair, AOA Executive Committee

Recognition of Students, Faculty,

Alumni and House Officers

Diane F. Merritt, MD

Morton E. Smith, MD

Allyson R. Zazulia, MD

History of Alpha Omega Alpha

Alpha Omega Alpha (AOA) Honor Medical Society was organized in 1902. The Society's aims are "the promotion of scholarship and research in medical schools; the encouragement of high standard of character and conduct among the medical students and graduates; and the recognition of high attainment in medical science, practice, and related fields."

The Alpha Omega Alpha Chapter at Washington University School of Medicine was founded in 1905 with a current membership of more than 400 distinguished physicians.

2019-2020 Honorees

• Students •

Rina Amatya Ferguson <i>Pediatrics</i>	Brian Hickman <i>Neurology</i>	Averey Strong <i>Medicine-Pediatrics</i>
Louisa Bai <i>General Surgery</i>	Jawad Khalifeh <i>Neurosurgery</i>	Julia Suggs <i>Vascular Surgery</i>
Bronwyn Bedrick <i>Ob/Gyn</i>	Annelise Mah-Som <i>Internal Medicine</i>	Will Tompkins <i>Internal Medicine</i>
Lauren Behlke <i>Psychiatry</i>	Caroline Min <i>Ob/Gyn</i>	William Tzeng <i>Internal Medicine</i>
Taylor Dibble <i>Psychiatry</i>	Will Padovano <i>Plastic Surgery</i>	Bianca Vannucci <i>Ob/Gyn</i>
Kate Douglas <i>Pediatrics</i>	Erin Peterson <i>Plastic Surgery</i>	Noah Wasserman <i>Radiology</i>
Vivek Durai <i>Internal Medicine</i>	Griffin Plattner <i>Internal Medicine</i>	Georgia Wilke <i>Ophthalmology</i>
Noah Eby <i>Neurology</i>	Danielle Poivre <i>Family Medicine</i>	Greg Wong <i>Neurology</i>
Ryan Furdock <i>Orthopaedic Surgery</i>	Allie Rubin <i>Ob/Gyn</i>	Catherine Xu <i>Internal Medicine</i>
Kate Gerull <i>Orthopaedic Surgery</i>	Andrew Simmerman <i>Radiology</i>	Minerva Zhou <i>Radiology</i>

2019-2020 Honorees

• Faculty •

Maria B. Majella Doyle, MD, MBA, FACS (*General Surgery*)
Anne L. Glowinski, MD, MPE (*Psychiatry*)
Anitha Vijayan, MD (*Internal Medicine*)

• Alumni •

Chyi Hsieh, MD, PhD (*Internal Medicine*, WUSM '96)
Tessa E. Madden, MD, MPH (*Ob/Gyn*, WUSM '01)
M. Allison Ogden, MD, FACS (*Otolaryngology*, WUSM '02)

• House Officers •

David G. Brauer, MD, MPHS (*General Surgery*)
Rupen R. Desai, MD (*Neurosurgery*)
Andrew T. Drysdale, MD, PhD (*Psychiatry*)
Miquia Henderson, MD, PhD, MA (*Pediatrics*)
Heather N. Lopez (*Ob/Gyn*)

• Students •

Rina Amatya Ferguson

Rina is a MD/MBA student from Los Angeles, CA. She received her undergraduate degree in Molecular Biology from Princeton. Her goal is to be a pediatrician and hospital administrator, with a current interest in rheumatology, infectious diseases, and ethics. She loves exploring new places through traveling, cooking, watching TV, and reading.

Louisa Bai

Louisa Bai grew up in Toronto, Canada. She attended McGill University in Montreal, where she studied neuroscience. During medical school, she was involved in the Association of Women Surgeons, Cardiovascular Interest Group, American Medical Women Association and the Red Dress Affair. After medical school, she will pursue residency training in General Surgery. In her free time, she enjoys dancing, boxing, and Netflix.

Bronwyn Bedrick

Bronwyn grew up in Albuquerque, NM. She came to WashU to run cross country and double majored in environmental studies and anthropology, graduating summa cum laude. During medical school, she led several student groups, earned an MSCI, and worked to pass local legislation for survivors of sexual assault. After medical school, she will pursue residency training in Obstetrics and Gynecology, with interests in gender-based violence, maternal-fetal medicine, and reproductive rights.

Lauren Behlke

Lauren grew up in Acton, MA and graduated cum laude from Tufts University with a BS in Biopsychology. While at WUSM, Lauren particularly enjoyed participating in the American Medical Women's Association. Off-campus, she likes going for runs in Forest Park. After graduation, she plans to pursue psychiatry.

• Students •

Taylor Dibble

Taylor was born and raised in Philadelphia. He attended the University of Arizona majoring in biology and French. He returned home to conduct clinical surgical research at Penn before starting medical school. He will train in psychiatry after graduation. During medical school, he has been involved in the Saturday Neighborhood Health Clinic and the WashU AMA chapter and has an active interest in gun violence prevention research. In his free time, Taylor enjoys traveling, trying new restaurants around St Louis and practicing his French whenever he can.

Kate Douglas

Kate grew up in Waterford, CT, and attended Providence College where she studied Biology. In medical school, she served as Education Chair for the Latino Medical Student Association and president of Global Health and Medicine. After graduation, she will pursue a career in Pediatrics with interest in global/public health and advocacy. She is an avid runner, hiker, and baker!

Vivek Durai

Vivek grew up in Naperville, IL. He graduated summa cum laude from Northwestern University where he majored in history. He joined the MSTP at Washington University in St. Louis in 2011 where he completed his thesis in the laboratory of Dr. Kenneth Murphy. After graduation he plans to pursue residency training in Internal Medicine. His greatest accomplishment in life was somehow convincing Sruti Surugucchi to marry him.

Noah Eby

Noah was born and raised in St. Louis, MO. He attended WashU for undergrad and majored in Psychological & Brain Sciences. In medical school, he led a health education program for youth in detention and served as a TA and clinical mentor. After graduation, he plans to pursue training in Neurology with a particular interest in neuroimmunology.

• Students •

Ryan Furdock

Ryan grew up in West Bloomfield, MI. He attended Michigan State University, where he studied Human Biology and Cognitive Neuroscience and graduated summa cum laude. Throughout medical school, Ryan was an active member of the Saturday Neighborhood Health Clinic. He also averaged nearly 5 points per game in Washington University's intramural basketball league. After graduation, he is excited to pursue residency training in orthopaedic surgery.

Kate Gerull, *President, AOA Student Class*

Kate grew up in Tacoma, WA. She graduated magna cum laude from the University of Washington with a BA in Business Administration. During medical school Kate served as a Surgery Interest Group leader, president of the Washington University American Medical Women's Association (AMWA), and the Midwest regional director for AMWA. After graduation, she plans to pursue residency training in Orthopaedic Surgery.

Brian Hickman

Brian grew up in South Bend, IN and graduated summa cum laude from the University of Notre Dame. While at WUSM, Brian was a scholar in the TL1/MSCI predoctoral clinical research training program and worked in the lab of Ben Palanca. He served as medical education representative for his class. Brian will be completing residency training in Neurology.

Jawad Khalifeh

Jawad grew up in Beirut, Lebanon. He attended the American University in Beirut, where he studied Biology and graduated with high distinction. During medical school, Jawad completed a Master of Science in Clinical Investigation (MSCI) and conducted research in spine and peripheral nerve surgery. Following graduation, he will pursue residency training in Neurosurgery. Jawad enjoys reading, movies, soccer, and is an avid fan of Liverpool FC.

• Students •

Annelise Mah-Som

Annelise grew up in southern California and attended Stanford University, where she majored in Biology. She transferred into the MSTP as a first year medical student and completed her thesis in Immunology in the lab of Megan Cooper, MD, PhD, in the department of Pediatrics. At WashU she helped lead the medtech incubator Sling Health, the Medical School Musical, and the dance group Choreiform. She hopes to study the genetic and molecular basis of rare diseases as a Medical Geneticist.

Caroline Min

Caroline is from St. Louis, MO. She graduated summa cum laude from the University of Pennsylvania. Prior to WashU, she taught at an elementary school in the Bronx, NY. While in medical school, she led the OB/GYN Interest Group, served as a board member of SNHC, and earned a Master of Public Health. After graduation, she will pursue a career in OB/GYN with interests in public health and advocacy. Caroline loves to dance, travel, and eat spicy foods, all with good company!

Will Padovano

William grew up in Vernon Hills, IL. He attended WashU, where he graduated summa cum laude with a major in biomedical engineering and a minor in electrical engineering. During medical school, he led several student groups, earned an MPHS, and volunteered with the Missouri Division of Vocational Rehabilitation. After medical school, he will pursue residency training in Plastic Surgery, with interests in surgical education and hand surgery.

Erin Peterson

Erin grew up in St. Cloud, Minnesota. She attended the University of Notre Dame where she majored in Science Pre-Professional Studies and graduated summa cum laude. In medical school Erin volunteered with Heart4Heart and participated in clinical research. After graduation Erin is excited to pursue residency training in Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery.

Griffin Plattner

Griffin grew up in Fort Myers, Florida. He attended the University of Florida where he studied Business Management and Chemical Engineering. During medical school he served as a social chair, an OSR representative to the AAMC, and leader/volunteer with the Saturday Neighborhood Health Clinic. He will pursue residency training in Internal Medicine.

Danielle Poivre

Danielle grew up in Ozark, Missouri. She attended Drury University where she studied Biology and graduated summa cum laude. Prior to medical school, Danielle worked nights as a CNA on a medical-surgical ward. After graduation, she plans to pursue residency training in Family Medicine with interests in maternal-child and rural health. She had her first solo delivery of an adorable baby goat on a friend's farm this January.

Allie Rubin

Allie grew up in Franklin, MI. She attended University of Michigan where she graduated summa cum laude with a degree in Cellular and Molecular Biology and a minor in Gender and Health. During medical school, she led Medical Students for Choice and CHOICES for Youth in Detention. She is pursuing residency in Ob/Gyn. In her free time, Allie enjoys bowling, ceramics, and spending time with her dog, Violet.

Andrew Simmerman

Andrew Simmerman is an aspiring radiologist born and raised in Indiana (with a two year stop in Charlotte, NC as a dueling pianist). Most weekends, you can find him playing basketball with classmates or performing at the Ragin' Cajun dueling piano bar, and he also loves cooking and eating with his wife and son - St. Louis favorites include Balkan Treat Box, Bogart's (apricot-brûléed ribs!) and Cate Zone (try the hot fish).

Averey Strong

Averey grew up in Twin Falls, Idaho and attended The College of Idaho where he majored in biology. In medical school, he served as class president for 4 years, worked heavily on curriculum renewal with faculty, and even ran his first marathon during second year. He plans on pursuing training in a combined Internal Medicine-Pediatrics program with interests in medical education, transition care, and academic primary care.

Julia Suggs

Julia grew up in Chappaqua, NY and attended Vanderbilt University where she studied Molecular and Cellular Biology. After medical school, she will be pursuing residency training in Vascular Surgery. During medical school, she got certified as a bilingual provider in Spanish. She loves spending time with her three older sisters and looks forward to a family trip to Greece post-match. Her hobbies include working out at Orange Theory, baking and spending time with friends.

Will Tompkins

Will grew up in Louisville, KY and attended the University of Kentucky where he majored in Chemical Engineering. He is applying for residency in Internal Medicine with an interest in Hematology/Oncology. Will probably spends too much of his free time as a loyal member of the Big Blue Nation but is otherwise reading books, watching HBO/Netflix, and brewing coffee with his girlfriend, Betsy.

William Tzeng

William grew up near Los Angeles, CA. He attended the University of Southern California where he studied Biological Sciences and graduated magna cum laude. He was an active member of the Alpha Phi Omega National Service fraternity throughout his college years. He is planning to pursue training in Internal Medicine. William is a diehard Trojan fan and loves live music, powerlifting, and travel.

• Students •

Bianca Vannucci

Bianca was born in Milan, Italy and was moved to St. Louis when she was 10. She met her future husband at Wydown middle school. She went to Washington University in St. Louis for undergrad where she majored in Spanish. She is planning to pursue training in Obstetrics and Gynecology with interest in Pediatric and Adolescent Gynecology. Bianca's main talent in life is making risotto.

Noah Wasserman

Noah grew up in Wilmette, IL. He attended the University of Chicago, where he studied physics. Before starting medical school, he worked at the Large Hadron Collider at CERN in Geneva, Switzerland and followed his passion for cooking by working as a line cook at the Publican restaurant in Chicago. During medical school, Noah was a co-chair for the Culinary Medicine group and worked with Dr. Wahl on radiomics research. After graduation, he will pursue training in Radiology.

Georgia Wilke

Georgia grew up in Baltimore, MD and majored in the Biological Sciences at University of Chicago. At Washington University, she did her thesis work in the lab of David Sibley, studying cryptosporidiosis. After graduation, she is excited to stay at WashU and pursue residency training in Ophthalmology. In her free time, she enjoys exploring St. Louis with her husband, Ishan, and their 4-year-old daughter, Theeya. She regrets not be able to attend this evening as their second child is either very newly arrived or due any minute!

• Students •

Greg Wong

Greg grew up in Morgan Hill, CA. He graduated UCLA summa cum laude having studied Biochemistry and Microbiology. After college, Greg researched acute stroke at UCLA for two years, which he continued during medical school. Greg loves rock climbing and playing with the world's two best dogs, Oki and Ozzi. After graduation, he will continue training in Neurology and hopes to subspecialize in vascular and interventional neurology.

Catherine Xu

Catherine grew up in China, Canada, and the US. She attended McGill University where she studied Nutritional Biochemistry. She worked as a research assistant at Massachusetts Institute of Technology prior to attending WashU. In medical school, she served on the board of the Saturday Neighborhood Health Clinic and Asian Pacific-Islander American Student Association, and led projects in telemedicine and clinical innovations. She will pursue training in Internal Medicine with interests in women's health, preventative medicine, and delivering care to the urban underserved. In her free time, she enjoys making practice wedding cake for her upcoming wedding, traveling, and spoiling her cat, Scar.

Minerva Zhou

Minerva grew up in Camas, WA and attended the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, majoring in bioengineering. In medical school, she was Tech Tsarina for the Saturday Neighborhood Health Clinic and co-president of the Asian Pacific-Islander American Medical Student Association. After graduating, she will pursue a career in radiology. While at home, Minerva spends an average of two hours daily just petting her family cats.

• Faculty •

Maria B. Majella Doyle, MD, MBA, FACS

Dr. Doyle received her Bachelor of Arts Degree at Trinity College in Dublin Ireland before completion of medical school at the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland. She then completed her surgical residency in the Irish General Surgical Training Program at the Royal College of Surgeons before completing a Research Fellowship in the Department of Academic Surgery at Cork University in Cork, Ireland. She completed a Clinical Fellowship in Abdominal Organ Transplant at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis, Missouri and was subsequently recruited as a member of the Abdominal Organ Transplant and Hepatobiliary Surgery team. Her interests at the university are focused on adult and pediatric hepatobiliary and pancreatic surgery as well as liver and kidney transplant. She focuses her clinical research interests on clinical outcomes, hepatocellular carcinoma, liver transplantation, and donor management.

Anne L. Glowinski, MD, MPE

Dr. Glowinski graduated from Baylor College of Medicine in 1992 and trained in both General and Child and Adolescent Psychiatry at Johns Hopkins. She then joined the Washington University faculty in 1998 and completed there a fellowship in Psychiatric Epidemiology and Behavior Genetics, and a Masters in Psychiatric Epidemiology. Besides administration and teaching, her career has included research primarily focused on depression and suicidality. She is the author or co-author of almost 50 peer-reviewed publications collectively cited 1681 times. More recently she has joined global projects to increase access to child mental health care.

• Faculty •

Anitha Vijayan, MD

Dr. Vijayan is Professor of Medicine in the Division of Nephrology. Dr. Vijayan serves as Medical Director of Acute Dialysis Services at Barnes-Jewish Hospital. Her clinical and research focus is primarily dedicated to improving outcomes in patients with acute kidney injury (AKI). She has served on American Society of Nephrology's AKI Advisory Group and is a steering member of the ASN AKI!NOW committee. She has published over 75 peer reviewed articles and book chapters, largely in the area of renal replacement therapy and biomarkers in AKI. She has several administrative roles at the medical center, including being a member of the WUSM Admissions Committee, P&T committee and elected at-large member of the FPP. She has mentored numerous fellows, residents and medical students over the past 20+ years and is an active clinician who attends on in-patient nephrology consult service and sees patients in the ambulatory setting.

Chyi Hsieh, MD, PhD

Dr. Hsieh is the Alan A. and Edith L. Wolff Professor of Rheumatology and Professor of Medicine and Pathology. He obtained his undergraduate degree at the University of Chicago, medical and doctoral degrees at Washington University in 1996, and internal medicine and rheumatology training at the University of Washington in Seattle. He returned to Washington University in 2005 and studies T cell tolerance to self-antigens as well as commensal bacteria and food.

Tessa E. Madden, MD, MPH,

Dr. Madden received her MD from Washington University School of Medicine in 2001 and completed her residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology at Columbia University New York-Presbyterian Hospital in 2005. She then obtained her Master's in Public Health and completed a Fellowship in Family Planning at the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine. She is active in the medical student and resident education and residents and serves as an Advisory Dean for Washington University School of Medicine.

M. Allison Ogden, MD, FACS

Dr. Ogden is an Associate Professor of Otolaryngology at Washington University School of Medicine. She received her undergraduate degree in religion at Amherst College, followed by her medical degree at Washington University School of Medicine. She completed Otolaryngology residency at Barnes-Jewish Hospital and joined the faculty in the Department of Otolaryngology in 2007. She has an adult and pediatric clinical practice in general otolaryngology and is an internationally recognized expert in salivary endoscopy and gland-preserving salivary gland surgery. She is Vice-Chair for Clinical Operations in the Department of Otolaryngology, addressing all areas of clinical practice with particular interest in patient access and the patient experience.

David G. Brauer, MD, MPHS

Dr. Brauer grew up in Des Moines, Iowa, and completed undergraduate and medical school at the University of Iowa. He will finish his general surgery residency in June, after which he and his wife Ashley will move to New York City, where he will begin a fellowship in Surgical Oncology at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center.

Rupen R. Desai, MD

Rupen grew up in Florida before moving to North Carolina to earn his undergraduate degrees in Biology and Chemistry and subsequently his medical degree at Duke University. He is currently a neurosurgery resident at Washington University School of Medicine and will be pursuing fellowship training in skull base neurosurgery.

Andrew T. Drysdale, MD, PhD

Andrew was born and raised in New Jersey. He completed his BA in Neuroscience at Pomona College. He then obtained his MD and PhD from Weill Cornell Medical College. His PhD work used neuroimaging to examine emotion regulation and depression. He is currently a Psychiatry resident at the Washington University School of Medicine.

Miquia Henderson, MD, PhD, MA

Mia grew up in a small town in southern Arizona. She completed a BA in Psychology and a BS in Molecular & Cellular Biology at University of Arizona. She then went on to teach high school science as a Teach for America corps member while completing an MA in Secondary Education at Loyola Marymount University. She received her MD and PhD in Molecular & Cell Biology at Washington University in 2017, and is now in her final year of pediatrics residency training at St. Louis Children's Hospital.

• House Officers •

Heather N. Lopez

Heather grew up in West Palm Beach, Florida. She completed her undergraduate and medical degrees at The Florida State University in Tallahassee, Florida. She moved to St. Louis, Missouri to complete her obstetrics and gynecology residency at Washington University where she is currently one of the chief administrative residents. She will be joining BJC Medical Group Women's Health Care upon graduation this summer. She is honored to be inducted into AOA.

2019-2020

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