

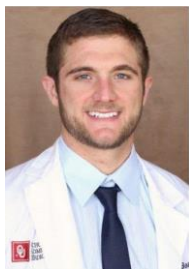
# MCGAW NORTHWESTERN FAMILY MEDICINE RESIDENCY AT HUMBOLDT PARK CLASS OF 2018

The McGaw Northwestern Family Medicine Residency Program is pleased to announce our 6<sup>th</sup> class of interns, Class of 2018. We are honored to welcome these outstanding new physicians to our program, and look forward to working with them as our future colleagues.

## **Eric Beaver**

Medical School: University of Oklahoma

Undergraduate: University of Oklahoma – BS Chemistry



Eric's interest in Family Medicine was born during his Teach for America service as a high school chemistry teacher in a rural border-town of south Texas. This experience launched him into a desire to serve those in need, in free clinics from Oklahoma to Tennessee. During medical school, Eric was active in several service and student leadership organizations, including the Student Executive Board, Curriculum Subcommittee, and Admissions Subcommittee. He served as the President of the Native American Students' Association, and took leadership positions in the Multicultural Students Organization and Family Medicine Interest Group. He was awarded the Indian Health Services Scholarship, the Choctaw Nation Higher Education Scholarship, and the Segal AmeriCorps Educational Award. He speaks English, Spanish, and basic Persian.

## **Mary Eguia**

Medical School: University of Washington

Undergraduate: University of Washington- BA American Ethnic Studies



Mary has had a desire to work as a physician in underserved, Latino communities since childhood. Before medical school, Mary was a patient support specialist for Resource Corporation of America, where she guided un-insured hospitalized patients through applications for charity care, Medicaid, Medicare, and Social Security. In medical school, she took part in the Rural/Underserved Opportunities Program, specifically training medical students to work in communities with need. During this time, she conducted a quality improvement project focused on patient nutrition. She also participated in an interdisciplinary team researching the effects of bottle-feeding on speech pathology in southern Chile. Mary is fluent in both English and Spanish.

## **Geraldine Malana**

Medical School: A.T. Still University

Masters: A.T. Still University—Masters in Public Health

Masters: Boston University – MA Medical Sciences

Undergraduate: Ohio State University—BS in Biology and English Literature



During medical school, Geraldine was active in several volunteer opportunities focusing on the immigrant populations in her community. For her service and academics, Geraldine was nominated for the Osteopathic Student of the Year for three consecutive years, and was awarded the distinction during her 2<sup>nd</sup> year in medical school. She is a member of Omega Beta Iota, the National Osteopathic Political Action Honor Society, and served as the Minority Affairs National Officer for the Student Osteopathic Medical Association, among other local, regional, and national leadership positions. She spent the last two years of her medical school training working at a community health center in Brooklyn, NY in order to focus on primary care and immigrant health. Geraldine speaks both English and Spanish.



# Welcome, Class of 2018!

McGaw Northwestern Family Medicine Residency  
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## Tara Ali

Rush University, MD  
Loyola University, BS

The daughter of a family physician, Tara has volunteered in several safety net clinics in Chicago throughout her training. She is active in her mosque where she teaches Sunday school to twenty-five 10 and 11 year old students each week. She serves as Treasurer of the Rush Muslim Student Association, which aims to strengthen ties amongst Muslim students and foster a deeper understanding of Islam in the community. She speaks four languages, loves to travel, kayak, ski and sample ethnic foods.



## Anna Balabanova

Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine, MD  
Northwestern University, BA

Anna was born in Zhukovsky, Russia, where she first learned of a life in medicine from her grandmother, a pediatrician. In addition to an impressive record of achievement in both undergraduate and medical schools, she excels as an athlete. Anna has been awarded a US Figure Skating Gold Medal and continues to coach adults and children in figure skating. She also coordinates races and guides blind runners in the Achilles International organization as a way to help others reach their health goals. Anna has a strong interest in Integrative Medicine and has developed a quarterly workshop for patients and IM providers in Chicago as well as advocated for the incorporation of wellness courses into the medical school curriculum at FSM.



## Latoya Epps

Medical University of South Carolina, MD  
University of South Carolina, BS

Latoya entered medical school following a successful career as a 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher in the Williamsburg County School District in Kingstree, SC. She has been active throughout her training in the Society of National Medical Students and the Family Medicine Interest Group, as well as several mentoring programs designed to improve the recruitment and retention of minority medical students and faculty. Her commitment to serving her community is evident through her volunteer experiences throughout her life. She hails from a large family and, with their support, is excited to be relocating to the Chicagoland area.



## Ryan Golden

Rush University, MD

DePauw University, BA

Ryan, the son of a family physician, is committed to primary care. His talents include being a jazz guitarist, a former member of the DePauw varsity tennis team and an entrepreneur. He's interested in practice management and the use of data to improve patient outcomes. While a medical student, he developed a software system that aggregated property data from count assessor reports, selling the product to investment firms and banks. He's a member of the American Medical Informatics Society. Ryan speaks Russian and Spanish and completed a marathon during his M1 year.



## Juan Guzman

Drexel University School of Medicine, MD  
St. Joseph's University, MBA  
Drexel University, MS  
University of North Dakota, BA

Dedicated to the care of vulnerable populations, Juan has served as both a volunteer clinician and a leader. He has served as the National community Service Chair of the Latino Medical Student Association and is the recipient of several awards for his compassion and focus on the community. He also served as the president of his medical school class at Drexel. Juan enjoys painting and backyard projects and is a native Spanish speaker.



## Tiffany Holland

Meharry Medical College, MD  
The Ohio State University, BS

Tiffany is Lieutenant Commander in the United States Navy and is currently stationed at the Great Lakes Naval Base. She's responsible for the medical screening of 45,000 recruits annually. She completed one year of OB/Gyn residency at Walter Reed and chose family medicine because she wanted a broader patient population. She enjoys spending time with her children and is extensively involved in her church.



## Jennah LaHood

University of Illinois College of Medicine, MD  
University of Illinois, BS

Jennah speaks of her deep commitment to her family, instilled by the relationship she had with her grandmother, who survived into her 90's. She has been active in multiple community service activities, including NHL Play 60, where she has conducted research in childhood obesity and the impact of regular exercise. She has been a Women's Crisis Center Volunteer and is president of the Catholic Medical Association. During her M1 year, she completed a marathon. Jennah is also interested in soccer and belly dancing and speaks fluent Spanish.



## Aditya Shah

Indiana University School of Medicine, MD  
Indiana University, BS

Aditya is widely recognized for his compassionate approach to patient care and his stellar academic performance. He has traveled to Haiti on multiple occasions to work with victims of the 2010 earthquake, leading Mission Dessalines, a student outreach organization. He also has participated in research contributing to advances in the treatment of pulmonary emboli. His interests include cricket, tennis, guitar, archery and anything technology. He speaks Gujarati and Hindi.



# WELCOME!



## **Ray Mendez**

Medical School: Loyola University

Masters: Boston University – MA Medical Science

Undergraduate: Millikin University – BS Biology

Ray has had a long history of service even before his medical school experience: from teaching classes in orphanages in the Dominican Republic human rights work in rural Appalachia. During medical school, his drive for human rights and social justice continued with work in Bolivia, Peru, Nicaragua, and health clinics in Chicago's Latino neighborhoods, participating in his medical school's Global Health Honors Program. Ray was an Albert Schweitzer Fellow through which he developed a mentorship program for low-income minority students to encourage them to enter the medical field. He served as the Latino Medical Student Association National Pre-Med Liaison, president of his local chapter, and held regional leadership positions. Ray is fluent in both English and Spanish.



## **Wendelyn Shue**

Medical School: Virginia Commonwealth University

Undergraduate: University of California-Berkeley - BA Biology

Prior to her medical training, Wendy served as an English teacher on the Island of Martinique, employed by the French Government through the Ministry of Education. During medical school, she focused on primary care for underserved communities, was one of only a few students to complete a four-year Inner City and International Rural Preceptorship Program, working in both urban health centers, and rural clinics around Appalachia, and in Honduras. She served as the medical student coordinator for free clinics in Richmond serving the city's homeless population, and completed a General Preventative Medicine Research experience at Johns Hopkins University. Wendy speaks both English and French.



## **Sarah Valliere**

Medical School: University of North Texas Health Center

Masters: University of North Texas Health Center—Masters in Public Health

Undergraduate: University of North Texas Health Center - BS Biology

Prior to medical school, Sarah was involved with neuroscience research as the chief technician and student researcher. She immersed herself in community service during medical school through participation in free clinics, wellness fairs, and a volunteer experience in Nicaragua. She worked in Fort Worth's AIDS Outreach Center, and organized and hosted a fundraiser for childhood cancer. Sarah recently returned from a research project involving HIV positive individuals in Malawi. She received a Touch Award for all of her community service during medical school. Sarah speaks English, French, and Spanish.