

**Department of Family & Community Medicine  
University of Illinois at Chicago, College of Medicine  
Medical Student Summer Research Fellowship  
for Future Family Physicians**

## **Presentations**

### **2015 DFCM Annual Scholarship Day**

Mediation of Mammography Adherence through Breast-Self and Clinical Breast Examinations: A Study of First-Generation Immigrant Muslim Women—Frank Aguilar; Memoona Hasnain

Evaluation of Family Medicine Patient Safety Culture—Jerry Markar; John Hickner

Examining Emergency Department to Family Medicine Transitions of Care: A Patient Perspective—Rebecca Cholst; Matthew Johnson

Identifying Patient Factors in Undiagnosed Hypertension— Wesley Gibbert; Thomas Gavagan

### **2015 College of Medicine Research Day, University of Illinois Chicago**

Mediation of Mammography Adherence through Breast-Self and Clinical Breast Examinations: A Study of First-Generation Immigrant Muslim Women. Aguilar, F.G., Hasnain, M. (December 2015)

### **2016 DFCM Annual Scholarship Day**

IUD Insertion Skills Assessment for Family Medicine Faculty and Resident Physicians—Chelsie Carlton; Evelyn Figueroa

### **2016 American Public Health Association (APHA) Annual Meeting and Exposition, Denver CO**

Mediation of Mammography Adherence through Breast-Self & Clinical Breast Examinations: A Study of First-Generation Immigrant Muslim Women. Aguilar, F.G., Hasnain, M.

### **2018 DFCM Annual Scholarship Day**

Impacts of Longitudinal Training in Patient-centered Medicine on Graduate's' Career Choices and Practice Behaviors—Memoona Hasnain; Jennifer Grage

### **2025 DFCM Annual Scholarship Day**

Painting My Mind: Understanding Health with Art—Ahana Gupta; Megan Bi; Evelyn Figueroa

Patient Voices on Interpreter Use at UI Health—Malaack Abdelsalam; Olivia Jazbutis; Kanwal Haque, MPH, PMP; Luna Nasry, DO; Rafah Abuinnab; Memoona Hasnain, MD, MHPE, PhD

## **2025 North American Primary Care Research Group (NAPCRG) 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA**

Examining age and sexual minority status in cervical cancer screening: insights from the National Health Interview Survey. Baumann K, Sayah L, Strange D, Peterson C, Geller S, Holt H. Presented at: North American Primary Care Research Group 53rd Annual Meeting; November 21-25, 2025. Atlanta, GA.

## **Publications**

Hasnain, M., Grage, J., & Haque, K. Impacts of Longitudinal Training in Patient-centered Medicine on Trainee Physicians' Career Choices and Practice Behaviors. MedEdPublish. 2025-09-18 15:130 doi: <https://doi.org/10.12688/mep.20993.1>

Tiemstra, J.D., & Fang, K. (2017). [Depression Screening in an Academic Family Practice](#). *Family Medicine*, 49(1), 42-45.

## **News**

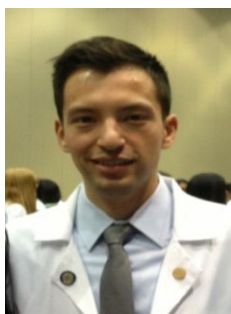
### **[For medical students, a summer of research](#)**

UIC News - June 24, 2014

### **[New Student Research Fellowship Aims at Developing Primary Care Researchers](#)**

DFM Newsletter – September, 2014

## **2014 Fellows & Mentors**



### ***Frank Aguilar***

*Faculty Mentor:* Dr. Memoona Hasnain

*Project Title:* Predictors of Breast Self- and Clinical- Examinations among First Generation Muslim Women

*“My passion for people and for addressing health disparities has convinced me that my future lies as an investigator-clinician. With great researchers and resources, the Department of Family Medicine Student Summer Research Fellowship is well positioned to develop future investigator-clinicians and address the shortage of public health research in minority populations. Under the auspice of my mentor, I am confident that my training in public health research will be utilized to its full potential. Developing the skills and foundation demanded of all young clinical investigators in this program will prepare me well towards becoming a future leader in minority health.”*



**Rebecca Cholst**

Faculty Mentor: Dr. Matthew Johnson

Project Title: Examining Emergency Department to Family Medicine

*"I am interested in working in primary care as a physician, and I am fascinated by the problems associated with it, namely patient non-compliance with medication and follow up. I began working on some of these areas last year when I took a year off before medical school and worked as a clinical research coordinator at the University of Chicago Medical Center. I was working on researching a new program where high-risk patients saw one physician both in the clinic and the hospital. My role was primarily to enroll patients and conduct a standardized multiple choice interview. I really enjoyed this experience and I am hoping to build on it this summer through the Family Medicine Research Fellowship."*

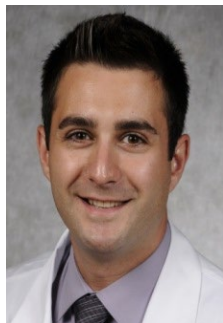


**Wesley Gibbert**

Faculty Mentor: Dr. Thomas Gavagan

Project Title: Identifying Undiagnosed Hypertension

*"I plan to pursue a primary care specialization, most likely Family Medicine, and my goal is to practice in a setting that allows me to use an evidence-based socio-ecological approach to address the health needs of my patients. I hope to integrate my public health background into a medical practice that combines patient and community centered approaches to health. My research interests follow from those career goals and center on investigating ways to integrate individual and community approaches to health. I am particularly interested in how barriers to care and healthy behaviors from the perspective of the patient can be integrated with the physician's perspective to improve health outcomes."*



**Jerry Markar**

Faculty Mentor: Dr. John Hickner

Project Title: Evaluation of Family Medicine Patient Safety Culture

*"I am strongly considering family medicine as a career and this Fellowship is a perfect opportunity for me to both contribute to and learn from an important aspect of medicine – patient safety research. I will be able to learn about and contribute to patient safety, an imperative aspect of medical care. The research will benefit me in my future medical career and aid in molding me into a compassionate physician who both practices and promotes a strong patient safety culture."*

## 2015 Fellows & Mentors

**Chelsie Carlton**

Mentor: Evelyn Figueroa, MD

Project: IUD Insertion Skills Assessment for Family Medicine Faculty and Resident Physicians

**Kexin Fang**

Mentor: Jeffrey Tiemstra, MD

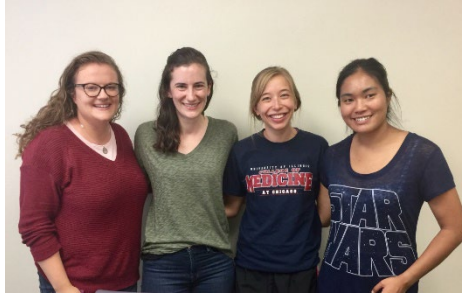
Project: The Efficacy of Depression Screening in an Academic Family Practice

**Katherine Anne Reifler**

Mentor: Andrew Dykens, MD, MPH

Project: Parallels to primary care: translating lessons from the decentralization of health care policy in LMICs to resettled refugee populations in the U.S.

## 2017 Fellows & Mentors



**Danielle Larsen & Audrey Marinelli**

Mentor: Evelyn Figueroa, MD

Project: Retention of Family Planning Grant-Funded Long-Acting Reversible Contraceptive Devices at an Academic Center

**Sarah Lee**

Mentor: Ariel Leifer, MD

Project: Chinese Women's Prenatal Care and Childbirth Experience in Chicago

**Jennifer Grage**

Mentor: Memoona Hasnain, MD, PhD, MHPE

Project: Impact Study of Patient-centered Medicine Scholars Program

## 2024 Fellows & Mentors

**Megan Bi & Ahana Gupta**

Mentor: Evelyn Figueroa, MD

Project: Painting My Mind

**Malack Abdelsalam & Olivia Jazbutis**

Mentor: Memoona Hasnain, MD, PhD, MHPE

Project: Patient Satisfaction and Comfort with Interpreter Use in the Primary Care Setting at UI Health

## 2025 Fellows & Mentors

### **Kelly Marilyn Baumann**

Mentor: Hunter Holt, MD, MAS

Project: Understanding Screening Disparities: Up-to-date Cervical Cancer Screening Among Older Sexual Minority Cisgender Women

Dr. Akavut Suesakul Fellow



### **Brendan Bartlit Hickey**

Mentor: Jean Reading, PhD

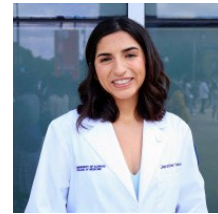
Project: Assessing Needs and Preferences for a Multilevel Lifestyle Intervention Among Cancer Survivors and Primary Care Providers



### **Jennifer Herrera**

Mentor: Emily White VanGompel, MD, MPH

Project: Patient Experiences of Shared Decision Making and Patient-centered, Respectful Care on Labor and Delivery



### **Samer Muhareb & Tara Pavithran**

Mentor: Audrey Stillerman, MD ABFM, ABIHM, ABOIM

Project: Mapping an Undergraduate Medical Curriculum onto the Trauma-informed Care Competencies: How well are we doing?

