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Executive Summary

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Anna Maria Gramelspacher MD, MA is an assistant professor of clinical medicine in the division of Academic Internal Medicine (AIM) and an assistant professor in the Department of Medical Education (DME) at the University of Illinois at Chicago College of Medicine (UIC-COM).

Dr. Gramelspacher practices Internal Medicine at the University of Illinois Primary Care Plus clinic. She supervises medical students and residents in the General Internal Medicine Clinic and on General Medicine Wards at the University of Illinois Hospital. She is an active faculty member in the IM Residency Program, serving as a member of the Curriculum Competency Committee, as the faculty mentor for the Resident Wellness Committee and leader of monthly Narrative Medicine sessions for residents.

Dr. Gramelspacher is the creator and course director of the M4 Narrative Medicine Elective and the curriculum lead for Doctor-Patient Communication within the UIC-COM. She writes and delivers curriculum for the Health Humanities section of UIC-COM's new curriculum. In 2018 Dr. Gramelspacher joined a cohort of other UIC faculty members in an NEH-funded grant *The Human Story of Illness: Health Humanities Portraits for Physicians in Training*.

Dr. Gramelspacher is a graduate of Indiana University School of Medicine and completed her residency at Loyola University in Chicago. Her journey to medicine was motivated by a love of the humanities and a desire to serve others. She studied English Literature and Spanish at Indiana University where she completed her honors thesis on Shakespeare's *Merchant of Venice*, *Taming of the Shrew* and *Othello*. Directly after undergraduate she joined Teach for America and taught Spanish for two years at Hirsch Metropolitan High School of Communications within Chicago Public Schools.

As a primary care physician, Dr. Gramelspacher is motivated to understand and appreciate the person behind the disease. As a clinical educator she is passionate about developing both empathy and clinical competency in medical students and residency.

Education

Loyola University Medical Center Hines VA Health System Internal Medicine Residency Maywood, IL	2012 - 2015
Indiana University School of Medicine MD Indianapolis, IN	2008 - 2012
Dominican University MA in Teaching River Forest, IL	2006 - 2008
Indiana University BA English & Spanish, Magna Cum Laude Bloomington, IN	2002 - 2006

Board Certification

American Board of Internal Medicine	2015
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Employment and Academic Appointments

Internist Primary Care Plus Clinic University of Illinois Hospital & Health Sciences System Chicago, IL	2015 - present
Assistant Professor of Clinical Medicine Division of Academic Internal Medicine University of Illinois at Chicago	2015 - present
Assistant Professor of Medical Education Department of Medical Education University of Illinois at Chicago	2017 - present
Teach for America Corps Member High School Spanish Teacher Hirsch Metropolitan High School of Communications Chicago Public Schools, Chicago, IL	2006 - 2008

Hospital Appointments

University of Illinois at Chicago Hospital	2015 – present
Hines VA Medical Center	2015 - 2017

Licensure/Certification

State of Illinois
Licensed Physician and Surgeon
License No 036.138206

State of Illinois
Licensed Physician Controlled Substance
License No 336.099452

US Department of Justice
Drug Enforcement Administration
Controlled Substance Registration Certificate
DEA# FG5408516

Honors and Awards

Certificate of Excellence in Teaching UIC IM Residency Program, Chicago, IL	2016
Graduating Resident of the Year Loyola University IM Residency Program, Maywood, IL	2015
Blum Kovler Foundation Teaching Award Hirsch Metropolitan High School, Chicago, IL	2008
Professional Experience Grant Hutton Honors College, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN	2005
College of Arts & Sciences Abel Merit Scholarship Indiana University, Bloomington, IN	2005
Outstanding Student Employee Indiana University Center for Service and Learning, Bloomington, IN	2005
Edward L. Hutton International Experience Grant Indiana University, Bloomington, IN	2004

Mayor's Award for Civic Engagement
Bloomington, IN

2004

Teaching

Clinical Teaching

Clinic Preceptor for General Internal Medicine Resident Continuity
Clinic, University of Illinois at Chicago (1/2 day per week) 2015 - present

Attending Physician, General Medicine Inpatient Service
University of Illinois at Chicago (4 weeks/year) 2015 - 2019

Academic Teaching

Course Director 2016 - present
Narrative Medicine M4 Elective (60 credit hour elective taught
2x/year)
UIC College of Medicine

Assistant Course Director 2019 - present
Doctoring and Clinical Skills Course
UIC College of Medicine

Curriculum Lead, Doctor-Patient Communication 2018 - present
Doctoring and Clinical Skills Course
UIC College of Medicine

Faculty Member 2016 - present
Health, Illness & Society Theme
Health Humanities Subtheme
UIC College of Medicine

Faculty Director 2016 - present
Health Humanities Program
UIC IM Residency Program

Faculty Tutor 2018 - present
Doctoring and Clinical Skills Course (M1 students)

Faculty Tutor 2015 - 2018
Essentials of Clinical Medicine 3&4 (M2 students)

Lectures

- Letting Residents Tell Their Stories:
Narrative Medicine as a Means to Reduce
Burnout Among Internal Medicine Residents.
Division of Academic Internal Medicine
Department of Medicine's "Research in
Practice" Seminar Talk February 2019
- Narrative Medicine at UIC: Current Progress
and Future Directions. November 2018
Department of Medical Education "Research
in Practice" Talk
Co-presented with:
Michael Blackie, PhD
Associate Professor of Medical Education
- Introduction to Disease, Illness Experience
and Tools of Narrative Medicine. 2016 - present
*Yearly presentation to M1 students at Chicago,
Rockford and Peoria Campuses*
- An Introduction to Narrative Medicine. 2016 - present
UIC IM Residency Noon Conference
Yearly presentation
- The Medical Encounter: An Overview 2018 - present
Annual lecture for all M1 students
Co-presented with:
Ray Curry, MD
Senior Associate Dean for Educational Affairs
Asra Khan, MD
Course Director, Doctoring and Clinical Skills
- The Art of Diagnosis. Clinical Pathology
Conference, Loyola University Medical
Center May 2015
- A Case of Lung Cancer presenting as Ulnar
Neuropathy. Autopsy Conference, Loyola
University Medical Center September 2013

University Service

Committee Member Diversity and Inclusion Task Force	2018 – present
Clinical Competency Committee Member Resident Advisor (4 residents/year) UIC IM Residency Program	2015 – 2019
Faculty Advisor UIC IM Residency Wellness Committee	2016 – 2019

Peer-Reviewed Publication

Accepted: Gramelspacher AM, Cummins JS. Commentary on Stories in Training. Academic Medicine. Anticipated publication March 2020.

Accepted: Gramelspacher AM, Cummins JS, Gondenberg B, Kreston R, King R, Srisuwananukorn A. Stories in Training. Academic Medicine. Anticipated publication March 2020.

Paez, M. A., **Gramelspacher, A. M.**, Sinacore, J., Winterfield, L., & Venu, M. (2017). Delay in diagnosis of celiac disease in patients without gastrointestinal complaints. *The American journal of medicine*, 130(11), 1318-1323.

Vreeman R, **Gramelspacher AM**, Gisore PO, Scanlon ML, Nyandiko WM. Disclosure of HIV status to children in resource-limited settings: a systematic review. *Journal of the International AIDS Society*. 16(1).

Poster Presentations

Gramelspacher AM, Meyer J, Cummins JS, Hirshfield L. Letting Residents Tell Their Stories: Narrative Medicine as a Means to Reduce Burnout among Internal Medicine Residents. Health Humanities Consortium Meeting. Poster Presentation, March 2018.

Gramelspacher AM, Kathpalia P, LoSavio A. Celiac disease presenting as a Cecal Bascule. American College of Gastroenterology Conference, San Diego, CA. Poster presentation, Oct 2013.

Conference Presentations

Gramelspacher AM, Maalouf M. Narrative Matters: Why and How to Incorporate Health Humanities into Post-Graduate Medical Education. Chicago Regional Educators Advancing Teaching Excellence Conference. Chicago, IL. September 2019.

Gramelspacher AM. Narrative Humility and the 55 Word Story: Enhancing Creativity and Imagination in Communication. International Conference on Communication in Healthcare. San Diego, CA. October 2019.

Gramelspacher AM. Narrative Medicine Reflective Practice Workshop. Twentieth Annual UIC MPHE Summer Conference: The Health Humanities in Health Professions Education. Chicago, IL. August 2019.

Grants and Awards

Faculty Core

2018 - 2020

The Human Story of Illness: Health Humanities Portraits for Physicians in Training.

PI: Sandy Sufian

National Endowment for the Humanities

Humanities Initiatives for Hispanic-Serving Institutions

Award: \$100,873.

KC Award #090003/IP #00364980