

Physician Scientists



Ariel Halper-Stromberg

Hi, I'm Ari! I'm originally from the Washington DC area, and I attended the University of Maryland for college. I've lived in New York City the past 8 years, where I completed medical school at Weill Cornell and received my PhD from Rockefeller University. I investigated uses of monoclonal antibodies in HIV prevention, treatment, and cure. I like camping, cooking, biking, and all things fermented. I'm looking forward to exploring the restaurant, craft beer, comedy, and music scenes in Chicago during the excessive free time I'll have!



Benjamin McDonald

Hi, all! My name is Ben and I was born in Pennsylvania, but grew up in Danville, KY. I went to Brown University for undergrad and then came to the University of Chicago for the MSTP. I got my PhD in immunology (in 6 short years). I've been married to my wife, Adriana, for almost 3 years and enjoy spending as much time with her as possible watching TV, working out, and eating Piece pizza. I'm really looking forward to working with you all!



Matthew Odenwald

Hello! My name is Matt Odenwald, and I am originally from the St. Louis area. I attended Washington University in St. Louis for undergrad, where I majored in Chemistry. I have been lucky to call the University of Chicago home for the past 8 years while completing my MD and PhD training. Outside of medicine, I enjoy watching baseball (Go Cardinals!), riding my bike on the lake path, and trying new restaurants with my wife. I am thrilled to continue my education at U of C and look forward to meeting everyone soon!



Athalia Pyzer

Hello! My name is Athalia (A-tali-ya), and I was born and raised in London, England. Yes I love tea, crumpets and the Queen. I did a combined Medical degree and Bachelor of Clinical Sciences program at the University of Birmingham (the British one), where to be honest I mostly studied French and did musical theater. I then worked as a resident for a few years in London before heading to Harvard to do my PhD in Cancer Immunology. My research is in how cells talk to each other in the tumor micro-environment in Leukemia. Disappointingly, it's not in French. In my free time I enjoy looking at Labrador puppies on Instagram, pinning crockpot recipes that I'll never make and trolling the grammatical errors of mean people on the Internet. Looking forward to meeting you all in June!



Murtaza Bharmal

Hi there, I'm Murtaza and I'm excited to meet each of you! I was born in Karachi and grew up in Buena Park, CA. I went to San Diego for college and Vermont for medical school. After seeing two different corners of the country (yes, definitely a big weather and culture change, but both sides are absolutely beautiful!), I'm looking forward to the Midwest and balancing things out. My family (parents, two brothers and fiancé; I'm lucky to only be mildly affected by middle child syndrome haha) and my friends are my rocks. I was in a Bollywood/Hip Hop fusion dance troupe back in college and performed at different places across the country, once on the Luxor stage in Las Vegas. It was crazy! I also love board games, Catan is a favorite. Happy to be meeting you very soon, hopefully we can spend some time together!



Kent Brummel

Hello, everyone! My name is Kent, and I am originally from Grand Haven, Michigan—a small beach town located on the other side of Lake Michigan. I earned my undergraduate degree in Biochemistry from the University of Michigan. After college, I got married and moved with my wife to Chicago to attend medical school at Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine. In my spare time, I enjoy running outdoors, reading science fiction and fantasy books, and trying new restaurants around the city (especially in Chinatown!). I'm looking forward to meeting everyone and working together for the next 3 years.



Jennifer Cooperrider

Hello! I'm Jen and I was born and raised in Charleston, WV. I went to Stanford University for undergrad and studied Human Biology and played rugby. I moved to the east coast to do research in Boston for two years then completed medical school at Ohio State (Go Bucks!). I love running, traveling, getting too invested in Stanford and Ohio State sports, yoga, and cooking. My fiancé and I also love to eat and drink, so we are looking forward to checking out restaurants and breweries of Chicago. I'm excited to meet everyone in June!



Bonnie Diep

Hi I'm Bonnie and I grew up in a suburb outside of Los Angeles. I got my undergraduate degree in chemistry at Pomona College. Prior to medical school, I spent several years in North Carolina working for the Environmental Protection Agency as well as a year of AmeriCorps before heading to University of Southern California for medical school. In my free time, I enjoy cooking, eating, going to the gym, and binge-watching television. I am looking forward to meeting everyone and exploring Chicago!



Elizabeth Donnelly

Hi y'all. I'm Elizabeth. I grew up on the northwest side of Chicago. I went to the University of Notre Dame to study English literature. After college, I spent several years working for Epic in Wisconsin, helping hospitals across the country implement their electronic medical record software. I decided to come back to Chicago to complete a post-bacc program and was lucky enough to stay in this beautiful city to attend medical school at the University of Chicago. I'm really excited to be staying at U of C for residency! In my free time I enjoy running, yoga, listening to This American Life, going to the theater, and trying to find places near Chicago to go hiking. Looking forward to meeting and working with all of you!



Donald Goens

Hi! My name is Donald and I grew up in Flossmoor, one of the south suburbs of Chicago. After high school I decided to take a break from the winters and journeyed out west to Stanford University where I majored in Biology. After college I spent a year working in a Nephrology research lab at Stanford. From there I made the long trek up to San Francisco to attend medical school at University of California, San Francisco. After 9 years in the Bay Area I am super excited to come back to Chicago, and believe it or not, actual seasons! I like talking about music, cooking, and sports. I look forward to finally living in the city of Chicago as an adult and making new friends!



Gregory Ingolia

Hey everyone! My name is Greg. I grew up in Indianapolis, Indiana although my family is all in Illinois. When I was 13 I moved to Massachusetts where I stayed on for undergrad at Harvard. Afterwards I worked in aerospace in Houston and finance back in Boston until finally realizing I wanted to go into medicine. I attended medical school at the University of Colorado. Not coincidentally I love skiing, hiking, running, and biking. I also like baking, cooking, games, and my goofy dog Sasha. I'm looking forward to living in Chicago for the first time and can't wait to meet you all soon!



Anthony Kanelidis

Hi everyone! My name is Anthony and I was born and raised in Miami, Florida. I went to the University of Miami (go Canes!) for my undergraduate studies, with a degree in Neuroscience, and then attended the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine. I love water sports. I played competitive water polo throughout undergrad and medical school, and I have recently taken up wakeboarding and water skiing. I enjoy the outdoors, playing pick-up basketball, trying new cuisines, and spending time with family and friends. I am extremely excited to be joining the University of Chicago family this summer and I cannot wait to further explore the city of Chicago!



Shivani Khanna

Hi everyone! I'm Shivani and I grew up in the cornfields of Champaign, Illinois. I went to UC Berkeley for undergrad and studied Cell Biology and Global Poverty. After undergrad, I took a year off to work at a start up medical practice in San Francisco and then went to Boston University for medical school. I love cooking and eating spicy food, going to the zoo, running, traveling, reading historical fiction novels, and binge watching Netflix. I am excited to move to Chicago and be closer to family and I'm looking forward to meeting all of you in a few months!



Neal Klauer

Hi everyone! My name is Neal Klauer and I grew up in the suburbs of Minneapolis, MN. For undergrad I made the long trek down to Iowa where I studied biochemistry at Cornell College. Before returning to the University of MN for medical school I spent a year on the east coast doing research. I am an avid sports fan and love playing soccer, tennis, and basketball and continually get my heart broken by the MN Vikings and Arsenal FC. I'm thrilled to continue my midwest journey at Chicago and look forward to meeting you all!



Brian Labadie

Hey everyone, I'm Brian and I grew up in Sunnyvale in Northern California. I went to UC San Diego for undergrad where I studied biochemistry and then UC Irvine for medical school where I met my now wife, Jess. In my free time, I enjoy skiing, hiking, playing soccer, tennis and golf. I am a big Bay Area sports fan (Go Giants) and I love music and traveling to new places. I look forward to training to become a competent internist, living in my first big city, and calling Chicago hom



Jonathan Lattell

Hello everyone! My name is Jon, and I am originally from a small town in western Massachusetts named Longmeadow. I lived there my whole life prior to moving an hour and a half east to attend Boston College. I eventually did leave Massachusetts after college when I began attending medical school at Loyola University Chicago. I am extremely excited to remain here in Chicago, as I have truly grown to love this city over the last four years. In my free time I like to check out new restaurants, play basketball, and watch movies. I look forward to starting residency and working with all of you soon!



Betty Li

Hi everyone! My name is Betty and I'm a homegrown Chicagoan. I ventured down south to attend Emory University for undergrad, after which I spent a couple years in Atlanta working as an Actuary. I later returned to Chicago to complete a post baccalaureate at Northwestern and to attend medical school at UIC. I am excited to call Chicago home for another three years! I love dogs, great food, and all things active/competitive. Looking forward to meeting everyone!



Austin Lin

Hi everyone! My name is Austin. I grew up in the Northern Virginia suburbs of D.C. I went to Duke University for undergrad and majored in biomedical engineering and economics. After college, I worked in financial services and did a post-bac at Bryn Mawr before going to medical school at the University of Michigan. In my free time, I like running, hiking, exploring new restaurants, traveling, and watching Duke basketball. I'm excited to be moving to Chicago and looking forward to meeting everyone!



Maria Maldonado

Hi y'all! My name is Maria and for the past 17 years, I have been living in Houston, Texas. I moved from the suburbs into downtown Houston to attend Rice University where I majored in Economics. I then went to medical school at Baylor College of Medicine, walking distance from my undergraduate. Needless to say, I'm growing a bit restless and am excited to spread my wings and try a new location! I'm looking forward to experiencing the true four-season weather pattern of Chicago rather than the humid heat for 8 months per year of Houston. I enjoy trying new restaurants, running, listening to podcasts, true crime, hiking, sleeping, and a good cup of coffee. Looking forward to meeting everyone soon!



Michael Maranzano

Hey everyone! I'm Michael, and I grew up in the Detroit area. I've lived in North Carolina for the past 8 years at Duke for undergrad in biomedical engineering and for medical school. Duke basketball is really important to me, and I've slept outside for weeks and travelled hundreds of miles for games. I am not very excited to have to deal with Midwest winters again. I live my life always looking forward to my next vacation after falling in love with travel during a semester abroad spent in Asia. I also enjoy hiking, binge-watching TV shows, and cooking. My friends joke my most prized possession is my KitchenAid mixer. I'm looking forward to be at such an exciting place for residency and to meet all of you!



Steven Mazzone

Hi everyone! My name is Steven Mazzone and I grew up in the northern suburbs of Chicago. For undergrad, I ventured a little farther north to the University of Wisconsin-Madison where I majored in Biology. After college, I returned to Chicago to attend Rush Medical College and am very excited to be staying in the city for the next 3 years at U of C. In my free time, I enjoy golfing and exploring new restaurants. Looking forward to meeting you all!



Christopher Miller

Hi there, my name is Chris Miller. I grew up in Minnesota and moved to Illinois for undergrad at the U of C, where I studied chemistry. After doing two years of organic chemistry research, I attended the University of Illinois at Chicago for medical school. In my free time, I enjoy riding and fixing bicycles, kayaking in the river and Lake Michigan, rock climbing, and cooking with friends.



Rebeca Ortiz Worthington

Hello, everyone! My name is Rebeca. I'm originally from Southern California, and went to Stanford for undergrad where I majored in Human Biology, focusing on urban health and policy. Looking for some adventure, I moved to Chicago after graduation to work in hospital strategy and operations consulting. After a couple of years I moved to Boston to do a post-bacc, and then spent a year running a clinical trial. I went to medical school at the University of Chicago, and am thrilled to be staying for residency. I live in Hyde Park with my husband and cat, and in my free time like to cook/bake, do yoga, make jewelry, watch TV, and try Chicago's amazing restaurants.



Charles Oshinsky

Hi team! My name is Charlie. I'm from Washington DC, and went to UPenn for undergrad. After graduating, I spent a year in Aspen CO leading hikes in the woods, before heading to NYU for medical school. In my free time I enjoy getting outside, and I love a good road trip when time permits. I'm looking forward to meeting you all and exploring our city!



Sujay Paknikar

Hello Everyone! My name is Sujay Paknikar. I was born in India but grew up mostly in Omaha, NE before moving to Ann Arbor to get my undergraduate degree in Brain, Behavior, and Cognitive Science from the University of Michigan. I enjoyed my time in Ann Arbor greatly and chose to stay there for medical school as well. While there, I met my soon to be wife, Deepthi, who is from Chicago and is very excited to return to the area! In my spare time, I enjoy trying new restaurants, exploring new neighborhoods, attending sporting events (especially University of Michigan!), dancing, and binge-watching netflix. I am very excited to have matched at the University of Chicago and I can't wait to experience the city and meet all of you!



Kathleen Pollard

Hi everyone! I'm Katie. I was born and raised on the north side of Chicago but have spent a lot of time on the east coast since high school. I attended undergrad at the University of Virginia with majors in Government and American Studies, completed a postbacc program at Bryn Mawr College, and am attending medical school at the George Washington University. After undergrad, I spent a year as an Americorps volunteer on the south side of Chicago working as an assistant teacher. I'm so excited to return to Chicago and explore restaurants, running trails, music, and beer with all of you! I enjoy cooking breakfast, watching Netflix, exploring the outdoors, and cheering for UVA's defensively-minded but offensively-challenged basketball team.



Eleanor Reimer

Hi everybody! I'm Kate. I'm from Fairfax, Virginia, which is a DC suburb. I went to undergrad at MIT, where I majored in biology and physics and unofficially minored in intramural ice hockey. I stayed in Boston for another year doing HIV research before moving out to Michigan for medical school (Go Blue!). I like cooking, going out to eat, playing with my awesome cats, and spending time outdoors. A fun fact is that I went to the same high school as rising intern Austin (Go Colonials!). I look forward to meeting all of you soon!



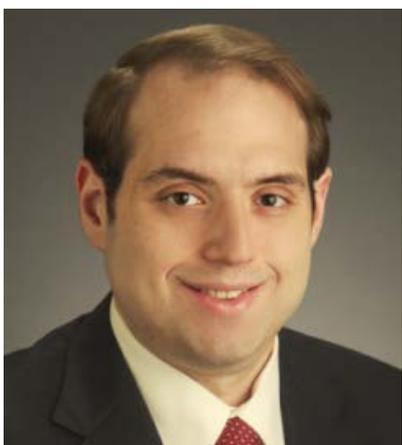
Hannah Roth

Hello all, my name is Hannah Roth. I was born and raised right here in Hyde Park and attended Vassar College where I studied Anthropology. After graduation, I traveled to Cairo where I spent a year studying Arabic at the American University of Cairo. From there, I moved to Israel where I spent the next three years working with social justice organizations including Physicians for Human Rights in their free clinic for migrant workers and refugees. Inspired to pursue a career in medicine, I returned to Hyde Park to attend medical school at the University of Chicago. I am an avid lover of all things food and travel, and love cooking, baking and exploring the restaurant scene here in the city.



Brooke Scheidemantle

Hello! My name is Brooke. I was born and raised in Southern California in a suburban city named Rancho Cucamonga (yep it actually exists). I stayed in sunny California to go to UCLA for undergrad and majored in Physiological Science. I made my cross country move to Philadelphia to attend Thomas Jefferson Medical School where I saw snow fall from the sky for the first time. I love yoga and am a huge spin bike fan (Fly Wheel anyone?). I love dogs, exploring Chicago with my fiancé, playing board games, and baking! I can't wait to meet everyone!



Anthony Serritella

Hi everyone! My name is Tony Serritella and I'm originally from the northwest suburbs of Chicago (specifically Lincolnwood!). I graduated from the University of Chicago with an economics degree and then worked for a few years in healthcare and public policy before deciding to actually change careers and pursue medicine. I completed a post baccalaureate program at Johns Hopkins and then did research for a few years before starting med school also at Johns Hopkins. I'm excited to be moving back to Chicago! I like to go running and also enjoy cooking quite a bit as well. Really looking forward to meeting you all this summer and having a lot of fun together in Chicago!



Wenfei Wang

Hi everyone! My name is Wenfei Wang. I was born in China and lived there until I was 10 years old before moving to Zambia with my parents. After completing high school, I came to the U.S. and attended The Ohio State University for undergraduate and graduate studies, and became a huge Buckeye fan! I spent the last four years at the University of Toledo where I completed my medical school and am very excited for the opportunity to start residency here at University of Chicago! In my spare time, I like to spend time with my family and friends. I also enjoy playing soccer, tennis and traveling to new places. I'm looking forward to meeting you all and exploring all that Chicago has to offer!



Hannah Wey

Hello everyone! I'm Hannah and I'm from New Jersey. I completed the 7-year BS/MD program at The College of New Jersey and Rutgers New Jersey Medical School. In my spare time, I like to run and/or hit the gym, experiment with cooking, and get lost in book stores and coffee shops. I am very excited to be moving to Chicago and to work with you all!



Wyatt Wilson

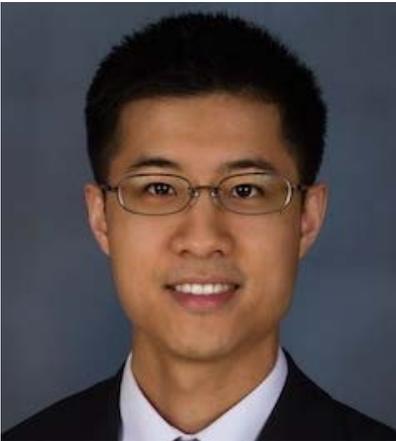
Hey everyone! My name is Wyatt and I'm from Fort Wayne, Indiana. I migrated south to go to college at Emory University and, after coming to terms with my addiction for Waffle House, decided to stay in Atlanta after graduation. Over the next three years, I coached soccer at Atlanta North high school, worked at the CDC and earned an MSPH in environmental epidemiology (most of which is now long forgotten) before attending med school at Indiana University. I enjoy all things outdoors, running, rock climbing, complaining about the state of Arsenal soccer, and listening to a good Radiohead album. I'm thrilled to call Chicago home for the next few years and look forward to meeting everyone soon!



Thomas Yates

Hi everyone, my name is Tom Yates. I grew up in the small town of Toccoa, Ga, where my dad is still a practicing general internist. I attended Covenant College in Chattanooga, TN for undergrad and Wake Forest for medical school. Between undergrad and medical school I got married to my wife Maggie (a native Chicagoan from Hyde Park!) and I worked for a year as a medical operations intern at an FQHC in the North Lawndale neighborhood of Chicago. Academically, I am interested in urban primary care, as well as Infectious Diseases/HIV medicine. For fun, I enjoy hiking, fly-fishing, gardening, and generally spending time outdoors with my wife and 3 year old son, Ezra. I also love to play basketball and tennis, and go for long runs, especially if they are on the beautiful Chicago lake shore. We are looking forward to being back in our favorite city once again!





Edward Chen

Hello everyone, my name is Edward Chen. I was born in Tuscaloosa, Alabama and grew up in Anniston, Alabama, a small city between Birmingham and Atlanta. I went to Emory University for undergraduate and majored in chemistry and economics. I attended University of Alabama School of Medicine in Birmingham, Alabama. In my spare time, I love to garden, play musical instruments (violin, piano, and guitar), play and watch basketball and tennis, and spend time with family. I am excited to have matched at the University of Chicago and am looking forward to working hard and learning.



Nicholas Feinberg

I grew up in upstate NY in a place called Cooperstown. There are typically only two reasons for you to have heard of Cooperstown: 1. the Baseball Hall of Fame; and 2. Ommegang brewery. My parents, Don and Wendy started Ommegang, and I spent high school doing homework at the brewery and refusing to get beer for my friends. After high school, I went to college in Scotland at the University of St. Andrews. I attended on a golf scholarship and was captain of the varsity team in my senior year. Following college, I abandoned a brief career in finance to do a post-bacc at Northwestern and then moved back to NY for med school at Columbia. The highlight of medical school was marrying my beautiful wife Branka. Following intern year, I'm very excited and happy to remain at UChicago for residency in radiology.



Sarah Jarjour

Hi, I'm Sarah. I grew up in Madison, Wisconsin and went to University of California, Berkeley for undergrad where I studied Environmental Sciences. I attended University of Illinois Chicago College of Medicine and am looking forward to spending the upcoming year at University of Chicago.



Shruti Mishra

My name is Shruti, and I grew up in West Lafayette, Indiana (go Boilers!). I ventured out to California to do my undergraduate degree at the California Institute of Technology before returning to the midwest for medical school (WashU). Outside of medicine, I enjoy meal prepping & cooking, dancing, hiking, cycling / spinning, reading non-fiction, watching random coursera videos, and travelling. Although I am a midwest native, this is my first time calling Chicago home, and I am excited to explore the city with all of you this year!



Kevin Rogacki

Hello there! I'm Kevin! I grew up in the Chicago suburbs and attended Northwestern University for undergrad where I studied biomed engineering. After that, I spent a gap year doing genetics research at the NIH before moving to Cleveland, OH to attend medical school at Case Western. I couldn't be happier to be returning to Chicago for my perlim medicine year and look forward to meeting everyone at the University of Chicago!! After that, I'll head to Vanderbilt to start a residency in radiation oncology. See everyone in June!



Jordan Standlee

Hello, everyone! My name is Jordan Standlee. I was born and raised in the suburbs around Seattle, WA. I completed undergraduate studies at the University of Washington in Seattle, with a major in psychology. For medical school, I attend a very similar-sounding, yet different school: Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis. Breaking tradition, I am now attending a school without "Washington" in its name, but I think I'll manage. In my spare time, I am an avid board game player, and will happily share my collection with anyone who wants to learn. Other hobbies include watching movies, cooking new recipes, losing at bar trivia, and pointing out every cute dog I see on the street. I look forward to meeting everyone!



Sean Wu

Hi! My name is Sean Wu. I was born in China, but grew up in Memphis, TN. I majored in molecular biology at Princeton University, and attended Case Western Reserve University for medical school. Following internship, I will be going to Cincinnati for a dermatology residency. In my free time, I love to hang out with family and friends while exploring the city and surrounding nature. I am super excited to be part of such an amazing institution and be among such incredible colleagues.



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Alanna Burnett

Hello everyone! My name is Alanna Burnett and I am from Oak Park, Illinois. I went to the University of Illinois Urbana Champaign for undergrad and continued my medical education at the University of Illinois at Chicago. I'm so ecstatic that I am staying in Chicago for another 4 years (Med/Peds yay) and even more excited to be joining the University of Chicago family! I enjoy meditating, being a foodie and discovering the latest gems in Chicago, and above all singing to the radio while driving down lake shore drive. So excited to meet everyone!



Nathan Georgette

Hi everyone! I'm Nathan and I mostly grew up near Jacksonville, FL. That's home of the mighty Jaguars and the even mightier sun, which was rather unfriendly to my Fitzpatrick I skin. Seeking a new city (and a lower UV index), I headed up to Harvard for college and medical school. I've gotten to spend some time in South Africa but sadly haven't yet seen a Honey Badger. I've tried to learn how to ski but without much success -- I find walking up and down the mountains more enjoyable. And I'm very excited to move to Chicago and to meet you all!



Sanjay Jumani

Hello everyone! I was born and raised in New Jersey, which left me with rugged grit and a funny accent that only emerges when I'm tired (you'll notice when I ask if you want a caw-fee in the late afternoon). I went to Johns Hopkins for undergrad where I majored in Public Health. I stayed in Baltimore for a year to work as a social worker in a low-income pediatrics clinic, and then I moved back to Jersey for medical school at Rutgers-RWJMS. In my free time, I enjoy political discussions, podcasts, photography, photoshop, peas, P's, and p-alliteration. Of note, my taste in music and television hasn't changed in the last twenty years (I make a lot of FRIENDS references). Also, my peak in life was won the 2003 NJ State Tetris championship. See you all in July!



Bennett Waxse

Hello all! I'm Bennett, a Nebraska native who is thrilled to finally get back to the Midwest. My departure from Nebraska took me to Dallas-Fort Worth, where I attended TCU for undergrad and UT Southwestern for medical school. As a young med student, the research bug bit hard and in an unexpected turn of events, I spent the next five years between England and Washington, DC working on a PhD in live-cell imaging and intercellular communication. After getting my fill of darkroom life, I hung up my lab coat and returned to Dallas to finish medical school (and cheer on my mighty Horned Frogs). My extracurricular life revolves around live music, cooking, farmers markets, pick-up volleyball, Catan, running, and above all, travel. I look forward to working with you all in the years to come!

