



# Residents' Roar

## Dedicated Resident Coordinator Hired at PittPharmacy



Donna Ford

**A**s of June 2017, 431 residents have completed 521 residencies affiliated with the University of Pittsburgh School of Pharmacy. Currently, PittPharmacy offers both PGY1 and PGY2 pharmacy residencies in conjunction with the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center (UPMC) hospitals, the UPMC Health Plan, CVS Caremark, Rite Aid Corporation, Giant Eagle Inc, and Asti's Pharmacy. It is through these partnerships that our residency program has grown in national reputation. After 27 years without one, PittPharmacy is pleased to announce that Donna Ford (dmf93@pitt.edu) has been hired as a full-time and dedicated residency coordinator. Donna comes to us from the University of Illinois Health Sciences Campus – Rockford where she was a support specialist. Donna has almost 13 years' experience at this large public University working with faculty, staff, and students. In the future, resident alumni can expect to receive emails from Donna with invitations to special events such as receptions at national pharmacy meetings, and requests for professional updates.

### Residency Class of 2017-2018



## Meet the Class of 2017-2018



**Benedicta Asamoah**

PGY1 Pharmacy Resident  
UPMC Presbyterian

Benny is from Laurel, Md., and received her PharmD from the University of Maryland School of Pharmacy in 2017. Her professional interests include clinical and operational management, medication safety and quality improvement. Outside of pharmacy, she enjoys sewing, traveling and reading.



**Gina Ayers**

PGY2 Geriatric Pharmacy Resident  
UPMC St. Margaret

Gina is from Winchester, Va. She received her PharmD from Shenandoah University and bachelor's degree in biology from the University of Mary Washington. She completed her PGY1 residency program at UPMC St. Margaret where she is continuing as a PGY2. Her current professional interests include geriatrics, chronic disease state management, and interprofessional education. Other interests include spending time with friends and family and hiking.



**Melissa Bastacky**

PGY1 Pharmacy Resident  
UPMC Presbyterian

Melissa is from Monroeville, Pa., and received her PharmD. from the University of Pittsburgh School of Pharmacy in 2017. Her professional areas of interest include immunology, solid organ transplant, oncology, and pharmacogenomics. After completion of her PGY1 residency, Melissa plans on further pursuing training in one of these subspecialties. Outside of work, Melissa enjoys spending time with family and friends, traveling, and Pittsburgh sports.



**Bridget Batykefer**

PGY1 Pharmacy Resident  
UPMC Mercy

Bridget is from Pittsburgh, Pa., and received her PharmD from Duquesne University in 2017. Her areas of interest include infectious diseases, emergency medicine, and pediatrics. After completing her residency, she plans to pursue a PGY2 residency in one of these specialties. Outside of pharmacy, Bridget enjoys traveling, watching Pittsburgh sports, and spending time with friends and family.



**Emily Bobrzynski**

PGY1 Pharmacy Resident  
UPMC St Margaret

Emily is from Pittsburgh, Pa. She received her bachelor's degree in pharmaceutical sciences and PharmD from the University of Pittsburgh. Her professional interests include geriatric medicine, transitions of care, deprescribing, and interprofessional collaboration. Next year, she will complete a PGY2 in geriatrics at UPMC St.

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### **Jeannette Bouchard**

PGY1 Pharmacy Resident  
UPMC Shadyside

Jeannette is from Wales, Mass. She received her PharmD in 2017 from Regis University in Denver, Colo. Her professional interests include infectious diseases, global health, clinical research and academia. Jeannette hopes to complete a PGY2 in infectious diseases following completion of her PGY1. Outside of pharmacy, Jeannette enjoys running, boxing, traveling to new places and meeting new people.



### **Taylor Buck**

PGY1 Community Pharmacy Resident  
University of Pittsburgh in partnership with Asti's Pharmacy

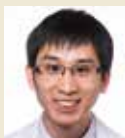
Taylor is from Pittsburgh, Pa., and received her PharmD from the University of Pittsburgh in 2017. Her professional interests include transitions of care, substance abuse, and point of care testing. Following her residency, Taylor plans to pursue a career as a clinical pharmacist in an outpatient collaborative practice setting. In her spare time, Taylor enjoys reading, traveling, and trying new restaurants.



### **Megan Carr**

PGY2 Geriatric Pharmacy Resident  
UPMC St Margaret

Megan is from Overland Park, Kan., and received her PharmD from the University of Kansas School of Pharmacy in 2016. She completed her PGY1 at UPMC St. Margaret. Her interests include geriatric care, interprofessional education and health literacy. Upon completion of residency, she plans to pursue a faculty position where she can continue her passion for both geriatric care and educational research. Megan enjoys baking, trying new restaurants, and traveling.



### **Eric Cheng**

PGY1 Pharmacy Resident  
UPMC Hamot

Eric earned his Bachelor of Science in Biochemistry at the University of Michigan and his Doctor of Pharmacy from the University of Maryland School of Pharmacy. His interests include informatics, internal medicine, and psychiatry. He plans to pursue a PGY2 in one of these specialties. In his spare time, he enjoys traveling, dining at different restaurants, and cooking. He thanks his family, friends, and mentors for their support and guidance.



### **Katherine Cho**

PGY1 Community Pharmacy Resident  
University of Pittsburgh in partnership with Rite Aid Corporation

Katherine graduated from the University of Michigan College of Pharmacy and is the PGY1 Community Pharmacy Resident at Rite Aid. Her professional interests include substance abuse, pain & palliative care, and minority health. Katherine hopes to expand the range of services offered in community pharmacies to better serve marginalized populations. In her spare time, she enjoys cooking, baking, and exploring Pittsburgh.

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**Seohyun (Claudia) Choi**  
PGY2 Critical Care Pharmacy Resident  
UPMC Presbyterian

Seohyun (Claudia) received her PharmD from The Ohio State University in 2016 and completed her PGY1 at UPMC Mercy in 2017. Her professional interests include critical care, neurology, and transplant. She hopes to pursue her career goal as a critical care clinical pharmacist with teaching responsibilities at an academic institution. In her spare time, Claudia enjoys traveling, hiking, and cooking.



**Ardis Copenhaver**  
PGY2 Ambulatory Care Pharmacy Resident  
UPMC St Margaret

Ardis is originally from Lexington, Ky., and received her PharmD from the Medical University of South Carolina. She completed her PGY1 at UPMC St. Margaret in 2017. Her interests include family medicine, transitions of care, and interprofessional education. Following residency, she plans to pursue a clinical position in family medicine practice and academia. In her spare time, Ardis enjoys spending time with friends and family, running, hiking, and playing tennis.



**Meghan Cunningham**  
PGY1 Pharmacy Resident  
Magee-Womens Hospital of UPMC

Meghan is from Eighty Four, Pa, and received her PharmD from Duquesne University in 2017. Her professional interests include ambulatory care, academia, critical care and palliative care. Outside of pharmacy, Meghan enjoys exercising, watching Pittsburgh's sports teams (Let's Go Bucs/Pens), and loves being with her family, friends and dogs.



**Taylor Dean**  
PGY1 Pharmacy Resident  
Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic

Taylor is from San Antonio, Texas and received her PharmD from The University of Texas at Austin. Her areas of professional interest include psychiatry, ambulatory care, health disparities, and health outcomes research. In her spare time, Taylor enjoys watching Netflix, cooking, drawing, and writing.



**Moses Demehin**  
PGY2 Solid Organ Transplantation Pharmacy Resident  
UPMC Presbyterian

Moses received his PharmD from University of Maryland School of Pharmacy in 2016 and completed his PGY1 pharmacy residency at UPMC Presbyterian in 2017. His professional areas of interest include HIV in transplantation, invasive fungal infections and mechanical circulatory support as a bridge to transplantation. Outside of pharmacy, he enjoys listening to live music and playing the piano.

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### **Katie Doong**

PGY1 Community Pharmacy Resident  
University of Pittsburgh in partnership with Giant Eagle Inc.

Katie is from Mamaroneck, N.Y., and received her PharmD from Northeastern University in Boston, Mass. in 2017. Her professional interests include clinical community, chronic disease state management, and mentoring future student pharmacists. Upon completion of her PGY1, Katie plans to pursue a career as a community-based clinical pharmacist affiliated with a school of pharmacy. Outside of pharmacy, Katie enjoys exploring new areas, cooking, and spending time with family and friends.



### **Emily Fargo**

PGY2 Ambulatory Care Pharmacy Resident  
UPMC St Margaret

Emily received her PharmD from the University of Pittsburgh in 2016 and a bachelor's degree in biochemistry from the College of Wooster. She completed her PGY1 at UPMC St. Margaret in 2017. Her professional interests include family medicine, chronic disease state management, and working with an interdisciplinary team. She enjoys traveling, being outdoors, playing tennis, and spending time with family.



### **Ariel Ferdock**

PGY1 Pharmacy Resident  
UPMC St Margaret

Ariel received her Doctorate of Pharmacy from Nova Southeastern University in Palm Beach Gardens, Fla. Previously, she attended Towson University, in her home state of Maryland, where she received her Bachelors of Science in Chemistry. Upon completing her PGY1 residency, she will continue at St. Margaret as a PGY2 in Family Medicine. Her interests include chronic disease state management, antimicrobial stewardship and inter-professional education.



### **Erica Gray**

PGY1 Pharmacy Resident  
UPMC Shadyside

In 2015, Erica received her BS in Pharmaceutical Science and PharmD from Duquesne University Mylan School of Pharmacy. After graduation, she went on to complete a two-year Pharmaceutical Industry Fellowship in Clinical Development with Allergan and St. John's University. Her areas of interest include clinical research, geriatric medicine, oncology, and academia. Erica enjoys rock climbing, working out, and playing board games.



### **Samantha Hanna**

PGY1 Pharmacy Resident  
Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC

Samantha is from Girard, Ohio. She completed undergraduate courses at Youngstown State University and received her Doctorate of Pharmacy from Northeast Ohio Medical University (NEOMED) in 2017. Her interests include pediatrics, infectious diseases and transplant. She plans to complete a PGY2 in a subspecialty within pediatric pharmacy, ultimately pursuing a shared clinical/teaching position. When she isn't working, Samantha enjoys cooking, reading and exploring the city.

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## Meet the Class of 2017-2018



**Mahalia Harrell**

PGY2 Ambulatory Care Pharmacy Resident  
UPMC Presbyterian

Mahalia received her bachelor's degree in Biochemistry-Biotechnology in 2012 and her PharmD in 2016 from the University of Missouri. She completed her PGY1 pharmacy residency at UPMC McKeesport. Her practice interests include primary care, pharmacy education and advocacy. In her spare time, she enjoys exploring new places, trying various recipes and spending time with family and friends.



**Tyler Hoffman**

PGY1 Pharmacy Resident  
UPMC Presbyterian

Tyler is from Clarence, Pa., and received his PharmD from the University of Pittsburgh in 2017. His professional interests include hospital pharmacy management and administration, and he plans to continue his training with an administrative PGY2. In his spare time, he enjoys traveling, being outdoors, meeting new people, and physical activity.



**Michelle Howerton**

PGY2 Geriatric Pharmacy Resident  
UPMC Presbyterian Shadyside

Michelle is from Logan, W.Va. and completed her undergraduate coursework at Concord University before receiving her PharmD from West Virginia University in 2016. She recently completed a PGY1 residency at Charleston Area Medical Center. Her current professional interests include transitions of care and primary care in the geriatric population. Outside of residency, she enjoys reading, cooking, traveling, and spending time with friends and family.



**Abraham Jose**

PGY1 Managed Care Pharmacy Resident  
CVS Caremark

Abraham is originally from Des Plaines, Ill., and received his Bachelor of Science in Chemistry from the University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign in 2008 and his Doctor of Pharmacy from the University of Hawaii in Hilo in 2017. His interests include drug information and formulary/trend management. After residency, he hopes to practice at a managed care organization. Abraham enjoys watching movies, eating brunch, and playing pick-up dodgeball games.



**William Kasper**

PGY1 Pharmacy Resident  
UPMC Hamot

William is from Albany, N.Y., and received his PharmD from Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences in 2017. Upon completion of his PGY1 year, Will plans to pursue a PGY2 in one of his professional areas of interest: infectious disease, internal medicine, and critical care. In his spare time, Will enjoys attending sporting events and concerts, playing hockey, and spending time with family and friends.

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**Pooja Kirpekar**  
PGY1 Pharmacy Resident  
UPMC St Margaret

Pooja is from Charlottesville, Va., and received her PharmD from Virginia Commonwealth University. Her professional interests include chronic disease state management, public health, and health education. In the future, she wishes to practice as an outpatient clinical pharmacist in a family medicine clinic. During her free time, Pooja enjoys traveling, cooking, hiking, and dancing.



**Alaina Koval**  
PGY1 Pharmacy Resident  
UPMC Mercy

Alaina is from New Eagle, Pa. She received her PharmD from Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, Pa. Her professional interests include internal medicine and psychiatry. In her free time, Alaina enjoys reading, spending time with family, cooking, and watching Pittsburgh sports.



**Kimberly Lapierre**  
PGY1 Pharmacy Resident  
UPMC Mercy

Kimberly is originally from Berlin, Conn., and received her PharmD from St. John's University College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences in 2017. Her current professional interests include cardiology and internal medicine. Following completion of her PGY1 year, Kim plans to complete a PGY2 residency in one of these specialties. Outside of pharmacy, Kimberly enjoys reading, trying new restaurants, and exploring Pittsburgh.



**Julia Lees**  
PGY1 Pharmacy Resident  
UPMC Presbyterian

Julia is from Philadelphia, Pa., and received her bachelor's degree in chemistry, followed by her PharmD from Temple University in 2017. She hopes to pursue a PGY2 in one of her areas of interest: solid organ transplant, emergency medicine, toxicology, or surgical medicine. Outside of pharmacy, she enjoys traveling to different areas of the world, skiing, scuba diving, yoga, cooking, and, of course, cheesesteaks.



**Kathryn MacCamy**  
PGY1 Pharmacy Resident  
Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic

Originally from Seattle, Wash., Katie earned her Bachelor of Science in Cellular Biology from Western Washington University in 2011. She received her PharmD from Washington State University in 2017. Her professional interests are in the field of psychiatric pharmacy, including psychosis, PTSD, forensics and continuity of care. In her spare time, she enjoys skiing, adventures with her dog and rooting for the Seahawks.

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**Samantha Maples**  
PGY2 Oncology Pharmacy Resident  
UPMC Shadyside

Samantha is originally from Edgar Springs, Mo. She received her PharmD from St. Louis College of Pharmacy in St. Louis, Mo. Her PGY1 pharmacy residency was completed at Via Christi Hospitals Wichita, Inc. in Wichita, Kan. Her professional interests in oncology include hematologic malignancies and bone marrow transplant. Outside of pharmacy Samantha enjoys watching Netflix, exploring new restaurants, and playing with her cat, Cami.



**Caitlin McHugh**  
PGY1 Pharmacy Resident  
UPMC Mercy

Caitlin is from Westminster, Md. She received her BS in Health Sciences from James Madison University in Harrisonburg, Va. where she was a member of the division I women's lacrosse team. She received her PharmD from Duquesne University. Her interests include critical care and emergency medicine. She plans to pursue a PGY2 in critical care. She enjoys attending Broadway shows and musicals, and spending time with her niece and nephews.



**Ashley Mittereder**  
PGY1 Pharmacy Resident  
UPMC McKeesport

Ashley is from Pittsburgh, Pa., and completed her Doctorate of Pharmacy at the University of Pittsburgh School of Pharmacy in 2017. Her career interests include detoxification, dual diagnosis, and healthcare to the underserved. After her PGY1, she plans to complete a PGY2 with an ambulatory care focus. In her free time she enjoys traveling, cooking, reading, and spending time with friends.



**Lindsay Moreland**  
PGY1 Pharmacy Resident  
UPMC Presbyterian

Lindsay is from Evansville, Ind., and received her PharmD from Purdue University, College of Pharmacy. Her professional areas of interest include cardiology, internal medicine, and medication safety. After completing her PGY1, Lindsay hopes to obtain a PGY2 in cardiology and pursue a shared clinical and teaching position. Outside of pharmacy, she enjoys being outdoors, hiking, dancing, and spending time with friends and family.



**Jerome Pasquale**  
PGY2 Psychiatry Pharmacy Resident  
Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic

Jerome is from Boardman, Ohio, and received his PharmD from Ohio Northern University in 2016. Last year, he completed a PGY1 pharmacy residency at Mercy Health – St. Charles Hospital in Oregon, Ohio. His professional interests include substance abuse, acute psychosis, and underserved populations. In his free time, Jerome enjoys watching and attending sporting events, traveling, and spending time with friends and family.

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**Nicole Persun**  
PGY1 Pharmacy Resident  
UPMC Mercy

Nicki is from Lancaster, Pa., and received her PharmD from Shenandoah University in 2017. Her professional areas of interest include infectious diseases, and solid organ transplantation. After completing her PGY1 residency, Nicki plans to complete a PGY2 residency in one of these specialties. Outside of pharmacy, she enjoys local farmers markets, cooking, running, and traveling.



**Emily Schartner**  
PGY1 Managed Care Pharmacy Resident  
UPMC Health Plan

Emily received her BS in Biological Sciences from Point Park University and PharmD from the University of Pittsburgh. Her professional interests include formulary and utilization management as well as care management. After residency, she plans to pursue a career as a clinical pharmacist for a health plan. Her outside interests include watching sports, trying new restaurants, and spending time with family and friends.



**James Shen**  
PGY1 Pharmacy Resident  
UPMC Presbyterian

James received his bachelor's degree in neuroscience, followed by his PharmD from the University of Michigan in 2017. His areas of interest include solid organ transplant, infectious diseases, and teaching. After completing a PGY2, he would like to obtain a clinical faculty position that includes direct patient care and opportunities for teaching and mentoring. Outside of pharmacy, he enjoys photography, outdoor activities, traveling, and spending time with friends and family.



**Adrienne Szymkowiak**  
PGY2 Cardiology Pharmacy Resident  
UPMC Presbyterian

Adrienne received her BS in Business Administration followed by her PharmD from Duquesne University. She completed her PGY1 at UPMC Presbyterian. After residency she hopes to find a cardiology position that allows her to represent the pharmacy profession daily on a multidisciplinary team, mentor students and residents, and build a strong rapport with patients and the community. Adrienne enjoys the outdoors and spending time with family and friends.



**Neil Turco**  
PGY2 Ambulatory Care Pharmacy Resident  
UPMC St Margaret

Neil is from Kittanning, Pa., and received his PharmD from the University of Pittsburgh School of Pharmacy in 2016. He completed his PGY1 pharmacy residency at UPMC St. Margaret. His professional interests include family medicine, interprofessional education, and transitions of care. Neil enjoys hiking, exercising, and spending time with family.

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**Carolyn Ubinger**  
PGY1 Pharmacy Resident  
UPMC Hamot

Carolyn is from Pittsburgh, Pa., and received her PharmD from the University of Pittsburgh. Her professional interests include interprofessional collaboration, transitions of care, and ambulatory care pharmacy. Following residency, Carolyn plans to pursue a clinical pharmacy position. Outside of pharmacy, she enjoys baking, traveling, and spending time with family and friends.



**Sara Weinstein**  
PGY1 Pharmacy Resident  
UPMC St Margaret

Sara is from Tucson, Ariz., and received her PharmD from the University of Arizona School of Pharmacy in 2017. Her professional interests include family medicine, chronic disease state management and academia. Next year, she will complete a PGY2 in family medicine at UPMC St. Margaret. Outside of pharmacy, Sara enjoys spending time with friends and family, working out, trying new restaurants, and traveling.



**Hanna Welch**  
PGY2 Global Health Pharmacy Resident  
UPMC Presbyterian

Hanna received her BS in Chemistry and French from the University of Alabama in 2011, and then spent a year teaching English in France. She received her PharmD from the University of Michigan in 2016, and her PGY1 at UPMC Presbyterian. After residency, Hanna hopes to teach and provide care to medically underserved patients. She spends free time biking, visiting farmers markets, practicing her French, and exploring Pittsburgh's many neighborhoods.



**Erica Wilson**  
PGY1 Pharmacy Resident  
UPMC St Margaret

Erica is from Frederick, Md. She received her PharmD and BS in bioengineering from the University of Pittsburgh. Upon completing her PGY1 residency, she will continue at St. Margaret as a PGY2 resident in geriatrics. Her current professional interests include geriatrics, psychiatric pharmacy, and outpatient pharmacy practice. Other interests include spending time with her husband and son, cooking, and travelling.



**William Wilson**  
PGY2 Infectious Diseases Pharmacy Resident  
UPMC Presbyterian

Will is from Lehman, Pa., and received his PharmD in 2016 from the University of Pittsburgh School of Pharmacy. He completed his PGY1 at UPMC Mercy. His current interests include PK/PD antimicrobial dosing, treatment of MDR pathogens, and antimicrobial stewardship. Will plans to pursue an infectious diseases clinical position within an academic medical center. He enjoys exploring new restaurants, spending time outdoors, and relaxing with friends and family.

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**Karin Yamazaki**

PGY2 Ambulatory Care Pharmacy Resident  
UPMC Presbyterian

Karin is from Boston, Mass., and received her PharmD from Northeastern University in 2016. She completed her PGY1 pharmacy residency at James J. Peters VA Medical Center in Bronx, N.Y. Her practice interests include anticoagulation, diabetes, heart failure, hepatitis C, and HIV. Outside of pharmacy, she enjoys trying new restaurants, going to concerts, and spending time with friends.



## Where Are They Now? Residency Class of 2016-2017

### Ambulatory Care Pharmacy

**Jessica Anderson**  
Ambulatory Care Clinical Pharmacist  
Valor Healthcare  
Rochester, Pa.

**Anna Bondar**  
Primary Care Clinical Specialist  
Cleveland Clinic

**Nicholas Giruzzi**  
Assistant Professor of Pharmacy Practice  
Washington State College of Pharmacy – Yakima

**Nathan Lamberton**  
Clinical Assistant Professor  
Medical College of Wisconsin School of Pharmacy

**Khushbu Thaker**  
Ambulatory Care Clinical Pharmacist  
Summit Medical Group  
Berkley Heights, N.J.

### Cardiology Pharmacy

**Hua (Sherry) Chen**  
Clinical Pharmacy Specialist – Cardiology  
Kansas University Medical Center  
Kansas City, Kan.

**Nicole Durie**  
Clinical Cardiology Pharmacist  
Northwestern Memorial Hospital  
Chicago, Ill.

### Community Pharmacy

**Karen Hoang**  
Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, MTM Services  
UPMC Health Plan

**Jonathan Kovac**  
Clinical Coordinator  
Giant Eagle Pharmacy

### Critical Care Pharmacy

**Kyle Strnad**  
Pharmacy Clinical Specialist  
Cleveland Clinic

### Geriatric Pharmacy

**Maria Felton**  
Palliative Care Clinical Pharmacist  
MedStar Union Memorial Hospital  
Baltimore, Md.

**Kristin Hart**  
Clinical Pharmacist  
Legacy Health  
Portland, Ore.

**Sydney Springer**  
Pharmacy Fellow in Medication Safety and Pharmacy  
Outcomes  
VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System

### Managed Care Pharmacy

**Gregory Bresin**  
Health Plan Clinical Advisor  
CVS Caremark  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

### Oncology Pharmacy

**Arlene Gao**  
Oncology Pharmacy Clinical Specialist  
WVU Medicine  
Morgantown, W.Va.

### Pharmacy

**Gina Ayers**  
PGY2 Geriatrics Pharmacy Resident  
UPMC St. Margaret

**Sheava Blackman**  
Pharmacist  
UPMC Shadyside

**Megan Bookser**  
PGY2 Ambulatory Care Pharmacy Resident  
Duquesne University/Preferred Primary Care Physicians

**Megan Carr**  
PGY2 Geriatrics Pharmacy Resident  
UPMC St. Margaret

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### **Seohyun (Claudia) Choi**

PGY2 Critical Care Pharmacy Resident  
UPMC Presbyterian

### **Ardis Copenhaver**

PGY2 Ambulatory Care Pharmacy Resident  
UPMC St Margaret

### **Julia Dawson**

PGY2 Pediatric Pharmacy Resident  
Children's National Medical Center  
Washington, D.C.

### **Moses Demehin**

PGY2 Transplant Pharmacy Resident  
UPMC Presbyterian

### **April Elling**

Pharmacist  
Mount Nittany Medical Center  
State College, Pa.

### **Emily Linville Fargo**

PGY2 Ambulatory Care Pharmacy Resident  
UPMC St Margaret

### **Natalie Giron**

PGY2 Oncology Pharmacy Resident  
University of Florida Cancer Center Orlando Health  
Orlando, Fla.

### **Alana Grabigel**

Pharmacist  
West Penn Hospital  
Pittsburgh, Pa

### **Mahalia Harrell**

PGY2 Ambulatory Care Pharmacy Resident  
UPMC Presbyterian

### **Cassius Hudson, Jr;**

Staff Pharmacist  
The Ohio State University James Cancer Center  
Columbus, Ohio

### **Sadaf Mahmood**

Staff Pharmacist  
Allegheny General Hospital  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

### **Sheheryar Muhammad**

Clinical Pharmacist, Critical Care  
Holy Cross Health  
Silver Spring, Md.

### **Jaclyn Niggemyer**

Clinical Pharmacist  
Sinai Hospital  
Baltimore, Md.

### **Tanya (Mumau) Ring**

Night Pharmacist  
UPMC Hamot

### **Ryan Steiner**

PGY2 Pharmacotherapy Pharmacy Resident  
Philadelphia College of Pharmacy/Cooper University  
Hospital

### **Adrienne Szymkowiak**

PGY2 Cardiology Pharmacy Resident  
UPMC Presbyterian

### **Neil Turco**

PGY2 Ambulatory Care Pharmacy Resident  
UPMC St Margaret

### **Hanna Welch**

PGY2 Global Health Pharmacy Resident  
UPMC Presbyterian

### **William Wilson**

PGY2 Infectious Diseases Pharmacy Resident  
UPMC Presbyterian

### **Transplant Pharmacy**

#### **Olya Witkowsky**

Specialty Practice Pharmacist- Solid Organ Transplant  
The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center  
Columbus, Ohio

### **Underserved Care/Global Health Pharmacy**

#### **Amna Jamil**

Clinical Pharmacist Specialist - Ambulatory Care  
Kingsbrook Jewish Medical Center  
Brooklyn, N.Y.

## Professional Updates

This fall, seven of our resident alumni were recognized with Ten Under Ten Awards from the Pennsylvania Pharmacists Association (PPA). This award recognizes the top ten pharmacists practicing for less than ten years that demonstrate commitment to advancing the profession, involvement in PPA and other pharmacy associations, and/or service to their community. The 2017 Recipients included: **Brandon Antinopoulos ('15)**, **Sarah Dombrowski ('13)**, **AJ Greco ('11)**, **Mindy Kozminski ('10)**, **Kyle McCormick ('15)**, **Stephanie McGrath ('08)**, and **Roshni Patel ('12)**.

**Jenny Bacci ('12)** was recently appointed to the Editorial Advisory Board of the Journal of the American Pharmacist Association for a 3-year term.

**Kristin Bohnenberger ('13)** is now a Clinical Assistant Professor at Rutgers University Ernest Mario School of Pharmacy and a Clinical Pharmacist in Emergency Medicine at University Medical Center of Princeton. She also recently passed the American Board of Applied Toxicology (ABAT) exam, so she is a board certified clinical toxicologist.

**Emily Brown ('16)** completing her PGY-2 in critical care and is now a Clinical Pharmacist in the Emergency Department at UPMC Mercy.

**John Cadwalader ('13, '14, '15)** is now a pharmacy operations manager at UPMC Mercy.

**Jim Coons ('03)** was inducted as a Fellow of the American College of Clinical Pharmacy (FCCP) in October 2017.

**Sean Cosgriff ('97)** was reappointed to the Oncology Pharmacy Specialty Council for another three year term. This is part of the Board of Pharmaceutical Specialties. For 2018 he will be vice-chair of this committee. He was also named a Fellow of the Oregon Society of Health-System Pharmacists.

**Stephanie (Seaton) Crist ('12, '13)** was selected to the Board of Pharmacy Specialties inaugural Geriatric Specialty Council. Her term begins in January 2018.

**Marie Davies ('14)** took a new position as a Diabetes Medical Science Liaison in Northern California for Sanofi US.

**Christine Eisenhower ('11)** was recently installed as secretary of the Rhode Island Pharmacists Association.

**Shara Elrod ('10)** was promoted to Associate Professor at the University of North Texas (UNT) System College of Pharmacy in September.

**Megan Fleischman ('13)** is now the pulmonary clinic pharmacist with the Froedtert Health System in Milwaukee, Wis.

**Patrick Gleason ('94)** was promoted to Senior Director, Health Outcomes at Prime Therapeutics, a PBM owned by 18 Blue Cross Blue Shield plans and providing PBM services for 20 million Americans.

**Gen Hale ('14)** was promoted to Campus Vice Chair for the Department of Pharmacy Practice at Nova Southeastern University.

**Michele Hebda ('14)** is now associate director of the UPMC Shadyside PGY1 residency program.

**Lucas Hill ('14, '15)** received both the IPPE Preceptor Excellence Award and APPE Preceptor Excellence Award from the University of Texas at Austin College of Pharmacy. He also directs Operation Naloxone, an initiative addressing the opioid crisis through overdose prevention training and supplying resources, and received a \$1 million dollar grant from the Texas Human and Health Services Commission.

**Nicole (Nierste) Jaspersen ('16)** is now Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, Ambulatory care with Community Health Network (Indianapolis, Ind.), and Adjunct Clinical Assistant Professor with Purdue University (co-funded position).

**Kristen Knoph ('16)** finished her PGY2 Pharmacotherapy residency at Mayo Clinic and started a new job as a Clinical Pharmacist at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston, Mass.

**Jay Martello ('09)** was promoted to clinical associate professor at West Virginia University School of Pharmacy in June 2017.

The University of Virginia Health System's Postgraduate Year One Pharmacy Residency program, directed by **Michelle McCarthy ('95)**, was selected as the 2017 ASHP Foundation Residency Excellence Program Award.

**Kyle McCormick ('15)** was inducted as president of Allegheny County Pharmacists Association (ACPA) in July.

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## Professional Updates

**Ian McGrane ('12)** was a Therapeutic Case Report Award Winner at the College of Psychiatric and Neurologic Pharmacists Annual Meeting in Phoenix, Arizona in April 2017.

**Jim Montgomery ('16)** earned his BCACP certification.

**Radhika Polisetty ('07, '08)** was promoted to Associate Professor at Midwestern University Chicago College of Pharmacy. She is still working as an infectious diseases pharmacist at Northwestern Medicine Central DuPage hospital focusing on antimicrobial stewardship.

**Nicholas Schwier ('13, '14)** was promoted to Program Director, PGY-2 Cardiology Pharmacy Residency – University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center, College of Pharmacy

**Mike Shullo ('98)** is leaving Pitt and UPMC at the end of 2017 for a new opportunity to start a transplant program at WVU Medicine as Associate Vice President of Transplant.

**Pam (Havrilla) Smithburger ('08, '09)** was inducted as a Fellow of the American College of Clinical Pharmacy (FCCP) in October 2017.

**Aaron Steffenhagen ('02)** was appointed a member of the Board of Pharmacy Specialists (BPS) Emergency Medicine Pharmacy Practice Analysis Taskforce.

**Robin Thomas ('01)** received a Special Service Citation Award from the University of Oklahoma College of Pharmacy.

**Johanna Thompson ('13)** moved from Oregon to Utah and is now an Advanced Clinical Pharmacist in Geriatrics and Primary Care at Intermountain Healthcare.

**Celeste (Sejnowski) Wise ('13)** received a 2018 Presidential Citation for Outstanding Contributions to the Society of Critical Care Medicine.

### Newly Wed:

**Megan Kloet ('12, '13)** and Robert Baumgartner on April 22, 2017.

**Pam Lyons ('15)** and **Kyle McCormick ('15)** on May 5, 2017.

**Namita Mainthia ('16)** and Pratik Patel on October 7, 2017.

**Sarah Rindfuss ('14, '15)** and Anthony Venditti on April 22, 2017.



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