

# Alumni Newsletter

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## Upcoming Events:

**SAEM Dinner**  
 Friday, June 4

**Class of 2010 Graduation**  
 Wednesday, June 16

**Welcome BBQ**  
 Saturday, June 19

## A Letter from Dr. James Adams

The Northwestern Emergency Medicine training program has recently undergone an exciting leadership transition. Dr. Jamie Collings has been promoted to Executive Director for Innovational Education and Dr. Mike Gisondi will be assuming the role of Residency Director. We are fortunate to have these two nationally recognized educational leaders in our department.



Jamie Collings has served as Residency Director for 9 years. She expanded the program from a class of 7 residents to a class of 12. She redesigned the curriculum, created the modular format, and adjusted the clinical experience to optimize graduated responsibility and learning efficiency. These successes are nationally recognized. Employers, whether academic or community, know they are fortunate to hire a Northwestern residency graduate. It is now time, after this great tenure, for her to take on other major educational chal-

lenges. Given the fast pace of changing educational demands both in graduate training and practicing physician certification, new models of GME and CME are needed. Her skills are needed both locally and nationally to help create new educational models and tools.

Mike Gisondi has built a national reputation as an educational scholar while he served as Associate Residency Director. His skills are both practical and scholarly. His many publications, research grants, and academic lectures have made him nationally visible as a leader in the field. The Seminars and Academic Colleges that he implemented have meaningfully distinguished this program. His commitment to resident well-being shares equal stage with his ambition for the program's distinction. As he looks forward to great things for this next era of the residency, he remains a powerful resident advocate, and is well aware that healthy, happy residents are key to any program's success. It is with great excitement that we welcome Dr. Gisondi to his new role.

Jamie and Mike, along with the Department's other impressive educational leaders not mentioned here, are a powerful force. Northwestern is better for their leadership and it is a pleasure to recognize Jamie and Mike's talents with these new roles.  
 - Dr. James Adams, Chair

## Residency Highlights continued on page 4

- Dr. Amer Aldeen has been appointed Associate Program Director.
- Northwestern EM residents gave a record number of 33 poster and oral presentations at national specialty meetings in 2009 and were involved in 25 publications this academic year
- Northwestern EM swept the 2009 SAEM Midwest Regional Meeting research awards in September: Dr. Rahul Khare (NU I.H.S. Fellow '09) earned best faculty presentation, Dr. Emilie Powell (NU EM '09) best fellow presentation, and Dr. Brian Patterson (FSM '09, NU EM '13) best resident presentation.



**Dr. Manish Asaravala**  
Emergency Medicine Ultrasound Fellowship  
University of California, San Francisco CA

**Dr. Jeremy Branzetti**  
University of Washington, Seattle WA

**Dr. Patrick Coleman**  
Inova Fairfax Hospital, Falls Church VA

**Dr. Cynthia Galvan**  
Norwegian American Hospital, Chicago IL  
Methodist Hospital, Gary IN

## Congratulations Class of 2010!

**Dr. Matthew Kleinmaier**  
Undecided

**Dr. Patrick Lank**  
Research Fellowship  
Master's of Science in Epidemiology and Biostatistics  
Northwestern University, Chicago IL

**Dr. Matthew Lazio**  
Madison Emergency Physicians, Madison WI

**Dr. Katrina Leone**  
Medical Education Fellowship  
Oregon Health Sciences University, Portland OR

**Dr. Dave Lu**  
University of Washington, Seattle WA

**Dr. Danielle McCarthy**  
Health Services Fellowship  
Northwestern Institute for Healthcare Studies, Chicago IL

**Dr. Jon Van Roo**  
Madison Emergency Physicians, Madison WI

**Dr. Steven Zahn**  
Sherman Hospital, Elgin IL

## Welcome Class of 2014!

The residency program continues to draw outstanding applicants from all over the world. Our well-developed curriculum and participation in national specialty events foster high interest. The recruitment process is no easy task for students or programs. Our work proved to be well worth the effort, as the 2009-10 "Match" brought twelve exceptional new physicians to our program. The class of 2014 boasts five AOA members, two physicians with combined degrees, and 6 graduates from Top 25 medical schools.



**Krista Brucker, MD**  
Harvard University



**Lauren Gallagher, MD, MA**  
Loyola University Chicago



**Ben Roth, MD**  
Northwestern University



**Lexie Doré, MD**  
University of Chicago



**Matthew Patton, MD**  
Northwestern University



**Connor Schaye, MD, MPH**  
University of California,  
Davis



**Amy Kiraly, MD**  
University of Connecticut



**Charles Pearce, MD**  
Northwestern University



**Adriana Segura, MD**  
Northwestern University



**Nathan Olson, MD**  
Drexel University



**Evan Pushchak, MD**  
University of Colorado, Denver



**Brian Sellers, MD**  
Loyola University Chicago

Learn more about our incoming interns [here](#).

## Congratulations 2010 Chief Residents



Dr. Andrew Foster



Dr. Erin Quattromani



Dr. Kelly Williamson

## Northwestern Fellowships



**Emilie Powell, MD, MBA**  
Health Services Fellowship, Northwestern  
Institute for Healthcare Studies

**Medical School:** Indiana University School of Medicine/Indiana University Kelley School of Business  
**Residency:** Northwestern University Class of 2009

Dr. Powell's fellowship is a two-year program focused on health services research to improve the quality and safety of health care and enhance healthcare equity. Her research interests include resource allocation and the delivery of quality care in the emergency department, as well as computer simulation and application of operations management concepts in the ED.



**Danielle McCarthy, MD**  
Health Services Fellowship, Northwestern  
Institute for Healthcare Studies

**Medical School:** Northwestern University, The Feinberg School of Medicine  
**Residency:** Northwestern University Class of 2010

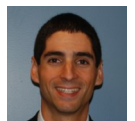
Danielle will serve as a fellow in the Health Services Research Fellowship through the Institute for Healthcare Studies at the Feinberg School of Medicine during the 2010-2012 academic years. The fellowship is funded by a National Research T32 Service Award (NRSA). Her academic interests include optimizing communication with patients, health literacy, and patient safety.



**Patrick Lank, MD**  
Research Fellowship, Master's of Science in  
Epidemiology and Biostatistics

**Medical School:** Albert Einstein College of Medicine of Yeshiva University  
**Residency:** Northwestern University Class of 2010

Patrick will serve as a research fellow this upcoming year while completing a Master's of Science in Epidemiology and Biostatistics at Northwestern University. His interests include medical toxicology and epidemiology. In his free time, he enjoys running, playing tennis, and singing.



**David Salzman, MD**  
Medical Simulation and Immersive Learning  
Fellowship, Northwestern Feinberg School  
of Medicine Center for Simulation  
Technology and Immersive Learning

**Medical School:** Northwestern University, The Feinberg School of Medicine  
**Residency:** Northwestern University Class of 2009

Dr. Salzman's fellowship is a two-year program focused on medical education using high fidelity patient simulation. He will complete a Master's of Education from the University of Cincinnati during his fellowship.

## Methodist Hospital Training Site

In July 2009, we welcomed a new most traumatic injuries in Northwest training site to our program: Methodist Indiana. There are no other residency Hospital in Gary, Indiana. Residents training programs at Methodist, and as spend one month of their second, third, we delineated in our program goals for and fourth years of training in the ED at the year, clinical rotations at Gary are Methodist, located 25 miles from focused and high-yield. Our residents downtown Chicago. The rotations at enjoy the opportunity to learn Gary provide residents an opportunity to emergency medicine in this unique work in a high-volume, inner-city ED community hospital setting. that serves as the receiving hospital for



Dr. Jon Van Roo, PGY 4  
Dr. Geoff Bauer, NU EM '06,  
Methodist Hospital Faculty

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If you are visiting Chicago and are interested in touring the recently renovated Emergency Department or Simulation Center, please contact our Education Assistant, Amy Heuberger, at 312-926-6493 or [Nuemedres@gmail.com](mailto:Nuemedres@gmail.com).

## Residency Highlights continued from page 1

- Matt Lazio (NU EM '10), Jon Van Roo (NU EM '10) and Sanjeev Malik (NU EM '07) won first place in the ICEP Academic Forum research competition.
- Kori Sauser (NU EM '12) was named Co-Principal Investigator for funded Investigator Initiated Grant, "Hypoperfusion in Acute Heart Failure Syndromes: A Pilot Study" at \$20,000
- An experiential, evidence-based medicine curriculum known as "The Knowledge Translation Shift" was designed and implemented by Sara Friedman (NU EM '11), Ben Sayers (NU EM '11), Matt Lazio (NU EM '10) and Mike Gisondi. This curriculum design project has been nominated for several resident research awards.
- An asynchronous learning curriculum has been validated for off-service residents rotating in our ED, continuing to expand learning opportunities in EM for residents from other departments.
- Through the efforts of John Vozenilek (NU EM '00) and David Salzman (NU EM '09), the Simulation and Immersion Learning Center now offers a monthly simulation curriculum to enhance the topics covered in our didactic curriculum.

## Please join us for these upcoming events:

### Teaching Awards Banquet

Wednesday, May 26 2010  
 11 am, following Grand Rounds  
 Room L North, 3rd floor  
 Prentice Women's Hospital  
 250 East Superior Street  
 Chicago, IL 60611

### Class of 2010 Graduation

Wednesday, June 16 2010  
 6:30 pm cocktail reception  
 7:30 pm dinner and presentations

W Chicago Lakeshore  
 644 North Lakeshore Drive  
 Chicago, IL 60611

Please RSVP by June 1  
 (312) 926-6493 or [aheuberg@nmff.org](mailto:aheuberg@nmff.org)  
 \$100

### New Intern BBQ

June 19, 2010  
 1pm - 6pm  
 Home of Dr. Mike Gisondi  
 5118 N. Winchester  
 Chicago, IL 60640

### May Grand Rounds

Wednesday, May 29, 2010  
 Binh Ly, MD  
 Program Director  
 University of California, San Diego  
 "Hot Topics in Toxicology"

### July Grand Rounds

Wednesday, July 14, 2010  
 Derek Robinson, MD, MBA  
 Chief Medical Officer  
 Chicago Regional Office, Center for  
 Medicare and Medicaid Services  
 "Value Based Purchasing and EMTALA"

### August Grand Rounds

Wednesday, August 18, 2010  
 Vicki Noble, MD  
 Massachusetts General Hospital

Grand Rounds will be presented at:  
 Northwestern Memorial Hospital  
 251 East Huron, Feinberg Pavilion  
 Pritzker Auditorium  
 10a-11a



**SAEM Dinner!**

Join us—all are welcome!

Friday, June 4, 7:30pm  
 The Roaring Fork  
 4800 N. Scottsdale Rd., Scottsdale AZ  
 \$50—All are welcome  
 Please RSVP to Jill Craig by June 1  
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