



55 Words from Danielle Jones



Danielle Jones, MD, FACP

As this month's GIM guest editor, I want to not only shout out all of our fantastic faculty achievements in service, scholarship, and education, but also draw your attention to some of the great faculty development opportunities below. Check the Save the Date section and then click the SOM Faculty Development Calendar button for more!

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SGIM, Emory, and SOM Resources

- Check for direct messages on the SGIM All-Member Forum on [GIM Connect](#).
- [Updates on federal government directives impacting Emory](#).
- [Navigating Difficult Times: resources from Emory Faculty Staff Assistance Program](#)
- [Zoom security guidelines and instructions](#)
- [DOM and GIM logos, PowerPoint and poster templates, and email signature blocks](#)

2025 Policy on Spending

As of March 19, 2025, the Division's policy on spending has been updated. Please submit a request before making any purchases. This goes for all SOM operational, discretionary, and professional development spending. This does not include clinical CME or grant spending.

The Expense Request Form can be found here: <https://forms.office.com/3vrxSKDB5uqZ>.

Once the form is submitted, we will communicate the outcome of the review within 48 hours.

If an expense is purchased on a corporate card or submitted for reimbursement without prior approval, we cannot guarantee that it will be covered by the Division.

Please reach out to Jason Freije with any questions.

Virtual Headshot Opportunity

Did you know DOM Communications now offers a quick and easy way to get a new headshot? There is no need to come in person, you can take a photo from work or home! We encourage you to consider a virtual headshot option.

First, review the [photography best practices and tips](#) and take your photos.

Next, submit your photos via the [Qualtrics form](#).

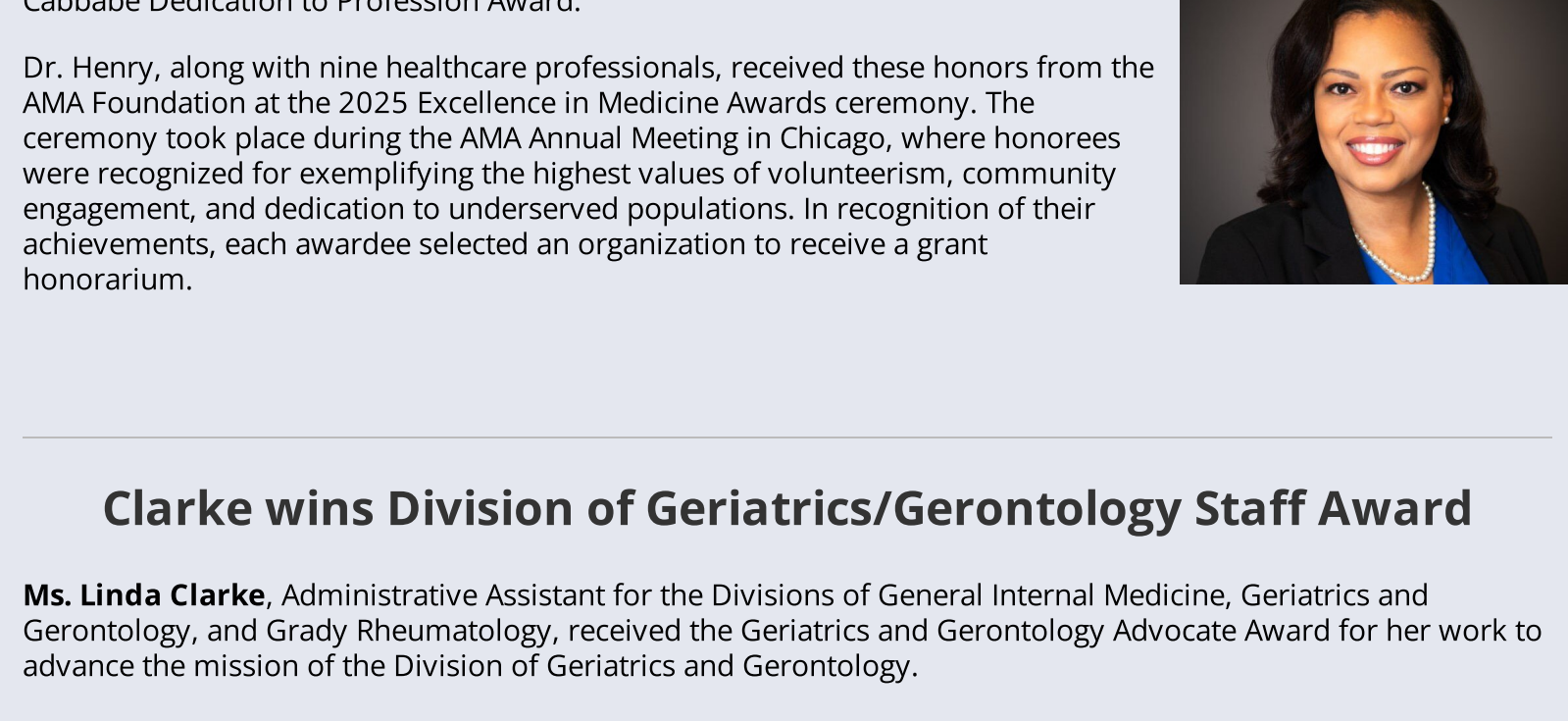
Then, a member of the DOM Communications team will add our standard grey background to your photo, make any slight photo edits you requested, and send it back to you!

Once you've received your new headshot, don't forget to update your [Emory First Faculty Profile!](#)

Save the date! Upcoming Events and Opportunities

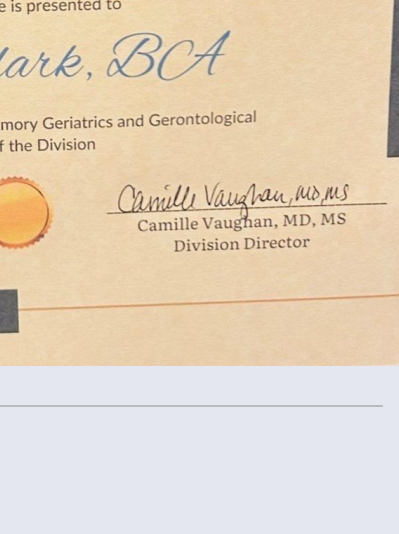
- **Aug. 16, 8 am - 4 pm. Emory's 7th Annual Women's Sports and Wellness Conference.** Virtual and In-Person. The course is designed for healthcare professionals, athletes, coaches, learners, and all who are interested in the important topic of women and girls in sports. [Details and registration](#).
- **Aug. 21, 5:30-7:00 pm: Code and Compassion: Narrative Physician Storytelling.** James B. Williams Education Building. Whether you want to share a story yourself or just support and listen, all Emory faculty physicians are welcome. [Details and registration](#).
- **Aug. 23, 7 a.m.-1:15 p.m. 19th Annual Women and Heart Disease Conference.** Hyatt Regency Villa Christina. CME available. [Details and registration](#).
- **Aug. 26, 4:30-5:30 pm. National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine Forum on Caregiving in STEM.** James B. Williams Medical Education Building, Auditorium 110. We are honored to welcome members of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine (NAEM) to campus for a special public forum highlighting the recent consensus study, *"Transforming the Culture of Caregiving: A National Strategy to Support Health Professions Faculty and Trainees."* The forum will include an overview of the report's national impact and explore key findings and recommendations from the NAEM report, which outlines actionable strategies to better support caregivers in academic medicine—particularly faculty, learners, and trainees who face challenges in balancing professional obligations with caregiving responsibilities. [Logistics](#).
- **Oct. 27-31:** SOM Faculty Recognition.
- **Oct. 30 | 7:30 a.m.–5 p.m. | HSRB & HSRB II Department of Medicine David S. Stephens Research Day.** [Link](#).
- **March 23-27, 2026:** Together We Thrive Week

Emory SOM Faculty Development Calendar



Swails Named DOM VC for Education!

In this role, **Dr. Jennifer Swails** will provide vision and leadership for the education mission of the department, including initiatives for students, residents, fellows, and faculty. In partnership with the chair, DOM education faculty and staff, Undergraduate (UME) and Graduate Medical Education (GME) leadership, and DOM administration, she will promote thriving for learners and educators, develop innovative teaching and assessment, and advocate for educational scholarship within the department.



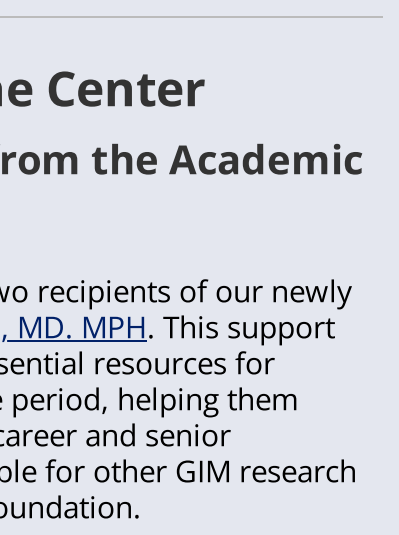
Before Dr. Swails joined the DOM in September 2024, she served as Internal Medicine Residency Program Director (2017–2024) and Associate Program Director (2012–2017) for McGovern Medical School at UTHealth in Houston. In these roles, she integrated assessment, quality improvement, and research efforts for all undergraduate and graduate medical trainees across the department and created the ambulatory curriculum for the medical residents. She also led the department through a successful 10-year ACGME accreditation site visit and designed emergency clinical responses for Hurricane Harvey and COVID-19.

In addition to her work in graduate medical education, Dr. Swails was the Director of Interprofessional Collaboration at UTHealth (2018–2024), where she developed interprofessional simulations integrating over 3,000 student encounters annually, and received a Josiah Macy Jr. Foundation grant to support telehealth-based community engagement education in the Rio Grande Valley. In recognition of these contributions, Swails was named a Distinguished Teaching Professor and the recipient of multiple teaching awards, including the Regent's Outstanding Teaching Award and the Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine Award.

After completing her undergraduate education at Davidson College, Dr. Swails received her medical degree at Weill Cornell Medical College and completed her internal medicine residency at the Brigham and Women's Hospital.

As a national leader in medical education, Dr. Swails currently serves as Treasurer of the Association of Program Directors in Internal Medicine (APDIM), after joining the APDIM Council in 2022. She has contributed to initiatives with the Coalition for Physician Accountability UME-GME Review Committee, Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) Equity Matters, Association of American Medical College (AAMC) Core EPA Pilot, and the Alliance for Academic Internal Medicine. Her scholarly work focuses on holistic review, the UME-GME transition, and interprofessional education, with publications in JAMA, Academic Medicine, and the Journal of General Internal Medicine.

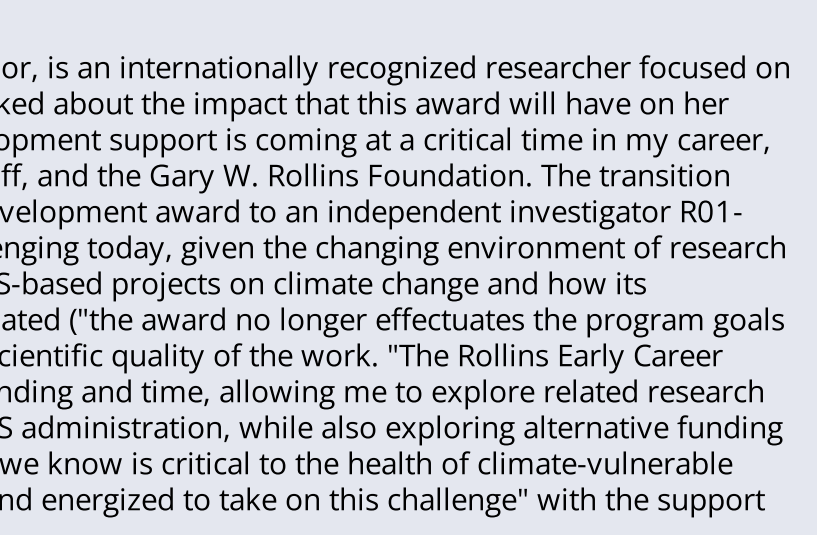
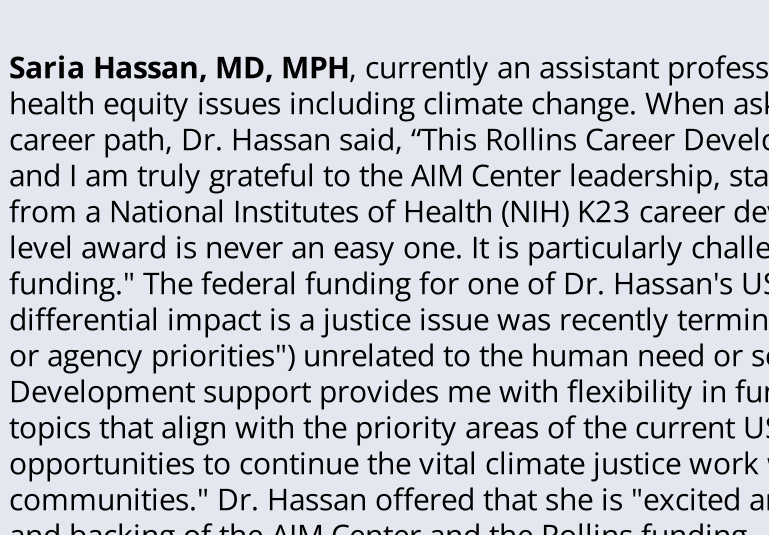
Congratulations to **Tracey Henry, MD MPH** (General Internal Medicine) who was recently honored with one of the American Medical Association's Excellence in Medicine Awards. Dr. Henry specifically received the 2025 Dr. Edmond and Rima Cabbabe Dedication to Medicine Award.



Dr. Henry, along with nine healthcare professionals, received these honors from the AMA Foundation at the 2025 Excellence in Medicine Awards ceremony. The ceremony took place during the AMA Annual Meeting in Chicago, where honorees were recognized for exemplifying the highest values of volunteerism, community engagement, and dedication to underserved populations. In recognition of their achievements, each awardee selected an organization to receive a grant honorarium.

Clarke wins Division of Geriatrics/Gerontology Staff Award

Ms. Linda Clarke, Administrative Assistant for the Divisions of General Internal Medicine, Geriatrics and Gerontology, and Grady Rheumatology, received the Geriatrics and Gerontology Advocate Award for her work to advance the mission of the Division of Geriatrics and Gerontology.



Atlanta Top Docs 2025

Emory physicians across multiple specialties are being recognized for the exceptional patient care they provide in the 2025 "Top Doctors" issue of Atlanta magazine. Physicians within Emory Healthcare, Emory Healthcare Network and medical staff credentialed at Emory hospitals comprise nearly 32% of the list. This year, 392 Emory physicians made the "Top Doctors" list out of 1,232 physicians named in the publication.

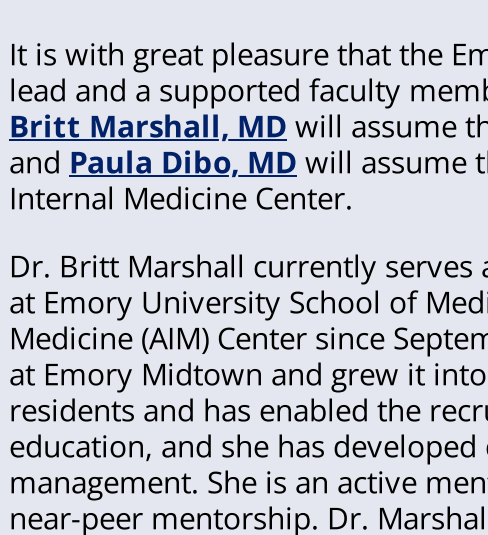
Physicians recognized in this listing are nominated by their peers who they believe are the best in their fields of practice. The nominations are screened, verified and reviewed by Professional Research Services (PRS) firm based in Troy, Michigan. PRS then conducts an online survey of all licensed physicians in the metro Atlanta area, with more than 10,000 votes cast this year. Below are the honorees from the Division of General Internal Medicine.



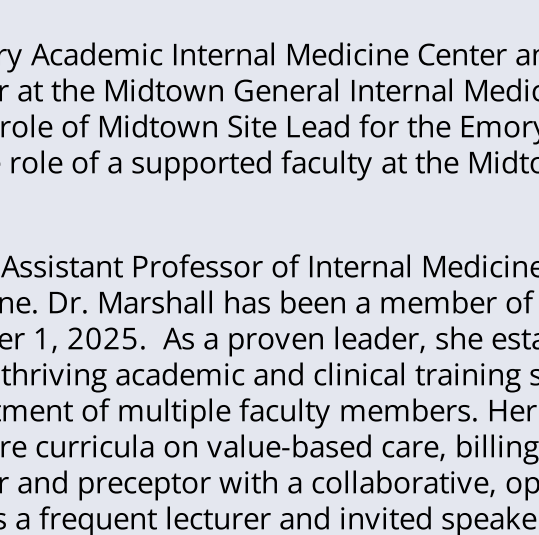
Dr. Britt Marshall

Dr. Dimple Shah

Dr. Christine Stoltz



Dr. Natasha Travis

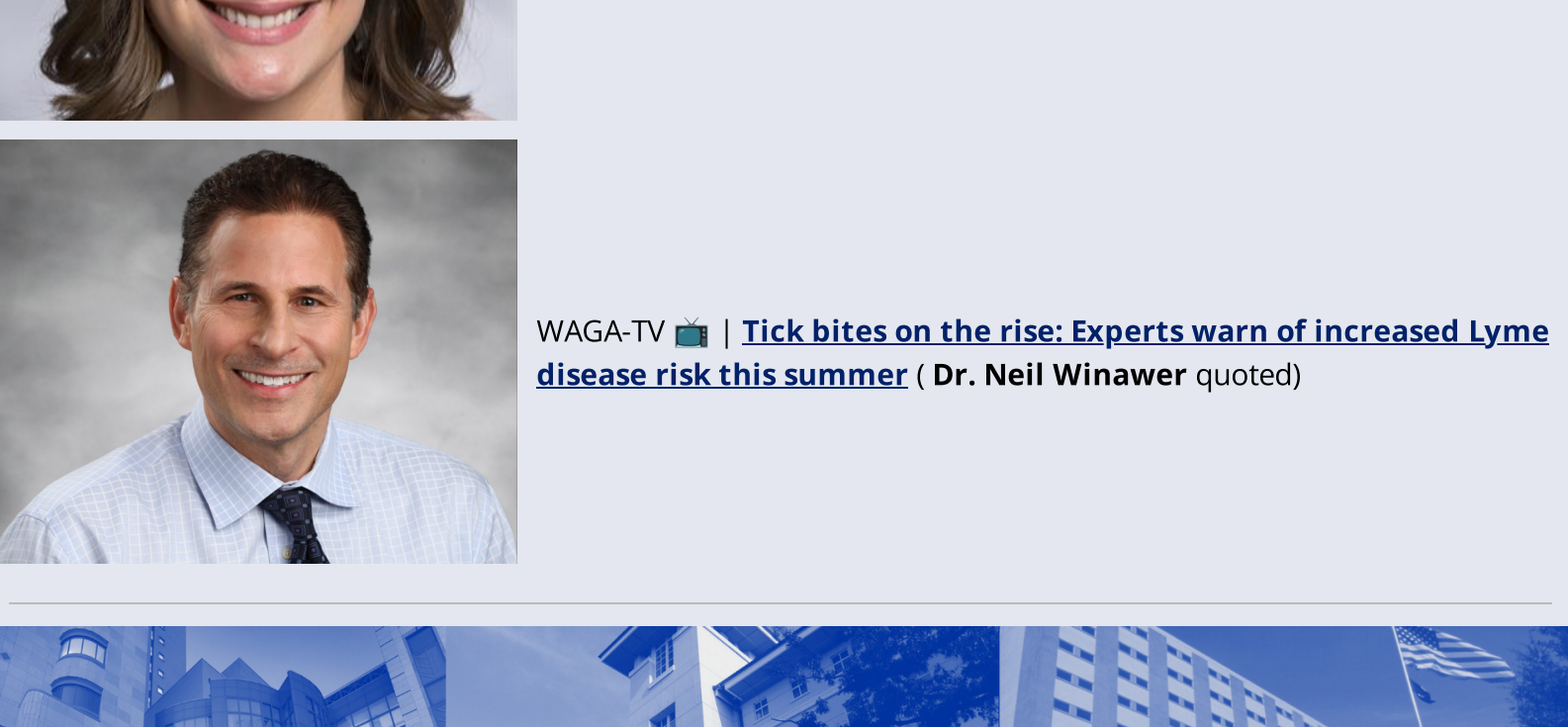


Dr. Dipak Vashi

News from the Academic Internal Medicine Center

Hassan and Turbow receive Career Development Awards from the Academic Internal Medicine Center

The Emory Academic Internal Medicine Center (AIM) is pleased to announce the first two recipients of our newly funded Rollins Career Development awards: **Saria Hassan, MD, MPH** and **Sara Turbow, MD, MPH**. This support program for Emory Division of General Internal Medicine (GIM) faculty will provide essential resources for nationally recognized, early career clinician scientists for a limited but important time period, helping them sustain their work at the critical time of moving from junior mentored faculty to mid-career and senior independent faculty. The Rollins Career Development awards will then become available for other GIM research faculty. Funding for Emory AIM programs has been provided by the Gary W. Rollins Foundation.



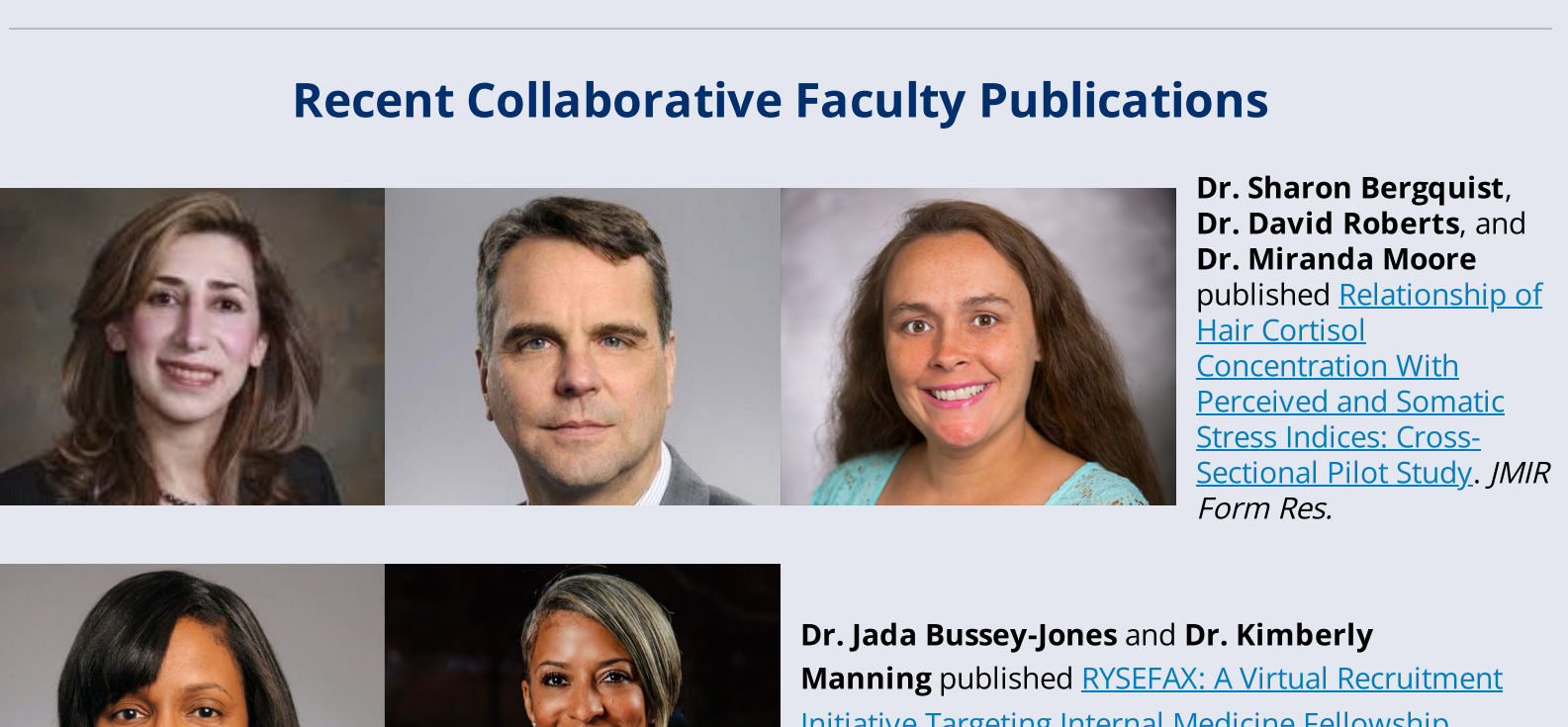
Dr. Saria Hassan

Dr. Sara Turbow

Saria Hassan, MD, MPH, currently an assistant professor, is an internationally recognized researcher focused on health equity issues including climate change. When asked about the impact that this award will have on her career path, Dr. Hassan said, "This Rollins Career Development support is coming at a critical time in my career, and I am truly grateful to the AIM Center leadership, staff, and the Gary W. Rollins Foundation. The transition from a National Institutes of Health (NIH) K23 career development award to an independent investigator R01-level award is never an easy one. It is particularly challenging today, given the changing environment of research funding. The federal funding for one of Dr. Hassan's US-based projects on climate change and how its differential impact is a justice issue was recently terminated ("the award no longer effectuates the program goals or agency priorities") unrelated to the human need or scientific quality of the work. "The Rollins Early Career Development support provides me with flexibility in funding and time, allowing me to explore related research topics that align with the priority areas of the current US administration, while also exploring alternative funding opportunities to continue the vital climate justice work we know is critical to the health of climate-vulnerable communities." Dr. Hassan offered that she is "excited and energized to take on this challenge" with the support and backing of the AIM Center and the Rollins funding.

Sara Turbow, MD, MPH, an associate professor, studies the effect of care fragmentation, specifically when a patient is readmitted to a different hospital than the one from which they were previously discharged. These "fragmented" readmissions are associated with a nearly two-fold increased risk of mortality and happen more often in persons living with dementia. Dr. Turbow also spoke about the hazards related to the transition period from early career support (NIH K-funding) to status as an independent investigator (NIH R-funding) as the perfect time for additional support. She said, "I am incredibly grateful for this opportunity, and it could not have come at a more critical time in my research career. Making the "K-to-R transition" has always been a challenge, and the current uncertainty in the federal funding landscape has increased. This award will provide me with critical support that will allow me to continue my research, compete for grants, and expand collaborations and mentorship over the coming years."

New Roles for Marshall and Dibo at Midtown GIM Clinic



Dr. Britt Marshall

Dr. Paula Dibo

It is with great pleasure that the Emory Academic Internal Medicine Center announces the naming of a new site lead and a supported faculty member at the Midtown General Internal Medicine Clinic. As of September 1, 2025, **Britt Marshall, MD** will assume the role of Midtown Site Lead for the Emory Academic Internal Medicine Center and **Paula Dibo, MD** will assume the role of a supported faculty at the Midtown Site of the Emory Academic Internal Medicine Center.

Dr. Britt Marshall currently serves as Assistant Professor of Internal Medicine and Rollins Distinguished Clinician at Emory University School of Medicine. Dr. Marshall has been a member of the Emory Academic Internal Medicine (AIM) Center since September 1, 2025. As a proven leader, she established the resident continuity clinic at Emory Midtown and grew it into a thriving academic and clinical training site that now supports over 30 residents and has enabled the recruitment of multiple faculty members. Her teaching spans all levels of medical education, and she has developed core curricula on value-based care, billing and coding, and diabetes management. She is an active mentor and preceptor with a collaborative, open-door approach and a passion for near-peer mentorship. Dr. Marshall is a frequent lecturer and invited speaker at national and regional meetings, including SGIM and APDIM. She is also a peer reviewer for JGIM, Journal of Diabetes Science and Technology, and UpToDate. As a collaborative leader and community builder, Dr. Marshall is committed to the mission of the AIM Center in supporting faculty success and promoting academic excellence within general internal medicine.

Paula Dibo, MD is an Assistant Professor of Medicine in the Division of General Internal Medicine at Emory University School of Medicine and a newly graduated Nephrology Fellow who has been with Emory Primary Care since June 2025. Her academic and clinical focus bridges primary care and nephrology, with a mission to improve early identification and management of chronic kidney disease (CKD) in the primary care setting. Dr. Dibo brings a diverse background in both research and clinical practice. She previously served as a primary care physician for a medically underserved rural population in Connecticut, where she gained firsthand insight into the critical role of primary care in disease prevention and chronic disease management. Her experience highlighted significant gaps in early CKD detection, shaping her research agenda and leading to further nephrology training at the University of Alabama at Birmingham. Her research focuses on early-stage CKD, with particular interest in identifying vulnerable populations and utilizing novel biomarkers to predict disease progression. Dr. Dibo is also a dedicated educator and mentor. She has taught and supervised medical students, international medical graduates, and advanced practice providers, and currently mentors junior researchers in the Meta-analysis Academy. She aims to promote innovation, integrated care, and interprofessional education in support of the Academic Internal Medicine (AIM) Center's mission.

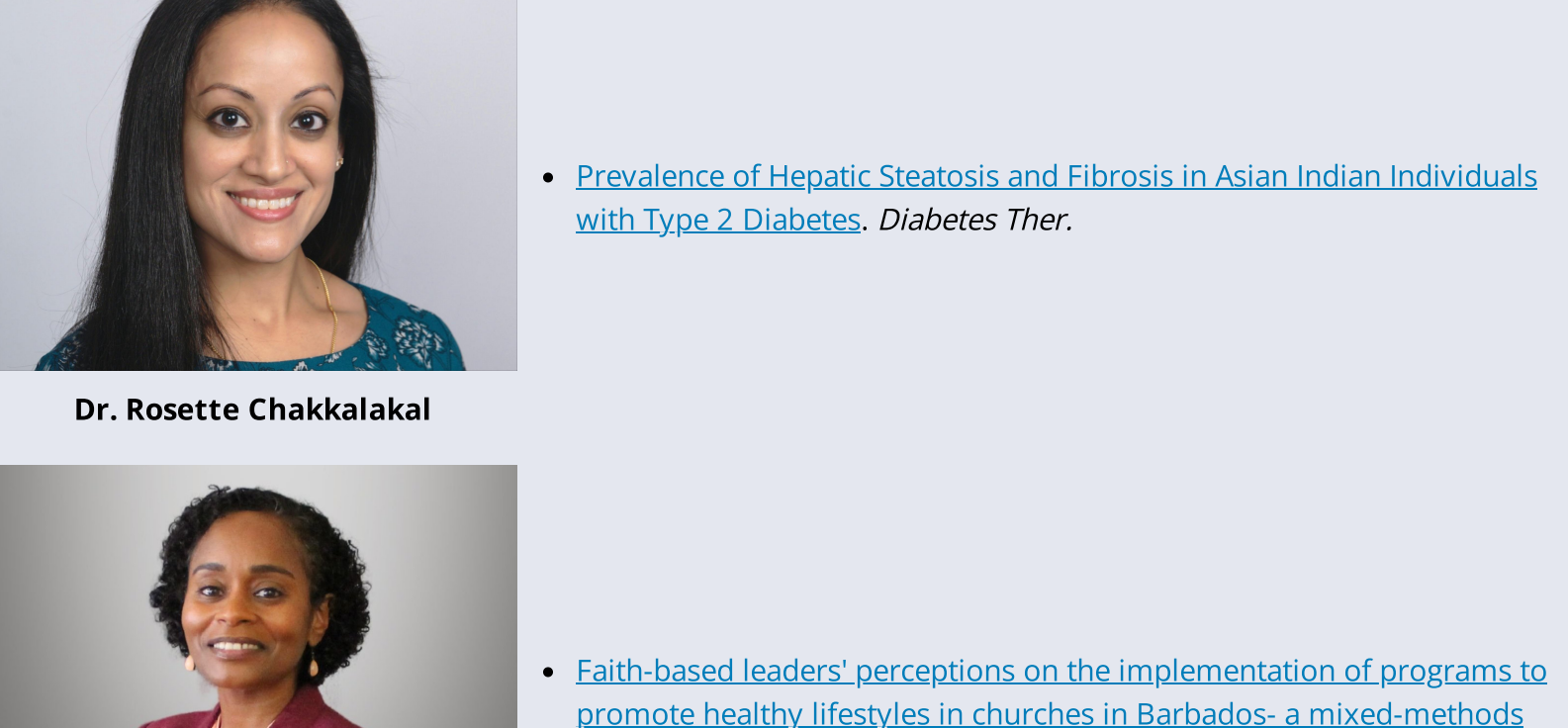
News and Media Appearances



Medscape | [Healthcare access, geography predict HIV in Black women](#) (Dr. Meredith Lora quoted)



WAGA-TV | [Tick bites on the rise: Experts warn of increased Lyme disease risk this summer](#) (Dr. Neil Winawer quoted)



The scholarship corner is a space to share opportunities to help further the scholarship interests of our GIM faculty! If you have any ideas of things to include please [contact Dr. Saria Hassan](#), Associate Vice Chair for Research!

GIM-wide Monthly Research & Scholarship Meeting

The August Meeting is cancelled. Please join us for our next meeting on September 18, 2025.

You can find recordings of the monthly GIM Research & Scholarship meetings on the GIM Intranet, under [Research Resources](#).

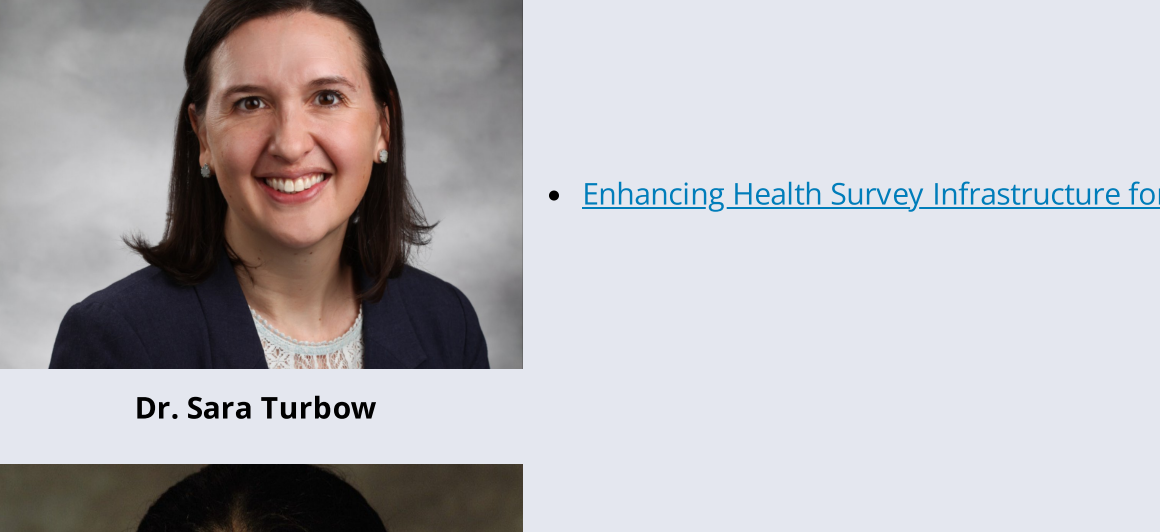
Corporate and Foundation Funding Opportunities

- Review [recording of session March 20th](#) for additional details
- Visit the [Office of Corporate Relations website](#) to visit for listing of opportunities:
- Feel free to reach out to persons from the Office of Corporate and Foundation Relations: OCFR@emory.edu; Hazel Kim (hazel.kim@emory.edu); Sherry Ye (sherryye@emory.edu)
- For development, clinical programs (Grateful Patients), please contact Ashley Michaud (ashleymichaud@emory.edu)

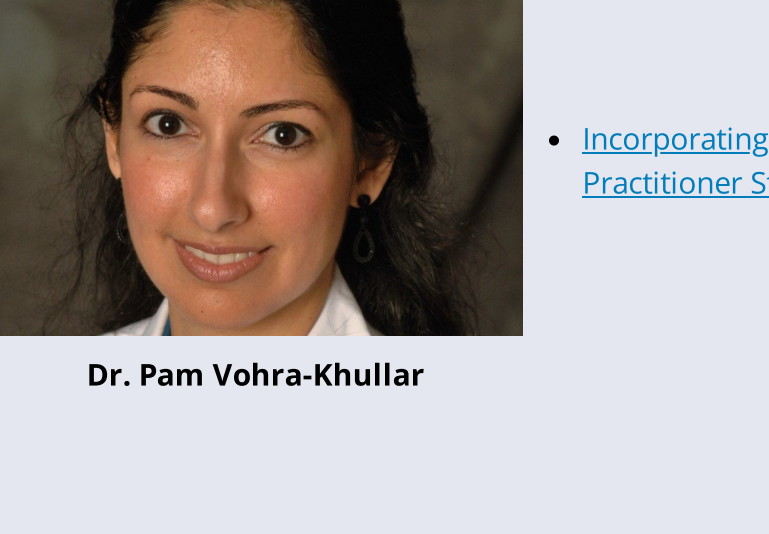
Other research support

Please note that at this time we will not be able to continue our small project funding support or our support of MPH student research assistants. Any opportunities for support that may arise through the AIM Center will be communicated.

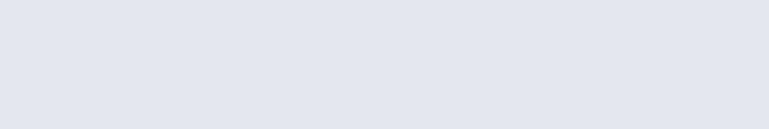
Recent Collaborative Faculty Publications



Dr. Sharon Bergquist, Dr. David Roberts, and Dr. Miranda Moore published [Relationship of Hair Cortisol Concentration With Perceived and Somatic Stress Indices: Cross-Sectional Pilot Study](#), *JMIR Form Res*.



Dr. Jada Bussey-Jones and Dr. Kimberly Manning published [RVSEFA: A Virtual Recruitment Initiative Targeting Internal Medicine Fellowship Applicants Committed to Program Inclusion](#), *J Grad Med Educ*.



Dr. Lauren Gensler and Dr. Nathan Scheiner published [Parachlorobenzene Toxicity: A Case Report and Systematic Review of Existing Literature](#), *J Acad Consult Liaison Psychiatry*.

Dr. Jennifer Lom and Dr. Lesley Miller published [Hepatitis C Testing and Linkage to Care in a safety-net hospital emergency department](#), *Am J Emerg Med*.

Dr. Emily Pinto Taylor and Dr. Maura George published [Highlighting the Importance of Trainee Distress in Palliative Care and Ethics Consultations: A Pain Symptom Manager](#).

Recent Faculty Publications

• [Developing user-friendly ambulatory referrals: a quality improvement study in GI referral services at a large academic safety-net hospital system](#), *BMC Health Serv Res*.

• [Anticoagulation Therapy for Venous Thromboembolism](#), *Med Clin North Am*.

• [Strategies for implementing long-acting cabotegravir for PrEP in US clinics serving Black women: interim health-care provider findings from the EBCNI study](#), *J Int AIDS Soc*.

• [Prevalence of Hepatic Steatosis and Fibrosis in Asian Indian Individuals With Type 2 Diabetes](#), *Diabetes Ther*.

• [Faith-based leaders' perceptions on the implementation of programs to promote healthy lifestyles in churches in Barbados: a mixed-methods analysis](#), *BMC Public Health*.

• [History of Hypercholesterolemia in Adults Older Than 75 years Without a Manifesting Atherosclerotic Cardiovascular Disease: An Expert Clinical Consensus From the National Lipid Association and the American Geriatrics Society](#), *J Am Geriatr Soc*.

• [Promotion Support for Women in Medicine \(PSWIM\) Initiative: An Innovative Approach](#), *Am J Med*.

• [Advancing Women Physicians in Academic Medicine: A Scoping Review](#), *Acad Med*.

• [Beyond the Mirror: Body Dysmorphic Disorder and Emerging Dysmorphias in Aesthetic Surgery](#), *Clin Plast Surg*.

• [The Psychosocial Aspects of Plastic Surgery: Treating the Whole Patient](#), *Clin Plast Surg*.

• [Enhancing Health Survey Infrastructure for Chronic Disease](#), *JAMA*.

• [Incorporating Social Needs Screening in Simulation for Family Nurse Practitioner Students](#), *J Nurs Educ*.