

Tulane University School of Medicine
Family Medicine Department
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LAFP Annual Report AY 2019-20

The 2019-2020 academic year has been one of growth and renewal for the Department of Family and Community Medicine at Tulane University. This has also been a time of challenges, with regard to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Our department has risen to the occasion and has been instrumental in Tulane’s response to the pandemic and offering testing and treatment options to faculty, staff, and the community at large — including many of the area’s first responders. We continue to provide a critical component of the University’s ongoing response efforts to serve our community and to provide a safe learning environment for our students, preceptors, faculty, and staff.

Tulane Family Medicine 2020 Match Results

Tulane matched 20 students into Family Medicine residency programs this year. We are grateful to our preceptors, who practice throughout Louisiana and the region, for their generous contribution in guiding and educating our students. They remain the essence of our Clerkship.

On the table below, please find Louisiana programs in bold. The Family Medicine Match results were as follows:

<u>Students</u>	<u>Match Site</u>	<u>Preceptor/Site</u>
Reina Amiling	AltaMed Health Services, South Gate, CA	Dr. Jim Dimitriades/Gulfport, MS
Sara Anderson	Hennepin County Medical Center, Minneapolis, MN	Dr. Rade Pejic/New Orleans, LA
Casey Babcock	Swedish Medical Center/First Hill, Seattle, WA	Dr. Mike Burnell/Opelousas, LA
Naomi Breckon	John Muir Health, Walnut Creek, CA	Dr. Alana Anthony/Kenner, LA
Timothy “TJ” Brichetto	Eastern Tennessee State University, Johnson City, TN	Dr. John Fraiche/Gonzales, LA
John Callander	Kaiser Permanente, Santa Rosa, CA	Dr. Rade Pejic/New Orleans, LA
Carly Craig	Alaska FM Residency/Providence Health, Anchorage, AK	Dr. Bryn Parker/ Moscow, ID
Kate Hobbs	Navy/Camp Pendleton, San Diego, CA	Dr. Michelle Garrett/New Orleans
Shannon Hogan	Tufts University/Cambridge Health Alliance, Cambridge, MA	Dr. Jody George/Westlake, LA
Stephen Jumper	Tower Health/Drexel University, Philadelphia, PA	Dr. Michael Felton/Church Point, LA
Hannah Lo	Cook County Health and Hospital Systems, Chicago, IL	Dr. Earl Soileau/Lake Charles FM, LA
Celina Mercer	Stanford Healthcare/O’Conner Hospital, San Jose, CA	Dr. Mark Dawson/Rayne, LA
Gabe Miranda	Kaiser Permanente/Orange County, Santa Ana, CA	Dr. Paul Rachal/New Roads, LA
Loren Morabito	University of Nevada, Reno School of Medicine, Reno, NV	Dr. Wei Guo/Metairie, LA
Kellen Na	Dignity Methodist Hospital, Sacramento, CA	Dr. Jim Theis/Marrero, LA
Kristen Robinson	University of Texas/McGovern Medical School, Houston, TX	Dr. Elena Garcia/Conroe, TX

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Jack Schirmer	MacNeal Hospital, Berwyn, IL	Dr. Ed Geno/Tuscaloosa FM, AL
Caitlin Sisson	Altru Health System, Grand Forks, ND	Dr. Jody George/Westlake, LA
Victor Wan	LSU School of Medicine/New Orleans, Kenner, LA	Dr. Jim Dimitriades/Gulfport, MS
Katie Wuebkenberg	The Ohio State Univ./Wexner Med. Center, Columbus, OH	Dr. Marne DeVillier, Sulphur, LA

Medical Student Awards

The **Scott Gregory Kramer M.D. Family Medicine Award** is given annually to the graduating senior with the highest class-rank who is pursuing a career in Family Medicine. This year's award went to Dr. Casey Babcock.

Casey grew up in Seattle, WA, where she will begin her training in Family Medicine at Swedish — First Hill. She went through her third-year rotations with an open mind, worked with Dr. Mike Burnell in Opelousas, and arrived on Family Medicine as the best specialty to serve her community, combining various interests, skills, empathy, longitudinal care, and lifestyle. Casey was an active member of the Family Medicine Interest Group, attending the American Academy of Family Physicians annual Kansas City conference; a participant in the Owl Club; a student curricular advocacy group at Tulane; a program manager in the student-run AcaciaNola HIV-testing clinic; and president of AOA, the medical honor society. Casey enjoys hiking, skiing, cooking, photography, yoga, and family.

The **Tulane/LAFP Family Medicine Excellence Award** is given annually to the graduating senior who is entering a career in Family Medicine and who demonstrates commitment to high quality, patient-oriented, continuity, and preventive care across the spectrum of age, disease, and health. This year, the award went to Dr. Hannah Lo.

Hannah is beginning her Intern year in Chicago's Cook County Health Systems. As the recipient of the Tulane/LAFP Family Medicine Excellence Award, Hannah brings myriad accomplishments, including Family Medicine Interest Group president, LAFP delegate, Tulane student-run clinics patient administrator, researcher, MPH graduate, and Tulane Learning Communities mentor. She completed her clerkship in the Lake Charles Family Medicine training ground, working with, among the many great faculty and residents, Dr. Danette Null, Dr. Brian Harrell, and Dr. Earl Soileau. She completed her Acting Internship in Bogalusa, working with Dr. David Mohr and the generous faculty and residents. Hannah enjoys baking, drinking tea, hiking, her faith, and time with her dog Lou and newlywed husband Dr. Brandon Chang.

Department Leadership and Faculty Changes

Eddie Dennard remains Department chairman, where he continues to oversee all aspects of the Department's clinical, teaching, and research missions.

Rade Pejic remains director of the Department's Family Medicine Clerkship. As director of the Family Medicine Clerkship, Dr. Pejic continues an ongoing multi-year review and update of our teaching curriculum and expansion of our preceptor faculty network, the latter made possible in part by the Ernest G. DeBakey Rural Education Fund.

Clare Hoff continues to serve as director of the Preventive Medicine Residency. She is also responsible for our Department's Community Health elective and directs SAPORO, a practice-based research network formed in 2014. Dr. Hoff is a regular preceptor for our clerkship students.

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Rebekah Byrne continues to teach, directs our Family Medicine Interest Group (FMIG), contributes an Integrative Medicine teaching component to the Clerkship, directs Global Health rotations in primary care for the Medical School, and serves as the faculty director of our student run clinics. This year she also joined the Courses and Curricula Committee. Dr. Byrne additionally organizes, directs, and takes rising T2 medical students on a Summer clinical elective rotation in northern India, where they participate in health screenings and medical referrals for recent immigrants from Tibet. Last Summer, students had the privilege of a live audience with His Holiness the Dalai Lama.

Kiernan Smith continues to incorporate team-based learning into to the clerkship didactics and has presented various posters on the teaching method. He is a regular Clerkship mentor.

Ronald Slipman serves the Clerkship and the Department as our preceptor outreach coordinator and as a preceptor himself. He practices at the Tulane-Lakeside Multispecialty Clinic and at the Tulane Living Well Primary Care Clinic.

David Doukas continues his work as the James A. Knight Chair in Humanities and Ethics and, with Drs. Tzofit Ofengenden and Nathan Stout, has launched the first class of Medical Ethics master's candidates. The trio of teachers presents didactics to each group of Clerkship students.

Bertha Daniels continues her geriatric medicine component within our Clerkship. As we anticipate increasing focus on the medical problems of aging and the elderly in our Clerkship, Dr. Daniels is offering a Medical Ethics in Geriatrics T4 elective, together with Dr. Doukas.

David Wartenberg and Carlie Plessl will be moving on to pursue clinical and teaching opportunities in other states. We will be welcoming Anne Nash, who is moving to New Orleans from Belleville, Illinois, in August 2020 to join our Faculty.

Preventive Medicine Residency Program. The Preventive Medicine Residency Program welcomed two new residents during July 2020 and will see two doctors graduate.

Ernest G. DeBakey Rural Education Fund. We continue to work at expanding the department's preceptor network in rural Louisiana through a generous gift that established the Ernest G. DeBakey Rural Education Fund. This fund assists in paying for housing and Internet access to allow more Tulane medical students to experience the rewards of Primary Care practice in rural communities of the Gulf South. In the coming year, we will be using the third of five annual cycles of enhanced funding to expand our most successful rural sites and to develop infrastructure to permit expansion of SAPORO, which currently has research member sites across south Louisiana from Lake Charles to Bogalusa.

Tulane Medical Home Curriculum Project. In the upcoming year, we will continue to refine our teaching modules in communications skills, quality improvement, the chronic disease model, integrative medicine, and preventative medicine. During the past year, we built on past efforts to integrate Patient-Centered Medical Home principles and interactive and distance learning into all aspects of the Clerkship teaching. We anticipate adding a module devoted to geriatric medicine as well.

Third-Year Clerkship and Electives. In the 2019-2020 academic school year, the Clerkship has continued its revised curriculum with an emphasis on hands-on and interactive learning formats. We will continue with the Patient-Centered Medical Home as the organizing principle of the curriculum, emphasizing skill sets that prepare students to function optimally in the Primary Care clinic of the future. We continue to coordinate global health electives and have re-invigorated our hospice and rural Montana opportunities. We continue our aforementioned, faculty-supervised international elective in northern India to provide health assessments for Tibetan refugees.

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Our Department and School owe a special debt of gratitude to our Family Medicine preceptors in communities throughout Louisiana and coastal Mississippi and Alabama. In addition, we owe a special debt of gratitude to our affiliated residencies – the Baton Rouge General Family Medicine Residency and the East Jefferson General Hospital Family Medicine Residency – for their help in many aspects of our teaching mission in the Medical School.

This academic year, we are paying special attention the COVID-19 virus in relation to clinical protocol, developments, and healthcare disparities, and we are also focusing teaching, discussion, and ongoing dialogue on the Black Lives Matter movement and related prejudices in healthcare.

Faculty, fellows and residents have donated both time and energy to assist in interactive teaching in the musculoskeletal examination, knot-tying and suturing workshop and communications seminar. They have also assisted in our Career Day activities and FMIG Residency Match Panel with students interested in matching in Family Medicine residencies.

Owl Club Awards. Owl Club is the student-run organization that evaluates medical school courses, faculty, and staff based on student feedback from the Clerkship and teaching throughout the four-year curriculum of the School of Medicine. At this year's award ceremony, the Department received the following awards:

- Best Family Medicine Preceptor Award: Dr. Rade Pejic (New Orleans)
- Best Clerkship Coordinator: Adam Peltz
- Nominated for Best Family Medicine Preceptor:
 - o Dr. Kiernan Smith (New Orleans),
 - o Dr. Michael Felton (Church Point and Broussard),
 - o Dr. Linda Stewart (Baton Rouge), Dr. Mark Dawson (Rayne),
 - o Dr. Jose Veras-Pola (Metairie), Dr. Steve Vidrine (Ville Platte),
 - o Dr. Carolina Urbizo (New Orleans),
 - o Dr. Vu Mai (Marrero and New Orleans), and
 - o Dr. Jim Dimitriades (Gulfport, MS)

**Respectfully Submitted,
Edwin W. Dennard, MD**