

2018-2019 BASCE Fellow Bios

Eloho Ejiro Fidelia Akpovi, BS

After graduating from MIT in 2014 with a B.S. in Brain and Cognitive Sciences, Eloho served as a Community HealthCorps member (AmeriCorps) at the Southern Jamaica Plain Health Center in Boston. She then went on to pursue her M.S. in Medical Sciences at Boston University School of Medicine. Through various research OB/GYN projects at Boston Medical Center, she researched anal cancer prevention in the HIV+ population and examined the use of participatory-action research to improve prenatal care delivery with both low-SES pregnant women and pregnant women with

substance use disorder. Eloho's passions include advocating for health equity, racial justice, and the appreciation of intersectionality through education, research, policy change, and practice. Born in Nigeria but raised in Boston, she enjoys visual arts and fashion design, listening to audiobooks, singing, and binge watching shows on Netflix, and she is a connoisseur of Afro-Caribbean and West African food.



Saurabh Agarwal, MD

Saurabh Agarwal, MD is a Cardiothoracic Radiologist at Rhode Island Medical Imaging and Assistant Professor of Diagnostic Imaging at Warren Alpert Medical School. He completed his training at Massachusetts General Hospital. He is on Executive Council and Chairs the Awards Committee for the national Society of Thoracic Radiology as well as holds committee positions in the Radiological Society of North America, American College of Radiology, American Roentgen Ray Society, and American Board of Radiology. He is also the current treasurer of the Rhode Island Radiologic Society. He serves as the medical director for the 3D Advanced Imaging Laboratory at Rhode Island and Miriam Hospital and as the Diversity Officer for the Department of Diagnostic

Imaging. He is deeply involved with the Brown Radiology Residency serving on the Residency Selection Committee, Clinical Competency Committee, Education Committee, and was awarded the Faculty Teacher of the Year Award by the Brown Radiology Residents and a teaching grant through the American Roentgen Ray Society. He lectures at several national conferences yearly, teaches several medical school courses, and is involved with several research projects in both Thoracic and Cardiac Imaging.

Pranav Aurora, BA

Pranav Aurora is the son of Indian immigrants, born and raised in the Virginian suburbs of Washington, DC. Pranav is now a third year medical student in the Primary Care-Population Medicine program at Alpert Medical School. He focuses his energy on volunteering at the student-run free clinic Clínica Esperanza, supporting asylum evaluations with the Brown Human Rights Asylum Clinic, and resisting housing injustices with the Rhode Island Medical Navigator Partnership. He has also co-facilitated the first year community orientation experience, student electives *Health & Structures of Oppression* and *Health & Housing*, and the development of a bilingual certification program for medical students. Pranav strives for justice work to anchor his identity and practice as a future physician and aspires to be a medical educator grounded in critical pedagogy and structural competency. You can also find him trying new food around Providence, running along the Bike Path, and continuing to cultivate his South Asian roots.



Leticia Dwomor, MD

Born in Kumasi, Ghana, Leticia moved with her family to the Bronx, NY at 9 years of age. In the Bronx, Leticia was quickly introduced to the melting pot that is America and learned to appreciate the multiculturalism of her neighbors and the open mindedness that one gains from living side by side with people of all cultures. From the Bronx, Leticia moved to Concord, New Hampshire for boarding school. From Concord, Leticia attended Yale University in New Haven, CT for undergraduate where she studied Psychology and Neuroscience while on the pre-med track. At Yale, she pursued her passions of mentorship of young women in the New Haven community and basic science research. It is here that she discovered her love of science and service and she decided to pursue both passions by going to medical school to become a doctor. After taking a year off after college, during which time she continued to do research in her undergraduate lab, Leticia moved to Pittsburgh, PA for medical school. She graduated medical school in May of 2018 and is now in her first year of residency as an OB-GYN at Women and Infants Hospital in Providence, RI. Leticia plans to remain in academic medicine to help train the next generation of physicians. She also plans to practice OB-GYN in a global setting.



Chelsea Graham, DO

Chelsea Graham is a recent graduate of the Brown Family Medicine Residency. She is currently a Global Health Fellow and practices family medicine with a focus on transgender care at Thundermist Health Center. She is also a clinical instructor for family medicine at Brown and at Kent. In addition, she has interests in teaching and family planning in Mexico where she will be doing her fieldwork this year. She is a bilingual provider and volunteers at Clinica Esperanza. She is excited to learn more about racial justice and put this into practice in the clinical and residency setting.

Sabina Holland, MD

Sabina Holland is a proud graduate of Xavier University of Louisiana. She earned her medical degree Louisiana State University School of Medicine in Shreveport, Louisiana. She completed her pediatric residency at the University of Florida Pediatric Residency Program at Orlando Health where she was selected to serve as the Chief Resident. After residency, she moved her family to Rhode Island where she completed a fellowship in Pediatric Infectious Diseases at Brown University/Hasbro Children's Hospital. Following her fellowship, Sabina joined the faculty where she serves as the Medical Director of the Pediatric HIV Clinic, the Associate Program Director for the Pediatric Infectious Diseases Fellowship Program, and the Diversity Officer for the Department of Pediatrics. Her research interests include improving the transition from pediatric to adult care for HIV-infected adolescents and young adults and developing innovative ways to increase diversity in medicine by creating an inclusive working environment.



Anais Ovalle, MD

Anais Ovalle obtained her MD at Universidad Iberoamerica in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. She completed her Internal Medicine Residency at Memorial Hospital of Rhode Island and is currently Chief Resident at Kent Hospital. Throughout medical school Anais worked with youth addressing safe sex practices. During residency, she was an active member in community health outreach programs across Pawtucket and Central Falls area. She is passionate about understanding and resolving healthcare disparities, with her current focus on the Latinx population.



Daniella Palermo, MD

Daniella Palermo, M.D. is a psychiatrist with Lifespan Physician Group Psychiatry and Behavioral Health, working on both the Rhode Island Hospital inpatient unit as well as the Young Adult Behavioral Health Program. She is the Curriculum Assistant Director for the Adult Psychiatry Residency Program at The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University. She completed her adult psychiatry residency at Brown University, where she served as chief resident and was the recipient of the Martin B. Keller Award for Outstanding Resident. She has a history, personally and professionally, of advocating for underrepresented communities and young adults as it relates to socioeconomic and cultural barriers to accessing mental health care. Dr. Palermo is also an appointed member of the Rhode Island Commission for Health Advocacy and Equity, which informs statewide policy to address health disparities.



Rebecca (Becca) Raymond-Kolker, BA

Becca is a second year medical student at Alpert Medical School. Becca graduated from Smith College in 2013 with a major in Latin American Studies. After college, Becca worked as a case manager in a supportive housing program, where she supported clients diagnosed with severe mental illness and HIV/AIDS. From her undergraduate and post-college experiences, Becca brings a particular interest in social justice, trauma and mental health, and integrative approaches to wellness to her work in medical school. Becca is one of the 2018 co-leaders of Spectrum, is a part of the Medical Humanities Scholarly Concentration, volunteers at the Adolescent Medicine Gender and Sexuality Clinic at Hasbro, and practices yoga and bakes bread in her free time.