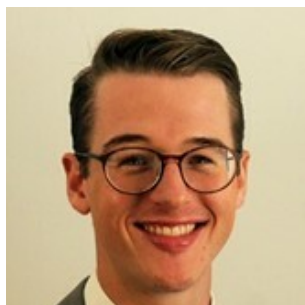


First Year Pulmonary and Critical Care Fellows



Brian Dougherty, MD

Hometown: Huntington, NY

Medical school: SUNY Upstate Medical University

Residency: Brown University/Rhode Island Hospital , Internal Medicine

Clinical and/or research interests: Respiratory failure, mechanical ventilation, sepsis, infections in the ICU, intersection of critical care medicine and palliative care

Favorite aspect of fellowship at NYU: First, I would say my co-fellows; they are smart, driven, enormously supportive/collaborative, and fun to work with. Second, I would say the breadth of pathologies/cases that we see across our four clinical sites, which is probably unparalleled.

Favorite thing about living in NYC: There is always something new and interesting to do or explore

Hobbies and interests outside of work: I enjoy distance running, reading, and spending time outdoors. My partner and I also enjoy hiking and gardening together



Thomas Fox III, MD

Hometown: Birmingham, AL

Medical school: Tulane University School of Medicine

Residency: Louisiana State University, combined Emergency Medicine and Internal Medicine; Chief Resident

Clinical and/or research interests: Point of care ultrasound, medical imaging

Favorite aspect of fellowship at NYU: My co-fellows!

Favorite thing about living in NYC: The food, arts, and culture scene here are unmatched.

Hobbies and interests outside of work: Traveling, reading, running



Mouaz Haj-Bakri, MD

Hometown: Lattakia, Syria

Medical school: University of Damascus Faculty of Medicine

Residency: MedStar Washington Hospital Center, Internal Medicine

Clinical and/or research interests: Pulmonary hypertension, ILD, ECMO

Favorite aspect of fellowship at NYU: The diversity. We rotate through 4 different hospitals, introducing us to different patient populations, systems, and practices. This provides a uniquely holistic experience that teaches me more and keeps my options for my future career open.

Favorite thing about living in NYC: I was walking to work the other day thinking, "I want to travel the world," and then immediately came to the realization that I already live in one of the main destinations of any travel enthusiast. I have lived here for only a few months but have already been to 2 concerts and 2 Broadway shows!

Hobbies and interests outside of work: Watching, discussing, and blogging about movies. I also enjoy reading fiction and



James Mattson, MD

Hometown: West Islip, NY

Medical school: SUNY Upstate Medical University

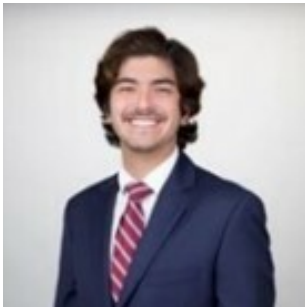
Residency: Stony Brook University Hospital, Internal Medicine; Chief Resident

Clinical and/or research interests: Ultrasound, pulmonary hypertension, tuberculosis, sarcoidosis

Favorite aspect of fellowship at NYU: Breadth of exposure to pathophysiology, both common and rare, and being able to provide tailored care through the subspecialty services offered within the division. The opportunity to work with a diverse patient population across NYU's clinical sites has been an impactful part of training.

Favorite thing about living in NYC: The city's walking culture, museums, restaurants

Hobbies and interests outside of work: Cycling, video games, board games, trying new restaurants, motor sports



David Morales, MD

Hometown: Smithtown, NY

Medical school: Albany Medical College

Residency: NYU, Internal medicine; Chief Resident

Clinical and/or research interests: Pulmonary hypertension, health disparities, simulation

Favorite aspect of fellowship at NYU: The ability to provide world-class care to undocumented/uninsured patients at Bellevue. I cannot begin to emphasize enough how liberating it is to know you can provide patients with the full standard of care (and often far beyond it) regardless of their insurance/immigration status or their ability to pay. It is an immensely rewarding patient population to work with and one I am grateful to have the privilege of caring for.

Favorite thing about living in NYC: Never having to drive again, access to food from all over the world, and being part of an expansive queer community

Hobbies/Interests outside of work: Coordinating impromptu food tours in Jackson Heights, being a certified sommelier,



Sonali Rodrigues, MD

Hometown: Shelton, CT

Medical school: University of Connecticut

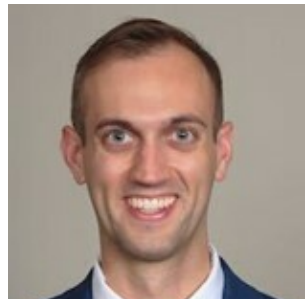
Residency: University of Connecticut, Internal Medicine

Clinical and/or research interests: ILD, critical care

Favorite aspect of fellowship at NYU: My co-fellows!

Favorite thing about living in NYC: The food, living near family, and running along the East River

Hobbies and interests outside of work: Ice cream, soccer, running, breweries



Christopher Walker, DO

Hometown: Rochester, NY

Medical school: Campbell University School of Osteopathic Medicine

Residency: George Washington University, Internal Medicine

Clinical and/or research interests: Air pollution, environmental health, chronic respiratory failure

Favorite aspect of fellowship at NYU: Huge emphasis on education! Faculty actively teach and are proactive about mentorship. Everything is coordinated and supported to be the best educational and clinical environment possible.

Favorite thing about living in NYC: There is so much good food and so many fun events to go to! I love that I can go see world-class sports, Broadway shows, or anything you can imagine on any day.

Hobbies and interests outside of work: collect vinyl records and go to lots of concerts. I also love watching baseball.



Max Yang, MD

Hometown: New York, NY and Taipei, Taiwan

Medical school: University of Cincinnati College of Medicine

Residency: University of Southern California/Los Angeles General Medical Center, Internal Medicine

Clinical and/or research interests: Quality improvement in the ICU, medical education

Favorite aspect of fellowship at NYU: Being able to work closely with incredibly talented and esteemed physicians; experiencing a broad range of hospital systems, patients, and styles of medicine between our 4 rotational sites.

Favorite things about living in NYC: Living in a city where friends from across the US frequently visit, and the sheer density and accessibility of places to go and things to do while being free from the constraints of car ownership!

Hobbies and interests outside of work: Golfing, classical piano, wine and sake tasting

Second Year Pulmonary and Critical Care



Steven Astafiev, MD

Hometown: Demarest, NJ

Medical school: Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University

Residency: Yale New Haven Hospital, Internal Medicine

Clinical and/or research interests: Chronic respiratory failure, medical education, simulation

Favorite aspect of fellowship at NYU: The clinical training here is excellent. This is one of the few east coast programs where you really do everything: intubations, pulmonary hypertension, lung transplant, ECMO, EBUS, chronic respiratory failure education, and fascinating pulmonary cases from all over the world.

Favorite thing about living in NYC: Central Park, and access to just about anything you could want. **Hobbies and interests outside of work:** Playing guitar, jogging, skateboarding, video games



Nicolas Gordon, MD

Hometown: Hope, NJ

Medical school: Thomas Jefferson University School of Medicine

Residency: Thomas Jefferson University, Internal Medicine

Clinical and/or research interests: Big data analytics, machine learning

Favorite aspect of fellowship at NYU: My colleagues

Favorite thing about living in NYC: I live in Jersey City, NJ!

Hobbies and interests outside of work: Chess, my beloved New York Yankees, and spending time with my wife and kids



Jeremy Grossman, MD

Hometown: Southern California

Medical school: Tel Aviv University Faculty of Medicine

Residency: Stony Brook University Hospital, Internal Medicine and Pediatrics; Chief Resident

Clinical and/or research interests: Critical care ultrasound, mechanical support; current research project is looking at airway biomarkers associated with coagulopathies in VV-ECMO patients

Favorite aspect of fellowship at NYU: The incredibly intelligent and kind faculty who are some of the top in their field

Favorite thing about living in NYC: Amazing food and activities

Hobbies and interests outside of work: Exploring the city with my fiancée and dog



Paris Hantzidiamantis, MD

Hometown: Bayport, NY

Medical school: SUNY Upstate Medical University

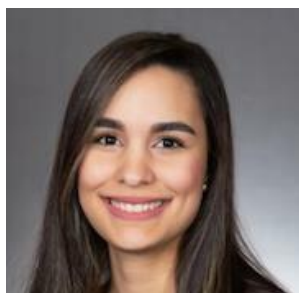
Residency: New York Presbyterian Hospital/Columbia, Internal Medicine

Clinical and/or research interests: Pulmonary hypertension

Favorite aspect of fellowship at NYU: Exposure to diverse fields of pulmonary medicine (pulmonary hypertension, tuberculosis, lung transplant, ECMO) across different hospital settings; talented and awesome co-fellows and faculty

Favorite thing about living in NYC: Food, diversity of people and interests

Hobbies and interests outside of work: Film photography, writing, exploring the city, scuba diving when in warmer climates



Yasmin Herrera, MD

Hometown: Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic
Medical school: Instituto Tecnológico de Santo Domingo
Residency: Mt. Sinai Morningside and West, Internal Medicine
Clinical and/or research interests: Lung transplantation, advanced lung disease
Favorite aspect of fellowship at NYU: Diverse patient population, robust academic curriculum
Favorite thing about living in NYC: Exploring the endless array of restaurants and coffee shops
Hobbies and interests outside of work: Pilates



Keshav Mangalick, MD

Hometown: Shoreview, Minnesota
Medical school: NYU Grossman School of Medicine
Residency: NYU, Internal Medicine
Clinical and/or research interests: Everything! But trying to gain additional clinical expertise and research experience in bronchiectasis and chronic respiratory failure.
Favorite aspect of fellowship at NYU: The diversity of patients, settings, and attendings.
Favorite thing about living in NYC: Food! There are always new things to try and new places to see.
Hobbies/interests outside of work: Running, dance, travel, cooking



Dustin Slagle, MD

Hometown: Denver, CO
Medical school: Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine
Residency: Christiana Care, Internal Medicine and Emergency Medicine
Clinical and/or research interests: Pulmonary embolism, POCUS
Favorite aspect of fellowship at NYU: Bellevue Hospital, a 300-year-old historic hospital with amazing patients and high-level care at a public hospital – but Tisch is great, too!
Favorite thing about living in NYC: Endless restaurants, art museums, and reading on the subway on my way to work
Hobbies and interests outside of work: Home barista stuff, photography, vinyl records, and spending time with my wife and cat



Osato Ukponmwan, MD, JD

Hometown: Westchester, NY
Law school: St. John's University School of Law
Medical school: St. George's University School of Medicine
Residency: SUNY Downstate, Internal Medicine
Clinical and/or research interests: Obstructive airway diseases, public health
Favorite aspect of fellowship at NYU: Interesting cases
Favorite thing about living in NYC: There is always something to do, whether it's the theatre, major sporting events, live music, free concerts, plethora of food options, well maintained parks, world class art museums
Hobbies and interests outside of work: Walking my dog



Craig Yugawa, MD

Hometown: Kaneohe, HI

Medical school: Washington University School of Medicine

Residency: San Antonio Uniformed Services Health Education Consortium, Internal Medicine

Clinical and/or research interests: Medical education, healthcare disparities, and clinical ethics in critical care

Favorite aspect of fellowship at NYU: Though I love the broad range of clinical experiences available at NYU, my favorite part of the fellowship is the collegial and collaborative nature of the department. I love that everyone here is on a first name basis and hope to find a culture like this wherever I may work.

Favorite thing about living in NYC: There is always a sports event, Broadway show, or museum to visit any day of the week. I also love being able to travel nearly anywhere in the world. **Hobbies and interests outside of work:** Anything having to do with the intersection of sports, history, and culture.

Third Year Pulmonary and Critical Care Fellows



Alexander Bain, MD

Hometown: Cleveland, OH

Medical school: University of Pennsylvania

Residency: New York Presbyterian Hospital/Weill Cornell, Internal Medicine

Clinical and/or research interests: Critical care, respiratory failure, environmental health

Favorite aspect of fellowship at NYU: The diverse patient population

Favorite thing about living in NYC: Taking the ferry to work, finding new restaurants on the 7 train

Hobbies and interests outside of work: Exploring new neighborhoods on my bike, hiking



Hon Chau, MD

Hometown: Originally from Hong Kong, but grew up in Chinatown in NYC

Medical school: NYU Grossman School of Medicine

Residency: NYU, Internal Medicine

Clinical and/or research interests: Primarily critical care and inpatient pulmonary medicine; post-cardiac arrest care

Favorite aspect of fellowship at NYU: The clinical experience at three locations (VA, Bellevue, Tisch) really runs the whole gamut of clinical experiences you can possibly imagine, preparing you for any situation in the future

Favorite thing about living in NYC: The food

Hobbies and interests outside of work: Servant to twin destructive toddlers, leaving me little time for hobbies outside of work! But I once enjoyed sleeping, traveling, personal finance, lawn care/gardening, building mechanical keyboards, and the occasional scotch tasting.



Hope Miodownik, MD

Hometown: West Hempstead, NY

Medical school: Albert Einstein College of Medicine

Residency: Mt. Sinai Hospital, Internal Medicine

Clinical and/or research interests: ECMO, VTE, sepsis

Favorite aspect of fellowship at NYU: The collegial and collaborative environment makes NYU an amazing place to train. My co-fellows have become my family and we genuinely appreciate and enjoy our time together.

Favorite things about living in NYC: NYC is rich in culture, arts, cuisine, and sports. There is truly something for everyone here. I especially love that it is such a dog friendly city!

Hobbies and interests outside of work: I love taking my dogs on long walks along the river or Central Park, playing and watching basketball, and finding lottery tickets to new Broadway shows



Brian Reuland, MD

Hometown: Rochester, MN

Medical school: Columbia University Vagelos College of Physicians and Surgeons

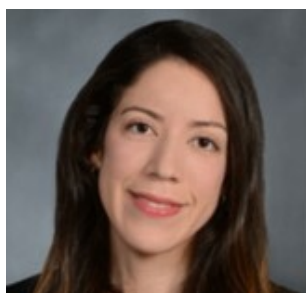
Residency: New York Presbyterian Hospital/Columbia, Internal Medicine

Clinical and/or research interests: Medical education, simulation, ECMO, POCUS, procedural training/education, general pulmonology

Favorite aspect of fellowship at NYU: Clinical and procedural training at the different sites, amazing diversity of pathology and patients, incredible mentors for careers in medical education

Favorite thing about living in NYC: Amazing food, music, and theater; Central Park

Hobbies and interests outside of work: Hoping the Vikings win the Super Bowl, running, golf, playing saxophone, hanging out with my wife and cat



Elizabeth Sanchez, MD

Hometown: Port St. Lucie, FL

Medical school: Universidad Nacional de Colombia Facultad de Medicina

Residency: New York Presbyterian Hospital/Weill Cornell, Internal Medicine

Clinical and/or research interests: Sleep apnea, lung microbiome

Favorite aspect of fellowship at NYU: Broad clinical experience, diverse patient population

Favorite thing about living in NYC: Amazing cultural diversity and the best food!

Hobbies and interests outside of work: Reading, baking, hanging out with my dog



Vanessa Soetanto, MD

Hometown: Jakarta, Indonesia

Medical school: Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth

Residency: Rutgers New Jersey Medical School, Internal Medicine and Pediatrics

Clinical and/or research interests: Tuberculosis, POCUS, medical education

Favorite aspect of fellowship at NYU: The opportunity to learn from experts in many different fields and the amount of education we get from conferences throughout the year. Also, the ability to train at many different types of institutions, especially Bellevue Hospital!

Favorite thing about living in NYC: Incredible food, being close to my family, being able to bike anywhere you need to go (or taking public transportation)

Hobbies and interests outside of work: Hiking, running, traveling

Chief Fellows



Robert Flowers, MD

Hometown: Ridgeland, MS

Medical school: Tulane University School of Medicine

Residency: University of Miami, Internal Medicine

Clinical and/or research interests: Mycobacterial lung disease, humanism in critical care medicine

Favorite aspect of fellowship at NYU: My favorite thing about NYU is the people – both the exceptional faculty and the diverse patient population. We have the privilege of caring for a truly global community, and with the resources and support of NYU, we're able to deliver care across our affiliated hospitals to those who need it most.

Favorite thing about living in NYC: Walking and eating pizza

Hobbies and interests outside of work: Tennis, reading fiction, doting on my 17-year-old cat



Alexandria Imperato, MD

Hometown: Fresh Meadows, Queens, NY

Medical school: Renaissance School of Medicine at Stony Brook University

Residency: NYU, Internal Medicine; Chief Resident

Clinical and/or research interests: Chest infections (including tuberculosis and non-tuberculosis mycobacteria)

Favorite aspect of fellowship at NYU: Opportunities to provide care for some of the most vulnerable people in the healthcare system, and the ability to learn and train with like-minded colleagues dedicated to providing excellent, high-quality care for all

Favorite thing about living in NYC: As a lifelong New Yorker, I appreciate and am grateful for the dynamic, unique, inclusive, and diverse community I live in.

Hobbies and interests outside of work: Reading, baking, crossword puzzles, going to museums and bookstores

Critical Care Fellows



Muhammad Jahngir, MD

Hometown: Faisalabad, Pakistan

Medical school: Faisalabad Medical University

Residency: HCA Florida Orange Park Hospital, Internal Medicine

Fellowship: Temple University Hospital, Nephrology

Clinical and/or research interests: Right ventricular failure, glomerular diseases, extracorporeal therapies

Favorite aspect of fellowship at NYU: The people at NYU are amazing, fostering a supportive and collaborative atmosphere. The learning environment provides exactly what trainee physicians need the most – a combination of hands-on experience, mentorship, and cutting-edge resources.

Favorite things about living in NYC: So many food options!

Hobbies and interests outside of work: Reading, hiking, watching movies



Melody Ko, MD

Hometown: Montreal, Canada

Medical school: St. George's University School of Medicine

Residency: Lincoln Medical Center, Internal Medicine

Clinical and/or research interests: Cardiopulmonary resuscitation, quality improvement, disaster relief

Favorite aspect of fellowship at NYU: Overall culture of growth and support; approachable faculty; great co-fellows

Favorite thing about living in NYC: Everything is within walking distance! distance!

Hobbies and interests outside of work: Being a "momager" for my Insta-famous dog, photography, painting, dancing and languages

Cardiology Critical Care Fellow



Dean Marella, MD

Hometown: Toms River, NJ

Medical school: Cooper Medical School of Rowan University

Residency: Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson, Internal Medicine

Fellowship: Atlantic Health – Morristown Medical Center, Cardiology

Clinical and/or research interests: Critical care cardiology

Favorite aspect of fellowship at NYU: The people, specifically my friendly co-fellows

Favorite thing about living in NYC: There is always something new to see or do. Like my dad says about NYC, "if you can't find it here, it doesn't exist!"

Hobbies and interests outside of work: College football, political science, breweries