ARI Clinical Fellowship Program

The ARI Clinical Fellows program allows MD-trained fellows in infectious diseases or HIV/AIDS to spend time training in Ward 86 at San Francisco General Hospital (SFGH). As home to the nation's leading AIDS program, UCSF offers a unique opportunity for trainees to gain experience working with clinicians and researchers who have been involved in the epidemic since the beginning. The ARI provides fiscal backing to the fellowship as part of its mission to nurture the next generation of leaders. Many of UCSF's extraordinary faculty have benefited from this well-established training experience, which deepens fellows' clinical knowledge and skills in HIV medicine and helps them to grow into future leaders in the field.

ARI Clinical Fellows, 2018-2019

Jessica Briggs, MD

Jessica Briggs studied microbiology at the University of Texas before completing medical school and internal medicine residency at Johns Hopkins. She chose to go west for her infectious disease fellowship and landed at UCSF, where she is in her second year. Her research is based on leveraging samples collected from clinical cohort trials performed in malaria endemic areas to better understand malaria epidemiology and transmission. Given the geographical overlap between malaria and HIV/AIDS, a substantial number of co-infections occur. A better understanding of the biology and epidemiology of co-infections will be necessary to reach the ultimate goal of malaria eradication.
Jehan Budak, MD

Jehan is originally from Long Beach, CA. She left to study political science and row at Yale, but has been on the West Coast ever since. She attended the University of Washington for medical school and residency. During residency, she completed the HIV and Clinician Teacher pathways and was a chief resident in ambulatory medicine. Her main professional interests are HIV primary care and teaching. During her chief year and most recently during her part-time hospitalist year at a critical access hospital in rural Idaho, she continued to provide care at the academic HIV clinic in Seattle. She is really excited to move to San Francisco and to be closer to her husband, who is a general surgery resident at UC Davis. Outside of medicine, her passions are travel, downhill (and uphill) skiing, and dreaming about her future dog.

Angelo (Asa) Clemenzi-Allen, MD

Asa Clemenzi-Allen attended the University of Massachusetts for his undergraduate (Amherst) and medical (Worcester) education. He moved to San Francisco in 2012 to complete his residency at UCSF. Asa is a third-year infectious disease fellow and is honored and thrilled to continue his training in Ward 86; he sees it as the perfect place to inform his research on health disparities of socioeconomically marginalized groups in the US healthcare system. Outside of medicine, Asa enjoys exploring the natural beauty and culture of the Bay Area and tries to stay engaged with local, national and international politics through reading and attending community events.
Michael Peluso, MD

Michael is from Long Island, NY, and majored in neuroscience and evolutionary biology at Columbia University. After college, he completed a master’s degree in public health at the University of Cambridge, followed by medical school at Yale, where he fell in love with the field of infectious diseases. As a medical student, he spent an extra year studying manifestations of HIV in the nervous system and was involved in several medical education initiatives, including the global health certificate program. He moved to Boston for residency at Brigham and Women’s Hospital, where he continued neuro-HIV research and joined the Global Health Equity track. His international work has focused on HIV and TB care in Botswana, where he helped lead an initiative focused on developing the structure and content of the national medical internship training program. Outside the hospital, he loves to cook, tries to maintain a vegetable garden, and spends time with his pet chinchilla, Edison. He is so excited to venture out to the West Coast for ID fellowship, and is looking forward to getting to work with everyone over the next few years.

Sarah Puryear, MD

Sarah grew up in the small town of Athens, Georgia (home of R.E.M. and the B-52's!). Ever the adventurer, she traveled one mile down the road to attend the University of Georgia, majoring in Microbiology. After college, she moved to rural Ghana where she ran education programs for a nonprofit and learned the hard way that mosquito nets really are important. She then moved to Baltimore, completing both medical school and residency at Johns Hopkins University. Her research interests focused on HIV and TB epidemiology, prevention, and treatment, leading to stints in Botswana and South Africa. Most recently, she has been with the CDC in Nairobi, Kenya, working in TB and HIV research and service delivery programming. She is beyond excited to come to UCSF and explore all of the opportunities in clinical training and global health research. Outside of medicine, she enjoys cooking, running, petting strangers’ dogs, and winning at Bananagrams.

Matthew A. Spinelli, MD

Matthew Spinelli attended Columbia College for his undergraduate education, where he studied Italian Literature, and Icahn School of Medicine for his medical education. He moved
to San Francisco in 2013 to complete his internal medicine residency at UCSF, participating in the San Francisco General Primary Care Program. As a third-year infectious disease fellow, he is excited to join the Division of HIV/AIDS at SFGH, where he will pursue additional training in HIV and PrEP clinical care. His research interests include exploring strategies to improve retention in care and PrEP persistence in under-served patient populations at risk for HIV within the United States. He enjoys road cycling, hiking, and gardening in his free time.

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Lillian Brown, MD, MPH  
Angelo (Asa) Clemenzi-Allen, MD  
Michael Reid, MBChB  
Matthew A. Spinelli, MD

**ARI Clinical Fellows, 2016-2017**

Lillian Brown, MD, MPH  
Angelo (Asa) Clemenzi-Allen, MD  
Shereen Katrak, MD, MPH  
Michael Reid, MBChB  
Rachel Rutishauser, MD, PhD

**ARI Clinical Fellows, 2015-2016**

Lillian Brown, MD, MPH  
Catherine Koss, MD  
Michael Reid, MBChB  
Monika Roy, MD