2015 Pre-Health Professions Advisors Symposium

The Journey to a Career in Medicine: Developing a Sustaining Motivation

September 17-18, 2015
Location: The University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine
Welcome

The University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine and the Bucksbaum Institute for Clinical Excellence welcome you to the 2015 Pre-Health Professions Advisors Symposium.

We hope that we will spend this time learning from each other for the betterment of our students as well as learning strategies and techniques to sustain our students’ motivation beyond their training years. The University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine is committed to training future leaders who will contribute broadly to society. This commitment is reflected in the class composition which is highly diverse in racial and ethnic background, geographic origin, age, as well as undergraduate and graduate fields of study. During your stay, you will see your institutions well-represented throughout our student body.

Pritzker School of Medicine students come from a wide variety of experiences, backgrounds and cultures. A typical class at the Pritzker School of Medicine will represent 35 different home states, and 3-5 foreign countries. Approximately 15-18% of the class will be made up of underrepresented minorities. The entering class will have completed over 40 different undergraduate majors and about half of the class will have taken one or more years off between undergraduate and medical school to work, travel, volunteer or pursue another graduate degree. There is no “typical” Pritzker student. Our students come in every variety, bringing diverse intellectual and social contributions. Together, they form the Pritzker community, which is filled with leaders who willingly share their gifts with one another and through this sharing become this community that welcomes you today.

The Bucksbaum Institute was started in 2011 to improve patient care and patient decision-making by providing medical students with role models and mentors who were University of Chicago faculty appointed by the Institute. Since 2011, more than 100 faculty have been selected as Bucksbaum Scholars and currently provide teaching, mentoring, and research opportunities for Pritzker Students.

In summary, you will notice that the most critical ingredient of our success is the quality of the students themselves along with the quality of our faculty. Here at the University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine you will find a student body whose boundless enthusiasm for learning, investigation and science is matched only by its enthusiasm for teamwork, friendship, and making the most of this great city.
Symposium Overview

The Journey to a Career in Medicine: Developing a Sustaining Motivation

September 17–18, 2015

The Pritzker School of Medicine, in collaboration with the Bucksbaum Institute of Clinical Excellence, is delighted to welcome you to the Pre-Health Professions Advisors Symposium. This two-day symposium is an opportunity for advisors from highly selective colleges and universities from all over the country to learn about the University of Chicago and to share best practices in a collaborative setting. Thank you for traveling to Chicago and for making the commitment to the work we will be doing together in the coming days.

It is particularly fitting that we welcome you to our campus as we celebrate the 125th anniversary of the University of Chicago. The chosen theme is 125 Years of Inquiry and Impact and it is in that spirit that we join together to examine the issues around the development of a sustaining motivation for a career in medicine.

In 1945, an editorial in “Medical Economics” stated: “the quality of a doctor is compounded of many things, of which intelligence, honesty, personality and motivation are perhaps the most important…medicine is a service profession—originally thought of as operating solely in the field of healing the sick.” In modern times another function has been added, that of preventing disease. Since human service is the work of medicine it would seem important that the members of the profession should be imbued with a service commitment.

We know from the AAMC Matriculating Student Questionnaire that 50.3% of entering students have made their decision that they “definitely want to study medicine” before entering college. This number has remained steady over the past several years. What do we know about the factors that are important in their motivation for a career in medicine? What experiences have allowed them to make this decision which will have lifelong impact not only on themselves but on their future patients? Will those students who develop an understanding of their values before making the commitment to medicine be in a better position to make the decision? And, will those who then choose medicine, be in a better position to have a motivation that sustains them throughout their career as physicians?

The goal of this year’s symposium is to stimulate thinking on “developing a sustaining motivation” in order to improve our admissions process and your advising efforts. We encourage your input during the next 2 days to further these discussions.
Day 1  Thursday, September 17, 2015
Gordon Center for Integrative Science
929 East 57th Street
Chicago, Illinois 60637
Third Floor, W301/303

9:30 a.m.  Welcome and Opening Remarks
Holly J. Humphrey, MD  Ralph W. Gerard Professor in Medicine  Dean for Medical Education

10:15 a.m.  Panel Discussion: What Is Your Motivation?
Physicians sharing their motivation for a career in medicine and advice they would provide those considering a career in medicine

Moderator: Holly J. Humphrey, MD

Panelists:
John C. Alverdy, MD  Ross Milner, MD
Keme Carter, MD  David Rubin, MD
Marcus R. Clark, MD  Mindy Schwartz, MD

11:30 a.m.  Break

11:45 a.m.  Working Lunch
Presentations by the Bucksbaum Institute for Clinical Excellence and UChicago Careers in Health Professions

Moderator: Mark Siegler, MD
Lindy Bergman Distinguished Service Professor of Medicine and Surgery  Executive Director, Bucksbaum Institute for Clinical Excellence  Director, MacLean Center for Clinical Medical Ethics

11:45 a.m.  Presentation: Joni Krapec, MA
Senior Program Director  UChicago Careers in Health Professions

Panel Discussion: The Importance of Role Models

Panelists:
Michael Bishop, MD  Monica Peek, MD
Linda Druelinger, MD  David Song, MD
Ross Milner, MD  Marie Tobin, MD

1:30 p.m.  Break

1:45 p.m.  Panel Discussion: Sustaining a Motivation
Physicians sharing the virtues they see as important in sustaining a motivation in medicine

Moderator: Holly J. Humphrey, MD

Panelists:
Vineet Arora, MD, MAPP  Anthony Montag, MD
Anita Blanchard, MD  Mark Siegler, MD
Melanie Brown, MD  John Yoon, MD
Wei Wei Lee, MD, MPH

3:00 p.m.  Small Group Discussions  |  W301/303, 500A/B
(Groups and room assignments will be provided)

4:30 p.m.  Retirement Reception Honoring Sylvia Robertson  |  GCIS, 3rd Floor Atrium
Assistant Dean for Admissions and Financial Aid
Day 2  Friday, September 18, 2015  
Biological Sciences Learning Center  
924 East 57th Street  
Chicago, Illinois 60637

9:30 a.m.  Panel Discussion: Developing a Motivation  |  BSLC 008  
Pritzker Students sharing how they developed their motivation to pursue a career in medicine  

**Moderator:** Holly J. Humphrey, MD  

**Panelists:**  
Kirk Cahill, MS 4  
Julie Mhlaba, MS 4  
Camille Cross, MS 4  
Garrick Talmage, MS 4  
Andrew Golden, MS 4

10:30 a.m.  Break

10:45 a.m.  Small Group Discussions  |  BSLC 202, 205, 313  
(Groups and room assignments will be provided)

12:00 p.m.  Lunch  |  BSLC Lobby

1:00 p.m.  Small Group Reports  |  BSLC 202

2:30 p.m.  Break

2:45 p.m.  Pritzker School of Medicine Update  |  BSLC 202  
Anthony Montag, MD  
Professor of Pathology  
Associate Dean for Admissions

**Discussion and Closing Remarks**  
Holly J. Humphrey, MD

2:45 p.m.  Advisors Depart  
(Shuttle buses to Palmer House)
Co-Host Biographies

**Holly J. Humphrey, MD**  
*Ralph W. Gerard Professor in Medicine  
Dean for Medical Education*

Dr. Humphrey, a board certified internist, is the Ralph W. Gerard Professor of Medicine and Dean for Medical Education at the University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine. Prior to accepting her current position, she spent 14 years as Director of the Internal Medicine Residency Program at the University of Chicago. She is a member of the Board of Trustees of the ABIM Foundation and is its Vice Chair. She previously served on the Board of Directors of the American Board of Internal Medicine from 2001 to 2007. Dr. Humphrey’s scholarly work focuses on residency education, professionalism and mentoring. She has authored numerous peer-reviewed papers and edited three books including Mentoring in Academic Medicine, published as part of the series Teaching Internal Medicine by the American College of Physicians (ACP). She is the recipient of numerous teaching honors and awards, including being selected by graduating students more than 20 times as a favorite faculty teacher. She is a former President of the Association of Program Directors in Internal Medicine and later received the Dema C. Daley Founders Award from that same organization. In 2009, Crain’s Chicago Business featured her as one of their “Women to Watch.” In 2010, Dr. Humphrey was elected a Master by the American College of Physicians. An honors graduate of the Pritzker School of Medicine, Dr. Humphrey completed both her internal medicine residency and her pulmonary-critical care fellowship at the University of Chicago. She served as Chief Medical Resident before joining the faculty as an Assistant Professor in 1989. Dr. Humphrey was named the Ralph W. Gerard Professor in Medicine in 2012 and was the first clinician-educator at the University of Chicago awarded tenure.

**Mark Siegler, MD**  
*Lindy Bergman Distinguished Service Professor of Medicine and Surgery  
Executive Director of the Bucksbaum Institute for Clinical Excellence  
Director of the MacLean Center for Clinical Medical Ethics*

Mark Siegler is the Lindy Bergman Distinguished Service Professor of Medicine and Surgery at the University of Chicago, Founding Director of the University of Chicago’s MacLean Center for Clinical Medical Ethics, and Founding Executive Director of the Bucksbaum Institute for Clinical Excellence. The Institute was started in 2011 with an endowment gift of $42 million from the Matthew and Carolyn Bucksbaum Family Foundation. The mission of the Bucksbaum Institute is to improve patient care, to strengthen the doctor-patient relationship, and to enhance communication and decision-making between patients and physicians. In 1984, The University of Chicago established the MacLean Center for Clinical Medical Ethics, the first program in the nation devoted to studying “practical everyday ethical issues in medicine.” Since then, the MacLean Center, under Siegler’s direction, has become the largest program in clinical ethics in the world, a program that now includes five endowed University chairs in clinical ethics. More than 400 physicians and other health professionals have trained at the MacLean Center, many of whom now direct ethics programs in the U.S., Canada, Europe and China. In 2013, the MacLean Center received the prestigious Cornerstone Award from the American Society for Bioethics and Humanities for “outstanding contributions from an institution that has helped shaped the direction of the field of bioethics.” Dr. Siegler has practiced and taught internal medicine for more than forty-five years. He has published more than 200 journal articles, 50 book chapters and five books. His textbook, co-authored with Al Jonsen and William Winslade, *Clinical Ethics: A Practical Approach to Ethical Decisions in Clinical Medicine*, 8th Edition (2015), has been translated into nine languages and is widely used by physicians and health professionals around the world.
Panelist Biographies

John C. Alverdy, MD
Sara and Harold Lincoln Thompson Professor of Surgery
Executive Vice Chair, Department of Surgery
Bucksbaum Institute Senior Faculty Scholar

Panelist: What Is Your Motivation? | Thursday, 10:15 a.m.
Dr. Alverdy performs a wide variety of complex minimally invasive and open gastrointestinal surgical procedures with 25 years of experience in the field. He is nationally recognized for introducing several new operations into the field, including minimally invasive pancreatic surgery, bariatric surgery, and surgery for disorders of the foregut including the esophagus and stomach.

Vineet Arora MD, MAPP
Associate Professor of Medicine
Assistant Dean for Scholarship and Discovery
Director of GME Clinical Learning Environment Innovation
Bucksbaum Institute Senior Faculty Scholar

Panelist: Sustaining a Motivation | Thursday, 1:45 p.m.
Dr. Arora is a board certified internist, an academic hospitalist, Assistant Dean of Scholarship & Discovery, and Director of GME Clinical Learning Environment and Innovation at University of Chicago. In the latter role, she bridges educational and hospital leadership to integrate residents and fellows into the quality, safety, and value missions of the institution. Through AHRQ, NIH, and ABIM Foundation funding, she has developed and evaluated novel interventions that combine systems change with adult learning theory to improve care and learning in teaching hospitals. She has authored over 100 peer-reviewed publications, with coverage in the New York Times, NPR, and the Associated Press. She currently serves on the Board of Directors for the American Board of Internal Medicine. As the Director of Educational Initiatives at Costs of Care, she co-chaired the Teaching Value Choosing Wisely Challenge and co-authored Understanding Value-Based Healthcare, from McGraw Hill. For her work, she has received the American College of Physicians Walter J. McDonald Young Physician Award, the Society of Hospital Medicine’s Excellence in Hospital Medicine Research Award, and the Society of General Internal Medicine’s Fred Brancati Leadership and Mentorship Award. In 2011, she was named to “20 People Who Make American Healthcare Better” by HealthLeaders Magazine. Dr. Arora earned her medical degree at the Washington University in St. Louis and completed her residency, chief residency, and Masters in Public Policy at the University of Chicago. Dr. Arora regularly tweets about medical education, technology, and health policy at @futur docs.

Michael R. Bishop, MD
Professor of Medicine
Director, Hematopoietic Stem Cell Transplantation Program
Bucksbaum Institute Master Clinician

Panelist: The Importance of Role Models | Thursday, 11:45 a.m.
Michael R. Bishop, MD, specializes in the diagnosis and treatment of lymphomas and leukemias. In particular, he cares for patients with hematologic malignancies that have not responded to first-line treatments. An expert in hematopoietic stem cell transplantation (bone marrow transplantation), Dr. Bishop and his team are working to address the unique social, economic, physiological and biological issues that patients face while undergoing this treatment. Dr. Bishop’s research focuses on the prevention and treatment of relapse after stem cell transplantation. Relapse is the primary cause of treatment failure and death after stem cell transplantation. He has served as the primary investigator on studies designed to prevent and treat disease recurrence after transplantation. Specifically, he works on ways to enhance immune effects of the transplanted cells against cancer.

An active contributor to medical literature, Dr. Bishop has authored more than 150 peer-reviewed articles, in addition to more than 30 book chapters and two books on cancer treatment and research. He also serves on the editorial board of numerous scientific journals, including Biology of Blood and Marrow Transplantation.
Anita K. Blanchard, MD
Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology
Program Director, Obstetrics and Gynecology Residency Training
Bucksbaum Institute Senior Faculty Scholar

Panelist: Sustaining a Motivation | Thursday, 1:45 p.m.

Anita Blanchard, MD, has devoted her career to excellent patient care, quality community based health and outstanding resident education. She promotes well woman gynecologic care across the age continuum from adolescence through the menopause transition. Her special interests include maintaining good health, management of abnormal pap smears and solving menopause challenges. She provides competent and culturally sensitive care and see patients from local, regional and international origins.

Dr. Blanchard has served as the residency program director since 2004 and is committed to educating our next generation of outstanding healthcare providers.

In addition to her work at the University of Chicago, Dr. Blanchard is active in national organizations. She is a board member of the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology EXXcelence Foundation and serves as a founding member and national secretary of the Society for Academic Specialists in General Obstetrics and Gynecology, the only existing society dedicated to the advancement of the careers of generalists. She has lectured and written textbook chapters on well woman care, vulvar disorders and geriatric care. In addition, the link above add the following: Board of Directors for ABOG and a member of the residency review committee for ACGME.

Keme Carter, MD
Assistant Professor of Medicine
Assistant Dean of Admissions
Bucksbaum Institute Junior Faculty Scholar

Panelist: What Is Your Motivation? | Thursday, 10:15 a.m.

Dr. Keme Carter is an Assistant Professor of Medicine in the Department of Medicine, Section of Emergency Medicine. She obtained her undergraduate degree from Vanderbilt University in 1999 and graduated from the University of Alabama School of Medicine in 2003. Dr. Carter completed her residency training in Emergency Medicine at the University of Chicago and served as Chief Resident from 2005–2006. She subsequently joined the faculty at the University of Chicago and currently serves as the Director of Undergraduate Medical Education for the Section of Emergency Medicine and the Emergency Medicine Clerkship Director. Dr. Carter’s work in undergraduate and graduate medical education has been recognized through her induction as a fellow in the Academy of Distinguished Medical Educators and by several awards including the Doroghazi Outstanding Clinical Teaching Award, the Emergency Medicine Clinical Teacher of the Year Award, and the Biological Science Division’s Distinguished Educator/Mentor Junior Award. In recognition of her empathy towards patients and service as a role model for medical students, Dr. Carter was the recipient of the Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine Award. Dr. Carter’s research focuses on studying communication practices in the Emergency Department in an effort to optimize patient care. She began her role as Assistant Dean for Admissions at the Pritzker School of Medicine in July 2015.

Marcus R. Clark, MD
Professor of Medicine
Chief, Section of Rheumatology
Director of the University of Chicago Autoimmunity Center of Excellence

Panelist: What Is Your Motivation? | Thursday, 10:15 a.m.

Dr. Marcus Clark joined the University of Chicago in 1993 and is currently Professor of Medicine, Director of the University of Chicago Autoimmunity Center of Excellence, and Chief of the Section of Rheumatology. Dr. Clark was appointed to Director of the Medical Scientist Training Program in 2011. Dr. Clark is a nationally recognized authority in B cell biology, having made several substantial contributions to our molecular understanding of how B cells develop in the bone marrow and how they are regulated in the periphery. He also has an active research program focused on how B cell activation contributes to the pathogenesis of human lupus nephritis. Dr. Clark has had extensive experience with the recruitment and training of graduate students. He has taught extensively in the Immunology graduate program, chaired the Immunology Recruitment and Curriculum Committees, and served on more than 50 thesis committees.
Linda Druelinger, MD
Professor of Medicine
Section Chief, Emergency Medicine
Medical Director, Adult Emergency Department
Bucksbaum Institute Senior Faculty Scholar

Panelist: The Importance of Role Models | Thursday, 11:45 a.m.

Linda Druelinger, MD, has been a faculty member in the section of emergency medicine at the University of Chicago since 1990. Druelinger has always had a particular interest in medical education. Since joining the faculty she has been actively involved in both resident and student education, helping to develop curriculum at both introductory and more advanced levels. She is highly recognized for her outstanding teaching skills and has been named Teacher of the Year by Emergency Medicine residents multiple times and in 2010 was the recipient of the Pritzker School of Medicine Leonard Tow Gold Humanism Award. She is a Master in the Academy of Distinguished Medical Educators and was selected as a Bucksbaum Institute Senior Faculty Scholar in 2013.

Joni Krapec, MA
Senior Program Director
UChicago Careers in Health Professions

Panelist: The Importance of Role Models | Thursday, 11:45 a.m.

Joni Krapec originally joined The University of Chicago Career Advancement in the fall of 2010 as the Senior Associate Director for Student Preparation. In the fall of 2012, she assumed the position of Program Director for UChicago Careers in Health Professions. Ms. Krapec focuses on assisting students and alumni with an interest in the health professions with career exploration, opportunities to engage within the medical/health field, and their application to graduate/professional school and/or a full-time job or internship. She also oversees the overall strategy and priorities of the office. Prior to joining the Career Advancement staff, she worked at the University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine as the Director of Admissions and Outreach. Ms. Krapec started her career at Yale University where she was the Assistant Director for Health Professions Advising. She also has experience in undergraduate admissions and working in a factory assembling cell phones to earn money for graduate school. Ms. Krapec earned her Bachelor of Arts in Social Sciences Education from the University of Northern Iowa, and a Master’s of Arts in Higher Education from the University of Michigan. In her spare time, she cheers on the Michigan Wolverines, the Bears, Blackhawks and Cubs, and spends time with her husband and two daughters.

Wei Wei Lee, MD
Assistant Professor of Medicine
Assistant Dean of Students
Bucksbaum Institute Junior Faculty Scholar

Panelist: Sustaining a Motivation | Thursday, 1:45 p.m.

Dr. Lee is an Assistant Professor in the section of General Internal Medicine and is the Assistant Dean of Students at the Pritzker School of Medicine. She graduated from Wellesley College with a degree in psychobiology. She earned her medical degree from New York University School of Medicine and a Masters of Public Health from the Harvard School of Public Health. She completed her residency in Internal Medicine at New York Presbyterian Hospital-Weill Cornell, where she served as an ambulatory chief resident. Dr. Lee serves as Core Faculty and Assistant Director of Ambulatory Education for the Internal Medicine Residency program. She is a Rowley society career advisor, directs the Wellness Program and Free Clinics for Pritzker medical students. Her academic work focuses on medical education and developing innovative patient-centered models of care. She has developed curricula on how to use the Electronic Medical Record (EMR) to enhance patient-centered communication. In recognition of her dedication to improving the patient-doctor relationship, in 2012 she was selected as an Associate Junior Faculty Scholar for The University of Chicago’s Bucksbaum Institute for Clinical Excellence.
Ross Milner, MD  
Professor of Surgery  
Director, Center for Aortic Diseases  
Bucksbaum Institute Master Clinician  

Panelist: What Is Your Motivation? | Thursday, 10:15 a.m.  
The Importance of Role Models | Thursday, 11:45 a.m.

Ross Milner, MD, is an internationally recognized expert in vascular surgery. He specializes in the treatment of complex aortic diseases. Dr. Milner has been the primary investigator on numerous endovascular device trials. In one study, he examined the use of remote pressure sensor monitoring for surveillance after endovascular aortic aneurysm repair. He also is working on the development of a prosthetic vein valve. His research has been funded by the Wallace H. Coulter Foundation. A dedicated educator and mentor, Dr. Milner teaches medical students, residents and fellows about vascular disease management, including the use of aortic stents. In addition, he is frequently invited to speak at national and international conferences on vascular surgery and aortic aneurysms. A prolific author, Dr. Milner has written more than 75 abstracts and manuscripts, as well as more than 20 reviews and chapters in leading textbooks on endovascular therapies. In addition, he serves on the editorial board for several prominent journals, including *The European Journal of Vascular and Endovascular Surgery*, *Vascular Disease Management*, and *Endovascular Today*, and reviews manuscripts for inclusion in peer-reviewed journals, such as the *American Journal of Surgery* and the *Journal of Vascular Surgery*.

Anthony Montag, MD  
Professor of Pathology  
Associate Dean for Admissions  

Panelist: Sustaining a Motivation | Thursday, 1:45 p.m.

Anthony Montag, MD is the Associate Dean for Admissions at the Pritzker School of Medicine, a role he has held since 2011. Dr. Montag earned his MD in 1979 from the Medical College of Wisconsin. He continued his training in Clinical Pathology at the Medical College of Wisconsin, subsequently transferring to complete an Anatomic Pathology residency at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston, where he was Chief Resident. In 1985, he completed his Fellowship in Gynecologic Pathology, also at Brigham and Women's Hospital. Dr. Montag has worked at the University of Chicago since 1985. Dr. Montag is a Professor of Pathology at the Pritzker School of Medicine, where he is involved in teaching Histology as well as the second-year course Clinical Pathophysiology and Therapeutics. Dr. Montag's research interests include expression of developmental genes in sarcomas and the pathogenesis of ovarian cancer. He is the author or co-author of over 130 peer-reviewed articles, book chapters, and reviews. He is a member of the International Academy of Pathology and the Connective Tissue Oncology Society.

Monica E. Peek, MD, MPH  
Associate Professor of Medicine  
Associate Director, Chicago Center for Diabetes Translation Research  
Bucksbaum Institute Junior Faculty Scholar  

Panelist: The Importance of Role Models | Thursday, 11:45 a.m.

Dr. Monica Peek provides clinical care, teaches and does health services research in the area of health disparities. Dr. Peek is the Associate Director of the Chicago Center for Diabetes Translation Research, where she heads the Health Disparities and Community-Based Participatory Research Core. She is an inaugural faculty fellow of the Bucksbaum Institute, whose goal is to promote positive patient/physician relationships. Dr. Peek is the Director of Research and Associate Director of the MacLean Center for Clinical Medical Ethics, and is the Executive Medical Director of Community Health Innovation for the University of Chicago Medicine. Dr. Peek received an M.D. from The Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, an MPH from the Johns Hopkins University School of Hygiene & Public Health, and an MSc from the University of Chicago. Dr. Peek has authored over 50 peer-reviewed research papers and publications, and has served as the principal investigator of grants from NIH/NIDDK, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, and the Merck Foundation to improve patient/provider communication, diabetes care and health outcomes among racial/ethnic minorities and other vulnerable populations. Dr. Peek was named one of the “Top 40 under 40” in Chicago by Crain's Business Magazine and was ranked among Chicago’s Top Female Physicians in 2005. In 2013, she received the Outstanding Junior Investigator Award by the national Society of General Internal Medicine.
David T. Rubin, MD, FACC, AGAF, FACP, FASGE
The Joseph B. Kirsner Professor of Medicine
Section Chief, Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition
Co-Director, Digestive Diseases Center
Bucksbaum Institute Senior Faculty Scholar

Panelist: What Is Your Motivation? | Thursday, 10:15 a.m.

David T. Rubin, MD, earned a medical degree with honors at the University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine. He completed his residency in internal medicine and fellowships in gastroenterology and clinical medical ethics at the University of Chicago, where he served as Chief Resident and Chief Fellow. Prior to his current appointments, Dr. Rubin served for 11 years as Director of the Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition fellowship program. He also currently serves as an associate faculty member at the MacLean Center for Clinical Medical Ethics and an associate investigator at the University of Chicago Comprehensive Cancer Center. Dr. Rubin is a Fellow of the American Gastroenterological Association, the American College of Gastroenterology (ACG), the American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy and the American College of Physicians and an active national member of the Crohn’s & Colitis Foundation of America (CCFA), and is on the Board of Trustees for the ACG. Dr. Rubin is the editor of a best-selling book on inflammatory bowel disease (IBD), now in its 2nd edition, and an author or coauthor of many peer-reviewed articles on IBD, genetic testing in IBD, and cancer in IBD. His principal research interests include novel IBD therapies and outcomes, colon cancer prevention, and clinical medical ethics.

Mindy Schwartz, MD
Professor of Medicine
Assoc. Program Dir., Internal Medicine
Bucksbaum Institute Senior Faculty Scholar

Panelist: What Is Your Motivation? | Thursday, 10:15 a.m.

Dr. Schwartz joined the faculty in 1987 and has held a faculty position in the Section of General Internal medicine. She has maintained a busy clinical practice in the primary care group practice. In addition to holding a variety of positions in the medical school and in the internal medicine residency program, Dr. Schwartz has been an award-winning teacher and was elected in 2010 as a Master of the University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine Academy of Distinguished Medical Educators. Over the past 10 year she has studied and taught medical history to the medical students and to internal medicine residents. In addition to her current academic interests- she had formally taught Nutrition in Health and disease in the Pritzker School of Medicine from 2001–09. Dr. Schwartz currently serves as one of the medical school advisors- serving along with Brian Callender as the head of the Lowell T. Coggeshall Society. She also serves as the, Chapter advisor for the Gold Humanism Honor Society and she was Former Associate Program Director and Chair of the Internship Selection Committee for the Department of Medicine from 1994–2004.

David Song, MD
Cynthia Chow Professor of Surgery
Associate Dean for Continuing Medical Education (CME)
Vice Chairman, Department of Surgery
Chief, Section of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery
Director, Residency Training Program
Bucksbaum Institute Senior Faculty Scholar

Panelist: The Importance of Role Models | Thursday, 11:45 a.m.

David H. Song, MD, is an internationally recognized expert in plastic surgery with additional training in reconstructive microsurgery. He specializes in breast reconstruction and oncoplastic surgery. Dr. Song is well recognized for his extensive experience with perforator breast reconstruction procedures, including deep inferior epigastric perforator flap (DIEP), superior gluteal artery perforator flap (SGAP), superficial inferior epigastric artery flap (SIEA), thoracodorsal artery perforator flap (TAP). Additionally, Dr. Song has pioneered several techniques for the repair and reconstruction of chest wall defects. His research interests focus on outcome improvement in lumpectomy and mastectomy reconstruction. He is involved in several clinical trials exploring advancements in these procedures. In 2008, he received the Arthur G. Michel Clinician of the Year award from the Y-ME National Breast Cancer Organization. In addition, Dr. Song serves on the board of Medical Aid for Children of Latin America (MACLA), an organization that provides free surgical care for children with congenital deformities in the Dominican Republic. He is a fellow in the American College of Surgeons, and past president of the Chicago Society of Plastic Surgeons. Dr. Song currently serves as President-Elect for the American Society of Plastic Surgeons (ASPS).
Marie Tobin, MD
Professor of Psychiatry
Bucksbaum Institute Senior Faculty Scholar

Panelist: The Importance of Role Models | Thursday, 11:45 a.m.
Professor of Psychiatry in the department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Neuroscience at the University of Chicago. Clinically, she directs Consult-Liaison Services for the Adult hospitals and Emergency rooms. She also direct the Program in Psych-Oncology which spans the treatment spectrum for cancer patients treated at the medical center. She works closely with colleagues involved in running programs in Transplant Psychiatry and Neuropsychiatry. Educationally, she is the founding Director of the Fellowship in Psychosomatic Medicine and is actively involved in medical student, intern and resident training in Psychiatry. Administratively, she is involved in recruitment for the Pritzker School of Medicine and the Department of Psychiatry. She is a member of the Departmental and Divisional promotion committees and the academic promotions committee for the medical school. In addition, she represents the Faculty in an advisory committee to the Dean of the Division. Her scholarship focuses on psychiatric issues in medically ill patients especially patients with cancer.

John Yoon, MD
Assistant Professor of Medicine
Bucksbaum Institute Junior Faculty Scholar

Panelist: Sustaining a Motivation | Thursday, 1:45 p.m.
Dr. John Yoon is Assistant Professor of Medicine at the University of Chicago and Assistant Program Director of the Internal Medicine Residency Program at Mercy Hospital & Medical Center in Chicago. As an academic hospitalist and medical educator, Dr. Yoon’s primary research interests involve the field of virtue ethics, vocation/calling in medicine, and the moral and professional formation of medical students and resident trainees. He was co-investigator on the Project on the Good Physician, a recently completed longitudinal study of medical students funded by the New Science of Virtues Project at the University of Chicago. Dr. Yoon is also Associate Faculty at the MacLean Center for Clinical Medical Ethics, Co-Founding Faculty for the Program on Medicine and Religion, and Junior Faculty Scholar of the Bucksbaum Institute for Clinical Excellence at the University of Chicago.

Student Panelists
Developing a motivation
Friday, 9:30 a.m.
Kirk Cahill, MS 4
Indiana University
Camille Cross, MS 4
University of Maryland–College Park
Andrew Golden, MS 4
Purdue University
Julie Mhlaba, MS 4
University of Michigan
Garrick Talmage, MS 4
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Thursday Reception
Student Guides

Stefan Breitling, MS 2
Amherst College
Sean Gaffney, MS 3
University of Notre Dame
Karla Garcia-Huerta, MS 3
University of Notre Dame
Jordan Green, MS 3
University of Chicago
David Jiang, MS 1
University of Maryland
Daniel Levine, MS 1
Williams College
James Luo, MS 3
University of Wisconsin–Madison
Christopher Mattson, MS 3
Indiana University
Tamari Miller, MS 2
University of Chicago
Mike Petravick, MS 3
University of Notre Dame
Ellen Richmond, MS 1
Amherst College
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At the University of Chicago, in an atmosphere of interdisciplinary scholarship and discovery, the Pritzker School of Medicine is dedicated to inspiring diverse students of exceptional promise to become leaders and innovators in science and medicine for the betterment of humanity.

We have long been regarded as one of our nation’s preeminent medical schools for our outstanding education, contributions to scientific knowledge, and state-of-the-art patient care. Many notable physicians and scientists have earned their degrees here, including Julian Lewis, PhD 1915, a leader in immunology and the first African American on the medical school’s faculty; Leon Jacobson, MD’39, who performed the world’s first bone marrow transplant; Janet Rowley, AB’42, PhB’45, SB’46, MD’48, a pioneer in cancer genetics; Donald Steiner, MD’56, SM’56, who discovered how the body produces insulin; and Mark Siegler, MD’67, a pioneer in the field of clinical medical ethics. We also established the now international tradition of the White Coat Ceremony in 1989 to recognize and celebrate our students’ decision to enter the medical profession. Today, we rank among the top schools in the US News & World Report rankings.

Each year, we receive approximately 5,500 applications for admission. Of these applicants, we invite 600-700 for interview. On interview day, students have three traditional interviews with a faculty member, an administrative interviewer, and a current student. Interviewees also sit in on classes, take a tour of campus, and join our current students for Chicago-style deep dish pizza. Our process yields a class of 88 students; this small class size fosters a close-knit and supportive community. For the most recent entering class, our median GPA was a 3.87 and our median MCAT was a 37. The students in the entering class of 2015 hail from 27 states and 49 different undergraduate institutions, and over 70% of the class took at least one year off between college and medical school.

The Bucksbaum Institute for Clinical Excellence at the University of Chicago was created in September 2011 with a $42 million gift from the Matthew and Carolyn Bucksbaum Family Foundation with the goal to improve the doctor-patient relationship through patient care, teaching and research.

The mission of the Bucksbaum Institute for Clinical Excellence is to improve patient care, strengthen the doctor-patient relationship and enhance communication and decision-making through research and teaching programs for medical students, junior faculty and master clinicians.

To achieve its mission, the Institute has appointed nearly 200 scholars including senior and junior faculty, medical students, and undergraduate pre-medical students. The model that the Institute employs is that of senior physicians role modeling and mentoring junior physicians and students. The Bucksbaum Institute currently operates 25 programs, which include:

- The five scholar programs (Master Clinician, Senior Faculty, Junior Faculty, Associate Junior Faculty and Medical Student),
- A pilot grant program,
- An annual program Lectures, seminars and scholar lab meetings,
- An elective course for Pritzker School of Medicine students,
- Bucksbaum Interest Group (BIG) for Pritzker students,
- An undergraduate Clinical Excellence Scholar Track program (CEST),
- An undergraduate faculty shadowing program, and
- Public lectures and programs co-sponsored with various university departments, institutes and centers.

Additionally, the Bucksbaum Institute, in collaboration with the Schwartz Center and the Gold Foundation, co-sponsored of the first national conference on “Advancing Compassionate, Patient- and Family Centered Care through Interprofessional Education for Collaborative Practice.” This pioneering conference was held October 30 to November 1, 2014 in Atlanta, Georgia.
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