HARVARD CATALYST
DIVERSITY INCLUSION PROGRAM

2023
Visiting Research Internship Program
Student Presentations

Thursday, July 27, 2023
9:00am–1:30pm
Waterhouse Room
Gordon Hall
Harvard Medical School
The Harvard Medical School Office for Diversity Inclusion and Community Partnership
and the Harvard Catalyst Diversity Inclusion Program
are pleased to present

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OPENING REMARKS
Joan Y. Reede, MD, MPH, MS, MBA
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INTRODUCTION
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Garrett Arosemena Ott, MSc
University of Virginia
Mentor: Charles R.G. Guttman, MD
Brigham & Women’s Hospital

Orlane Caro, MHS
Meharry Medical College
Mentor: Jose Figueroa, MD
Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health

Destiny Green
Mayo Clinic Alix School of Medicine
Mentor: Rani E. George, MD, PhD
Dana-Farber Cancer Institute

Rahim Hirani, MS
New York Medical College
Mentor: Meena Nathan, MD
Boston Children’s Hospital

Khadijah Jannah, MHS
Meharry Medical College
Mentor: Edward K. Rodriguez, MD, PhD
Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center

Lashawn Peña, MS
SUNY Downstate Health Sciences University
Mentor: George Molina, MD
Brigham & Women’s Hospital

Erik Velez-Perez
Ponce Health Sciences University
Mentor: Paulo Lizano, MD
Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center

Vellia Zhou
Tufts University School of Medicine
Mentor: Ronald Arellano, MD
Massachusetts General Hospital

Ateh Zinkeng, PSM
University of Arizona School of Medicine Tucson
Mentor: Monique A. Hartley-Brown, MD
Dana-Farber Cancer Institute

RECEPTION TO FOLLOW
Harvard Catalyst
The Harvard Clinical and Translational Science Center
Diversity Inclusion Program

Under the leadership of Dean Joan Y. Reede, MD, MPH, MS, MBA, the Diversity Inclusion program emphasizes the recruitment and retention of a diverse clinical and translational workforce as a top priority throughout Harvard Catalyst governance, programming, training, and resource allocation.

For more information on the Diversity Inclusion program visit: http://catalyst.harvard.edu/programs/diversity/

Office for Diversity Inclusion and Community Partnership

DICP Mission
The mission of the Office for Diversity Inclusion and Community Partnership (DICP) is to advance diversity inclusion in health, biomedical, behavioral, and STEM fields that build individual and institutional capacity to achieve excellence, foster innovation, and ensure equity in health locally, nationally, and globally.

About DICP
The Office for Diversity Inclusion and Community Partnership (DICP) at Harvard Medical School (HMS) was established to promote the increased recruitment, retention and advancement of diverse faculty, particularly individuals from groups underrepresented in medicine (URM), at HMS and to oversee all diversity and inclusion activities involving HMS faculty, trainees, students and staff.

DICP’s Minority Faculty Development Program (MFDP), established in 1990, sponsors programs for the development of HMS faculty, with an emphasis on mentoring and leadership, as well as programs that are designed to reach out to the pre-college and college populations with the goal of bringing outstanding students, particularly URM students, into the pipeline. Under the aegis of MFDP, there are several programs that are designed to nurture and encourage talented students interested in careers in medicine and/or the biomedical sciences.

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