

University of Maryland School of Graduate Studies
Master of Science and Certificate
Graduation Ceremony
1 p.m., Wednesday, May 21, 2025
Leadership Hall

The Order of Ceremony

Processional

Greetings

Kenneth Wong, PhD
Dean, School of Graduate Studies

Conferral of Degrees

Roger Ward, JD, EdD
Provost and Executive Vice President, University of Maryland, Baltimore

Presentation of Student Address

Briaunna Embrey-Banks
Master of Science in Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Leadership

Presentation of Master of Science Alumni Award

Niya Werts, PhD
Interim Associate Dean, School of Graduate Studies

Master of Science Alumni Awardee
James “Jay” Joseph, MD, MS

Presentation of Graduates

Erin Golembewski, PhD
Senior Associate Dean, School of Graduate Studies

Closing Remarks

Mary Jo Bondy, DHEd
Interim Associate Dean, School of Graduate Studies

The Graduates

Certificate in Integrative Health and Wellness

Mary Anderson
Frank Coleman
Tomika Jones
Ikeshia Shackelford

Spring 2024
Spring 2025
Spring 2025
Spring 2025

Certificate in Introductory Principles and Practice of Hospice and Palliative Care

Daniel Mansour

Summer 2024

Certificate in Medical Cannabis Science, Therapeutics, and Policy

Janis Anning-Gyan

Spring 2025

Certificate in Medical Physics

Aman Sangal
Vijay Sharma

Spring 2025
Spring 2025

Certificate in Research Administration

Aerial Kendrick
Tony Kinsler
Amanda Medoro
Thea Robertson
Kia Askew

Spring 2025
Spring 2025
Spring 2025
Spring 2025
Spring 2025

Certificate in Research Ethics

Asmaa Osman

Summer 2024

Certificate in Regulatory Science

Kathy-Ann Adams

Spring 2025

Certificate in Social Entrepreneurship

Philip Iffland

Spring 2025

Master of Science in Dental Biomedical Sciences

Alicia Briscoe

Spring 2025

*Master of Science in Diversity, Equity,
and Inclusion Leadership*

Kelilah Armstrong

Fall 2024

Ashton Bierman

Fall 2024

Kirby Patrice Gaddy

Fall 2024

Benjamin Laizure

Fall 2024

Niya Leach

Fall 2024

Wendy Novak

Fall 2024

Persephonae Rivas

Fall 2024

Sangeetha Subramanian

Spring 2025

Briaunna Embrey-Banks

Spring 2025

Elihu McKee

Spring 2025

Master of Science in Gerontology

Charnissa Boulware

Fall 2024

Sabrina Amaral

Spring 2025

Master of Science in Global Health

Elmyra Encarnacion

Spring 2025

*Master of Science in Cellular
and Molecular Biomedical Sciences*

Hwai Wei Tseng

Spring 2025

*Master of Science in Epidemiology
and Clinical Research*

Ebehiwele Ebhohon

Fall 2024

*Master of Science in Human Genetics
and Genomic Medicine*

Aishwarya Venkataraman-Kulkarni

Spring 2025

Ajana Santosh Kumar

Spring 2025

*Master of Science in Molecular Microbiology
and Immunology*

Antonia Papadimas

Fall 2024

Master of Science in Health Professions Education

Christina Platia

Spring 2025

Master of Science in Health Science

Ashley Amponsem	Spring 2025
Catarina Banner	Spring 2025
Duncan Okubasu	Spring 2025
Chelsea Popiel	Spring 2025
Angela Romesburg	Spring 2025

Master of Science in Implementation

and Dissemination Science

Nnenna Ezeokafor	Spring 2025
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Master of Science in Medical Cannabis Science and Therapeutics

Angela French	Summer 2024
Brian Albanese	Spring 2025
LaKeshia Ashley	Spring 2025
Robert Brooke	Spring 2025
Kimberly Christen	Spring 2025
Kathryn Davies	Spring 2025
Amanda Dillard	Spring 2025
Nina Fergus	Spring 2025
Corey Fields	Spring 2025
Yemisrach Geteye	Spring 2025
Maya Horne	Spring 2025
Adrienne Kelly	Spring 2025
Nakayalla Langley	Spring 2025
Gabriela Martin	Spring 2025
Susan McGowan	Spring 2025
LaKeysha Moton	Spring 2025
Sangeeta Nathoo	Spring 2025
Rebecca Pastor	Spring 2025
Ethan Pupkin	Spring 2025
James Rice	Spring 2025

Spring 2025
Spring 2025

*Master of Science in Medical Cannabis Science
and Therapeutics cont.*

Dawn Scroggins	Spring 2025
Malikah Simons	Spring 2025
Diana Solana-Sodeinde	Spring 2025
Linsey Travis	Spring 2025
Asiwome Tsamenyi	Spring 2025
Deidra Wilson	Spring 2025
Renita Wright	Spring 2025
Jasmine Wynn	Spring 2025

*Master of Science in Medical
and Research Technology*

Rebecca Cherian	Spring 2025
Alexander Malyshev	Spring 2025
Shemar Markley	Spring 2025
Adam Steel	Spring 2025

Master of Science in Pathology Assistant

Valerie Bernardo	Spring 2025
Emily Marie Breaux	Spring 2025
Caileigh Briggs	Spring 2025
Carlos Diaz-Franco	Spring 2025
Sage Grafe	Spring 2025
Jackson Kratovil	Spring 2025
Victoria McKinney	Spring 2025
Rinard Carle Tiamzon	Spring 2025

Master of Science in Pharmaceutical Sciences

Rubina Ahamed	Fall 2024
Germaine Fernandes	Fall 2024
Saipavani Gundlapalli	Fall 2024
Rishabh Ishan	Fall 2024
Joshi Kaustubh	Fall 2024
Shruti Kale	Fall 2024
Bhaskar Kandregula	Fall 2024
Amie Kargbo	Fall 2024
Akash Sunil Katkade	Fall 2024
Prarthana Kaw	Fall 2024
Shreeya More	Fall 2024
Teja Murthy Nandipura Matada	Fall 2024
Sandy Obeid	Fall 2024
Supriya Pathak	Fall 2024
Sarah Philip	Fall 2024
Bhavya Jitesh Shah	Fall 2024
Akanksha Sukhtankar	Fall 2024
Salonee Tawde	Fall 2024
Salma Ahmed	Spring 2025
Tanya Bavadekar	Spring 2025
Linfah McQueen	Spring 2025

Master of Science in Pharmacometrics

Behnoosh Bonakdar Yazdi	Spring 2025
Jui Dave	Spring 2025
Yan Hu	Spring 2025
Martin Radvany	Spring 2025
Vala Shariat	Spring 2025
Angela Sung	Spring 2025
Raja Chakroborty	Spring 2025

Master of Science in Pharmaceutical Health Services Research

Blessing Enobun	Spring 2025
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Master of Science in Physician Assistant

Lidiya Adhana	Spring 2025
Christine Adjoodani	Spring 2025
Elizabeth Blasy	Spring 2025
Helena Brader	Spring 2025
Erika Joyce Domagas	Spring 2025
Iman Hasan	Spring 2025
Ruth Hernandez Montiel	Spring 2025
Jaelyn Heyliger	Spring 2025
Hannah Holzrichter	Spring 2025
Jillian Jones	Spring 2025
Kadijatu Kamara	Spring 2025
Michelle Krenzke	Spring 2025
Mathias Mignot	Spring 2025
Hannah Merrifield	Spring 2025
Rachel Quimby	Spring 2025
Nicholas Ruszala	Spring 2025
Mekdelawit Tadesse	Spring 2025
Kacie Yip	Spring 2025
Aaryn Zimmerman	Spring 2025

Master of Science in Regulatory Science

Adejola Ayodele	Spring 2025
Heba Altales	Spring 2025
Arya Awadhesh	Spring 2025
Madelena Brancati	Spring 2025
Pooja Chaudhary	Spring 2025
Ejutse Oritsemisan	Spring 2025
Griffin Keiser	Spring 2025
David Leung	Spring 2025
Alexandra Mata Espinoza	Spring 2025
John Michael McKenna	Spring 2025
Lucy Mwakisachi	Spring 2025
Oluwatosin Olusakin	Spring 2025
Ajith Poladi	Spring 2025
Francine Shoemaker	Spring 2025
Isabella Zafra	Spring 2025
Lakshmi Madduri	Spring 2025

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Presentation of Dr. Patricia Sokolove Outstanding Mentor Award

Jonathan Lawton
President, Graduate Student Association

Arlen G. Gaines and Ryan Costantino
Nominating Students

Mary Lynn McPherson, PharmD, PhD, BCPS
School of Pharmacy
Outstanding Mentor Awardee

Presentation and Hooding of PhD Graduates

Erin Golembewski, PhD
Senior Associate Dean, School of Graduate Studies

Mentors and Graduate Program Directors

Closing Remarks

Violet Kulo, EdD
Faculty Senator, School of Graduate Studies

The Doctoral Degree

Doctor means teacher or instructor; the term was used in ancient Rome to describe people who delivered public lectures on philosophical subjects. Since the 12th century, “doctor” has been a title of honor borne by men and women of great learning. It was first made an academic title at the University of Bologna in Italy, which received from the emperor the right to appoint *doctores legum* (doctors of laws).

The doctoral degree represents the most advanced earned degree conferred by American institutions. There are two distinct types: the professional or practitioner’s degree and the research degree. The former doctoral degree signifies advanced training for the practice of professions such as medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, or law. The latter type of doctoral degree, the research doctorate, is awarded to individuals who have undertaken prolonged advanced study on a subject and who have made substantial and original contribution to the knowledge concerning that subject in the form of an extensive written document, the dissertation. The degree confers the title of doctor of philosophy (PhD), although the degree no longer is associated with the study of philosophy specifically.

Academic Regalia

The traditional black caps and gowns worn by students and faculty in the academic

procession have been the costume of scholars since medieval times. A uniform code for academic costume was drafted by an intercollegiate commission in 1895 and has been adopted by the majority of colleges and universities in the United States. The gown or robe of the doctoral degree has a full, bell-shaped sleeve with three bars of velvet. The opening of the doctoral gown is faced with wide velvet bands that are either black or of a color indicating the wearer’s general field of learning. For the doctor of philosophy degree, robes have velvet of either black to match the gown, or blue representing the PhD degree.

The most colorful and distinctive item of the academic costume is the hood, which passes around the neck and extends down the back. The hood is hemmed in a bright or dark blue for the PhD degree. The colors of the silk lining exposed in the center of the hood are those of the college or university which conferred the degree. For the University of Maryland School of Graduate Studies, the hood is lined with black and gold. The doctor of philosophy candidates will receive their diplomas at the university commencement exercises.

The cap, or mortarboard, is uniform in design for all degrees. However, the PhD recipient may also wear an eight-sided tam. The tassel may be either black or gold for the doctoral degree. A person may tip the cap to show respect to a colleague. Additional medallions or decorative trim may be worn by individuals who have achieved specific honors.

Doctor of Philosophy

Vashti Adams

Shifting the Focus: Exploring Black Women's Perspectives on Weight-Neutral Approaches to Health

Mentor: Theda Rose, PhD
Spring 2025

Ruth Akinlosotu

Effect of Practice Schedule on Motor Learning of Reactive Balance Responses in Persons with Parkinson's Disease

Mentor: Kelly Westlake, PhD
Spring 2025

Nesreen Alissa

The Effects of a Reach to Grasp Training Intervention on Balance Responses and Fall- Related State Anxiety

Mentor: Kelly Westlake, PhD
Fall 2024

Emmanuel Asiedu

Role of Angiopoietin-Like 4 in Head and Neck Cancer Resistance to Cisplatin

Mentor: Silvia Montaner, PhD
Spring 2025

Jennifer Aumiller

Mentoring International Biomedical Postdoctoral Fellows from India: A Phenomenological Study of Barriers and Best Practices

Mentor: Karen Gordes, PhD
Spring 2025

Raziyeh Baghi

Subject-Specific Off-axis Assessment and Training Strategies for Medial Knee Osteoarthritis Rehabilitation

Mentor: Li-Qun Zhang, PhD
Summer 2024

Sabrina Bielefeldt

Fostering Prelicensure Nursing Student Clinical Judgment in the Traditional Clinical Learning Environment: A Delphi Study

Mentor: Violet Kulo, PhD

Spring 2025

Alexa Blanchard

Mast Cell Modulation of the Developing Hippocampus

Mentor: Margaret McCarthy, PhD

Summer 2023

Jocelyn Brown (Robinson)

Weathering the Storms of Racial Capitalism: Examining the Impact of Racial Capitalism on Well-Being across the Black American Life Course

Mentor: Brandy Harris-Wallace, PhD

Summer 2024

Sophie Bruckmeier

Defining the Consequences of Npr12 Knockout In Vitro and In Vivo

Mentor: Philip Iffland, PhD

Fall 2024

Heather Buck

Osteocytic Nitric Oxide and CaMKII Mediate Bone Mass and Quality

Mentor: Joseph Stains, PhD

Spring 2025

Bernard Bright Davies-Teye

Utilization of Active Surveillance, Neighborhood Social Determinants of Health, and Direct Medical Costs in Elderly Medicare Beneficiaries Diagnosed with Localized Prostate Cancer in the United States

Mentor: C. Daniel Mullins, PhD

Spring 2025

Bryan Eng

Electronic Cigarettes: A Comprehensive Analysis of Regulatory Evolution, Health Risks, and the Rise of Counterfeit Products

Mentor: Richard Dalby, PhD

Spring 2025

Tushana Fowlin

Maternal Stress and Adverse Neonatal Birth Outcomes: Examining the Moderating Roles of Interpersonal and Healthcare Racial Discrimination

Mentors: Yolanda Ogboulu, PhD and Rachel Breman, PhD

Fall 2024

Aziza Frank

The Design, Synthesis, and Characterization of Gallium-Salophen Complexes as Inhibitors of Pseudomonas aeruginosa Heme Sensing and Utilization System

Mentors: Fengtian Xue, PhD and Angela Wilks, PhD

Spring 2025

Caitlin Gabor

Genotypic and Phenotypic Characterization of Shigella flexneri serotype 6

Mentors: Eileen M Barry, PhD and David A Rasko, PhD

Summer 2024

Arlen Gaines

The Grief and Bereavement Experiences of Children with Intellectual Disabilities

Mentor: John Cagle, PhD

Spring 2025

Noha Ghonim

Development of Nanogel-based Platforms for Artemisinin-based Leukemia Therapy and Theranostic Magnetic Targeting

Mentor: Tao L. Lowe, PhD

Spring 2025

Christopher Goodis

*Molecular Strategies to Combat Acquired Resistance to the Anti-Leukemic Drug
Venetoclax*

Mentor: Steven Fletcher, PhD
Fall 2024

Rahul Kumar Goyal

*Application of Pharmacometrics to Optimize Drug Development and Aid Clinical
Practice*

Mentor: Jogarao Gobburu, PhD
Fall 2024

Catherine Haga

*Nicotinic Regulation of Parvalbumin Neurons in Rat Somatosensory Cortex Across
Development*

Mentor: Asaf Keller, PhD
Spring 2025

Christopher Holt

Genome Enabled Analyses of Onchocercidae Filarial Nematodes

Mentor: Julie Dunning Hotopp, PhD
Spring 2025

Clare Horn

*The Postoperative Pain Experience of Pediatric Patients with Obstructive Sleep Apnea
who have Undergone a Corrective Tonsillectomy and Adenoidectomy*

Mentor: Cynthia Renn, PhD
Spring 2025

Allison Holland Howard

*The Cycle of Objectification, Fragmentation, and Consumption: Power and Control
Dynamics in Domestic Sex Trafficking*

Mentors: Geoffrey Greif, PhD and Bruce DeForge, PhD
Spring 2025

John Hussey

Disrupted Regulation of Voltage-Gated Calcium Channels by Pathological Calmodulin Mutants

Mentor: Ivy Dick, PhD

Fall 2024

Sunday Ikpe

Using a Nationally Representative Health Data Repository to Improve Retention in Care Among People With HIV in Nigeria: A Computational Epidemiology Approach

Mentors: Kristen Stafford, PhD and Timothy O'Connor, PhD

Fall 2024

Aishwarya Iyer

From Bedside to Bench – Unraveling the Role of MYBPC1 in Health and Disease

Mentor: Aikaterini Kontrogianni-Konstantopoulos, PhD

Spring 2025

Dawoon Jung

Pharmacometrics-driven Precision Pharmacotherapy

Mentor: Jogarao Gobburu, PhD

Fall 2024

Jeffrey Koenig

Gestational Exposure to the Organophosphorus Pesticide Chlorpyrifos Imparts Lasting Alterations to the Rat Somatosensory Cortex

Mentor: Asaf Keller, PhD

Spring 2025

Samuel Krug

Drug Development for Antibiotic Resistant Lung Infection

Mentor: Maureen Kane, PhD

Spring 2025

Katie Kruk

gEstradiol Modulation of GPR37 in the MnPO and Its Impact on Sleep-Wake Behavior

Mentor: Jessica Mong, PhD

Spring 2025

Catherine Ladipo-Amao

A Pseudomonas aeruginosa Biliverdin IX β -Dependent Transcriptional Regulator (Bdrb) Integrates Extracellular Heme Metabolism with Type IV Pili-Dependent Motilities

Mentor: Angela Wilks, PhD
Spring 2025

Heather Lashley

Factors Impacting Physical Function in Adults with Fibromyalgia

Mentor: Barbara Resnick, PhD
Fall 2024

Jonathan Lawton

Deciphering the Roles of RIFIN and STEVOR Antigens in Severe Malaria Pathogenesis

Mentor: Mark Travassos, MD
Spring 2025

Donald Lee

Model-Informed Approaches to Tackle Challenges in Therapeutics and Generic Drug Development

Mentor: Jogarao Gobburu, PhD
Fall 2024

Judy Lentz

Impact of Spirituality in Christians with Serious Illness - A Phenomenological Study

Mentor: Jane Kirschling, PhD
Spring 2025

Yi Li

Regulation of SERCA1 in skeletal muscle by sAnk1: the role of the cytoplasmic domain of sAnk1 and its protein complexes

Mentor: Robert Bloch, PhD
Spring 2025

Maxwell Madden

Serotonergic Control of the Claustrum: A Cognitive Control Nucleus

Mentor: Brian Mathur, PhD

Spring 2025

Adarsha Malla

Advancing Models and Localized Therapies for Residual Invasive Disease in Glioblastoma

Mentor: Graeme Woodworth, MD

Spring 2025

Allison Mancini

The Role of Calcium in Activating RhoA and ROCK in Stationary and Collectively Migrating Fibroblasts Investigated Using a Novel Single-Color FRET Sensor

Mentor: Megan Rizzo, PhD

Fall 2024

Sarah Margerison

Cortical Activity Associated with Performed and Imagined Squats in People with Patellofemoral Pain

Mentor: David A. Seminowicz, PhD

Spring 2025

Jennifer Mariano

MYBPC1 E248K Myotrem: An Investigation into Disease Progression and Pathogenic Mechanisms

Mentor: Aikaterini Kontrogianni-Konstantopoulos, PhD

Fall 2024

Rhea Mehta

The Association Between Pre-Hip Fracture Depression and Antidepressant Use and Post-Fracture Days at Home, Length of Hospital, and Mortality in Medicare Beneficiaries and Related Sex Differences

Mentors: Denise Orwig, PhD and Jason Falvey, DPT, PhD

Fall 2024

Jacqueline Mitchell

The Self-Engaging Lifelong Fitness Individual Exercise (SELFIE) Program for Obese African American Women: A Pilot Feasibility and Efficacy Study

Mentor: Barbara Resnick, PhD

Spring 2025

Bern Monari

Characterizing the Vaginal Microbiota of Transmasculine Individuals Using Gender-Affirming Testosterone Therapy

Mentor: Jacques Ravel, PhD

Spring 2025

Mitchell Moyer

The Role of SUR1-TRPM4 in Epilepsy

Mentors: J Marc Simard, MD, PhD and Alexander Ksendzovsky MD, PhD

Spring 2025

Kevin Nguyen

Differential Impact of Conventional and Novel Risk Factors on Early and Late Onset Stroke

Mentors: Braxton Mitchell, PhD and Steven Kittner, MD

Fall 2024

Megan Nguyen (Delaney)

Roles of Cytoskeleton Networks and Insulin Metabolic Pathway on Drosophila Nephrocyte Function and Slit Diaphragm Dynamics

Mentor: Zhe Han, PhD

Summer 2024

Juliet Obi

Structural and Dynamic Insights into the Dengue Virus Non-structural 5 (NS5) Protein for Novel Structure-Based Drug Design Strategies

Mentor: Daniel Deredge, PhD

Spring 2025

Chimdiya Onwukwe

Median Preoptic Astrocytes: Role in Sleep Regulation and Potential Mediators of Sex Differences

Mentor: Jessica Mong, PhD

Spring 2025

Mitasha Palha

Applications of Electron Paramagnetic Resonance (EPR) in Biomedical Research

Mentor: Joseph Kao, PhD

Spring 2025

Jeong-eun Park

Strengthening Negative Control Analyses in Observational Studies: Evaluating Shared Confounding Structures with Measured Covariates

Mentor: Zafar Zafari, PhD

Spring 2025

Danielle Phillips

Reimagining Cis-Systems of Care: Exploring Health and Well-Being Among Transgender and Gender Diverse Young Adults Through an Intersectional Strengths-Based Lens

Mentor: Corey Shdaimah, PhD

Summer 2024

Sanjana Rao

Validation of Robot-Based Assessment and Efficacy of Hybrid Rehabilitation of Reaching Movement Among Individuals with Chronic Stroke

Mentor: Kelly Westlake, PhD

Spring 2025

Riley Risteen

Unraveling Host-Pathogen Interactions in Pulmonary Mucormycosis

Mentor: Vincent Bruno, PhD

Spring 2025

Colin Robertson

Precision in vivo Genome Editing for the Study of Rare Genetic Disease Variants

Mentor: Alexandros Pouloupoulos, PhD

Fall 2024

Shalini Sahoo

Role of Home Environment in Formal and Family/Friends Care Use among Older Persons with Dementia

Mentor: Amanda Lehning, PhD

Spring 2025

Jannat Saini

Towards a Better Understanding of Access Factors Associated with Treatment and Outcomes among Medicaid Enrollees with Opioid Use Disorder and Depression

Mentor: Danya Qato, PharmD, PhD

Fall 2024

Ahmed Salem

Pharmacometric Model-Based Real-World Data Driven Framework to Refine Unfractionated Heparin Dosing in Pediatric Population

Mentor: Mathangi Gopalakrishnan, PhD

Summer 2024

Nidhi Satishkumar

*The Role of Penicillin-Binding Protein-4 (PBP4) in β -lactam Resistance of *Staphylococcus aureus**

Mentor: Som Chatterjee, PhD

Fall 2024

Ryan Scalsky

Characterization of Putative Protective Parasite Targets of a Whole Organism Malaria Vaccine

Mentors: Joana Carneiro da Silva, PhD and Kirsten Lyke, MD

Spring 2025

Jacob Shaw

Nanoparticle Biomolecular Coronas: Implications of Formulation Parameters and Pre-existing Conditions on Immune Recognition

Mentor: Ryan Pearson, PhD

Spring 2025

Catherine Stapf

Examining Behavioral Flexibility in Pavlovian Processes Through the Lens of Endocannabinoid Regulation and Sex Differences

Mentor: Donna Calu, PhD

Fall 2024

William Still

Pediatric Bacterial Infections and Sepsis in Bamako, Mali: Epidemiology, Treatment, and Potential Endotoxin Vaccine Impact

Mentors: Karen Kotloff, MD and Milagritos Tapia, MD

Spring 2025

Andrew Stoltzfus

The CCCH-type Zinc Finger Tristetraprolin and Post-translational Modification by Metals and Hydrogen Sulfide: Implications on Zinc Finger Function during Inflammation

Mentor: Sarah L.J. Michel, PhD

Fall 2024

Sarah Tanveer

Causality Assessment of Adverse Drug Events

Mentor: Peter Doshi, PhD

Fall 2024

Vasileios Theofilou

Spatial Atlas Uncovers a Unique Proteomic and Transcriptomic Landscape at the Human Gingival Barrier

Mentors: Niki M. Moutsopoulos, DDS, PhD and Abraham Schneider, DDS, PhD

Fall 2024

Ellis Tibbs

The Role of Granzyme B in Tumor Migration and Metastasis

Mentor: Xuefang Cao, PhD

Spring 2022

Gretchen Tucker

A Study to Assess Gender and Racial Differences in Unmet Dementia-Related Care Needs Among Spousal and Non-Spousal Informal Care Partners of Community-Dwelling Persons Living with Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias

Mentors: Denise Orwig, PhD and J. Kevin Eckert, PhD

Fall 2024

Nicole Viviano

People Living with HIV (50+) and Nutritional Risk: A Mixed-Methods Study of Health-Related Quality of Life, COVID-19, and other Risk Factors

Mentor: Ann Gruber-Baldini, PhD

Fall 2024

Alexandra Vlk

M2a Macrophages Facilitate Resolution of Chemically-Induced Colitis in TLR4-SNP Mice

Mentor: Stefanie Vogel, PhD

Summer 2023

Yao Wang

Examining Foster Care Status, Social Support, and Health Outcomes among Transition-age Youth with Foster Care Experience

Mentor: Bethany Lee, PhD

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Kaylee Watson

Epitranscriptomics: Advancing RNA Modification Detection with ONT Direct RNA Sequencing

Mentor: Julie Dunning Hotopp, PhD

Spring 2025

Jewel White

*A Biopsychosocial Model to Study Interindividual Differences in Placebo Effects:
Translational Approaches for Acute and Chronic Pain Management*

Mentor: Luana Colloca, MD, PhD

Summer 2024

Christina Williams

*Mutations in Dehydrogenase/Reductase 3 (DHRS3) Result in Loss of Function and
Dysregulation of all-trans Retinoic Acid Homeostasis*

Mentor: Maureen Kane, PhD

Fall 2024

Kimberly Williams

Exploring the Therapeutic Foster Parent Experience

Mentor: Bethany Lee, PhD

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