

Massachusetts Infectious Disease Society

2022 Edward H. Kass Award for Clinical Excellence in Fellowship

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Jeffrey Campbell, MD

BIDMC



Samira Reyes Dassum, MD

BMC (Adult)



Juan Teran Plasencia, MD

BWH



Courtney Harris, MD

MGH



Rachel Erdil, MD

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Jessica Penney, MD, MPH

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1) Jeffrey Campbell, MD, Boston Children's Hospital (Pediatric ID)

I am a 3rd-year infectious diseases fellow at Boston Children's Hospital. Prior to fellowship, I attended Harvard Medical School, and completed pediatrics residency in the Boston Combined Residency Program at Boston Children's Hospital and Boston Medical Center. I am also completing the Harvard-wide Pediatric Health Services Research Fellowship, and am broadly interested in using research and clinical care to close gaps in care for socially marginalized and economically disadvantaged children with infectious diseases, currently focusing on latent TB infection. After completing fellowship, I will be joining the Division of Pediatric Infectious Disease at Boston Medical Center.

2) Samira Reyes Dassum, MD, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center

I am an Ecuadorian doctor who has been living in Massachusetts for the past 6 years where I did my Medical Residency at North Shore Medical Center followed by a Chief Resident year at MetroWest Medical Center. I am currently completing my Infectious Disease Fellowship at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center where I feel fortunate to have received excellent training alongside incredible fellows and access to mentorship which has encouraged me to further explore and expand my interests. Within ID, my interests include antibiotic and diagnostic stewardship, antibiotic allergies, quality improvement and social determinants of health, particularly non-English speaking patients.

3) Juan Teran Plasencia, MD, Boston Medical Center (Adult ID)

Juan Teran Plasencia was born in Quito, Ecuador where he attended medical school at Universidad Internacional del Ecuador. After obtaining his medical degree he worked as a general practitioner for one year in the underserved outskirts of Quito; That experience shaped his interest in Infectious Diseases. Juan completed his residency training at the University of Miami/JFK Medical Center and is currently finishing his Infectious Diseases fellowship training at Boston University/BMC. He is passionate about antibiotic stewardship and infection control with a particular interest in antibiotic prophylaxis for surgical interventions. Juan will pursue advanced fellowship training at the West Roxbury VA in the field of Infection Control and Hospital Epidemiology.

4) Courtney Harris, MD, Brigham & Women's Hospital

Courtney Harris is a second-year transplant infectious disease fellow at Brigham and Women's Hospital. She is originally from Minnesota, and a graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Madison & University of Minnesota Medical School and completed her

residency and chief residency at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN. She has previously worked on projects on histoplasmosis infection in patients on TNF-alpha inhibitors and infections in patients with left ventricular assist devices, with a passion for medical education, gender equity research, and organized medicine leadership. She is currently serving as a representative on the Council of Residents and Fellows for the American College of Physicians (ACP). She will be staying at Brigham to complete a third year in transplant ID fellowship, with plans after to pursue a career as an academic clinician-educator in transplant/immunocompromised host infectious disease.

5) Rachil Erdil, MD, Massachusetts General Hospital

Dr. Rachel Erdil obtained her MD from the University of Massachusetts Medical School. She then completed a combined residency in Internal Medicine and Pediatrics at Massachusetts General Hospital and continued her clinical training through the joint Infectious Disease fellowship at Massachusetts General Hospital and Brigham and Women's Hospital. She is currently in her second year of fellowship in the clinical track and serving as the HIV fellow at Massachusetts General Hospital. Her career interests are in caring for patients with HIV, TB, and non-tuberculous mycobacterial infections, as well as addressing social determinants of health. After graduation in July, she will be starting a new job as a clinician educator in the Division of Geographic Medicine and Infectious Diseases at Tufts Medical Center.

6) Jessica Penney, MD, MPH, Tufts Medical Center

Dr. Jessica Penney is a medicine-pediatrics residency trained physician completing her adult infectious disease fellowship at Tufts Medical Center. During her training she has been awarded the Natalie V. Zucker Research Center for Women Scholars Award as well the Dr. Julie Maher Award for Excellence in Outpatient Medicine. Her interests, and

current research, is primarily within healthcare epidemiology and disease surveillance, as well as infection prevention. This year she completed a Master's degree in Clinical and Translational Science through Tufts University, with her thesis focusing on the impact of a diagnostic stewardship intervention on institutional urine testing practices. She plans to continue to pursue her passion for healthcare epidemiology as she begins a position with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Epidemic Intelligence Service this July, stationed at a field site at the Southern Nevada Health District. She eventually hopes to use her training to pursue a career within public health.

7) Mohammad Hajjiri, MD, UMass Memorial Medical Center

Hometown: I was born and raised in Jordan

Medical School: I graduated from Jordan University of Science and Technology in 2004. I completed my internal medicine residency at Akron General Medical Center/Cleveland Clinic in 2010.

More About Me: I've worked in both primary care and hospital medicine settings before starting my fellowship and have been at UMass since 2018. During my time here, I have completed my Green belt LEAN project and Quality Scholars program. I also served as a POD leader with the office of clinical integration at UMass Memorial. I will be joining an infectious disease private practice in IL once I am done, hoping to implement my quality improvement training to improve patient care and well-being.