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# DEPARTMENT OF NEUROLOGY

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## Welcome Applicants! A Message From Our Program Director

On behalf of the Department of Neurology, I am delighted to introduce you to our residency program and to the many exciting developments at Cornell. Our neurology residency features robust clinical, research, educational, and leadership opportunities at NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital, Weill Cornell Medical College, the Brain and Mind Research Institute, and Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center. You will be struck by the kindness and mentorship culture fostered by our department and institution. Most importantly, we hope to showcase our neurology residents who are diverse, accomplished, scholarly, and practice our specialty skillfully and with humanism.

*Matthew S. Robbins, MD*

### FUN FACTS

*Did you know that the ACGME accredited Graduate Medical Education program at NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital (NYP) is the largest program in the country?*

*Did you know that Cornell is where Plum and Posner studied disorders of consciousness and described stupor, coma, lock-in syndrome and persistent vegetative state?*

## Meet Our Department Leadership



### Dr. Matthew Fink (*Chair of Neurology*)

Dr. Matthew E. Fink, is the Louis and Gertrude Feil Professor of Clinical Neurology, chairman of the Department of Neurology and associate dean for clinical affairs at Weill Cornell Medicine. Dr. Fink is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania and the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, and served as resident and chief resident in internal medicine at Boston City Hospital. He trained in neurology at The Neurological Institute of New York at New York-Presbyterian/Columbia University Medical Center, and served as chief resident under Dr. Lewis P. Rowland. Later, he joined the faculty of Columbia University and became the founding director of the neurology-neurosurgery intensive care unit at New York-Presbyterian.

### Dr. Costantino Iadecola (*Director and Chair, Brain & Mind Research Institute*)

In 2012, Dr. Iadecola was named Director and Chair of the Feil Family Brain and Mind Research Institute, a new departmental focusing on translational neuroscience research at Weill Cornell. He was also appointed the Anne Parrish Titzell Professor of Neurology, a prestigious chair previously held by Drs. Fred Plum & M. Flint Beal. An international leader in stroke and dementia research, his work focuses on mechanisms of cerebrovascular regulation, and on molecular pathology of ischemic brain injury and neurodegeneration. A major area of interest also lies in interactions between cardiovascular risk factors, stroke & Alzheimer's disease.



### Editors:

Marialaura Simonetto, MD, MS  
 Paul Wechsler, MD  
 Susmit Tripathi, MD, MS

## Program Director: Matthew Robbins, MD



Dr. Matthew Robbins earned his B.S. from Yale University and his M.D. from SUNY-Downstate College of Medicine. He completed his neurology residency at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine / Montefiore Medical Center, where he was also a chief resident and then a fellow in headache medicine at the Montefiore Headache Center. He served on the faculty at Montefiore-Einstein for nearly a decade, where he was an associate professor of neurology, chief of neurology at the Jack D. Weiler Hospital, and director of inpatient services for the Montefiore Headache Center. At Weill Cornell and NY Presbyterian, he is the program director for the neurology residency and an associate professor of neurology.

Dr. Robbins is the Treasurer of the American Headache Society (AHS), the Treasurer of the New York State Neurological Society, and a Fellow of both the American Academy of Neurology (AAN) and AHS, where he directs all resident education programming. He has served on the editorial boards of *Continuum*, *Headache*, and *Current Pain and Headache Reports*. He has won awards including the Members' Choice award for the best publication in the journal *Headache*, the AHS Above and Beyond award, and two AAN AB Baker Teacher Recognition Awards. He has led organizational initiatives related to headache including guidelines and quality measures. He is an active participant in patient advocacy activities including Neurology and Headache on the Hill, and is a graduate of the Palatucci Advocacy Leadership Forum of the AAN, where he has also served as an advisor.

## Associate Program Director & MSKCC Site Director: Jacqueline Stone, MD

Dr. Jacqueline Stone is an Assistant Attending of Neurology at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center where she serves as the Director of Neurology Resident Education and she is the Associate Neurology Residency Program Director at Cornell. She has had a longstanding interest in neurology as she studied the Biological Basis of Behavior (in addition to Hispanic Studies and Chemistry) at the University of Pennsylvania prior to receiving her medical degree from the New York University School of Medicine. Since that time, she has been a Cornell "lifer" as she completed her internship, residency, and chief residency at New York-Presbyterian/Weill Cornell Medical Center. During residency, Dr. Stone was first exposed to the field of Neuro-oncology while rotating at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center. She pursued Neuro-oncology fellowship and stayed on as faculty at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center where she specializes in treating patients with primary and secondary central nervous system malignancies as well as the neurological complications of cancer and its treatment. She conducts research in the treatment of malignant gliomas as well as quality of life issues for brain tumor patients including fertility preservation, pregnancy, and sexual function. Dr. Stone has a strong interest in medical education.



## Associate Program Director: Judy H. Ch'ang, MD



Dr. Judy Ch'ang is the Medical Director and the Director of Education in the Neurosciences ICU and an Assistant Professor of Neurology at Weill Cornell Medical College. She received her B.S. from the University of Michigan and M.D. from the University of Toledo College of Medicine in her hometown. Afterwards, she moved to the Big Apple and completed her internship and neurology residency at New York-Presbyterian Hospital/Columbia University Medical Center. Afterwards, she completed her neurocritical care fellowship at the University of California, San Francisco. She enjoys politics, college football and cooking. Her interests include residency and fellow mentorship, critical care ultrasound, and medical education. She specializes in acute neurological emergencies and intensive care management. She is the PI of the BFF trial (Bromocriptine for Fever).

## Vice Chair Neurology Operations: Louise Klebanoff, MD

Dr. Louise Klebanoff is the Chief of General Neurology and the Vice Chair of Operations for the Department of Neurology at Weill Cornell Medical College. She is also an Assistant Attending Neurologist at New York-Presbyterian Hospital/Weill Cornell Medical Center.

Dr. Klebanoff received her medical degree from Georgetown University Medical Center, graduating first in her class, and went on to complete a residency in Neurology and a fellowship in Critical Care Neurology at New York-Presbyterian Hospital/Columbia University Medical Center.

Prior to joining the Weill Cornell faculty, Dr. Klebanoff served as Attending Neurologist at Beth Israel Medical Center, where she also held leadership roles on various committees and served as the first female president of the Medical Board. Dr. Klebanoff is board certified in Psychiatry and Neurology. She is a member of the Alpha Omega Alpha honor society, the American Medical Association and the American Academy of Neurology.



## Vice Chair for Clinical Research in Neurology: Hooman Kamel, MD, MS



Dr. Hooman Kamel is Vice Chair for Research in the Department of Neurology at Weill Cornell Medicine. He is also Chief of the Division of Neurocritical Care and Director of the Clinical and Translational Neuroscience Unit in the Department of Neurology and the Feil Family Brain and Mind Research Institute. His research focuses on the relationship between cardiac disease and stroke. He has published several studies showing that atrial cardiopathy may be a previously unrecognized risk factor for stroke. He is a principal investigator and protocol lead for the NIH-funded ARCADIA trial, which is testing antithrombotic strategies in patients with stroke and atrial cardiopathy. He is also a principal investigator of the NIH-funded ASPIRE trial, which is testing antithrombotic strategies in patients with atrial fibrillation and intracerebral hemorrhage. He has published over 275 scientific publications, including in leading journals such as NEJM and JAMA.

Dr. Kamel attended college at Harvard and medical school at Columbia, then trained as a neurology resident and neurocritical care fellow at the University of California, San Francisco. He has a masters degree in data science from the Columbia University Data Science Institute. He serves as the Deputy Editor of JAMA Neurology and an editorial board member of Stroke. His academic contributions have been recognized by the Michael S. Pessin Stroke Leadership Prize from the American Academy of Neurology and the Robert G. Siekert New Investigator Award in Stroke from the American Heart Association.

## Resident Clinic Director: Ulrike Kaunzner, MD, PhD



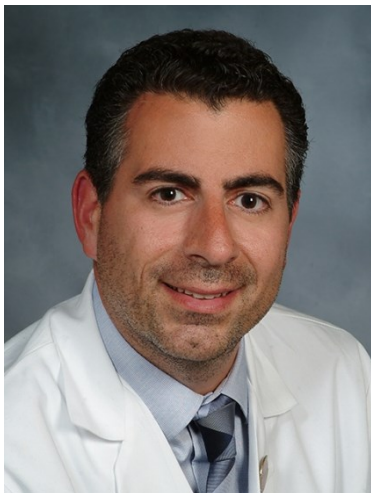
Dr. Ulrike Kaunzner studied medicine in Jena and Paris, and received her medical degree from the Friedrich Schiller University in Jena, Germany. She then continued her postdoctoral training in Neuroinflammation/Neuroimmunity at the Rockefeller University, New York. She then completed her internship and Neurology residency at the New York-Presbyterian Hospital/Weill Cornell Medical Center, where she also served as Chief Resident. She completed her fellowship in Multiple Sclerosis and Neuroinflammation at the Judith Jaffe MS Center of Weill-Cornell Medicine.

She now is an attending Neurologist at New York-Presbyterian Hospital/Weill Cornell Medicine and is the director of our Resident General Neurology Clinic.

Her research focus is in various neuroimaging techniques in multiple sclerosis. She is the recipient of the 2019 Clinical Research Training Scholarship in Multiple Sclerosis funded by the American Brain Foundation, Consortium of Multiple Sclerosis Centers, and Biogen in collaboration with the American Academy of Neurology.



## Vice Chair of Education: Joseph Safdieh, MD



Dr. Joseph E. Safdieh is currently the Gertrude Feil Associate Dean of Curricular Affairs, Vice Chairman for Education and Professor of Neurology at Weill Cornell Medicine. He received his bachelors degree in neuroscience, summa cum laude, from the College of Arts and Science of New York University. He received his MD from New York University School of Medicine, where he received the Alpha Omega Alpha Award for graduating first in his class. He completed his neurology residency training at the Weill Cornell, where he also served as Chief Resident.

Prior to his promotion to associate dean, Dr. Safdieh directed the medical student Neurology Clerkship for 13 years. As associate dean, he is responsible for overseeing the entire curriculum at Weill Cornell. He is well respected as an innovative medical educator, and has developed numerous curricula for the teaching of neurology to both medical students and other physicians. He has been recognized for his excellence in medical student education locally, nationally and internationally. He previously held the position of medical director of the Neurology Residents Clinic and also served as Director of Outpatient Training for the Neurology Residency Program.

Dr. Safdieh served on the education committee of the American Academy of Neurology, as well as the publications committee and the Undergraduate Education Subcommittee. He recently completed a 2-year term as chair of the Consortium of Neurology Clerkship Directors of the AAN. Additionally, he is currently editor-in-chief of Neurology Today, the official news source of the American Academy of Neurology, and the CME editor for Continuum.

## Clerkship Director: Rajiv Magge, MD

Dr. Rajiv Magge is an Assistant Professor of Neurology at WCM and Assistant Attending Neurology at NYP. He graduated with honors from Dartmouth College and received his medical degree from the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine. He then completed an internship in Internal Medicine at Brown University/Rhode Island Hospital, a residency in Neurology at Massachusetts General Hospital/Brigham & Women's Hospital/Harvard Medical School, followed by a fellowship in Neuro-Oncology at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center.

Dr. Magge joined the department in 2015 as a neuro-oncologist and is currently the Director of the medical student Neurology Clerkship. In addition to his clinical and education roles, he serves as principal investigator or co-investigator of several clinical trials, and has published extensively regarding primary brain tumors such as glioblastoma and meningiomas, neurotoxicity of chemotherapies, and tumor imaging.



## Associate Clerkship Director: Alina Masters-Israilov, MD



Dr. Alina Masters-Israilov is an Assistant Professor of Neurology at Weill Cornell Medical College. She majored in religion and biochemistry at the Macaulay Honors College at Hunter College. She received her M.D. from SUNY Downstate College of Medicine. She completed her neurology residency at Albert Einstein College of Medicine/Montefiore Medical Center, where she served as chief resident and continued her training at the Montefiore Headache Center for her fellowship in headache and facial pain.

Dr. Masters joined the department in 2019. She treats patients at the Lower Manhattan practice and works with neurology residents at the general neurology and headache resident continuity clinics. She is actively involved in medical student education serving as the associate neurology clerkship director and the headache medicine elective course director for medical students. She is involved in headache research, advocating for her patients with migraine and other headache disorders, and community education outreach programs. She is a member of the American Academy of Neurology and the American Headache Society.

## Program Coordinator: Janice Void



A native New Yorker, Janice has previously served as program coordinator for many years in various specialties before joining our Neurology Family. She brings a wealth of experience and dedication to the program. As PC, Janice has led many initiatives to improve graduate medical education to advance the demands of residency operations. She serves as a mentor to new coordinators and has participated as panelist on various GME topics.

Janice received the 2022 Residency and Fellowship Program Coordinator Recognition Award through the American Academy of Neurology. She presented at the AAN Annual Meeting on Program Coordinator Wellness and Virtual Recruitment.

Janice utilizes the role of the program coordinator to encourage collaboration with programs regionally to foster a rapport across graduate medical education. She credits her position to allow continued professional growth and the benefit of cultivating countless forever friends. Janice is dedicated to house staff well-being, creating an atmosphere of mindfulness and inclusion, and reinforcing a culture of support as a holistic approach to training in neurology.

## Project Manager, Co-Chair of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, and Community outreach leader: Greta Strong, EdD



Dr. Greta Strong is the Administrative Project Manager for Department Initiatives, co-Chair for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, and manages community outreach in the Department of Neurology at Weill Cornell Medicine. She is an Assistant Professor of Community Outreach Teaching in Neurology, a registered Stroke Advocate with the National Stroke Association, and co-director of the Hope for Stroke support group at New York Presbyterian Hospital-Weill Cornell Medicine. She is also a member of the Dean's Community Advisory Board. Dr. Strong has received numerous awards for her work including the Fulbright Specialist Award, National Medal of Honor for Inspiring Initiative, National Council of Negro Women's Executive Leadership Award, and the Weill Cornell Medicine Pioneers in Diversity Award.

Dr. Strong leads the Department in community building for health and welfare through volunteerism and is dedicated to the creation and development of health initiatives and programs to enrich the lives of the community. Residents actively partner on many institution-wide initiatives to connect to diverse communities and to understand the influence of sociodemographic factors in clinical care, education, and research. Our community outreach draws on the Institution's many strengths

in the process of engagement with individuals, communities, businesses, industries, government, faith-based institutions, and other educational institutions to enhance our relationship with the communities we serve.

Programs include working with the Office of Diversity and Inclusion at Weill Cornell and the Diversity Center of Excellence of the Cornell Center for Health Equity including "Make Your Match" and Graduate Medical Education Welcome Back diversity events. We prioritize the annual Diversity Week where we invite Grand Rounds speakers to present and hold workshops on gender and diversity disparities in neurology. Our Department features a Women in Neurology group and provides a regular venue for mentorship in professional and social settings. Many of our faculty members and academic divisions feature scholarly work focusing on the influence of patient backgrounds on neurological disease.

## Administrative Assistant: Amy Kong



Amy was born and raised in the Lower East Side of New York City, and could not imagine living anywhere else. Amy graduated from Syracuse University with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in International Relations, and pursued her career in the healthcare industry. She worked as a research study assistant at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center which exposed her to a wealth of experience working directly with patients and doctors. She subsequently joined the Neurology Family here at Weill Cornell Medicine where she is involved with credentialing, residency and fellowship program, and educational lectures for the Department of Neurology. In her spare time, she loves spending time with her family and friends, and doing arts and craft. Most importantly she loves to bake and share her treats with the neuro residents.

# DEPARTMENT OF NEUROLOGY DIVISIONS

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**Weill Cornell Medicine**



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Evnin Family Chair in Neuro-Oncology

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Department of Neurology  
Co-Director, Neuro Advanced Care  
Unit



## **Yasmin Khakoo, MD**

Director, Child Neurology Program

# OUR CHIEF RESIDENTS

## Marialaura Simonetto, MD, MSc

Dr. Marialaura Simonetto was born and raised in Padua, Italy, where she attended medical school at the University of Padua. After spending a year in Brussels for her med school thesis, she moved to Miami for graduate school where she earned her master's degree in Clinical and Translational Investigation from the University of Miami. Before med school her main interest was swimming and she competed in the Olympic Games in Beijing 2008, representing Italy. She is thrilled to be finally in NYC, her favorite city in the world! She enjoys traveling, free museum days, watching Netflix with her cat Zelda and her boyfriend Umberto, exploring new restaurants in the city, and of course, swimming. Her interests within neurology include neurocritical care, stroke, stroke disparities and neuroepidemiology. She will be pursuing neurocritical care fellowship training at New York Presbyterian WC/CU.



## Paul Wechsler, MD



Dr. Paul Wechsler was born and raised in Pittsburgh, PA and went to Wake Forest University for college. He went back to his hometown for medical school at the University of Pittsburgh and is now extremely excited to be in the Big Apple with his two older brothers as part of the phenomenal Weill Cornell Neurology team. His medical interests include acute stroke treatment, stroke systems of care, and healthcare economics. Outside of brain stuff, Paul enjoys eating tacos, live blues/jazz music, low-contact boxing (no head hits of course), documentaries, and obnoxiously rooting for Pittsburgh sports teams. He will be pursuing fellowship in vascular neurology at the University of Cincinnati through a NIH T32 research training grant.

## Susmit Tripathi, MD, MS

Dr. Tripathi has divided roughly each decade of his life so far between India, Thailand, and the USA. While completing his MD-MS as part of the Clinical Research Training Program at Albert Einstein College of Medicine, he caught an early morning 6 Train from the Bronx to interview at Cornell. Now as a resident here, he feels lucky to learn about Neurology and research from his inspiring peers and teachers. His research interests include finding and validating tech and telemedicine-based approaches to neurological problems. Besides research and medical education. His other interests include reading historical nonfiction, checking in on fans of the NY Knicks (they're hurting), and cataloging his favorite Halal carts across NYC. He will be pursuing a fellowship in EEG/neurophysiology at NYP-WC.





# RESIDENT LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

## Stephanie Oh, MD, PhD: Research Chief



Dr. Stephanie Oh is a PGY-3 resident who hails from the lovely Garden State. She completed her B.Sc. at Massachusetts Institute of Technology and received her M.D. and Ph.D. from the Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School and Princeton University MD/PhD Program. Her doctoral research explored neuronal survival and degeneration under oxidative stress in Parkinsonian models. At Weill Cornell, she is investigating the influence of the immune system on neuroprotection in intracerebral hemorrhage models and developing her interests in health policy. When she's not hiking the abundant trails in the tri-state area, Steph can be found enjoying music, painting, and attempting to grow a jungle in her apartment.

## Don Langan, MD, DPharm: QI Chief

Dr. Don Langan is originally from Manalapan, New Jersey, and is enjoying living in New York City for the first time. He attended Rutgers University and was part of Rutgers' dual PharmD/MD degree program. He graduated from the Ernest Mario School of Pharmacy in 2015 and worked as an independent community pharmacist for a year, before beginning medical school at Robert Wood Johnson in 2016. In his free time, Don enjoys cooking with his wife Kat, an anesthesia resident at Weill Cornell, as well as exploring NYC together. He also enjoys listening to live music and watching baseball. His interests in neurology include neurocritical care, vascular neurology, as well as healthcare policy.



## Sarah Friedman, MD: Wellness Chief



Dr. Sarah Friedman was born and raised in Queens, studied neuroscience at the University of Rochester, and graduated from SUNY Downstate College of Medicine. Her neurology interests include headache medicine, movement disorders, and LGBTQ+ health equity within neurology. She is active in the women in neurology community and is currently interested in multiple areas of research including an integrative approach to migraine treatment and disparities within neurology. She is also a reviewer of the health equity and inclusion section of *Neurology: Residents and Fellows*. Outside of the hospital, she enjoys hiking, cycling, and is on a quest to find the best doughnut in NYC. Sarah is also part of our DEI Committee.

## Cali Callaway, MD: Wellness Chief

An Atlanta-native, Dr. Cali Callaway studied biology and artificial intelligence at the University of Georgia as a Foundation Fellow. She earned her MD from Weill Cornell Medicine, where she is delighted to stay for residency. She is passionate about research in traumatic brain injury, health equity, and advocacy for survivors of sexual assault and domestic violence. She aims to complete a fellowship in neuro-critical care. When away from the hospital, she enjoys cooking (often with the unsolicited assistance of her two cats), playing soccer in Central Park, and exploring new restaurants.



## Safa Kaleem, MD, MHS: Diversity and Inclusion

Dr. Safa Kaleem is currently a PGY-2 neurology resident. She grew up in Gainesville, Florida, but completed her undergraduate degree, MD, and MHS in Clinical Research at Duke University in Durham, NC. She is interested in neurocritical care and has completed research on quantitative EEG, nonconvulsive seizures, and ICH. She is a member of the department's Diversity, Inclusion, and Equity Committee. Outside of medicine, she is working on finding the best climbing walls, ramen, and bubble tea in the city! She also loves video games, baking, and hiking!



## Paulina Diaz, MD, MA: Diversity and Inclusion



Dr. Paulina Diaz is a PGY-1 neurology resident. She was born and raised in San Juan, Puerto Rico. She attended George Washington University in D.C., where she obtained her bachelor's in psychology and a subsequent master's degree in forensic psychology. She moved back to Puerto Rico to attend medical school and was actively involved in multiple sclerosis research. Her interests in neurology include multiple sclerosis, headache, and research on health disparities. In her free time, Paulina enjoys exploring restaurants in NYC, traveling, and practicing French.

## Clinton Ehidom, MD: Diversity and Inclusion

Dr. Clinton Ehidom is a PGY-1 neurology resident. He was born and raised in Nigeria. He moved to the United States and settled in New York where he completed high school, college, and medical school. Clinton is passionate about mentoring and increasing representation in medicine. His interest in neurology includes stroke, neurocritical care, and interventional neurology. Outside of medicine, Clinton enjoys staying active. He plays multiple sports including basketball and soccer. He also loves spending time with family and friends.



## Giana Dawod, MD: PGY-2 Class Rep



Dr. Giana Dawod is a PGY-2 neurology resident. She was born in Cincinnati, OH, with her family having originally come over from Amman, Jordan. After graduating from Johns Hopkins with her degree in neuroscience, she took a year off to work as a medical proposal writer for a global clinical research organization. She attended the University of Toledo for medical school, where she developed an interest in vascular and interventional neurology. Outside of work, she enjoys watching soccer games, traveling, learning new languages, and exploring all that NYC has to offer.

# WHAT WE REALLY THINK...!

## What is your favorite thing about our program?

My favorite thing about our program is how quickly everyone made me feel like part of the family. I felt so supported from day 1 and have already made so many connections in just a few months. - **Sarah Friedman, PGY2**

Despite coming from various backgrounds, everyone seems to have compatible personalities and are kind, eager to help, and collaborative  
- **Nathan Schleinkofer, PGY2**

The people are invested in each other's success; we publish together, boost each other privately and publicly, and share the consult load when the pager can't/won't stop buzzing. Our education initiatives are faculty-mentored but resident-led, and they drive meaningful, lasting changes to the program's structure.  
- **Susmit Tripathi, PGY4**

My favorite thing about the program is how accessible and friendly faculty members are, even as an intern. I rotated with Dr. Robbins on my elective and it was such an empowering experience, and I learned so much in that brief time. I can't wait to learn more next time I rotate through the department.  
- **Will Harris, PGY1**

## What do you like to do outside of residency

I like to cook and make cocktails!  
- **Aaron Kaplan, PGY4**

Rock climbing, hiking, baking, cooking, video games - **Safa Kaleem, PGY2**

Go to shows/concerts with friends, rock climb, sing, play the guitar - **Anjeli Song, PGY3**

Play with my dog and baby in Central Park  
- **Ari Zolin, PGY2**

I like to run, so I joined a running club, and I'm training for the Boston Marathon in April!  
- **Will Harris, PGY1**

Exploring Central Park, walking along Madison Avenue, biking on Randall's island, checking out new museums  
- **Nara Michaelson, PGY4**

## What is your favorite memory from residency so far?

It's a toss up between watching very sick patients walk out of the hospital, and introducing my daughter to some of the other Cornell Neuro babies.  
- **Ali Seitz, PGY4**

Giving tPA during a stroke code and reversing a patient's acute hemiparesis.  
- **Nara Michaelson, PGY4**

My favorite memory from residency so far was going to a barbecue at our program director's home. It was great to get to know everyone in a casual setting and Dr. Robbins is an awesome cook!  
- **Sarah Friedman PGY2**

The many impromptu nights my co-residents and I found ourselves doing karaoke.  
- **Anjeli Song, PGY3**

Some of my best memories are just getting off a long shift and trudging out to the local cocktail bar to vent about work and relationships with coresidents, or some of the home dinner parties we've had. Covid put a damper on some of these things but never fully eliminated the important ritual of gathering around good food to share our struggles.  
- **Aaron Kaplan, PGY4**

Getting together with everyone for the 2020-2021 graduation -- our first big event together since the pandemic began.  
- **Susmit Tripathi, PGY4**

Hanging outside of work with the rest of my co-residents  
- **Nathan Schleinkofer, PGY2**

Night float brunch after my last MICU night of the year. It had been a chaotic night to say the least, so celebrating the end to the rotation with all the other interns on night float that block felt well deserved, and I SAVORED every bite of my omelet  
- **Will Harris, PGY1**

Doing an overnight admission and feeling like I actually knew what I was doing.  
- **Aryeh Zolin, PGY2**

## Where do you live and what is your commute?

I live in Payson, which is part of NYP housing (literally across the street from the hospital). My commute is 5 minutes walking  
- **Anjeli Song, PGY3**

I live in Flatiron, which is a 30 minute subway ride to work. I like living close to downtown, and the subway ride is a great podcast and people watching time.  
- **Paul Wechsler, PGY4**

Live in Helmsley. Commute is 5 minutes!  
- **Will Harris, PGY1**

I live on 89th. Most days I try to walk back and forth--it's about 20 minutes of fresh air each way. Otherwise it's a 15min bus for when the weather is nasty.  
- **Aaron Kaplan, PGY4**

## What is your favorite part about NYC?

My favorite spot is Carl Schurz Park. It is a hidden gem with an amazing river view and fireworks on Saturday nights!  
- **Aaron Zelikovich, PGY3**

Still feels like new after 7 years. The public spaces stand out the most but in no order - the subway, central park (and the under-rated prospect park), getting outside of Manhattan and entering a totally different world (Arthur Ave, Flushing, Jackson Heights, Coney Island, too many others), the New York Public Libraries, and halal carts.  
- **Susmit Tripathi, PGY4**

I will never run out of things to do, people to meet, or new experiences.  
- **Will Harris, PGY1**

My favorite spots in NYC include eating Sedut's along the East River, basketball at St. Catherine's and the reservoir in Central Park.  
- **Andrew Feldman, PGY3**

The energy of the city is back, the feeling of unlimited possibilities.  
- **Nara Michaelson, PGY4**

Check out our website for everyone's bios!



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## Where Did Our Graduates Go?

### Class of 2023

**Aaron Kaplan** — Neurocritical Care, Stanford  
**Nara Michaelson** — MS and Neuroimmunology, BWH/MGH  
**Stephanie Roses** — Neuromuscular Medicine, Stanford  
**Alison Seitz** — Vascular, NYP-Weill Cornell  
**Marialaura Simonetto** — Neurocritical Care, NYP-Columbia/Weill Cornell  
**Susmit Tripathi** — Neurophysiology/EEG, NYP-Weill Cornell  
**Paul Wechsler** — Vascular, University of Cincinnati / NIH T32 training grant

### Class of 2022

**Samuel Bruce** — Vascular, NYP-Weill Cornell  
**Moises Dominguez** — Headache, New York University  
**Virginia Gao** — Movement Disorders, NYP-Columbia/Weill Cornell  
**Alexandra Gewirtz** — Neuro-Oncology, Memorial Sloan Kettering  
**Mu Ji Hwang** — Vascular, Brown  
**Joshua Kahan** — Neurocritical Care, NYP-Columbia/Weill Cornell  
**Sarah Parauda** — Vascular, NYP-Weill Cornell  
**Sally Wang** — Neurocritical Care, University of Pennsylvania

### Class of 2021

**Jasmin Harpe** — Headache, MGH/Brigham & Women's Hospital  
**Shamelia Loiseau** — Neurocritical Care, MGH/Brigham & Women's Hospital  
**Melvin Parasram** — Neurocritical Care, Yale  
**Kurt Qing** — Neurophysiology/EEG, Stanford  
**Andrew Tarr** — Multiple Sclerosis, Emory  
**Andrea Yoo** — Movement Disorders, Mount Sinai Beth Israel

### Class of 2020

**Saeedeh Azary** — Neurophysiology/EEG, Brigham & Women's Hospital  
**Sarah Bobker** — Headache, UCSF  
**Stephanie Buchman** — Vascular, Weill Cornell  
**Shea Ehntholt** — Neurocritical Care, UPenn  
**Ashwin Malhotra** — Neurophysiology/EMG, Weill Cornell  
**Kellyann Niotis** — Movement Disorders, Mount Sinai Beth Israel  
**Neha Safi** — Multiple Sclerosis, Mount Sinai  
**Bhavan Shah** — Neurophysiology/EEG, Weill Cornell

### Class of 2019

**Ashley Aaroe** — Neuro-oncology, MD Anderson  
**Mais Al-Kawaz** — Neurocritical Care, Johns Hopkins; INR, Mount Sinai  
**Brian Andersen** — Neuro-oncology, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute  
**Christopher Brown** — Neurohospitalist  
**Darya Khazanova** — Neurocritical Care, UCSF  
**Jessica Wilcox** — Neuro-oncology, MSKCC

# NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital Weill Cornell Medical College

## Department of Neurology 2022-2023

### PGY-4



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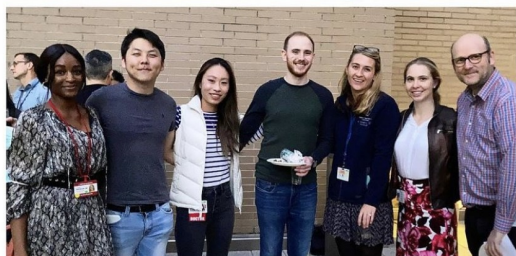
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