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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 NewYork-Presbyterian 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 Farrish Titizzell 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.

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

While “bigger” does not always mean “better,” we are certain that by training in a premier institution like NYP/Well Cornell, the infrastructure, support, depth and breadth of our resources will have a significant impact on your career development and Neurology/Neuroscience training.

Editors:
Moises Dominguez, MD
Virginia Gao, MD PhD
Sarah Parauda, MD
**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 Secretary 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 is an associate editor for Headache where he also is the Resident and Fellow section editor. He has won awards including the Members’ Choice award for the best publication in the journal Headache, the AHS Above and Beyond award, and an AAN AB Baker Teacher Recognition Award. 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 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 NewYork-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 NewYork-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 ARCADIO 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 NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital/Weill Cornell Medicine and is the director of our Resident Continuity 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.
Dr. Joseph E. Safdieh is currently the Lewis and Rachel Rudin foundation Education Scholar, Gertrude Feil Associate Dean of Curricular Affairs, Vice Chairman for Education and Professor of Neurology at Weill Cornell Medicine. He received his bachelor's 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 has 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.

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Clerkship Director: Joshua Weaver, MD

Dr. Joshua Weaver is an Assistant Professor of Clinical Neurology at Weill Cornell Medical College and Assistant Attending Neurologist at New York-Presbyterian Hospital. He received his medical degree from the Albert Einstein College of Medicine in New York after graduating magna cum laude from Harvard College with a bachelor's degree in Cognitive Neuroscience. He completed neurology residency training at Weill Cornell/New York Presbyterian Hospital; he also served as Chief Resident. This was followed by a Clinical Neurophysiology fellowship with a subspecialty focus in electromyography and neuromuscular disease.

Dr. Weaver is currently the Director of the medical student Neurology Clerkship. He won the Weill Cornell “Excellence in Medical Education” Award in 2018. He is the Co-Director of the Weill Cornell Medicine Center for Comprehensive Spine Care. While Dr. Weaver cares for patients with a wide variety of general neurological disorders, he has a particular interest in neuromuscular disorders as well as integrative medical therapies. He is fellowship trained in Integrative Medicine with the Academy of Integrative Health and Medicine.

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 the summer of 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.

Janice believes it is critical to sustain the foundation of our own wellness in order to positively influence those around us. She encourages resident well-being and promotes individual growth. She leads us in mediation and other exercises for our mindfulness.

“Acknowledging the good you already have in your life is the foundation for all abundance”. —Eckhart Tolle

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.
OUR CHIEF RESIDENTS

Virginia Gao, MD, PhD: Chief Resident, McGraw Fellow

Dr. Virginia Gao is from Upstate New York. She received her B.A. in Neuroscience from Columbia, and her M.D. and Ph.D. from Mount Sinai. She was a Fulbright scholar at the EPFL in Switzerland. Her PhD work on the molecular mechanisms of memory formation was funded by an NIH F30. Here at Weill Cornell, she is working in the laboratory of Jacqueline Burre on the biology of alpha-synuclein in the enteric nervous system. Her project is supported by the Leon Levy Fellowship in Neuroscience and the McGraw Fellowship in Neurology Research. She previously served as the Research Chief. Outside the hospital and the lab, she enjoys pasta and lap swim at the McCarren Park Pool. She plans to pursue fellowship in Movement disorders at NYP Columbia and Cornell.

Sarah Parauda, MD: Chief Resident

Dr. Sarah Parauda was born at NYP-Cornell (of all places!) and raised in Pleasantville, New York. She majored in Neurobiology & Behavior at Cornell University in Ithaca, NY before coming to Weill Cornell for medical school. Over the years she has done research in a learning and memory lab, a translational stroke lab, and more recently in Dr. Schiff’s lab at Weill, studying emotional expressions in patients with disorders of consciousness. In her free time she enjoys playing soccer, cooking Mediterranean food, and playing board games. She chose to stay at Cornell for neurology residency because she knew she would get world-class training from a group of residents and faculty members who were brilliant, enthusiastic, warm and remarkably approachable. Sarah loves all of neurology, particularly in the acute setting, and is considering a career as a neurohospitalist after completing vascular fellowship at Weill Cornell. She is in the “Neurology Resident as Educator” track and has a strong interest in medical education, which she plans to incorporate into her future career.

Moises Dominguez, MD: Chief Resident

Dr. Moises Dominguez is a PGY-4 chief neurology resident who was born in the Dominican Republic and was raised in the South Bronx and Harlem. He went to medical school at Yale University School of Medicine, where he did a thesis in medical education, specifically in video-based learning with a pedagogical strategy called Just-In-Time Teaching. He is in the “Neurology Resident as Educator” track and is a member of the medical education and diversity, equity, and inclusion committee. He is conducting research in video-based learning modules for resident education and will be attending headache fellowship at New York University. During his free time, he loves to draw, paint, and do photography. He hopes to become a leader in headache and medical education.
Marialaura Simonetto, MD, MSc: Research Chief

Dr. Marialaura Simonetto was born and raised in Padua, Italy, where she attended medical school at the University of Padua, one of the oldest medical schools in the world. After spending a year in Brussels for her medical 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 medical 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 and she hopes to pursue a career as an academic neurointensivist. She was honored to be selected as Research Chief and she loves guiding her juniors in navigating research opportunities while in residency.

Paul Wechsler, MD: Quality Improvement Chief

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. He is applying for stroke fellowship this year. 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.

Anjeli Song, MD: Wellness Chief

Dr. Anjeli Song is a PGY2 neurology resident, originally from Long Island. As an undergraduate at NYU majoring in Global Public Health and Biology, she discovered her fascination with the brain while working in a neuroscience lab investigating the neural circuitry behind animal behaviors. In medical school at Boston University, she was highly involved in medical student teaching as well as curriculum design. Now in residency, she is on the “Neurology Resident as Educator” track and has interests in neuroimmunology and medical education. Outside of the hospital, she enjoys singing, playing the guitar, biking, and rock climbing.

Alexandra Nee, MD: Wellness Chief

Alexandra grew up in Boston before heading to Dartmouth College, where she majored in Studio Art and Psychology, and competed in the heptathlon for the Track & Field team. After graduation, she wore a number of hats including being an executive assistant, selling handmade cards on Etsy, and waitressing while completing a pre-med post-baccalaureate program at Harvard. She attended New York Medical College and fell in love with NYC (although she’ll forever be a Boston sports fan!). She loves exploring NYC on long walks with her husband, reading sci fi, and making art. She is interested in neuroimmunology.
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.

Dr. Safa Kaleem is currently a PGY-1 neurology resident at Weill Cornell. 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!

Dr. Stephanie Oh is a PGY-2 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.
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, PGY1

Despite coming from various backgrounds, everyone seems to have compatible personalities and are kind, eager to help, and collaborative - Nathan Schleinkofer, PGY1

The mentorship is really unparalleled - at both NYP Cornell and MSKCC - Alexandra Gewirtz, PGY4

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, PGY3

What do you like to do outside of residency?

I like to cook and make cocktails! - Aaron Kaplan, PGY3

Rock climbing, hiking, baking, cooking, video games - Safa Kaleem, PGY1

Go to shows/concerts with friends, rock climb, sing, play the guitar - Anjeli Song, PGY2

Play with my dog and baby in central park - Ari Zolin, PGY1

I love to draw and paint, read anime, do photography, and care for my new pup! - Moises Dominguez, PGY4

Exploring Central Park, walking along Madison Avenue, biking on Randall’s island, checking out new museums - Nara Michaelson, PGY3

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, PGY3

Giving tPA during a stroke code and reversing a patient’s acute hemiparesis. - Nara Michaelson, PGY3

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 PGY1

The many impromptu nights my co-residents and I found ourselves doing karaoke. - Anjeli Song, PGY2

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 co-residents, or some of the home dinner parties we’ve had. Covid put a damper on some of these thing but never fully eliminated the important ritual of gathering around good food to share our struggles. - Aaron Kaplan, PGY3

Doing impressions of various attendings with my co-residents! - Moises Dominguez, PGY4

Getting together with everyone for the 2020-2021 graduation -- our first big event together since the pandemic began. - Susmit Tripathi, PGY3

Hanging outside of work with the rest of my co-residents - Nathan Schleinkofer, PGY1

Doing an overnight admission and feeling like I actually knew what I was doing. - Aryeh Zolin, PGY1

Too many sleep deprived funny moments to list. And the intern-year Christmas party. - Josh Kahan, PGY4

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, PGY2

I live two blocks away from the hospital, so I get to work on foot. It is great for maximizing sleep - Moises Dominguez, PGY4

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, PGY3

What is your favorite part about NYC?

The Sweet Shop on 73rd between 1st and York. The curmudgeonly shop owner gets the best ice cream flavors from all around the city. - Sarah Parauda, PGY4

My favorite spot is Carl Schurz Park. It is a hidden gem with an amazing river view and fireworks on Saturday nights! - Aaron Zelikovich, PGY2

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, PGY3

My favorite spots in NYC include eating Seduto’s along the East River, basketball at St. Catherine’s and the reservoir in Central Park. - Andrew Feldman, PGY2

The energy of the city is back, the feeling of unlimited possibilities. - Nara Miriam Michaelson, PGY3

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Where Did Our Graduates Go?

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 2021-2022

PGY-4

Kristen Berry, MD
(Peds)
Weill Cornell

Samuel Bruce,
MD, MA
Columbia Univ

Moises Dominguez, MD
Yale SOM

Virginia Gao,
MD, PhD
Mount Sinai

Alexandra Gewirtz, MD
Temple Univ

Mu Ji Hwang, MD
Weill Cornell

Joshua Kahan,
MD, PhD
Univ College, London

Sarah Parauda, MD
Weill Cornell

Sally Wang, MD
Univ of Rochester

PGY-3

Joseph Chiara, DO
(Peds)
PCOM

Aaron Kaplan, MD
Columbia Univ

Nara Michaelson,
MD, MS
Dartmouth

Stephanie Roses, MD
Duke Univ

Alison Selz,
MD, MS Ed
UC San Francisco

Marialaura Simonetto,
MD, MSc
Università di Padova

Sumit Tripathi,
MD, MS
Albert Einstein COM

Paul Wechsler, MD
Univ of Pittsburgh

PGY-2

Anu Bakare-Opala, MD
(Peds)
SUNY Downstate

Andrew Feldman,
MD, M Ed
Penn State

Donald Langan,
MD, D Pharm
Rutgers, RWJMS

Alexandra Nee, MD
NY Med Coll

Stephanie Oh,
MD, PhD
Rutgers, RWJMS

Haneen Gadourah, MD
Weill Cornell Qatar

Anjeli Song, MD
Boston Univ

Aaron Zelikovich, MD
Indiana Univ

PGY-1

Shreyas Bharadwaj, MD
Northwestern Univ

Catherine Callaway, MD
Weill Cornell

Giana Davod, MD
Univ of Toledo COM

Sarah Friedman, MD
SUNY Downstate

Safa Kaleem, MD, MHS
Duke Univ

Nathan Schleinkofer, MD
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