Amy Baughman is a hospitalist physician at the VA Boston Healthcare System. In her role as Director of Quality Improvement (QI) for Geriatrics and Extended Care, she utilizes her clinical research training in systems redesign and QI. Her work focuses on patient flow, care transitions, and medication reconciliation between acute and sub-acute care facilities at the VA Boston. From 2015-2017, Amy was the MA state co-leader for Doctors for America (DFA), a national non-profit physician organization that promotes equitable access to affordable and high quality care. She completed residency in Internal Medicine and Global Health at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center where she was a founding organizer of ACTION (Action Committee for Trainees Invested in Outcomes Now) to promote interest and advocacy opportunities on healthcare reform and policy for housestaff. With her LEAPH training and network, Amy plans to be an effective advocate for the ACA and the VA Healthcare system, both already undergoing intense scrutiny and potential transformation. She completed fellowship in General Internal Medicine at the Brigham and Women's Hospital/Harvard Medical School. She is an Instructor in Medicine at Harvard Medical School.

Jake Berman, MD, MPH, is an academic general internist and clinical instructor at the University of Washington, where he serves as the Medical Director of the General Internal Medicine Center at the University of Washington Medical Center. His current areas of professional focus are academic primary care practice innovation, primary care resident training, and health system transformation. Before his medical days, he studied history as an undergraduate, and he worked as an outdoor trip leader – leading teenagers on wilderness and community service trips – and as a teacher.

Health policy scholarship and advocacy are career interests. Jake pursued an MPH in conjunction with his MD, and have focused on various topics in health systems and policy through residency and junior faculty years. His major areas of interest include the Affordable Care Act and other large-scale policy innovations designed to effect system-wide change; expanding and ensuring access to health services; physician payment reform; novel models of healthcare financing; and smart healthcare workforce development.

In the past several years, he has become increasingly engaged in health policy advocacy work, primarily through SGIM. He has been an active member of SGIM's Health Policy – Clinical Practice Subcommittee, with particular focus on the Health Care Payment Learning and Action Network and physician fee schedule reform efforts. For the past three years, Jake has also participated in SGIM's Hill Day, this year serving as Hill Day Co-Chair. One point of emerging professional focus for him is the gritty intersection of health policy and clinic practice, especially around provider engagement and the complex impact of policy interventions at the practice level.
Jennifer Bracey

Elena Byhoff, MD MSc is an Assistant Professor at Tufts Medical Center and Tufts University School of Medicine. She is a health services researcher with an interest in how primary care can be leveraged as a point of entry to address social determinants of health and reduce health disparities. She is dedicated to a policy relevant research agenda to improve and expand the provision of primary care to include all aspects of health.

Elena completed her undergraduate degree at the University of California, Berkeley. She received her MD from the University of Pennsylvania and completed her internal medicine training at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania in the Primary Care Track. She received her Masters’ in Health Services Research while she completed the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Clinical Scholars Program at the University of Michigan.

In addition to seeing primary care patients and developing a policy-focused research agenda, she teaches health policy to Tufts medical students. She is on the board of directors of Center for Community Health Education, Research and Service and serves on the Research Advisory Committee for the Social Interventions Research & Evaluations Network.

Sarah G. Candler, MD, MPH is a primary care physician at Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center (MEDVAMC) and Assistant Professor of Internal Medicine for Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, Texas. She staffs a traditional resident continuity clinic as well as the MEDVAMC's interdisciplinary Center of Excellence site. Sarah's patient advocacy started as a medical assistant prior to medical school. Most of her efforts have focused on access to care, particularly through health insurance and Medicaid. More broadly, her work has focused on improving communication--between providers and patients, between medicine and the public, and between the medical system and its providers. She does this through direct patient education, peer teaching, resident and student curriculum-development, and local news communications. Her accomplishments include mentoring group of undergraduate students,
who wanted to "be involved" as the Affordable Care Act was being implemented. After months of impromptu lectures around her kitchen table, Sarah's students went on to partner with local organizations and receive national funding to participate in the first enrollment period of healthcare.gov. During residency, she helped develop Tulane's Advocacy curriculum and served as faculty for Tulane medical students' Social Contexts in Medicine curriculum and for the city's Hotspotting cohort. She was invited to represent the voice of the medical community on a local roundtable news segment on Medicaid Expansion in Louisiana and was honored to be invited to thank Governor John Bel Edwards in person on the first day of expanded enrollment. Now in Texas, Sarah is building a formal advocacy curriculum for Baylor's Internal Medicine residents and serving as faculty for their new resident-run Health Policy and Advocacy Committee. Sarah believes advocacy is a natural and necessary extension of her role as a primary care physician and as an educator and looks forward to collaborating with like-minded physicians at SGIM.

Avik Chatterjee, MD, MPH is an internal medicine and pediatrics-trained physician at Boston Health Care for the Homeless Program (BHCHP), an Instructor at Harvard Medical School, and Associate Epidemiologist in the Division of Global Health Equity at Brigham and Women's Hospital. He takes care of homeless adult and pediatric patients in shelters across the city, teaches a Social Medicine class for first year medical students, and also has students and residents shadow him to learn about the care of vulnerable patients. After a year in practice and teaching, he can clearly see the impact of health policy—at the local, state and national level—on the patients he serves. Avik has some experience in health policy and advocacy, but in a policy atmosphere increasingly inimical to the safety net that protects society’s most vulnerable, he would like additional skills to advocate effectively for the patients he takes care of.

Avik grew up in Raleigh, North Carolina and attended Harvard College. After college, he taught high school chemistry in Newark, New Jersey for two years before heading to medical school at UNC-Chapel Hill. He completed internal medicine-pediatrics residency at Yale, as well as a chief residency in pediatrics, before heading to Harvard for a fellowship in general internal medicine, with a research focus on nutrition and obesity in children and adolescents. After fellowship he took a position at BHCHP where he sees adult and pediatric patients experiencing homelessness, and work on research projects around opioid addiction treatment as well as food security and nutrition.

Amira del Pino-Jones is an academic hospitalist at the University of Colorado Hospital. She completed medical school and residency in Colorado. Amira has a special interest in care for underserved patient populations and has completed several quality improvement (QI) projects centered on transitions of care for under- and un-insured patient populations. As the service line director for our Hospital Medicine Services and Associate Director of our Integrated Clinicians Course (longitudinal course for 3rd and 4th year medical students), she’s interested in learning about the impact policy has on our healthcare system so that she can share this knowledge with the residents, medical students, and advanced practice providers that she works with on a daily basis, i.e. strengthen curriculum on healthcare advocacy and policy. Additionally, she has created 2 pipeline programs for undergraduate (college) students interested in pursuing careers in the healthcare field. One of the programs,
Leadership Education for Aspiring Doctors (LEAD), is geared towards students who are underrepresented in medicine. The LEAD program gives students the opportunity to develop leadership skills and critically appraise healthcare in regards to access to care, funding, and resources. By obtaining more structured training in healthcare policy and advocacy, Amira hopes to incorporate these topics into their curriculum, including didactics and seminars.

Elizabeth Dzeng, MD, PhD, MPH, is an Assistant Professor at UCSF in the Division of Hospital Medicine and Social and Behavioral Sciences, Sociology program. She also directs the ethics curriculum for UCSF medical students. She completed her PhD in Medical Sociology at the University of Cambridge as a Gates Cambridge Scholar while also being a General Internal Medicine Fellow and Palliative Care Research Fellow at Johns Hopkins. She wrote her dissertation on the influence of institutional cultures and policies on physicians’ ethical beliefs and how that impacts the way they communicate in end of life decision-making conversations. Her current research is focused on understanding the systemic factors that contribute to overly aggressive care at the end of life in older adults with dementia. She is interested in health policy both from the perspective of understanding the policy implications on burdensome end of life care, as well as from a social justice advocacy standpoint. Her areas of interest within health policy and advocacy are wide ranging from single-payer health care to immigration/refugee health to criminal justice reform.

Molly Fisher is a chief resident at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center and will be starting as a general medicine/women’s health fellow at the Pittsburgh VA in July 2017. She grew up in Pittsburgh, and went to the University of Pennsylvania for her undergraduate degree. She spent the next year living in Guatemala, creating and implementing a first aid and nutrition curriculum for women’s groups in rural villages. She moved to the University of Colorado for medical school and participated in LEADS (leadership, education, advocacy, development, scholarship) track, which was her first experience with formal advocacy training. During that time, she created a text messaging hotline for teenagers to text in questions about sexual health, which was adopted by Planned Parenthood of the Rockies. She moved to Pittsburgh in 2013 to complete her residency at the University of Pittsburgh. This year she has served as the health policy chief resident, and has helped to coordinate the advocacy interest group, journal club, health policy elective, and voter registration among residents. She recently published an op-ed in the Pittsburgh Post Gazette outlining the importance of preserving specific aspects of the ACA. Her interests for the LEAHP program include conducting an Adelphi survey of health policy experts to find a consensus on what we should be teaching our trainees about advocacy and health policy. She would also like to design a women’s health component of the current health policy electives at the University of Pittsburgh’s medical school and internal medicine residency.
Gaby Frank was born and raised in Argentina. She grew up (Elementary school through High School) in Patagonia and moved back to Buenos Aires for Medical School at the University of Buenos Aires, School of Medicine. After medical school she completed a 4-year residency in Internal Medicine and a 2-year post-basic residency, (A.K.A fellowship) in Emergency Medicine at a large safety net level one trauma center in Buenos Aires. (It is noteworthy that 1. Argentina does not have College; instead students do 8 years of medical school; 2. health care is different: a combination of socialized (single payer) medicine (for all of those who do not have a job), health insurance provided by employer (mandatory for all of those who have a job), and private insurance for those who chose to pay extra for “luxury” health care; 3. education (such as medical school) is socialized/ free (you may choose to go to a private university, yet those are not as renowned as the public schools.) In 2005, she moved to the US and completed 2 years of ER residency, subsequently transferring to IM at CUSOM where she completed her residency training. Since 2010 she has worked as a hospitalist at Denver Health Hospital Authority, and have been the Division Associate Chief for over 4 years. Her health policy areas of interest are in the clinical practice field and involve physician pay reform as well as CMS rules pertaining to inpatient vs. observation status for hospitalized patients. Being admitted under “observation status” poses a significant financial burden to both patients (if they can afford the bill) as well as hospitals, particularly safety net hospitals that rely on CMS payment.

Dianne Goede, MD

Dr. Maura George was born and raised in Erie, Pennsylvania, completed an undergraduate degree at Princeton University, and received her MD from Northwestern University. She left Chicago for sunny Atlanta to complete her residency in Internal Medicine and joined the Division of General Medicine and Geriatrics at Grady Memorial Hospital after graduation. Maura has always felt a calling to work for the under-served, and has harmony between this goal and her love for teaching at Atlanta’s large safety net hospital. In her faculty position in Internal Medicine she finds satisfaction in addressing both the medical and social reasons for her patients’ medical problems and teaching students and residents to do the same. Maura helped develop the Social Medicine program and serves as the course director of the Social Medicine elective, which teaches medical students and residents about the social determinants of health, patient advocacy, and cultural
competency. She is an active teacher across all levels of learners, a Small Group Adviser in the Osler Society, and the Co-Director of the new M3 Intersessions course and the new M1 course Community Learning and Social Medicine. In addition to her busy teaching and clinical schedules, she is active on many committees serving as co-chair of the Grady Ethics Committee, former chair of the SGIM Ethics Committee, and board member of Georgia Watch, a state-wide consumer advocacy organization. Outside of work Maura enjoys spending time with her husband Dr. Andy Simpson and their sons Drew (4) and Reid (2).

Kelly Kyanko, MD, MHS is an Assistant Professor of Population Health and Medicine at NYU School of Medicine, as well as an Assistant Attending Primary Care Physician in the Department of Medicine at Bellevue Hospital Center in New York, NY. Dr. Kyanko received her BS from Case Western Reserve University and MD from New York University School of Medicine. After completing her Internal Medicine training at Columbia University Medical Center, she entered the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Clinical Scholars Program at Yale University School of Medicine, where she earned her MHS in 2011. Dr. Kyanko’s research is largely on policy-relevant questions addressing health care costs and delivery system and payment models. Her work crosses multiple sectors, including work with New York City Health and Hospitals, the Consumers Union and other non-profits, as well as the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. She is currently studying the causes and consequences of out-of-network mental healthcare through survey and in-depth interview methods. She is also working with Yale’s Center for Outcomes Research and Evaluation to develop a new quality measure for hospital safety for the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). Dr. Kyanko co-leads an elective for medical students in Population Health and lectures on physician payment and healthcare prices.

Susan Lane is a general internist practicing at Stony Brook Medicine in the ambulatory setting where she also teaches medical students, residents, and geriatric fellows. Her educational background includes a BA from Amherst College, a post-bac at Bryn Mawr, MD at University of Connecticut School of Medicine, and residency at Strong Memorial Hospital in Rochester, NY. She worked as a general internist at Harvard Vanguard Medical Associates in Wellesley, MA for a few years until she moved to Stony Brook in 1999. At Stony Brook she has served as an Associate Program Director and Director of the Ambulatory Clerkship for almost 10 years before taking on the roles of Residency Program Director and Vice Chair for Education in 2013. Her husband Andy is a Pediatric Endocrinologist and they have 3 awesome teenage boys – 2 in college and 1 in high school. Advocacy is fundamental to her roles as a general internist and an educator.

Susan currently serves as Chair of the AAIM (Alliance for Academic Internal Medicine) Health Policy Committee and has been a member of various iterations of health policy committees for APDIM (Association of Program Directors in IM) and AAIM for the past 10 years. In this leadership role, she directs advocacy efforts (meeting with lawmakers, writing position
statements) for health care policy as it relates to graduate medical education, primary care workforce, and care of the underserved. She also serves as the AAIM liaison to the ACP Health and Public Policy Committee and has collaborated with the ACP on GME leave-behinds for Leadership Day and policy papers for GME funding reform.

I am currently participating in the AOA Fellowship in Leadership and hope to work on a health care policy project that synergizes with my AOA fellowship project.

Born near Cincinnati, OH, Dr. Anish Mehta is a proud product of the Midwest. He went to the University of Pennsylvania for undergraduate and Case Western Reserve University for medical school. His passion for health policy started in medical school. Living in a pre-Medicaid expansion Ohio, he helped found the school’s Student-Run Free Clinic, where all patients regardless of insurance status could be treated and connected to other services. Taking some time away from medical school, he also obtained a Masters in Public Policy at the Harvard Kennedy School, where he wrote his thesis on how to get doctors more active in creating state-level health policy. After Medicaid expansion in Ohio, he started a Doctors for America chapter at Case Western. The group secured a grant allowing medical students to host workshops around the community helping uninsured patients sign up for Medicaid. Anish is now in his second year of internal medicine residency at Brigham and Women’s Hospital and the co-state director for the Massachusetts chapter of Doctors for America. When he’s not busy with residency, Anish enjoys visiting breweries around Cambridge/Boston and running along the Charles to offset the calories.

Michael Mueller is an Assistant Professor of Medicine in the Division of General Internal Medicine at the University of Miami and an incoming Associate Program Director at the Jackson Memorial Hospital Internal Medicine Residency Program. Starting next year, he will be directing an Urban Health track in the residency program designed to provide our residents with the foundation to become future leaders in primary care for urban, underserved patients in South Florida. As part of our track and as one of my primary LEAHP goals, he would like to develop an introductory health policy curriculum targeted toward medical students and residents. The policy issues most important to him are in maximizing patient access to care. In addition, he is also interested in examining whether national health policy outcomes play a role in physician burnout. Prior to joining the faculty at the University of Miami, Michael completed his residency in the Urban Health track at Johns Hopkins in 2015, during which he attended my first Hill Day in 2014. He completed my medical school training at Case Western Reserve University in 2012, where he attended his first national SGIM conference in 2011. Prior to medical school, Michael worked as a community health educator for one year in the South Bronx.
Rhea Powell MD, MPH, is an Assistant Professor in the Division of Internal Medicine in the Department of Medicine at Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia, PA. She is a primary care physician and health services researcher whose research interests are in understanding factors that influence patient access to and utilization of healthcare, and the use of telehealth to improve access to care. Dr. Powell completed her undergraduate studies at Dartmouth College, and received her medical degree from the University of Michigan Medical School. After medical school she completed her residency in internal medicine as well as a general medicine research fellowship at Columbia University in New York, and received a Masters in Public Health from the Mailman School of Public Health at Columbia University. An active member of the Society of General Internal Medicine since 2010, Dr. Powell previously served as secretary-treasurer of the SGIM Mid-Atlantic Region, and is a member of the Health Policy Research Subcommittee. She is passionate about the impact of public policy on health, and looks forward to expanding her advocacy skills through the LEAHP program. Outside of work Dr. Powell loves spending time exploring her home city of Philadelphia with her husband and two children.

Colin Robinson, MD, MPH, is an Assistant Program Director of the UCLA Medicine-Primary Care program, and an Associate Program Director of the UCLA Med-Peds program. Colin is currently a primary care physician and lead physician for one of the UCLA Med-Peds primary care practices. He completed his undergraduate education at Washington University in St. Louis, graduating with honors. He received his MD/MPH at Tufts University School of Medicine in Boston, where he graduated with research honors and spent two years in Peru through the NIH/Fogarty International Clinical Research Scholars Program. He completed his residency in Med-Peds at UCLA and served as Chief Resident in Medicine. In his current role at UCLA, he co-directs an Advocacy rotation for Med-Peds and Pediatrics residents, and through this has become more active in the AAP-California’s state-level advocacy efforts. He is in the process of developing the health policy and advocacy curriculum for the Medicine-Primary Care and Med-Peds programs, which will hopefully spill over into other training programs at UCLA. Ultimately, his mission is to ensure that trainees at all levels receive excellent education in health policy and physician advocacy, regardless of the career path they are heading down. He also hopes to measure the effects of this education, hopefully leading to manuscript publication in peer-reviewed journals.
Ankita Sagar is currently a faculty member in the Division of General Internal Medicine, Department of Medicine at Northwell Health – seeing her own patients as well as supervising medical residents and students in the Resident-run clinic. As Assistant Professor, she helped to create and manage a brief health policy curriculum for medicine residents.

She also serves as the Director of Ambulatory Quality for the Internal Medicine Service Line at Northwell Health. In this role, she is tasked with developing and maintaining quality initiatives in support of organizational goals, while promoting use of evidence based medicine use to improve patient health outcomes and physician experience.

Regionally, she serves as a Member of the Health & Public Policy Committee of the New York Chapter of American College of Physicians (NY-ACP). She provides feedback for Legislative Priorities for NY-ACP and represent NY-ACP at constituent meetings with state representatives and senators. Ankita also participates in the NY-ACP Annual Legislative Day at Albany.

Ankita’s policy interests include improving house staff and faculty knowledge around patient access to healthcare and quality/process improvement. Through LEAHP, she looks forward to deepening her understanding of the diverse ways in which health policy is implemented and affected. She also hopes to further enhance the policy curriculum at her home institution and perhaps even create a faculty focused curriculum to help faculty be more knowledgeable about health policy implications when supervising residents and medical students. Most importantly, she looks forward to joining a community of physicians focused upon improving health outcomes and physician experience.