Meet the New Faculty: UWMC Montlake

Sheridan Reiger, MD MPH is a Seattle native who now has gone back and forth across the country twice and is very happy to be back home - hopefully for good. After college in the Northeast, medical school and MPH coursework at UW, he completed his Internal Medicine/Primary Care residency at Brigham and Women's Hospital. While there he deepened his interest and experience in both Point of Care Ultrasound and Home Based Care. Over the last two years, he worked as both an academic hospitalist at Brown University, as well as working for less traditional care delivery groups focusing on interfacing with patients outside of traditional medical settings. For the last year, he has been heading the New Leaders Committee within the American Academy of Home Care Medicine. As a hospitalist at UW, he hopes to continue his work on POCUS and home based care including home hospital. He lives with his partner and 4 month old daughter on Capitol Hill and spends his off time fishing, cooking, and doing home renovation.

Yihan Yang, MD is very excited to call Seattle home and live on the West Coast for the first time! She moved to the PNW with her husband, Jeffrey, and Frenchie pup, Thorington. Originally born in China, Yihan grew up in Maryland, attended college and medical school at Emory University, and completed residency, chief residency, and a medical education fellowship with a Masters of Health Science-Medical Education degree at Yale. Helping to nurture the next generation of medical educators has been her career passion. Prior to coming to UW, Yihan co-founded and co-directed the Yale Internal Medicine Clinician-Educator Distinction pathway for several years and looks forward to joining the educator community at UW! In her off time, she enjoy creating #MedEd Tweetorials on Twitter (@YihanYangMD), hiking, trying out ramen joints, playing board games, and spending time with family.

Carlita Shen, MD is originally from the Chicagoland area and just completed residency at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center. She also spent part of her childhood living in Shanghai and is fluent in Mandarin, although admittedly still working on her Chinese food culinary skills. Carlita received my MD from the University of Illinois at Rockford School of Medicine and did her undergrad at the University of Illinois at Chicago. She thrilled to join the UWMC hospitalist faculty and explore the pacific northwest! Her academic interests include quality improvement, patient-physician communication, and narrative medicine. In her free time, Carlita loves traveling, biking, spending time outdoors, and going to live music shows (replaced by watching endless NPR tiny desk videos at the moment).

Scott Berger, MD MPH comes to us from South Florida. He completed both medical school and Internal Medicine residency at the University of Miami in Florida before crossing the country to join the Academic Hospitalist Fellowship at UW. His academic interests are centered on quality improvement and translational medicine. He also enjoys clinical teaching and is looking forward to stepping into the shoes of his preceding fellows as an academic hospitalist. Outside of medicine, he enjoys anything physically active including weightlifting, hiking, jogging, and has been an avid cross fitter for a few years now. He can't wait to start meeting people and exploring everything the PNW has to offer. He looks forward to climbing trees, hiking, sailing, and maybe finally learning how to ski.
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**Scott Young, MD MPH** is from Missoula, Montana. He went to medical school at UW (MT WWAMI) and graduated in 2017. Scott just finished his internal medicine residency at The University of Vermont Medical Center. He is excited to be back in Seattle, the Northwest, and UW! Academically & professionally, Scott’s interested in clinical care, medical education, clinical informatics, COVID-19, etc. He met his partner, Holly, when they were both 2nd year medical students at UW. Scott enjoys hiking, jogging, tennis, movies / Netflix, and many other activities. The photo is of Holly and Scott at Svartifoss in Iceland, Aug 2019.

**Alex Collis, MD** grew up outside of Philadelphia. She moved to Baltimore to attend Goucher College and stayed in the city for medical school and residency at the University of Maryland. As a hospitalist at Maryland, Alex developed a strong interest in rapid response and code preparation in floor patients. Alex’s husband, Andy, is a medicine intern at UW. They were both excited to match here and are loving Seattle! In her free time, Alex enjoys visiting local farmers markets, cooking, running, and hiking.

**Frank Chi, MD** comes to UW from Boston, MA where he has been working as a hospitalist and instructor at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center. Before this Frank completed his residency at Beth Israel and a clinical fellowship at Harvard Medical Center. Frank went medical school at Albert Einstein College in the Bronx, NY and did his undergrad at the University of Michigan. He is interested in medical education, quality improvement, and patient safety.

**Jeff Krimmel-Morrison, MD** grew up in a suburb in northern New Jersey and went to undergraduate and medical school in Chicago and Cleveland respectively. He met his wife in college, and it was she who first moved to Seattle to attend UW Law (she now works for a legal aid organization in South King County). Jeff moved to Seattle for a research year, residency, and ultimately a chief resident year at UW, which he completed prior to joining the hospitalist group. His interests include sports (once upon a time Jeff played ice hockey—and now perhaps post-residency will start that again). Jeff likes to run and bike (both acquired habits, the latter mostly because he’s grown to appreciate bike commuting and Seattle as a wonderfully bike-able city). Jeff also hikes and backpacks. His favorite way to spend a leisurely (pre-COVID) Seattle evening was hanging out at one of the local breweries (Stoup in Ballard is a favorite, although has many close seconds). “Have I officially rounded out all the stereotypical Seattlite interests yet?” Jeff is looking forward to getting to know everyone better this year!
June 6th, 2020 was a historic day for the Seattle healthcare community. Led by Dr. Estelle Williams of UW Surgery and Edwin Lindo, JD of the Department of Family Medicine, a crowd estimated at 10,000 marched from Harborview to City Hall. I marched with my kids and two colleagues and was struck by the broad representation of our healthcare community - nurses, chaplains, social workers, many nursing and medical students, and many practicing physicians of all specialties.

This group has since sent a letter to Mayor Jenny Durkan and the Seattle City Council with a number of demands, including declaring racism and police violence to be a public health emergency, full public disclosure of all investigations of law enforcement officer brutality and excessive use of force, and funding programs that meet human needs, promote healthy and strong communities, and reduce structural inequities — such as employment initiatives, educational opportunities, and affordable housing—including by using resources currently devoted to law enforcement.

I’ll leave you with some ways to take future action.

-Susan Merel, UWMC
Congratulations to Tyler Albert who received the 36th annual Paul B. Beeson Award and was honored at Medicine Grand Rounds last month. Dr. Albert was chosen by the medicine residents in recognition of outstanding clinical teaching and for exemplifying

Congratulations to Kyle Sears who has been awarded “Outstanding Consultant of the Year - UWMC” award for the 2019-20 academic year by the UW EM Residency Program.

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