

PGY 1 Categoricals



Ioana Baiu, MD MPH
Harvard
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Bio: First things first, my name is pronounced like Yo-Anna even though it is spelled Ioana. I was born and raised in Romania (hence the Latin spelling of my name) and moved to the U.S. to start college. As a double major in neuroscience and French, I completed my senior honors thesis in molecular neurobiology.

Passionate about education, I took a job as a teacher and a curriculum developer, which provided me with formal training in teaching and also practical skills in curriculum design. My free time was filled with ballroom dance practice, and I represented the university at numerous competitions across the country. Having deferred medical school for a year, I lived in Paris studying art history and working in an immunology lab at the Pasteur Institute. Subsequently, I moved to Boston and completed a combined MD MPH at Harvard. My research during this time focused on education and access to healthcare. At the last minute, I decided to become a pediatric critical care physician and completed an entire residency at Boston Children's Hospital. My research here focused on graduate medical education and curriculum development. My clinical research focused on biomarkers of septic shock in pediatric patients. Needless to say, I started longing for the OR and really missed surgery, so as a full-fledged pediatrician I decided to go back and start a surgical residency and hope to become a pediatric surgeon and intensivist. Meanwhile, I continue to do ballroom dancing whenever I have an opportunity. I also love to ski, to cook Romanian food, to travel and to read about art history. Having lived in Eastern and Western Europe, Midwest and East Coast, I cannot wait for the next adventure to start on the West Coast!



Julia Chandler, MD
Stanford

Bio: I grew up in Palo Alto as the oldest of three children. I was extremely lucky to travel a lot with my family, sparking an interest in issues of inequality. I graduated from Palo Alto High School in 2003 and moved back east to attend Harvard, where I studied Economics with a focus on international development. After graduation, my long-standing interest in education led me to join Teach for America, where I taught high school math for two years at a public school in Crown Heights, Brooklyn. It was there that I witnessed profound health disparities and realized that as a doctor I would be able to address issues of inequality at the individual and policy levels simultaneously. Before medical

school, I spent a year living in Mexico on a Fulbright grant, studying adolescent reproductive health. As a medical student at Stanford, I enjoyed piloting a mindfulness program for children in East Palo Alto, TAing our clinical skills course for incoming students, and, of course, falling in love with surgery during my third year rotations! When I'm not at the hospital, you might find me hiking or cycling in the hills behind Stanford or gardening in my backyard with my fiancé, John. I have loved being a medical student at Stanford and am absolutely thrilled to continue my training here!



Wan Xing Hong, MD
Central Florida

Bio: I was born in the beautiful port city of Xiamen, China and spent a happy childhood surrounded by an extremely large extended Chinese family. At age 7, I followed my father to Buffalo, NY where he was a post-doc in the chemical engineering department at SUNY Buffalo. When I turned 12 we moved again, this time to Singapore. I lived in Singapore for four years and studied at Raffles Girls' Secondary before moving back to the US to attend high school in Williamsville, NY. From there, I went on to college at Stanford and majored in English Literature. I subsequently completed a Master of Science from Tufts and spent two years working in Dr. Braun's pediatric hematology-oncology lab at UCSF. With Dr. Braun, I built a new system to quantify abnormal cell fate decisions made by murine hematopoietic progenitor cells transformed by Ras mutation. This experience reinforced my love for basic sciences research. I carried this passion with me to medical school at the University of Central Florida, returning to spend a year as a Sarnoff Fellow at Stanford under the co-mentorship of Dr. Wu and Dr. Longaker. During that year I worked on a number stem cell projects including modeling the effects of low dose radiation on iPSC-derived cardiomyocytes and exploring the efficacy of adult multipotent adipose derived stem cells in enhancing wound healing. I loved my time at Stanford and am immensely fortunate to be able to return to this incredible environment of growth and innovation. In addition to moving back to the Bay Area I will also be getting married to Tim, a fellow former FloMo resident and Stanford grad, in May. In my free time I like to read, browse used bookstores, go to the gym, and search for authentic Singaporean food.



Charles Liu, MD
Harvard

Bio: I was born in Oakland and raised in Sunnyvale, where my parents still live and work as engineers in the semiconductor industry. Growing up in the Bay Area, I have a lot of great memories from being a Boy Scout hiking and camping around Northern California. I went to Homestead High School in Cupertino, where I was clearly the coolest kid around, participating actively in the science bowl, math competition, and Future Business Leaders of America teams. After high school, I moved out east to attend Harvard College; where (in addition to learning that

winter was, in fact, 6 months long) I majored in Molecular and Cellular Biology and for my senior thesis studied a protein called LptB involved in gram-negative bacterial outer membrane assembly. I also became involved in global health activism efforts and did a summer internship in Mexico that sparked my interest and led to a minor in Global Health and Health Policy. As a medical student at Harvard, I got hooked by surgery early on during my first-year anatomy class, and tried to integrate my interests in surgery and public health. Hoping to learn more about what drives population health, I spent a summer in San Francisco, studying the impact of California emergency room closures on inpatient mortality under one of the EM attendings at San Francisco General Hospital. Most recently, between my third and fourth years of medical school, I spent a year in Uganda and studied surgical outcomes at the regional referral hospital in the city of Mbarara. I'm really grateful for the wonderful friends I made and experiences I had living in Uganda, and learned a lot about the magnitude of the unmet need in low-resource settings and some of the challenges of global health work. Outside of medicine, I enjoy running, hiking, frisbee, and learning about new cultures. I'm incredibly excited to move back to the Bay Area, and to start learning how to be a surgeon at as innovative and collaborative a place as Stanford.



Yasmine White, MD
Michigan

Bio: I grew up in Arcata, California where I spent most of my time running through the redwood forests. My love of trail running and rural, coastal towns led me to Bowdoin College in Maine where I majored in math and biology. After graduating from Bowdoin, I moved to Ann Arbor for medical school at the University of Michigan (Go Blue!) where I developed a love of the Midwest, particularly cider mills and fried cheese curds. During medical school I had the opportunity to develop my interest in oncology and basic science through an HHMI Medical Student Fellowship, which allowed me to spend a year at UCSF studying Ras-driven malignancies. I am thrilled to be moving back to northern California and joining the Stanford community!



Lauren Wood, MD
Stanford

Bio: Born and raised in Los Angeles, I've found a second home at Stanford after moving here in 2006. Growing up, I played piano and viola, which took me to the Edinburgh Fringe Festival and China for music performance. My parents still live in Los Angeles and work in education, while my older brother is based in San Francisco working for a music startup company. I studied neuroscience in undergrad at Stanford earning my B.A. in Human Biology in 2010, then worked for a year before starting med school as a Human Biology Course Associate, fostering my interests in education and teaching. During medical school at Stanford, I was involved with

teaching anatomy to undergrads, serving on the MD Admissions Committee, and performing neural stem cell research. My rotation at SCVMC was my first exposure to General Surgery and the team, patients, and cases convinced me to pursue a career in the field. Baking and cooking, discovering new eateries, exploring the Bay Area, and travelling have kept me busy off-campus. In this past year, I have been working as a co-founder of LIFEbubble, a device that stabilizes umbilical catheters in neonates: leading biologic bench testing, usability trials, and clinical applications. At Stanford I've found an amazing community – one full of friends, extraordinary mentors and great memories. I look forward to meeting and working with you all!

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Jenny Pan, MD
New York University (NYU)

Bio: I grew up in Southern California with my younger brother. My father is an electrical engineer and my mother is an acupuncturist. My dad is a man of many talents and interests and I grew up heavily influenced by his taste in classical music; one of my favorite childhood memories is waking up every morning to a selection of his classical music. Growing up with a parent who was so passionate about music, I was naturally encouraged to develop my musical talent and played the flute and piano in youth orchestras all the way through college. At Johns Hopkins, my alma mater, I discovered other ways to be creative through scientific research that were more complementary to my developing interests in medicine and surgery. As a medical student at NYU, I continued pursuing my passion for research as a Howard Hughes research fellow. I also spent time doing an epidemiologic project in a burn unit in Accra, Ghana. I realized what I loved most about music and bench science was working with my hands to create something new or to solve a problem, and surgery was a natural fit. I started my surgical training at the Cleveland Clinic and took a research sabbatical at the NIH developing a new mouse model of cancer immunotherapy targeting immunogenic products of somatic mutations. When I am not working, I enjoy running, Crossfit training, golfing, and painting. I am absolutely thrilled to continue my surgical training at Stanford and to meet all of the exciting people who are a part of this vibrant community.

PGY 1 Prelims



Isabel Chang, MD
Mount Sinai

Bio: I was raised in Bakersfield, California as the oldest of three children. My brother will be staying at Yale for medical school next year, and my sister is a

high school senior. I graduated from Stanford, where I studied Russian literature as an undergrad, contemplating the questions of human suffering, pain, loss, and love. As a sophomore, I was accepted into Mount Sinai's Humanities and Medicine program, which integrated my literary background with my professional aspirations. During my free time, I enjoy cooking for and feeding my friends, finding cheap eats, following fashion and interior design, curating playlists, and watching Taiwanese television. While it's been a stimulating four years in New York City, I'm excited to return home to the Farm!



Derick En'wezoh, MD MBA
Harvard

Bio: I'm a Washingtonian. I was born and raised in Kennewick, WA with my parents and three younger brothers. Growing up my primary interests were people, sports and science. At a height of 6'5" in high school, I excelled in football, basketball and track. For college I attended Washington State University (GO COUGS!) where I graduated magna cum laude with a degree in Neuroscience. While at Washington State University, I was appointed by the governor to serve on the Board of Regents. I was subsequently elected by my peers to serve as Student Body President. After graduating from college, I spent a year working in health care administration at a regional health system in the state of Washington. I am committed to moving the needle in health care. As such, I pursued an MD/MBA between Harvard Medical School and the Stanford Graduate School of Business. While in medical school I was heavily interested in surgery and research. While in business school I invested a significant amount of time understanding the complexities of our health care system and engaged in health care consulting. I've been living in the Bay Area for the last year and a half. I enjoy traveling, playing outdoors, listening to podcasts, dancing to the beat, and spending time with people. I couldn't be more excited to be at Stanford Hospital for my surgical training.



Kenneth Perrone, MD
SUNY

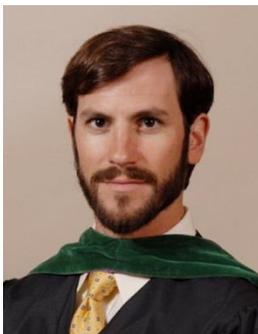
Bio: I was born the oldest child of four, two sisters and one brother, in Minneapolis, MN. My family eventually moved west to Portland, OR. I attended Colby College in Waterville, ME, where I majored in chemistry. During college I lead freshman outdoor orientation trips including canoeing, hiking and dogsledding. Additionally, I worked in an organic chemistry lab primarily focused on the addition of dihalocarbenes to anthracene. After college I returned home to Portland. I spent a year coaching crew and doing vascular surgery research prior to starting medical school. This research experience provided the foundation for my interest in surgery, which was confirmed during my subsequent clerkships. Outside of the hospital, I enjoy riding my bike, jogging, and skiing. I am excited to have the privilege of starting my surgical training at Stanford.



Ali Rashan, MD
University of Illinois

Bio: I was born in Baghdad and raised in Dublin and Galway, Ireland. Watching my father practice medicine globally --in Iraq, England, Ireland and the United States—I have witnessed first-hand the extension of human suffering go beyond geographical borders, ethnic backgrounds, or socioeconomic class systems. Because of this, I have also experienced how the practice of medicine and medical research are among humanity's most essential services. The healthcare

disparities that my family experienced after the first Gulf War was the catalyst that compelled me to pursue a career in medicine. While earning a Bachelor's in Molecular & Cellular Biology from the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana, I conducted research on the cohesion complex in order to better understand the molecular mechanisms that drive cancer cell division. My interest in research prompted me to enter the Master's program at the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana, culminating in a thesis project which focused on viewing the cytological distribution of Methyl CpG Binding Protein 2 (MeCP2) in the *Xenopus* Oocyte. Continuing my research interest during medical school, my most principal studies were dedicated to elucidating the role of rib grafting for revision rhinoplasty. I used computed tomography (CT) and inductively coupled plasma optical emission spectrometry to characterize the calcification of rib cartilage to determine which regions of rib cartilage are optimal graft candidates for rhinoplasty. After leaving medical school I progressed to a translational research opportunity as a Postdoctoral Research Fellow at Stanford University. My research was centered on understanding how B lymphocyte populations and immunoglobulins are altered during the inflammatory response in patients with chronic rhinosinusitis (CRS). The goal of this research was to create new therapeutic regimens for patients with CRS using a novel bench-to-bedside translational approach. This goal exemplifies my career intention as a whole, which is to bridge medical innovation with basic science in order to directly benefit clinical patient care. Having experienced the collaborative and innovative culture that Stanford aims to nurture, I am excited to be continuing part of my medical training at such an amazing institution. Outside of medicine I enjoy international street portrait photography, cooking and soccer.



Cornelius Regan, MD
LSU New Orleans

Bio: I was born and raised in New Orleans, Louisiana. My father is an attorney and my mother is a nurse. I had an enjoyable childhood, growing up with an older sister and two younger brothers; we are a fun-loving family and remain very close today. After high school I left Louisiana and I began my undergraduate studies at the University of Florida in Gainesville. During college,

I was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity. After graduating with a degree in Zoology, I returned home to New Orleans and began working at Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center. At the Neuroscience Center there, I was a research associate in the lab of Dr. Nicolas Bazan, conducting research on various neurological diseases as well as disorders of the retina and other eye tissues. After working in the lab, I attended LSU Medical School in New Orleans. During medical school, I traveled on a mission trip to rural Guatemala and returned home continuing to practice and become more proficient in medical Spanish. I also continued working in the Neuroscience Center lab, beginning a research project on characterization and treatment of spinal cord injury. I am very excited to move to California to continue my medical education and training at Stanford. After an internship year in general surgery, I will return home to New Orleans where I will begin a residency in ophthalmology at LSU. I am an avid outdoorsman and enjoy hunting, fishing, hiking and camping; I am particularly fond of activities around the water. I also enjoy cooking and cuisine, especially the Cajun and Creole delicacies from home.



Ashley Titan, MD
Mount Sinai

Bio: I am originally from New York where I lived with my parents, brother, and our dog, Mookie. I have always had a passion for athletics. I was a nationally ranked US fencer and also competed internationally. My fencing weapon of choice was Epee. I came out west to go to Stanford, where I captained the fencing team, graduated with honors in Ethics in Society, and majored in Philosophy. During college, I studied abroad at Oxford to delve deeper into the field of bioethics to prepare my honors thesis. In addition to studying philosophy, I have been fascinated with tissue regeneration and have been doing tissue engineering research for over 9 years. I moved back to New York for medical school at Mount Sinai. My interest in surgery was confirmed during my 3rd year clerkship and I haven't looked back since. Outside of medicine, I enjoy triathlons, marathons, backpacking, rock climbing, and comic books. I am ecstatic to be returning to the farm for my surgical training.

PGY 2 Preliminary



Liudmila Muraveika, MD PhD
Brown University

Bio: My passion to receive the best education, dedication to my profession and humanity brought me to Stanford. I grew up during post-soviet-union times in a small Belorussian town Starie Dorogi with my parents and a younger sister. I attended the Maxim-Tank-Pedagogical University in Minsk, Belarus, where I graduated with a masters teaching

degree in German and Belorussian linguistics and literature. As a 20 years-old student I was granted a scholarship to spend a year in Germany, where I lived in a dorm with multiple medical students who initially introduced me to the inspiring world of medicine. It did not take long for me to realize that I found my passion. A year later with a new beginning on life, eight hundred euro in my pocket and one suitcase, I headed from Belarus back to Germany to pursue my MD/PhD degree at the University of Regensburg located in Bavaria, Germany. During my medical school in order to pay for my own medical education and fend for my existence, as well as at times assist in the support of my family in Belarus, I had worked as a circulating nurse, IRB research coordinator, and a research assistant in the immunology lab. This was the time where I became actively involved in immunology research, and parallel to my clinical duties dedicated 4 years to my dissertation work in immunology, which focused on the native immune system and its response to different bacterial strains. My academic interests lie in transplant, surgical oncology and hepatobiliary surgery. Initially, upon graduation in 2012 I pursued an internal medicine residency training program in Germany, which built a solid foundation for my medical knowledge and experience, but also made me realize that my care often did not deliver an immediate improvement of my patients' conditions as it would often happen after an operation. I often felt that I had the theoretical knowledge, but my hands were not trained to implement it. A lifetime opportunity presented itself, and I started my general surgery training at Brown University where with a great joy I have begun to mature my surgical skills and critical surgical thinking. This year I am joining general surgery residency at Stanford as PGY2 preliminary resident to continue my surgical education and hope that here I can develop to the outmost of my potential. Beyond academics, I am married to my best friend and my strongest supporter, my husband Daniel. I am very proud of him for his dedication to this country for which he served 22 years. He has recently retired from the United States Army and is now pursuing his bachelor's degree in paralegal studies. Dan and I enjoy biking, hiking, travelling the world and we are excited to learn the art of sailing together. I love reading and learning new languages (Spanish is my next). I am looking forward to meeting and working with all of you, as well as living and exploring Stanford and the Bay area.