



Infectious Diseases Division Newsletter

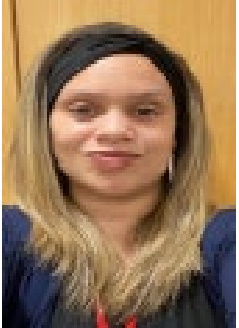
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Awards and Honors



Patient compliment for **Melissa Beras**
(Patient Coordinator in I.D. Associates)
and **Heidi Torres**:

“Highly recommend Melissa Beras and Dr. Heidi Torres, as they are top notch professionals. Not only did Melissa help with logistics & even vaccine record but also helped navigate follow-up. Thanks to Dr. Torres for providing detailed & efficient care – and suggesting particular vaccines. They’re very good at what they do!”



Appointments and Transitions



Congratulations to **Michael Cename**, who was promoted from Clinical Research Assistant to Senior Clinical Research Assistant for the ID-Clinical Research Unit (CRU), effective 11/20/23.



Congratulations to **Anna Gwak**, who was promoted from Regulatory Specialist to Clinical Trials Administrator for the ID-Clinical Research Unit (CRU), effective 11/21/23.



Farewell and congratulations to **Elizabeth Salsgiver**, who transitioned to a Divisional Administrator role for the Division of Nephrology & Hypertension and the Division of Medical Ethics, effective 11/20/23.

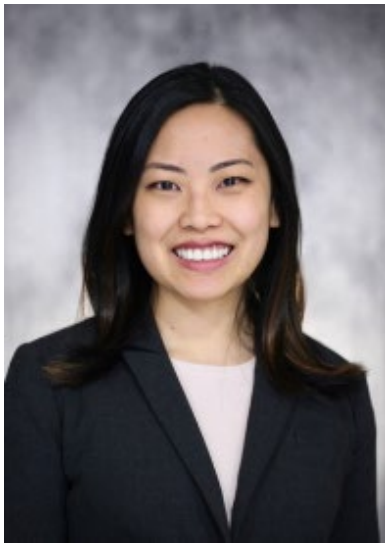


Congratulations to **Britta Witting**, who was promoted from Clinical Research Coordinator to Clinical Research Supervisor for the ID-Clinical Research Unit (CRU), effective 11/20/23.



Appointments and Transitions

I.D. Fellow match results are in!
Our new Fellows, starting 7/1/2024, will be:



Catherine Wen Cai
Medical School: St. Louis University
Residency: NYP/Weill Cornell Medical Center



David J. DiTullio
Medical School: UCLA
Residency: NYU Grossman School of Medicine



Tony Li-Geng
Medical School: Quinnipac
Residency: NYU Grossman School of Medicine





Grants



Congratulations to **Linnie Golightly**, who successfully competed for an R33, entitled: “In vitro modeling of blood brain barrier dysfunction on a chip to elucidate the pathogenesis of cerebral malaria” from the National Heart, Lung, & Blood Institute.





Other News



David Calfee ran the 52nd NYC Marathon in 3:22:33.



Marina Caskey ran the 52nd NYC Marathon in 5:38:07.

Trip Gulick ran the 52nd NYC Marathon in 4:08:23.





Other News



Thanks to **Howard Rosenberg** for his generous donation to the Infectious Disease Training Program.

Medical Student Infectious Diseases Interest Group hosted a pub-style trivia night on 11/8, at the Feil Student Center; moderated by **Carrie Johnston, Priya Kodiyanplakkal** and **Lars Westblade**.



Infectious Disease (IDIG) Bug Bowl! (Trivia Night with Food and Prizes)



Divisional Publications

- Amico KR, Mayer KH, Landovitz RJ, Marzinke M, Hendrix C, McCauley M, **Wilkin T, Gulick R**; HPTN 069/A5305 study team. Influence of Participant Perceptions of Adherence-Related Interactions with Study/Study Team on Drug Levels: HPTN069 Analysis of Self-Reported Adherence Experiences While on Study. *AIDS Behav.* 2023 Nov 10. doi: 10.1007/s10461-023-04215-9. Epub ahead of print. [PMID: 37947968](#).
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- Lyons DE, Kumar P, Roan NR, Defechereux PA, Feschotte C, Lange UC, Murthy N, Sameshima P, Verdin E, Ake JA, Parsons MS, Nath A, Gianella S, Smith DM, Kallas EG, Villa TJ, Strange R, Mwesigwa B, **Furler O'Brien RL, Nixon DF, Ndhlovu LC**, Valente ST, Ott M. HIV-1 Remission: Accelerating the Path to Permanent HIV-1 Silencing. *Viruses.* 2023 Oct 28;15(11):2171. doi: 10.3390/v15112171. PMID: 38005849; [PMCID: PMC10674359](#).





Important Dates



I.D. Faculty Meeting
12:00PM to 1:00PM
([Zoom Link](#))



Medical Grand Rounds
8:00AM – 9:00AM
"HIV in the United States and the Future of Prevention" -
Jonathan Mermin, CDC

Dean’s State of WCM Address
4:00PM – 5:00PM



HIV Research Symposium at Columbia (1PM)
Featuring: Brad Jones, Lish Ndhlovu and Sallie Permar
Location: The Roy and Diana Vagelos Education Center
(104 Haven Ave, New York, NY 10032), Rooms 902/903



ID Division White Elephant/Gift Exchange
4:00PM – 5:00PM
A-450



Christmas Day
(WCM Holiday)



New Year’s Day
(WCM Holiday)



I.D. Holiday Party
ALVIN Public House
5:30PM – 8:30PM

