

# UMSOM CARTI 2023 Scholars for the “Clinical/Translational and Public Health Research Training Track” Announced!



The University of Maryland School of Medicine (UMSOM) **Center for Advanced Research Training & Innovation (CARTI)** is pleased to announce the 2023 Scholars for the **Clinical/Translational and Public Health Research Training Track!**

The CARTI Training Tracks are designed as a “first stop” for senior fellows and junior faculty within their first few years of appointment who have not successfully secured extramural funding and who need additional experience in research to advance in their career, and/or prior to pursuing an advanced degree or formal certificate program. The purpose of creating the CARTI Training Tracks is to increase the pool of clinician-scientists and basic scientists engaged in research; to build stronger research partnerships; to strengthen the existing portfolio of evidence-based clinical care; and to increase the amount of research funding that is competitively secured.

The **Clinical/Translational and Public Health Research Training Track** is the second track to be launched and will provide foundational training to fellows and early-stage faculty in developing and executing a mentored clinical research project. This 7-month training program will include didactic instruction, experiential learning, grant writing training, and a capstone project. Upon completion of the training track, CARTI scholars will have a research protocol for a clinical project that they are executing under the guidance of a mentor.

**We wish to congratulate the following eight (8) scholars and their mentor(s):**



**Brittany Drazich, PhD, RN**

Assistant Professor, Organizational Systems and Adult Health, UMSOM

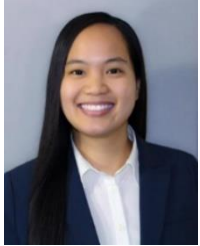
**Mentor:** *Barbara Resnick, PhD, RN, CRNP, FAAN, FAANP, Professor, Organizational Systems and Adult Health; Associate Dean for Research, UMSOM*



**Chengyan Chu, DrMed**

Research Associate, Department of Diagnostic Radiology and Nuclear Medicine, UMSOM

***Mentor:** Piotr Walczak, MD, PhD, Professor, Department of Diagnostic Radiology and Nuclear Medicine, UMSOM*



**Dena Tran, MD**

Fellow, Department of Pulmonary & Clinical Care Medicine, UMSOM

***Mentor:** Avelino Verceles, MD, MS, Professor, Department of Medicine, UMSOM*



**Edward Traver, MD**

Assistant Professor, Department of Medicine, IHV, UMSOM

***Mentor:** Sarah Kattakuzhy, MD, Associate Professor, Department of Medicine, UMSOM*



**J. David Gatz, MD**

Assistant Professor, Department of Emergency Medicine, UMSOM

***Mentor:** Gentry Wilkerson, MD, Associate Professor, Department of Emergency Medicine, UMSOM*



**Jiachen Zhuo, PhD**

Associate Professor, Department of Diagnostic Radiology, UMSOM

***Mentor:** Ze Wang, PhD, Professor, Department of Diagnostic Radiology and Nuclear Medicine, UMSOM*



**Lauren Leigh Smith, MD, MAS**

Assistant Professor, Department of Epidemiology and Public Health, UMSOM

***Mentor:** Surbhi Leekha, MBBS, MPH, Professor, Department of Epidemiology & Public Health, UMSOM*



**Rebecca Schwartz, MD**

Clinical Instructor, Department of Surgery, R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center, UMSOM

***Mentor:** Deborah Stein, MD, MPH, Professor, Department of Surgery, R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center, UMSOM*

The **UMSOM CARTI Clinical/Translational and Public Health Research Training Track** is led by **Jon Mark Hirshon, MD, PhD, MPH**, Professor in the Department of Emergency Medicine.

For more information about the training tracks offered by CARTI, visit <https://www.medschool.umaryland.edu/CARTI/CARTI-Training-Tracks/>