Joint Master’s Programs
Commencement & Recognition Ceremony

May 12, 2023
Eric P. Newman Education Center
"Pomp and Circumstance" processional ............Class of 2023 with faculty & staff

Introduction of senior associate dean ..................... Philip Payne, PhD
Janet and Bernard Becker Professor
Associate Dean for Health Information and Data Science
Director, Institute for Informatics, Data Science and Biostatistics (I2DB)

Welcome ................................................................. Eva Aagaard, MD
Senior Associate Dean
Vice Chancellor for Medical Education

Introduction of keynote speaker ......................... Philip Payne, PhD

Keynote speaker .................................................. LJ Punch, MD
Medical Director, Bullet Related Injury Clinic
Executive Director, “The T” Surgeon

Introduction of student speaker ......................... Philip Payne, PhD

Student remarks .................................................. Haya Ahmed
Applied Health Behavior Research Program

Introduction of student speaker ......................... Philip Payne, PhD

Student remarks .................................................. Katherine Santana
Biomedical Informatics Program

Conferral of degrees ............................................. Eva Aagaard, MD

AHBR program opening remarks,
Conferral of degrees ............................................ Amy McQueen, PhD
Professor of Medicine
Director, Graduate Programs Applied Health Behavior Research

MSBMI/MSBDS program opening remarks ............ Philip Payne, PhD
MSBMI program conferral of degrees ........................ Philip Payne, PhD
Po-Yin Yen, PhD
Associate Professor of Medicine
Co-Director, Biomedical Informatics Education Programs

MSBDS program conferral of degrees ........................ Philip Payne, PhD
Charles Goss, PhD
Associate Professor of Biostatistics
Associate Director, Division of Biostatistics

TL1 program opening remarks,
Conferral of degrees ............................. Jay Piccirillo, MD, FACS, CPI
Professor of Otolaryngology
Director, TL1 Predoctoral and Postdoctoral Program

MSCI program opening remarks,
Conferral of degrees ............................ Dominic Reeds, MD
Professor of Medicine
Co-Director, Master of Science in Clinical Investigation

MSGC program opening remarks ........................ Rachael Bradshaw, MS
Program Director, Master of Science in Genetic Counseling

MSGC program conferral of degrees ...................... Tomi Toler, MS
Associate Program Director
Master of Science in Genetic Counseling Programs
Erin Linnenbringer, PhD, MS
Assistant Program Director
Master of Science in Genetic Counseling Programs

MPHS program opening remarks,
Conferral of degrees ............................... Adetunji Toriola, MD, PhD, MPH
Professor of Surgery, Public Health Sciences
Co-Deputy Director, Master of Population Health Sciences Program

MSMP program opening remarks,
Conferral of degrees ............................... Michael Altman, PhD
Associate Professor, Radiation Oncology
Director of Education, Medical Physics

Faculty and student awards ............................ Philip Payne, PhD

Closing remarks ................................. Eva Aagaard, MD

“Pomp and Circumstance” recessional ............ Class of 2023 with faculty and staff

Reception to follow in EPNEC Lobby
Keynote Speaker

LJ Punch, MD

Medical Director, Bullet Related Injury Clinic
Executive Director, “The T” Surgeon

With a focus on education, trauma, and equity, Dr. LJ Punch is changing the way we think about medicine from the inside, out. Educated in medicine at the University of Connecticut and trained in surgery at the University of Maryland and the Shock Trauma Center in Baltimore, Dr. Punch served as faculty at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis from 2015–2021. Here his work came to life for him in the development of a wide variety of educational and clinical resources in the management of surgical emergencies across the entire spectrum of illness and healing.

In 2018, he collaborated with numerous health-care professionals, students, and community members to create “The T,” a community of health, working to reduce the impact of trauma through broad public health campaigns, mobile outreach and brick and mortar services. In the wake of the pandemic, he left academic medicine to be the executive director of the The T with an expanded focus on multiple sources of trauma disproportionately experiences by Black people including COVID-19, bullet injuries and opioid dependence.
Presentation of degrees

Master of Science in Applied Health Behavior Research

Health Behavior Research is a multidisciplinary field that applies psychology, public health, behavioral medicine, communication science, and statistics to promote health and prevent disease.

Fall 2022

  Sameen Malik
  Meredith Parsons

Spring 2023

  Amy Norheim

Summer 2023

  Haya Ahmed
  Noor Alyasiry
  Holly Manning
  Hanmo Zhang
Master of Science and Graduate Certificate in Biomedical Informatics

The interdisciplinary Master of Science and certificate programs in Biomedical Informatics provide students with a competency-based training in core biomedical informatics theories and methods to address the fundamental shift health and life sciences are experiencing toward transdisciplinary, integrative, and data-intensive approaches to research.

Master of Science

Spring 2023

Reetika Ghag
Benjamin Papadopoulos
Katherine Santana

Summer 2023

Douglas Caruthers

Graduate Certificate

Spring 2023

Matthew Gerling
Master of Science in Biostatistics and Data Science

The Master of Science and certificate programs in Biostatistics and Data Science offer core data science learning in statistical and computational methodologies along with practical training in data analysis of cutting-edge biomedical and genomics research.

Spring 2023

Julia Gray

Summer 2023

Charles Repaci
# Master of Science and Graduate Certificate in Clinical Investigation

The Master of Science and certificate programs in Clinical Investigation provide scholars with the core competencies in clinical research and investigation, including study design, research implementation, statistical analysis, scientific communication, literature critique, leadership, Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR) and rigor and reproducibility, as well as opportunities for community engagement relevant to MDs, PhDs, and doctoral students from diverse disciplines.

## Spring 2023

**TL1 MSCI**
- Stacey Chen
- Andrew Coxon
- Firas Hentati (Oto T32)
- Patrick Ioerger
- Jessica Jakubiak (TL1 only)
- Lauren Kazmaier
- Amish Khan
- Adam Liebendorfer
- Brevin Miller (Oto T32)
- Marie-Angie Munyemana
- Alexandra Zdonczyk

**MSCI**
- Jaimee Hall, DO, MA
- Saad Javeed, MD
- David Lee, MD
- Hayley Stowe, MD

## Summer 2023

**TL1 MSCI**
- Samuel Cortez, MD
- Gabbie Johnson

**MSCI**
- Theresa Tharakan, MD

**Graduate Certificate**
- Ginny Shulz, PhD
Master of Science in Genetic Counseling

The Program in Genetic Counseling is an innovative, 21-month Master of Science program that will prepare graduates to become certified genetic counselors. The program is composed of medical genetic- and counseling-focused curriculum, clinical rotations, and a research project.

Spring 2023

Freddy-May AbiSamra
Sadie Friedrich
Cecilia Gordillo Casero
Irania Santaliz Moreno
Master of Population Health Sciences

The Master of Population Health Sciences program provides students with a strong foundation and hands-on experience in designing and conducting research in clinical outcomes and population health and moving clinical research findings to applications that will improve patient care and treatment.

Spring 2023

Tsehay Abebe
Emily Barker
Sarah Chiang
Alden D'Souza
Angela Hill
Urvi Holmes
Zachery Hong
Xinwen Hu
Arjan Kalra
Ashwin Leo
Merrill Rubens
Alexander Shiang
Nirmala Shivakumar
Jonathan Tang
Master of Science in Medical Physics

This CAMPEP-accredited program provides for students to learn fundamental concepts and techniques in the field of medical physics. Students are exposed to a wide array of diagnostic medical imaging, radiation therapy, nuclear medicine, and radiation safety approaches and techniques.

Spring 2023

Cathrine Chipo Raranje

Luke Marut
AHBR Faculty, Scholar, Mentor Awards

Outstanding Citizenship Award
Amy Norheim
Applied Health Behavior Research Scholar

Coursemaster of the Year
Matthew Ellis, PhD, MPE
Instructor in Psychiatry

Mentor of the Year
Kirsten Gilbert, PhD
Assistant Professor of Psychiatry
CRTC Faculty, Scholar, Mentor Awards

Outstanding Citizenship Award
James Krings, MD
Assistant Professor in Medicine
Pulmonary & Critical Care Medicine

Samuel Cortez
PostDoc Research Scholar

James Rudloff
Clinical Fellow, Pediatrics
Emergency Medicine

Course Director of the Year
Jessica Mozersky, PhD
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Brian Gage, MD, MSc
Professor of Medicine

Mentor of the Year
Patty Cavazos-Rehg, MD
Associate Professor of Medicine
Co-Director, Clinical Investigation