

# Going Viral: LSU ID NOLA Newsletter

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New Orleans, Louisiana  
Summer 2025



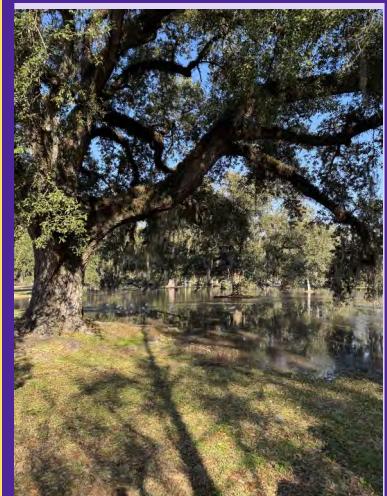
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From Left: Danielle Gilbert, Shafay Shams, Victoria Burke, John Phillips

**Graduation Celebration 2025 — The**  
LSU ID Section celebrated the graduation of Danielle Gilbert, John Phillips, and Shafay Shams at Ralph's on the Park on June 23, 2025. (see Graduation Celebration page 2)



## Graduation Celebration 2025 (continued from page 1)



**Danielle Gilbert** (right) - has joined District Medical Group at Valleywise Health Mc Dowell Clinic FQHC in Phoenix, AZ, the largest Ryan White Clinic in Arizona. She will be providing primarily outpatient HIV primary care with several weeks a year of inpatient ID Service coverage. She writes "Already seeing TONS of cocci, but missing New Orleans and LSU lots!"

(See Graduation Celebration page 3)



## Graduation Celebration 2025 (continued from page 2)



**John Phillips** (left)- will take a position with Signify Health conducting home health assessments across Louisiana while his wife is awaiting news about possibly relocating to a satellite location of her current clinic. He plans to start a full-time Infectious Diseases practice by early 2026.

**Shafay Shams** (right) - has joined St Louis University as faculty in the Department of Internal Medicine, and is also doing locum tenens work in Infectious Diseases with University of Tennessee. He writes "Thank you to everyone who was a part of my journey and training at LSU—I truly miss you all and am so grateful for the memories and support!"

(See Graduation Celebration page 4)



## Graduation Celebration 2025 (continued from page 3)

**This event was also a welcoming celebration** for the incoming ID Fellows for the 2025—2026 academic year—Allen Byl, Brian Coe, and Blane Edwards. It was also good-bye celebration for Ashaur Azhar, who left LSU in February to join Infectious Diseases Associates in Metairie, LA.



**Incoming ID Fellows** with their significant others:  
Foreground from left : **Blane Edwards** and **Sterling Gill** ; Back row from Left: **Caitlin** and **Brian Coe**, **Ryan Leblanc** and **Allen Byl**  
(See Graduation Celebration page 5)

## Graduation Celebration 2025 (continued from page 4)



Dr. Paula Seal, Dr. Lauren Richey, and Dr. Tat Yau (Infectious Diseases) recently presented at the 2024 National Ryan White Conference on HIV Care and Treatment in Washington D.C. The team presented "Healthy Balance Weight Management Initiative in HIV Care." In addition, Dr. Richey and Dr. Kaitlyn Catanzarite (LSU Psychology Postdoctoral fellow at UMCNO ID Center) presented "Addressing the Mental Health Care Needs of People with HIV in RWHAP (Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program)-Funded Clinics."

Congratulations!



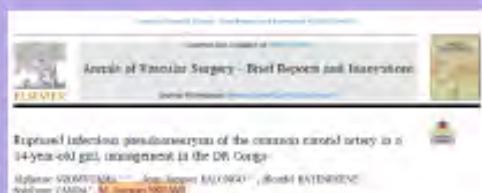
Dr. Michael Hagensee (Infectious Diseases) is a multi principal investigator (MPI) on a recently awarded 5-year, \$3.1M R01 entitled "The role of antiretroviral therapy in susceptibility to oral human papillomavirus (HPV) infection" from the NIH/ National Institute of Dental & Craniofacial Research.

Strong work, Dr. Hagensee!



The American College of Physicians recently selected Dr. Lee Engel as Master of the ACP. MACPs shall be Fellows who have been selected because of "integrity, positions of honor, impact in practice or in medical research, or other attainments in science or in the art of medicine." MACPs must be highly accomplished persons demonstrating impact in practice, leadership, or in medical research. Evidence of their achievements can come from many types of endeavors, such as renown within their field and/or ACP chapter, research, education, health care initiatives, volunteerism, administrative positions, care of patients, and service to their community.





Dr. Jacques Nsuami (Infectious Diseases) recently served as senior author for this paper published in the *Annals of Vascular Surgery*. This is a Case Report of a ruptured infectious pseudoaneurysm of the common carotid artery in a 14-year old girl managed in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Every indication is that this is the first case reported in Sub-Saharan Africa.

Article link: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.avsg.2024.100312>

## **LSU Infectious Diseases Faculty included in the Second Class of the LSU Leadership Academy -**



**Dr. Rebecca Lillis and**

**Dr. Lauren Richey**



**Left - Paula Seal's Birthday celebration.**

**Right—(from left) Chris Hayden, Julio Figueroa, Tat Yau in clinic.**



## LSU Section of Infectious Diseases IDWeek Los Angeles, CA October 16-19, 2024

The Infectious Diseases section as well as several IM faculty and residents were very well represented at the recent ID Week 2024, in Los Angeles. The following faculty and residents had posters and presentations, some of which won travel awards.

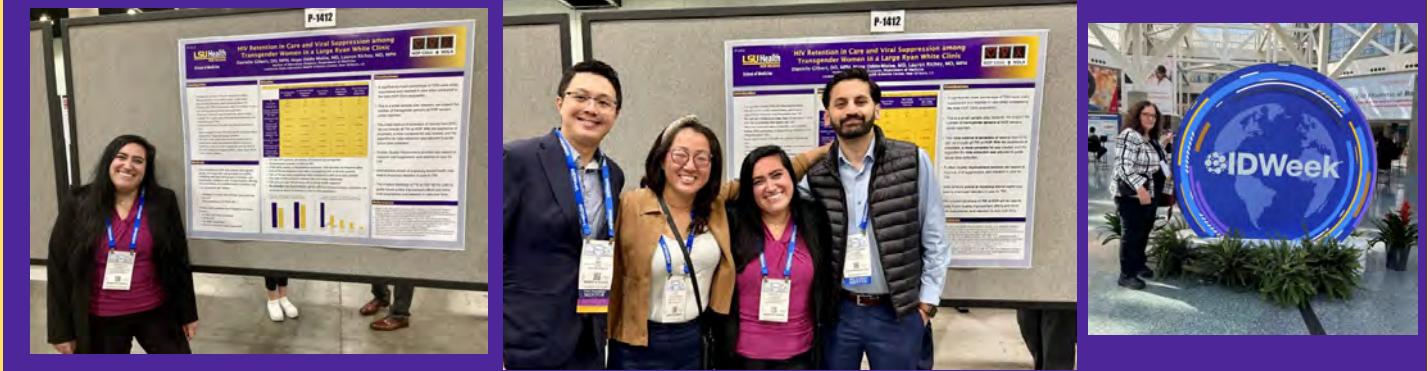
Perceived Importance of Adult Immunizations among HIV Providers in New Orleans, Louisiana - Dr. Tat Yau (ID), Dr. Blane Edwards (IM resident), and Dr. Lauren Richey (ID)

Impact of an Innovative Educational Initiative Using Community-Based Organization Partnerships to Reach Young Adults at Risk for HIV: Dr. Meredith Clement (ID)

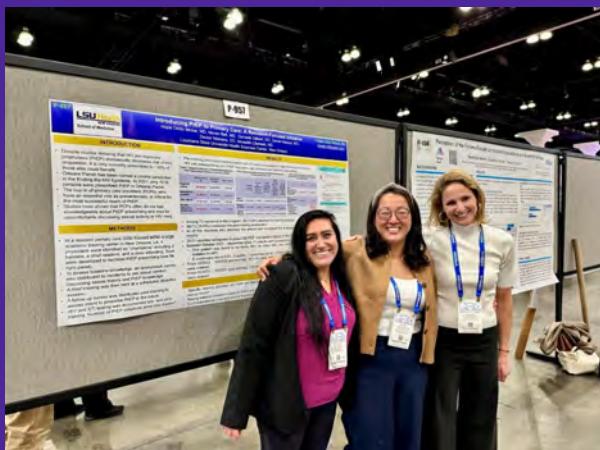
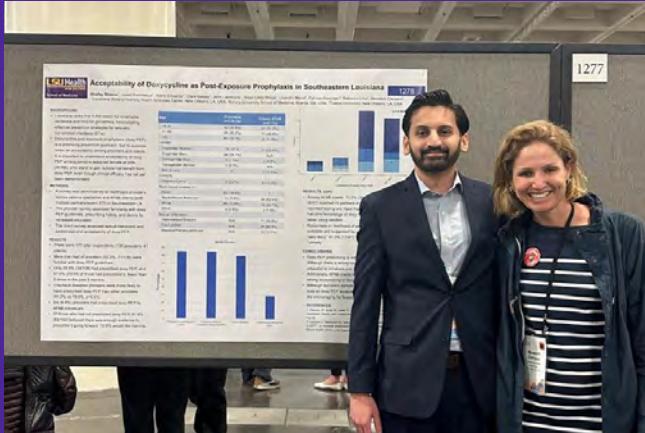
Introducing PrEP to Primary Care: A Resident-Focused Initiative: Dr. Hope Oddo Moise (IM APD/ID), Dr. Maren Bell (ID fellow), Dr. Danielle Gilbert (ID fellow), Dr. Daniel Holmes (IM), Dr. Dexter Matrana (IM APD), Dr. Meredith Clement (ID) **\*\*Travel Award\*\***

HIV Retention in Care and Viral Suppression among Transgender Women in a Large Ryan White Clinic: Dr. Danielle Gilbert (ID fellow), Dr. Hope Oddo Moise (IM APD/ID), Dr. Lauren Richey (ID) **\*\*Travel Award\*\***

UnLEISHing a Fever in an East African Man: Dr. Hope Oddo (IM APD/ID), Dr. Dilbert Gilbert (ID fellow), Dr. Tat Yau (ID), Dr. Victoria Burke (ID), Dr. Yussef Bennani (former ID faculty).



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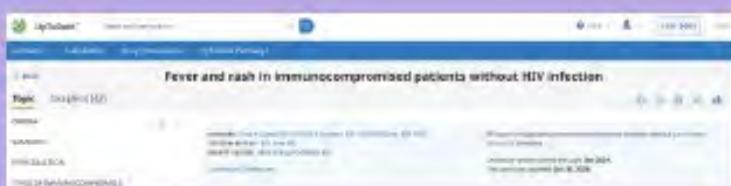


**LSU Section of Infectious Diseases  
IDWeek Los Angeles, CA October 16-19, 2024**





Dr. Tat Yau hosted a panel discussion for LSU Medical Students on World AIDS Day December 2024



Dr. Victoria Burke, Dr. Charles "Bo" Sanders and Dr. Fred Lopez (Infectious Diseases) recently updated their chapter on "Fever and rash in immunocompromised patients without HIV infection" for the UpToDate electronic textbook.



Dr. Stephanie N. Taylor (Infectious Diseases) was co-author of a paper nominated for a Charles C. Shepard Science Award. These awards recognize excellence in scientific achievement by CDC authors of outstanding scientific papers in the previous year and honor the memory of Charles C. Shepard, a renowned microbiologist. During the ceremony in October, the awards were described as the "CDC Scientific Community "Oscar Awards". In 2023, there were 2,977 CDC publications in 743 journals. Of the 2,799 publications, Dr. Taylor's paper was one of only 48 papers nominated in 5 categories. In the Prevention and Control Category, there were seven papers nominated. The 2023 Prevention and Control award was presented to authors of the landmark Mpox vaccine paper that was published in the New England Journal of Medicine. Although Dr. Taylor's paper did not win the award, it was a tremendous honor to be nominated.

THE REAL WORLD OF STD PREVENTION

Extragenital Sexually Transmitted Infection Testing Among Louisiana Parish Health Units, 2016–2019

Mohammad M. Rahman, PhD,<sup>1</sup> Chaquetta Johnson, DNP, MPH,<sup>2</sup>  
Stephanie N. Taylor, MD,<sup>2,3</sup> Thomas A. Peterman, MD, MSc,<sup>2</sup> Tammy S. Bennett, MSN, WHNP-C,<sup>2</sup>  
Danielle Haydel, MT,<sup>2</sup> Daniel R. Newman, MA, L,<sup>2</sup> and Bruce W. Furness, MD, MPH<sup>2</sup>



Mohammad M. Rahman, Chaquetta Johnson, Stephanie N. Taylor, Thomas A. Peterman, Tammy S. Bennett, Danielle Haydel, Daniel R. Newman, Bruce W. Furness. Extragential Sexually Transmitted Infection Testing Among Louisiana Parish Health Units, 2016-2019. Sexually Transmitted Diseases. 2023 May 1;50(5):274-279.

Dr. Tat Yau (Infectious Diseases) was an organizer and co-host of a medical panel at HIV Stigma Summit in New Orleans. Sponsored by the Bounce to Zero organization, the Stigma Summit aimed to engage in dialogue around HIV stigma in the healthcare system, criminal justice system, and wider community. Dr. Yau and others presented "Smarter than Stigma: Scientific Advancements in HIV Treatment and their Impact on Stigma"



Dr. Jacques Nsuami (Infectious Diseases) published a book on the Second Amendment Right of American citizens under the Constitution of the United States. He became interested in the topic when he did some reading on the constitution and what he read did not match what he heard in the media. This is his review of the topic.



Dr. Tat Yau (Infectious Diseases) presented HIV 101 and Dr. Meredith Clement (Infectious Diseases) presented Ending the HIV Epidemic: Treatment and Prevention during our NOLA HIV Awareness Week at UMCNO. ID HOP is grateful to have such dedicated providers who also work to help educate others when asked. The presentations were excellent!

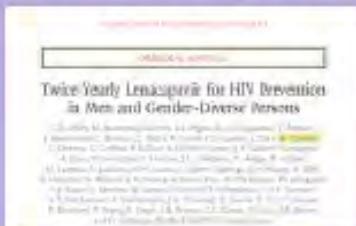


Dr. Paula Seal (Infectious Diseases) was recently interviewed for an article titled "Climate change is disrupting access to HIV treatment." The reporter reached out to LSU because she had seen a 2022 Ryan White conference presentation on Emergency Preparedness presented by our faculty.

Article available at: <https://19thnews.org/2024/11/climate-change-disaster-hiv-treatment/>

Dr. Meredith Clement (Infectious Diseases) recently published two papers. The first, published in the *New England Journal of Medicine* was from the PURPOSE 2 study of twice yearly Lenacapavir. The second, a first author manuscript published in *Clinical Infectious Diseases* describes the protective efficacy of Cabotegravir.

Congratulations, Dr. Clement



## NOLA Snowstorm 2025

January 21, 2025, a major winter storm brought 8—11.5 inches of snow to the New Orleans Metropolitan area, breaking the 1963 record of 2.7 inches. There was the first-ever blizzard warning issued in Louisiana. The city was closed—for several days. Residents enjoyed the snow with whatever they had at their disposal—such as trash can lids for sledding down the lakefront levees.



# **NOLA Snowstorm 2025 (cont'd)**

Paula Seal with her family enjoying the snow—her children Graham, Evan, Madeline and their dog Everest.



Dr. Julio Figueroa (Infectious Diseases) participated in a national media briefing sponsored by Infectious Diseases Society of America (IDSA) about avian influenza last Friday during which he shared what was happening in Louisiana.

Great job representing, Dr. Figueroa!



## **ACP LA Chapter Annual Meeting 2025 ID Participation**

For Posters:

*2<sup>nd</sup> place - Leptospirosis: An Uncommon Cause of Fever and Transaminitis in the Continental United States*

**Allen Byl**, Hope Oddo Moise, MD; Danielle Gilbert, DO, MPH; Michael Olejniczak, MD; Ashley Misky, DO; Tom Fox, MD; Alexa Lapointe, MD; Michael Modica, MD; Michelle Blyth, MD; Louisiana State University, New Orleans, LA.



## **ACP Planning Committee**

Drs. Engel, Lopez, Oddo-Moise—who worked for months to identify speakers, review abstracts, create jeopardy questions, judge cases and recruit students.

## **Judges**

who volunteered their Saturday to judge the ACP oral and poster presentations:

Drs. Victoria Burke, Tat Yau, Ashaur Azhar, Mohammed Zaida, Lee Engel, Hope Oddo Moise

Dr. Victoria Burke (Infectious Diseases) spoke on 2/13/2025 at the North American Skull Base Society meeting in New Orleans. She gave a talk entitled "Antifungals for Invasive Fungal Sinusitis" and was on a panel addressing "Invasive Fungal Sinusitis".



The Infectious Diseases team joined with UMCNO Pharmacists to present a research abstract as a poster at the American Society of Health System Pharmacists Midyear Meeting. Infectious Diseases faculty included: Dr. MJ Nsuami, Dr. Victoria Burke, Dr. Julio Figueroa, and Dr. Ashaur Azhar. The poster was titled: Impact of Vancomycin Versus Daptomycin Use on Pharmacist Efficiency and Patient Outcomes at University Medical Center New Orleans.



Dr Fred A. Lopez (Infectious Disease) was recently invited to be a member of the American College of Physicians' Confirmation of Relevant Education (CORE) Standard-Setting Committee. CORE is a new MKSAP enhancement that provides physicians with additional multiple-choice questions that are highly relevant to their practice and by which they can demonstrate knowledge proficiency and commitment to longitudinal learning. ACP MKSAP learners can unlock the CORE quizzes for a subspecialty after answering ACP MKSAP questions and meeting progress and proficiency thresholds. If learners meet the passing threshold for a CORE quiz, they will receive a CORE badge confirming their achievement, and after earning the designated number of badges, they can earn and print a CORE certificate for inclusion in their professional portfolio.



# American College of Physicians Annual National/International Meeting in New Orleans, LA April 2025

## Infectious Diseases Representation

- Lee Engel was elected to Mastership of the ACP
- Fred Lopez presented at the Pre-course ACP Rapid Board Review 2025
- Victoria Burke and Fred Lopez presented at the Annual Session “Multiple Small feedings of the Mind: Infectious Diseases



Dr. Stephanie Taylor (Infectious Diseases) and colleagues recently published this paper in the Lancet.



Dr. Jacques Nsuami (Infectious Diseases) contributed with colleagues in the DR Congo to a paper titled "Knowledge, Attitude, and Practice of Heart Failure Management by Physicians Practicing in Cardiology Services in Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of the Congo".



<https://www.scirp.org/journal/paperinformation?paperid=142307>



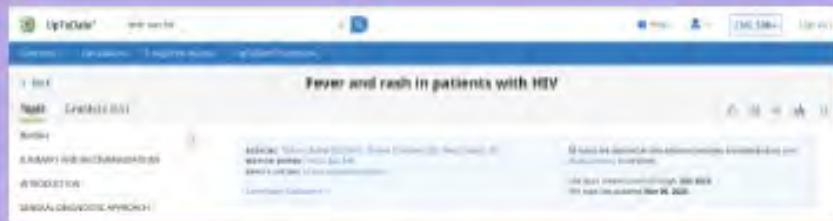
## In and Around New Orleans

Tat Yau and wife Elizabeth Jacobson enjoying the Iris Parade during Mardi Gras 2025

## American College of Physicians National Leadership Day, Spring 2025

Victoria Burke (far right), with the Louisiana physician delegation, outside the Capitol during ACP National Leadership Day in spring 2025. The delegation met with all Louisiana congressional representatives and senators to advocate for equitable access to healthcare and medical research funding.





Dr. Victoria Burke, Dr. Bo Sanders and Dr. Fred Lopez (Infectious Diseases) recently updated their chapter on "Fever and Rash in Patients with HIV" in the UpToDate electronic textbook.



## Dr Fred Lopez



- ◆ Faculty Advisor for the medical student Internal Medicine Special Interest Group
- ◆ Served as a Hooder for The Louisiana State University School of Medicine Pre-Commencement Ceremony occurred on May 14, 2025

Dr. Fred Lopez (Infectious Diseases) recently gave the Keynote welcome address to the 1<sup>st</sup> International Workshop on Long Acting Anti-Infectives in New Orleans, LA.





Dr. Meredith Clement (Infectious Diseases) co-chaired a session on long-acting options for HIV prevention and had an oral abstract presentation entitled, "LB-#2 - Twice-Yearly Lenacapavir PrEP in Cisgender Gay Men, Transgender Women and Men, and Gender-Diverse People (PURPOSE 2)".

Dr. Tat Yau (Infectious Diseases), Dr Lauren Richey (Infectious Diseases) and Dr. Danielle Gilbert (ID Fellow) recently presented the following e-posters at the International Association of Providers of AIDS Care (IAPAC) Continuum 2025 conference in Puerto Rico:



Implementation of Low-Barrier Open Access HIV Care Clinic in New Orleans, Louisiana: **Tat Yau**, James Kinchen (School of Public Health), Tekeda Ferguson (SPH), **Eric Babineaux**, **Paula Seal**, **Lauren Richey**.



Provider Comfort with Gender-Affirming HIV Primary Care: **Danielle Gilbert**, **Lauren Richey**

Integrated Psychosocial PTSD Treatment and Adherence Intervention (Cognitive Processing Therapy; CPT-L) Reduces Stigma for People with HIV: **Lauren Richey**, Cristina Lopez (MUSC), Nathaniel Baker (MUSC), Stephanie Amaya (MUSC), Shane Bierna (LSU psychology), Erin Bisca (MUSC), Kaitlyn Catanzarite (LSU psychology), Michael Gee (LSU psychology)

The LSU IM and Med-Peds Residents were well represented at the annual Quality Improvement & Patient Safety Forum on 5/29/25. In addition, Dr. Humza Malik (IM resident), Dr. Allison Derise (IM resident), Dr. Nali Gillespie (medicine-pediatric resident) and Dr. Tat Yau (Infectious Diseases) gave oral presentations:

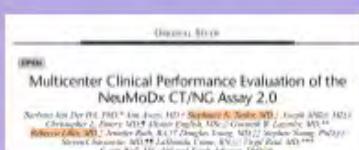
From Knowledge to Action: Assessing the Influence of Provider Education on Vaccine Importance - Dr Tat Yau (ID)



### Building models, building capacity: A review of participatory machine learning for HIV prevention

Mark Sendak<sup>1,2</sup>\*, Meg Young<sup>3</sup>, Jee Young Kim<sup>1,4</sup>\*, Alifa Hasan<sup>1</sup>, Clare Kelsey<sup>1,2</sup>, Catherine O'Neal<sup>5</sup>, Tonya Jagneaux<sup>6</sup>, Wayne Wilbright<sup>7</sup>, John Cook<sup>8</sup>, Stephen Lim<sup>9</sup>, Tamachia Davenport<sup>10</sup>, Shirley Lolis<sup>11</sup>, Jennifer Thomas<sup>12</sup>, Shannon Widman<sup>13</sup>, Suresh Balu<sup>14</sup>, Meredith Clement<sup>15</sup>\*, Lance Okeke<sup>16</sup>

Dr. Meredith Clement (Infectious Diseases), Dr. Catherine O'Neal (Baton Rouge), Dr. Steve Lim (Emergency Medicine) and Dr. Tonya Jagneaux (Baton Rouge) recently published a paper in PLOS Global Public Health. The paper describes the true value of community collaborations and how critically important they are for machine learning/AI initiatives.



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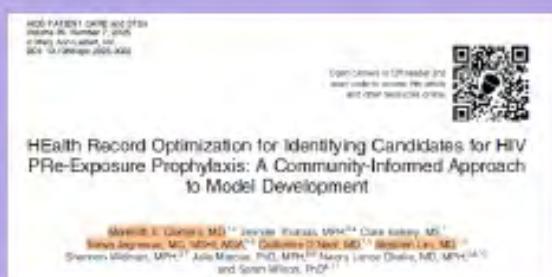
Sex Transm Dis. 2025 Jul;52(7):422 – 427. PMID: 39629837

Drs. Katie O'Neal (Baton Rouge) and Victoria Burke (Infectious Diseases) were recently appointed as faculty committee members for the Infectious Diseases MKSAP in 2025-26.



Dr. Fred A. Lopez (Infectious Diseases) was recently appointed as a Deputy Editor for the American College of Physicians MKSAP in 2025-26.

Dr. Meredith Clement (Infectious Diseases), Dr. Tonya Jagneaux (Baton Rouge), Dr. Catherine O'Neal (Baton Rouge) and Dr. Steve Lim (Emergency Medicine) recently published in the journal AIDS Patient Care and STDs this paper that used focus groups with community advocates and clinicians to develop a model for identifying candidates for HIV pre-exposure prophylaxis using the electronic health record.



**Congratulations to Meredith Clement and Paula Seal who were recently named to the Best Doctors New Orleans 2025!!!**



## LSU ID Promotions Effective July 2024

Professor, Clinical—Rebecca Lillis

Associate Professor, Clinical—Yussef Bennani

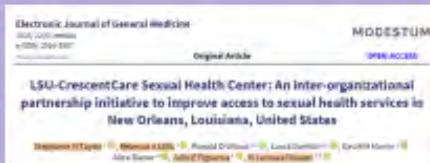
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Granted Tenure—Meredith Clement



Paula Seal on local TV discussing HIV and adolescents

Dr. Stephanie Taylor, Dr. Rebecca Lillis, Dr. Julio Figueroa, and Dr. M. Jacques Nsuami (Infectious Diseases) recently published in the *Electronic Journal of General Medicine* this paper describing the partnership between CrescentCare and LSU to create a new Sexual Health Clinic. The paper outlines health services that patients sought and received at the clinic in the first 3 months after opening, and highlights the successful community-driven, public-private collaborative aimed at ensuring that in the New Orleans region, everyone has equal opportunity to achieve their best possible sexual health.



# Welcome New LSU ID Fellows!!!



## Match Day 12/4/2024 NEW ID Fellows!!! (and Dr. Hagensee)

### Allen Byl

Hi everyone, I'm Allen Byl, originally from Hammond, LA. It has been a long road to finally starting my first year in infectious diseases fellowship here at LSU, but I could not be more excited! I went to undergrad at LSU for Biology, and then moved to New Orleans to complete a Master of Public Health (MPH) at Tulane. I already knew at that time that I wanted to go into medicine and Infectious Diseases, but I spent a few years working at the HIV outpatient clinic at UMC here in New Orleans prior to medical school, which made me fall even more in love with the field of ID. I got my medical degree from William Carey University College of Osteopathic Medicine in Hattiesburg, MS, and returned once more to New Orleans for my Internal Medicine residency with LSU. I recently bought a house here in the city with my partner Ryan, and we like to spend our free time on the couch with our 4 cats and our dog Lola, taking walks around the city, traveling as much as I can manage, and occasionally making it across the lake for river tubing adventures in the summertime. New Orleans is a great place to live, and LSU is a great program with diverse pathology for us to learn and address, along with incredibly knowledgeable and supportive faculty. I'm looking forward to the next two years and many more here in Louisiana!

Allen Byl, left, at his Internal Medicine Graduation with his partner, Ryan Leblanc

## Welcome New LSU ID Fellows!!! (cont'd from page 21)

### Brian Coe

Hi everyone, I'm Brian Coe, one of the new first year ID fellows with LSU New Orleans. I



Brian Coe and his wife Caitlin

grew up in New Orleans and went to LSU in Baton Rouge for undergrad. I then went to Mississippi College in Clinton, MS to complete my Masters in Medical Sciences before starting medical school at LSU New Orleans. I completed my Internal Medicine Residency with LSU New Orleans as well and am thrilled to be continuing my training with LSU New Orleans for Infectious Diseases! Outside of medicine, I spend most of my time hanging out with my wife and our two dogs. I'm very excited to be taking this next step in my training and look forward to working as an Infectious Diseases physician.

### Blane Edwards

Hi! I'm Blane Edwards. I grew up in Lake Charles, Louisiana and went to college there at McNeese State University and majored in chemistry. I worked as an ER tech during college as well as an ACT tutor. I attended medical school at LSU New Orleans and then completed Internal Medicine residency there, too. I am fortunate to now continue my journey at LSU New Orleans in Infectious Diseases fellowship! I love the faculty and patients here and New Orleans offers diversity in both culture and pathology. Outside of medicine I enjoy spending time with my family, dogs, and sewing my own clothes!



Blane Edwards in a dress that she made herself!!!

## In and Around New Orleans



**LSU ID Fellowship Alumnus Nisha Aravindakshan-Patel ('16) (left) and Joanne Maffei (right) have dinner at Acme Oyster House in Metairie, LA.**



**Congratulations to LSU ID Fellowship Alumnus Mohammed Ziada ('21) on his marriage to Aseel on July 17, 2025 in Cairo, Egypt.**



## Welcome new LSU ID Faculty Member - Colten Creel 9/2025

Hi, I'm Colten Creel, and I'm so excited to start my attending life at **LSUHSC**. My story begins in Franklinton, Louisiana where I lived until college. I went to Louisiana College for my undergrad, where I met my wife, Caitlin, on the very first day of chemistry lab. We got married our

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## Welcome - Colten Creel (cont'd from page 27)



our sophomore year and both pursued medical school. She was accepted and I was not. This led me to obtain my Master of Science in Microbiology and Immunology at Tulane University which set my path to Infectious Diseases. The next cycle, I was accepted into the four-year MD/MPH program at LSUHSC New Orleans, while my wife went for the five-year track. We were then able to apply to couple's match at UTHSC Memphis in

Internal Medicine and Pediatrics. We were blessed to welcome our first daughter during residency (Catherine). After that, we completed our fellowships in Infectious Diseases and Pediatric Palliative Care at University of Texas Southwestern in Dallas. Now, we are both thrilled to be back home at LSU as faculty. We recently welcomed our second daughter (Charlotte) and are happily navigating life with two beautiful girls under two.

## LSU ID INFLUENCERS!



The LSU ID New Orleans Instagram account is continuing to flourish as the fellows share their experiences and love for all things ID. Please feel free to text De'Angelica Vaughn-Allen (337-331-6580) or email at [dvaugl@lsuhsc.edu](mailto:dvaugl@lsuhsc.edu) with any photos of interesting cases, presentations/conferences, social events, etc.

## In Memoriam

It is with great sadness that we report the passing of Vitalis Okechukwu, former LSU ID Fellow, Class of 2006. He passed away in March 2025 at 54 years old. He practiced Infectious Diseases in several hospitals in Lafayette and Opelousas. He is survived by four children, seven siblings and parents.

— The Okechukwu Family Honors —

*The Loving Memory of*

Chief  
Dr. Vitalis  
Chukwudi  
OKECHUKWU

Memorial Service  
Cecil J Picard Center  
200 E Devalcourt Street  
Lafayette, LA 70506

Sat. May 3, 2025  
2pm - 5pm



B: October 2, 1970 | 54 Years | D: March 21, 2025

### In the spirit of giving...

For the grateful graduate of our program interested in supporting future LSU ID Fellows: did you know that you can earmark donations within the institution to our Infectious Diseases Fellowship Program? All donations generously given to the LSU Health Foundation can be preferentially directed to the LSU ID Fellowship Program account to support our trainees. We utilize these funds to help defray costs for our ID Fellows to attend professional conferences to present their work by covering conference registration fees, travel, and lodging expenses. Foundation funds helped send both of our ID fellows to IDWeek in Washington DC in 2019 for this purpose to present their clinical research. All donations are tax-deductible through this non-profit entity and can even be used to acquire TAF points for the avid LSU sports fan.

For more information, please visit the Foundation website <https://www.lsuhealthfoundation.org>.

Send us your thoughts on the practice of Infectious Diseases, the changing face of the HIV Epidemic, or anything else you want to share. Let us know how you, your family and your practice are doing. Next issue of Going Viral is the Fall/Winter issue—please send items by November 15, 2025 to be included.