

Going Viral: LSU ID NOLA Newsletter

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ID Week 2018. Top row from left: Scott Melton 2nd Year Fellow, David Martin, Irene Ejedepang-Koge '03, Julio Figueroa, Leandro Mena '02, Henry Costa '96, Bottom Row from left: Meredith Clement, Joanne Maffei '92, Laura Damioli '17, Shu-Hua Wang '04



Inaugural newsletter of the Infectious Diseases Section of LSU Health Sciences Center, New Orleans, LA

Welcome to the inaugural newsletter of the LSU Health Sciences Center Department of Medicine Section of Infectious Diseases/HIV. The purpose of this newsletter is to promote the activities of the section, keep in touch with current and former faculty and fellows, and create an Internet presence that is **Going Viral**.

How's your mom and them? We want to hear from

you. Send us what you and your family are up to along with photos of your life both in and outside of work. Anything you want to share.

Why ID? Why did you specialize in Infectious Diseases? What keeps you interested after all of these years? Let us know. Send your photos, captions and articles to Joanne Maffei at jmaffe@lsuhsc.edu.



Deme Agcaoili '96 (right) and family – from left to right son David, daughter Danielle and wife Grace

My training started with a call from Dr. David Martin – Head of LSU ID in December 1993. He gave the opportunity of a lifetime to train in Infectious Diseases at LSU. With the guidance of the ID Department, I was able to mold and prepare myself for a lifetime career as an ID consultant. My training was well balanced between academic and clinical aspects of Infectious Diseases. (See Agcaoili p. 3)

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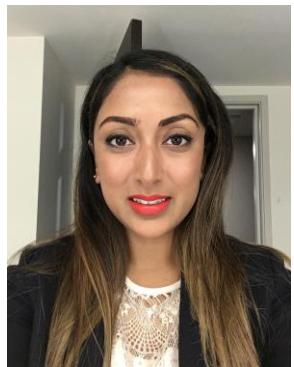
I pursued a career in Infectious Diseases for a number of reasons. The HIV epidemic occurred while I was a medical student and I saw first-hand how individuals can be devastated by this disease. But also, I saw the miracle of anti-retrovirals and their ability to truly save people. I find ID fascinating since it focuses on the entire body - infections can occur at any site. It is a highly intellectual field and I enjoy looking up the latest insights on diagnosis and treatment of a given infectious process. My research focus has been exploring the role of human papillomaviruses in causing cervical, anal and oral disease with an emphasis on their role in HIV positive individuals. HPV is the most common sexually transmitted infection (STI) and it is a challenging virus to study since it is quite difficult to propagate in the laboratory. Despite that, my laboratory has been able to detect the DNA of HPV in many clinical samples and has been able to test for antibodies against this virus in serum, as well as saliva and cervical secretions. Some of my early work on producing HPV virus-like particles paved the way for the current FDA-approved HPV vaccines. My current research interests are in preventing HPV-related anal cancer in HIV positive individuals and have started an anal prevention clinic that uses Pap smear and follow-up high-resolution anoscopy to detect precancerous lesions and remove them. We are also currently enrolling subjects into the National ANCHOR (Anal Cancer/HSIL Clinical Outcomes Research Study) and AMC (AIDS Malignancy Consortium) HPV-focused clinical trials.



Joseph Etienne '09



Marco Ruiz '06



Nisha Aravindakshan-Patel '16

Travel Medicine & Infectious Diseases of the Palm Beaches

Three graduates of LSU ID have found their way to South Florida providing comprehensive care to patients in Palm Beach County. Joseph H. Etienne '09, Marco A. Ruiz '06 and Nisha P. Aravindakshan-Patel '16 along with four other physicians are part of a single-specialty practice based at four hospitals and three rehabilitation facilities. The group also serves as clinical faculty for the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine-JFK Medical Center Palm Beach Regional Internal Medicine Residency Program.



Members of the student-run LSU ID Interest Group, ID Fellows, and Faculty met with Dr. Daniel Musher (far right) for a case presentation and discussion before the 33rd Annual Harry Emerson Dascomb Lectureship on March 29, 2019. Dr. Musher presented "The Changing Etiology of Community-Acquired Pneumonia" for the lectureship.



Kamir Boodoo First Year Fellow

A guitar plus a stethoscope, colonized with MRSA, just about sums me up. The rumor that NOLA is the northernmost part of the Caribbean inspired me to leave my home, the southernmost part of the Caribbean, and make the EPIC trek. The word "*EPIC*" in capital letters is intentional, since it feels like I have now partly assimilated into this electronic medical record that us providers spend so much time using. Despite becoming a semi-digital entity, fellowship is interesting and this first year in NOLA has been great. I'm looking forward to the second year of fellowship and completing my integration into the host genome of Infectious Disease as a specialty and medicine in the United States in general.



Ashaur Azhar First Year Fellow (left) and Scott Melton Second Year Fellow (right) at the IDSA Clinical Fellow's Meeting 2019

Agcaoili (cont. from p. 1)

I gained lots of confidence in taking care of HIV patients both outpatient and inpatient, at the old and glorious Charity Hospital. I realized the value of my training when I started private practice on my own. There is no other field in Medicine that attracts me more than ID. The 'cerebral' part of the practice is the best part. We are again in an era when trained ID doctors are urgently needed (drug-resistance, reemerging and novel infectious diseases). Again, the call of duty is upon us all.

A GREAT LEARNING

EXPERIENCE AT THE IDSA

CLINICAL FELLOWS'

MEETING 2019

I had the opportunity to attend the 2019 IDSA Clinical Fellows' Meeting along with a second-year fellow held in Naples, Fl. It was a great learning experience. I learned about several options in the field of ID including hospital administration, antimicrobial stewardship, and the role of ID doctor in the opioid epidemic. Other opportunities in ID include in the post-acute care setting, TeleHealth and careers in public health. There was a great lecture of new techniques in wound care. There were also talks on topics like how to prepare oneself for job interviews, how to negotiate work contracts and malpractice issues. The great thing about this meeting was that it was just for the fellows. We had ample time to mingle with the speakers and fellows from other programs. An important take-home message from this meeting was to keep an open mind. Don't shy away from an opportunity. There could be an opportunity waiting for us that we never thought of and never pictured ourselves doing.

Ashaur Azhar, MD

LSU ID 1st year Fellow

Obituary for Dr. Maria Jocelyn Carreon
<https://www.curlewhills.com/obituaries/Maria-Carreon-3/#!/Obituary>

In Loving Memory

March 5, 1957–April 23, 2019

Dr. Maria Jocelyn Carreon, 62, passed away peacefully in Clearwater, FL, on April 23, 2019. She was born on March 5, 1957, in Bacolod, Philippines, to Atty. Delfin Carreon† and Dr. Gloria Carreon.†

Dr. Carreon is survived by her husband Rey; sisters Cecilia, Carolyn, Therese, and Elena; mother-in-law Basilisa; brothers-in-law, Oro and Gilberto; sisters-in-law Cynthia and Terry; cousin Emgie and her husband Jim, as well as her many nephews and nieces. All of them she loved profoundly and touched deeply.

Her life was a living example of this Biblical verse from Proverbs 31:25 “She is clothed in strength and dignity, and she laughs without fear of the future.”

In Lieu of flowers; please make donations in honor of Dr. Maria Jocelyn Carreon to the Moffitt Cancer Center at:

https://give.moffitt.org/site/Donation2?jsessionid=00000000.app20117a?1080.donation=form1&df_id=1080&mfc_pref=T&ga=2.67240849.1883817425.1556239200-229933307.1518306430&NONCE_TOKEN=EAA08F046A533B925712C4CAAE25179C



Top - Jocelyn enjoying beignets and at HOP anniversary.
 Bottom – Joanne Maffei and Jocelyn at Clearwater Beach 8/2018

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