

# Going Viral: LSU ID NOLA Newsletter

LSU Infectious Diseases  
New Orleans, Louisiana  
Summer 2022



From Left: Logan Ledet, Victoria Burke, Mohammed Ziada

**Graduation Celebration 2022 — The**  
LSU ID Section celebrated the graduation of Mohammed Ziada (Dec 2021) and Logan Ledet (June 2022) on Friday June 24, 2022 at Katie's Restaurant in Mid-City. Unfortunately, Julio Figueroa could not attend the celebration (COVID-19 strikes again!!!) (See Graduation Page 3)

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## Flower Power

In this issue are photos of flowers from various locations in NOLA.

—Joanne Maffei



## UMC Difference Makers

Faculty and Fellows who were named by patients as having  
“made a difference” in their care while at UMC



Logan Ledet  
ID Fellow  
4/8/22



Tat Yau  
ID Fellow  
4/8/22



Hope Oddo Moise  
IM Chief Resident  
12/11/2021  
2/25/2022



Ashaur Azhar  
10/8/2021  
10/15/2021  
4/8/2022



Victoria Burke  
8/27/21



**Rebecca Lillis** has been appointed  
Director of the LSU Sexual Health Clinic

## Graduation 2022 *(Continued from Page 1)*



**Mohammed Ziada** — Completed LSU ID Fellowship in December of 2021. After Fellowship, he joined the LSU Internal Medicine Faculty as a Hospitalist in 2022. He plans to attend on the ID Services as well. Great to have you here at LSU!!!

**Logan Ledet** — Completed LSU ID Fellowship in June of 2022. After Fellowship, she will be working as a Hospitalist at Medical University of South Carolina, and plans to practice Infectious Diseases at Terrebonne General in 2023.



**LSU ID  
Section  
Graduation  
celebration  
at Katie's  
Restaurant  
in Mid-City**

*(See Graduation Page 6)*



## FELLOW OF THE YEAR

**DR. LOGAN LEDET (ID)**

### **Logan Ledet — LSU Fellow of the Year**

**Logan was voted Fellow of the Year by the LSU Medicine and Medicine/Pediatrics Residents—a true honor!!! Some of the comments she received:**

- I absolutely loved working with Logan—she is so smart and yet so laid back, very “Dr Victoria Burke-ish”(this is the highest compliment I can give anyone).
- Aside from just a good human being she is a great physician, listens to patients, and makes teaching points efficiently and effectively.
- Along with being a great teacher she’s personable and enjoyable to work with.
- She’s a good leader and makes residents feel like part of the team—instilled a lot of confidence in us and allowed us to take ownership of the patients.
- She’s great with communicating with the primary teams.

# Stephanie Taylor — Interim Associate Dean for Faculty and Institutional Affairs at LSU Health Sciences Center



Her term began on 12/15/2021—excerpt from [Dr. DiCarlo's announcement letter](#) here: “She is a trusted colleague, and she has served the school and community for many years. Dr. Taylor joined the faculty as a Clinical Instructor while she completed a combined clinical and research fellowship in infectious diseases. She remained on the faculty after her fellowship and was promoted to Professor of Medicine and Microbiology in 2011. She is widely respected for her work in sexually transmitted infections, achieving national and international distinction. [She was recently welcomed to the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases Advisory Council by Dr. Anthony Fauci](#), and she received the American STD Association’s Career Achievement Award in 2019. She has published over 75 peer review papers, including lead authorship for a recent paper in the New England Journal of Medicine. She has numerous other papers, book chapters, and national presentations, including chapters in Netter’s Infectious Diseases and a chapter for the upcoming edition of Cecil’s Textbook of Medicine. Dr. Taylor has been successful in leading STI treatment and diagnostic studies, with a long history of funding from NIH, industry and private foundations. She has served the City and State as a leader in STI treatment and prevention, currently as Medical Director of the LA Office of Public Health STD/HIV Program and the LSU-Crescent Care Sexual Health Center. In addition to her work as a clinician on the infectious diseases consult service and in the clinic, Dr. Taylor has also served the school as an outstanding educator. She was a course director early in her career, she was recognized for excellence in teaching students and residents, and she chaired the Council on Student Professional Conduct for many years. Dr. Taylor was also recognized by the Faculty Assembly for her community service, she represents the school on many local, state and national boards, and she directly serves her community as minister and Administrative-Pastor of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church.” **Congratulations Stephanie!!!**

The NEW ENGLAND JOURNAL of MEDICINE

ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Single-Dose Zoliflodacin (ETX0914)  
for Treatment of Urogenital Gonorrhea

Stephanie N. Taylor, M.D., Jeanne Marrazzo, M.D., M.P.H.,  
Byron E. Batteiger, M.D., Edward W. Hook, III, M.D., Arlene C. Seña, M.D., M.P.H.,  
Jill Long, M.D., M.P.H., Michael R. Wierzbicki, Ph.D., Hannah Kwak, M.H.S.,  
Shaundra M. Johnson, B.S.P.H., Kenneth Lawrence, Pharm.D.,  
and John Mueller, Ph.D.

N Engl J Med. 2018 Nov 8;379(19):1835-1845. doi: 10.1056/NEJMoa1706988.

## Graduation 2022 (Continued from page 3)



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### ID Fellows Celebrate Graduation at Katie's Restaurant

From Left: Terrence Park, First Year Fellow, Mohammed Ziada '21, Hope Oddo Moise, incoming Fellow, Logan Ledet '22, Tat Yau, First Year Fellow

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3 Posts 109 Followers 62 Following

LSU INFECTIOUS DISEASES FELLOWSHIP  
New Orleans, LA 🌸⚜️💛

### Welcome LSU ID to Social Media!

LSU ID New Orleans Instagram account started this month by the fellows to flex our influencer skills. Please feel free to text Hope Oddo Moise (504-723-8885) or email [hoddol@lsuhsc.edu](mailto:hoddol@lsuhsc.edu) with any great pics of interesting cases or social events. 109 followers and counting in a month!

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## LSU ID Participation in IDWeek 2021



- Dr. Meredith Clement invited to give a talk entitled: "PrEP For All."
- Expansion of Hepatitis C Treatment with New Medicaid Subscription Model in Louisiana Authors: **Lauren E. Richey MD, MPH, Yussef Bennani, MD, MPH, Maria Frontini MSc, MPH, PhD**
- A Multidisciplinary Approach to the Management of Patients with HIV and Chronic Kidney Disease. Authors: **Yussef Bennani, MD, MPH, Annalisa Perez, MD, Hira Hassan, and Lauren Richey, MD, MPH**

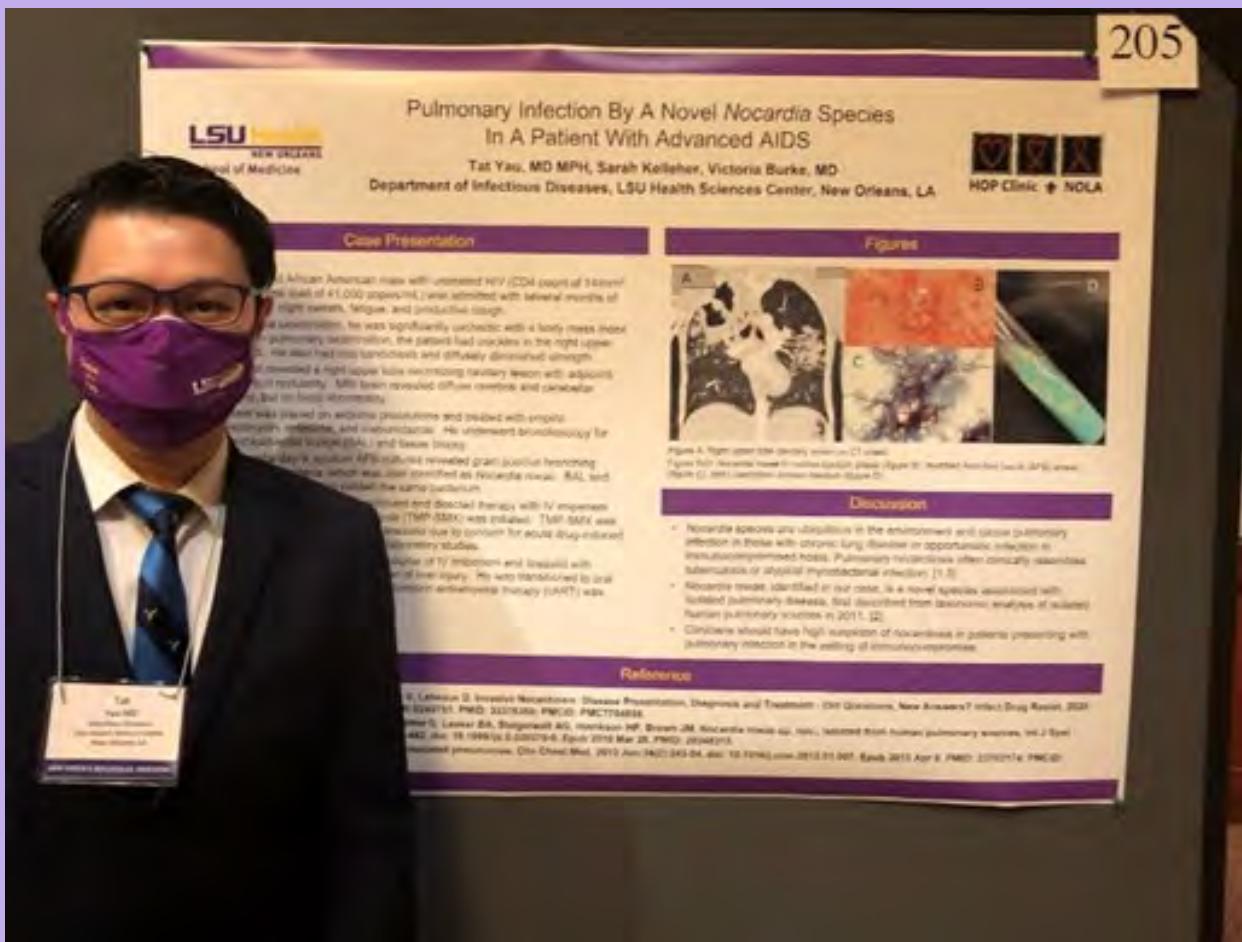


Left: Lauren Richey was accepted into the Infectious Diseases Society of America (IDSA) Community of Leaders Program

Bottom From Left: Yussef Bennani, Victoria Burke, and Paula Seal were all accepted into IDSA Leadership Development Program



# Southern Society for Clinical Investigation Meeting



**Top:** Tat Yau, First Year ID Fellow presented poster at SSCI, with help from Victoria Burke

**Left:** Dr. Charles "Bo" Sanders Honored for his work with SSCI  
At a reception attended by many LSU faculty and other members of SSCI, Dr. Sanders was honored for his work over decades for SSCI. Tributes were given by Dr. Fred Lopez (Infectious Diseases), Dr. William Bennett, and Dr. Taniya De Silva (Endocrinology). Dr. Sanders then shared words of wisdom about the SSCI meetings and what they had meant to him through the years.



**Meredith Clement was awarded the  
2022 UMCNO Physician Clinical Research Award**

**Meredith Clement Awarded NIH Research Project Grant R01**



Meredith Clement has been awarded a R01 with her co-PI, Dr. Lance Okeke (Duke University). The title of the R01 is "Leveraging Local Health System Electronic Health Record Data to Enhance PrEP Access in Southeastern Louisiana: A Community-Informed Approach". The work will be focused in two epicenters of the HIV epidemic, Orleans Parish and East Baton Rouge Parish, and the partnering health systems in these respective jurisdictions are LCMC Health and Our Lady of the Lake Regional Medical Center. The project will use machine learning algorithms embedded within the electronic health record (EHR) of these two large health systems to identify persons at increased risk for HIV infection who may most benefit from PrEP. The team will evaluate approaches to best utilize the output from these algorithms to inform effective health-system based PrEP linkage strategies, with input from key community stakeholders and facilitated by our community-based organization (CBO) partners.

## Louisiana State Medical Society



LOUISIANA STATE  
MEDICAL SOCIETY

SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19)

# RESEARCH ARTICLES

Congratulations to all our LSU authors who contributed COVID-19 research articles to our state medical journal.

Louisiana State Medical Society SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) RESEARCH ARTICLES

[https://cdn.ymaws.com/lsms.org/resource/resmgr/journal/2021/lsms - 210711 - research\\_art.pdf](https://cdn.ymaws.com/lsms.org/resource/resmgr/journal/2021/lsms - 210711 - research_art.pdf)

The Resilience of Our State

**Dr. Fred Lopez**

COVID-19: Epidemiology, Clinical Presentation and Prognosis

**Dr. Logan Ledet, Dr. Fred Lopez**

Diagnostic Approach to COVID-19

**Dr. Mohammed Ziada, Dr. Victoria Burke**

Prevention and Treatment of SARS-CoV-2: An Update

**Dr. Taras Nebeluk, Dr. Meredith Clement**

Leadership in the Time of COVID

**Dr. Charles "Bo" Sanders**

## American College of Physicians Annual Meeting in Chicago



From Left: **Victoria Burke** presented Update in Infectious Diseases; **Fred Lopez** presented Rapid Board Review 2022 Pre-Course Infectious Diseases, Update in Infectious Diseases, and Clinical Pearls: Psychiatry and Infectious Diseases; **Rebecca Lillis** presented Sexually Transmitted Infections: Challenges in Management

## Lundi Gras Celebration



From Left: Ron Wilcox '99, Mike Hagensee, Rebecca Clark, Lynn Besch '86

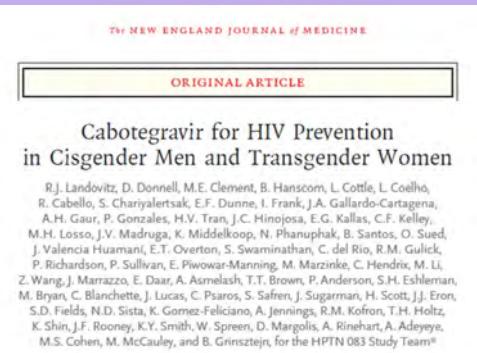
Ron Wilcox, LSU ID Alumnus and former LSU ID Faculty, came in town for Mardi Gras this year and caught up with a few of us at Five Happiness on Lundi Gras.

## Mardi Gras 2022

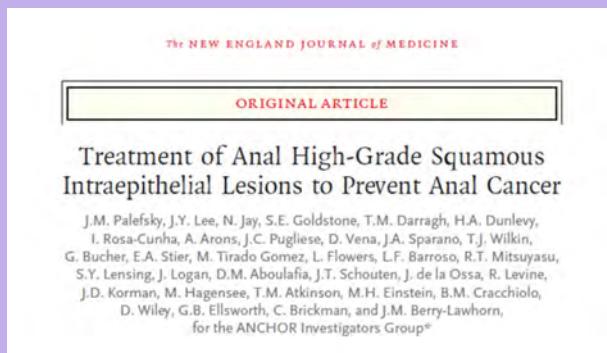
**Orpheus Parade Preparations, Iris Parade Rolling**  
Photos Courtesy Julio Figueroa



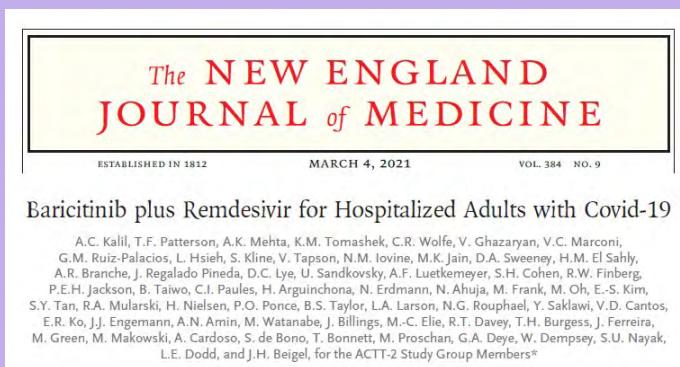
## Other Recent New England Journal of Medicine Contributions from the LSU ID Section



**Meredith Clement**—N Engl J Med. 2021 Aug 12;385(7):595-608. doi: 10.1056/NEJMoa2101016.



**Michael Hagensee**—N Engl J Med. 2022 Jun 16;386(24):2273-2282. doi: 10.1056/NEJMoa2201048.



### LSU Team Contributes to NIH Clinical Trial for COVID-19 Treatment

The US FDA recently gave full approval for baricitinib (OLUMIANT®) for the treatment of hospitalized patients with COVID-19.

The Adaptive COVID-19 Treatment Trial (ACTT) played a critical role in development of the 2 approved drugs for treatment: Remdesivir and Baricitinib. LSU investigators included: Dr. Stephanie Taylor (Infectious Diseases), Dr. Najy Masri (Hospital Medicine), Dr. Ben DeBoisblanc (Pulmonary/Critical Care), Cathy Cammarata, MT(ASCP) and Dr. M Jacques Nsuami, MPH (Infectious Diseases).

- Kalil AC, Patterson TF, Mehta AK, et al. (Taylor, SN - Site Principal Investigator) Baricitinab plus remdesivir for hospitalized adults with Covid-19. N Engl J Med. 2021 Mar 4;384(9):795-807. doi:10.1056/NEJMoa2031994. Epub 2020 Dec 11. PMID: 33306283. Site PI – ACTT-2 Study Group.
- Kalil AC, Patterson TF, Mehta AK, et al. (Taylor, SN - Site Principal Investigator) Efficacy of interferon beta-1a plus remdesivir compared with remdesivir alone in hospitalised adults with COVID-19: a double-blind, randomised, placebo-controlled, phase 3 trial. The Lancet Respiratory. 2021 Oct 18. Epub 2021 [https://doi.org/10.1016/S2213-2600\(21\)00384-2](https://doi.org/10.1016/S2213-2600(21)00384-2)

## National Ryan White Conference 2022 Lauren Richey and Yussef Bennani Presentations

- Bennani Y, Perez A, Richey, LE. Incorporation of Nested Multidisciplinary Clinics into an HIV Primary Care Clinic for Emerging Co-Morbidities. Presentation at the National Ryan White Conference on HIV Care and Treatment. Accepted. August 2022.
- Richey LE. Darbyshire K, Chanthala V, Bennani Y. Providing HIV Care during a Natural Disaster, Experiences from Louisiana During Hurricane Ida. Presentation at the National Ryan White Conference on HIV Care and Treatment. Accepted. August 2022.

## Jacques Nsuami Publishes Editorial



Jacques Nsuami recently published an editorial in the journal, Sexually Transmitted Diseases. The editorial comments on the importance of screening young adults for STIs and the significant impact of early screening and treatment.

### EDITORIAL

## Chlamydia and Gonorrhea Control Programs in the United States: Time to Use the Knowledge Accumulated to Advance Practice

*M. Jacques Nsuami, MD, MPH*

Sexually Transmitted Diseases: January 2022 - Volume 49 - Issue 1 - p 90-91. doi: 10.1097/OLQ.0000000000001530

## Scholarly Activities of Fred Lopez

MKSAP 19 Infectious Diseases Module Contributor

Lopez FA, Sanders CV. Fever and rash in the immunocompetent patient. In, UpToDate, UpToDate, Inc., Wellesley, MA. (updated regularly)

Lopez FA, Sanders CV. Fever and rash in patients with HIV. In, UpToDate, UpToDate, Inc., Wellesley, MA. (updated regularly)

Lopez FA, Sanders CV. Fever and rash in immunocompromised patients without HIV infection. In, UpToDate, UpToDate, Inc., Wellesley, MA. (updated regularly)

Recently presented at the Department of Pediatrics Grand Rounds at the University of Tennessee Health Sciences GranLeBonheur Children's Hospital.

**Was chosen as a Hooder in the 2022 Medical School Graduation Ceremony**



## Victoria Burke, ID Fellowship Program Director

- All of the LSU Department of Medicine Residency and Fellowship Programs have received ACGME Accreditation. All of our programs had no Adverse Decisions, no Warnings, no Citations and not even a single Area for Improvement. A truly remarkable job that represents really excellent work on everyone's part. **And we have Victoria Burke to thank for the Infectious Diseases Fellowship Program accreditation!!!**
- **2022 Aesculapian Excellence in Teaching Award**—Aesculapian representatives nominate residents, faculty, and departments on behalf of their peers who have shown a true passion and dedication to teaching. **L3 Staff Award LSU School of Medicine Outstanding Clinical Professor— Victoria Burke, Infectious Diseases**
- Victoria Burke was chosen as a Hooder in the 2022 Medical School Graduation Ceremony

### Posters with ID Fellows:

- 1/2022 Jaber V, Ledet L, **Burke V**. "Central Nervous System Nocardiosis in an AIDS Patient". Louisiana ACP 2022 Resident Student Meeting and Poster Competition. 22 January 2021.
- 2/2022 Yau T, **Burke V**. "Pulmonary infection by a novel Nocardia species in a patient with advanced AIDS." 2022 Southern Regional Meeting of Southern Society of Clinical Investigation. 10 February 2022.



## World AIDS Day Preview with Paula Seal

Paula Seal was featured on Fox 8 news to discuss the need to promote awareness of HIV and AIDS, and the tools available to end the epidemic. View interview here: <https://www.fox8live.com/video/2021/11/30/world-aids-day-preview-with-dr-paula-seal-tuesday-nov/>



**Lauren Richey along with Paula Seal's Daughter, Madeline, Volunteer at Take Paws Rescue to Walk Dogs**

**Julio and Annette Figueroa Vacation in Point Reyes, California**





## Validation of a New High-Throughput BD COR System Using the BD CTGCTV2 Assay

Stephanie Taylor,<sup>\*</sup> Agnieszka Rucki,<sup>†</sup> Elizabeth Lockamy,<sup>†</sup> David Wolfe,<sup>†</sup> Nicholas Streck,<sup>†</sup> Gabriela Uribe,<sup>†</sup> Catherine Cammarata,<sup>\*</sup> Denise Diodene,<sup>†</sup> Charles K. Cooper,<sup>†</sup> Laurence Vaughan,<sup>†</sup> and Wallace Greene<sup>\*</sup>



## Congratulations to the LA STD Research Laboratory Staff—

Cathy Cammarata, MT(ASCP) (Lab Manager), Denise Diodene, MT(ASCP), Dr. Miriam Mancuso, and Dr. Stephanie Taylor (Infectious Diseases). One of their laboratory-only protocols was published in the Journal of Molecular

Diagnostics. Outside of the Becton Dickson lab, only 6 operators are trained on the BD COR instrument, and 3 of them are at LSU!

## Anne Hull's Last Day in Clinic and on Rounds September 2021



Anne Hull and Mohammed Ziada with the ID Consult Team

From Left: Mohammed Ziada, Anne Hull



## Shu-Hua Wang '04 Contributes to HIV/TB Literature

Shu-Hua Wang, MD, MPH&TM, PharmD, FIDSA Professor of Medicine  
The Ohio State University, Division of Infectious Diseases, Dept of Internal Medicine  
-Medical Director, Ben Franklin Tuberculosis Program, Columbus Public Health  
-Director, OSU Global One Health initiative Applied Research and Implementation  
Science

- Ann Intern Med.2021;174:1367-1376. doi:10.7326/M20-7577Annals.org

Annals of Internal Medicine

ORIGINAL RESEARCH

## Annual Tuberculosis Preventive Therapy for Persons With HIV Infection

### A Randomized Trial

Gavin Churchyard, MBBCh, PhD; Vicky Cárdenas, PhD, JD; Violet Chihota, MSc, PhD; Kathy Mngadi, MBBCh, MPhil; Modulakgotla Sebe, MBBCh; William Brunskeine, MBBCh; Neil Martinson, MBBCh, MPH; Getnet Yimer, MD, PhD; Shu-Hua Wang, MD, MPH&TM; Alberto L. García-Basteiro, MD, PhD; Dinis Nguenha, MD; LeeAnne Masilela, MSc; Zainab Waggie, MBBCh; Susan van den Hof, MSc, PhD; Salome Charalambous, MBBCh, PhD; Frank Cobelens, MD, PhD; Richard E. Chaisson, MD; Alison D. Grant, MBBS, PhD; Katherine L. Fielding, MSc, PhD; on behalf of the WHIP3TB Study Team\*

## In and Around New Orleans



Joanne Maffei at Jazz Fest 2022. Saw the WHO. It was hot—both the band and the day. Various flowers and trees from NOLA.



## LSU ID Fellows Match Celebration and Social at NOLA Brew December 2021



From Left: Mici Chase and Terrence Park, Hope Oddo Moise, Logan Ledet, Mohammed Ziada, Tat Yau

### 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 contact Krystal Oliveira at [koliveira@lsuhealthfoundation.org](mailto:koliveira@lsuhealthfoundation.org) or visit the Foundation website <https://www.lsuhealthfoundation.org>.

Send us your thoughts on the COVID-19 Pandemic, 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, 2022 to be included.