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Faculty Win ASRA Pain Medicine's Excellence in Education Award

From article by *T'Ebonie Tanner* originally published in the Department Blog on April 29, 2022

Vikram Bansal, MD, and Jeffery Clemmons, MD, both won the Excellence in Education Award given by the American Society of Regional Anesthesia and Pain Medicine (ASRA Pain Medicine). Both doctors say it is humbling to have received such a prestigious award. This is a national award that recognizes physician members at the instructor or assistant professor level who have demonstrated innovation and success in education and have been attending physicians for a minimum of five years. Recipients of this award have demonstrated innovation and dedication to the delivery of knowledge in the field of regional anesthesia or pain medicine or both.

"My primary reason for working in academic medicine has always been my desire to work with residents, fellows and medical students," Clemmons said. "Medical education has always been something that I am passionate about and, as a result, I put a lot of effort into making sure our trainees have a good experience in regional anesthesia."

Bansal said he wants residents, fellows and medical students to feel invested in their patients and to take ownership of their care. "It is my job to foster technical, analytical and leadership skills by serving as their guide."

When asked what they had done to win this award, Bansal and Clemmons gave credit to their trainees, saying this award would not have been possible without their dedication and enthusiasm.

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Vikram Bansal, MD



Jeffery Clemmons, MD

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR



Warren Sandberg, MD, PhD
Chair, Department of Anesthesiology

This summer may be a scorcher, but that does not bring all the amazing things this department does to a standstill. From events, to accomplishments, to all our new hires, we continue to exemplify excellence in healthcare, education and research.

Three of my favorite events occurred in April and May: the Dr. James Phythyon Endowed Lectureship in Pediatric Anesthesiology, the Vanderbilt International Anesthesia Fundraiser and the Research Symposium. All were held in person this year and were great opportunities for camaraderie among department members.

The summer brings a new class of residents, as well as new chief residents. We appreciate all the hard work of the outgoing CA-3s and chief residents and look forward to seeing what the new class accomplishes.

The first of July also saw the beginning of a new fiscal year. It is always a pleasure to look back on what our department accomplished, and we look forward to what we can accomplish still. I am confident we will continue to provide quality clinical care for our community while also providing excellent education and research opportunities for members of our department.

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“My philosophy when it comes to teaching is to have tangible enthusiasm. One of the best compliments I get when working with trainees is when they tell me how much fun they had working together,” Clemmons explained. “Over the past year, I became the regional anesthesia rotation director for our residents, and I have primarily worked at a fast-paced outpatient orthopedic surgery center where trainees improve upon their regional anesthesia skills. When our trainees are there, we emphasize efficient, effective patient care in an enjoyable environment. We work hard and move fast, but we also joke, laugh and have a good time.”

Bansal said he is motivated by the patients and the ability to help them with their pain. “In this age of opioid abuse, anything we can do to reduce opioid consumption is a major win. I am also motivated by my colleagues, residents and fellows, who have a passion for regional anesthesia and want to learn more to advance the field,” Bansal expressed.

Clemmons said regional anesthesia is fun. “It is easy to work hard at something you enjoy. In addition to that, at Vanderbilt Surgery Center-Franklin, we are able to use various regional anesthesia techniques to improve patient satisfaction and increase patient throughput at the center,” Clemmons explained. “From an educational standpoint, to see our residents’ confidence grow from the beginning of the regional rotation to the end is incredibly rewarding. I am fortunate in my practice that I get to combine two of my passions — regional anesthesia and resident education — into one venue.”

It is Clemmons’s fifth year as an attending anesthesiologist. Bansal has been practicing medicine as an attending for over six years now, all at Vanderbilt. ♦

2022 Dr. James Phythyon Endowed Lectureship in Pediatric Anesthesiology



Above: Phythyon family members, along with faculty members from the Department of Anesthesiology, pose with Grand Rounds speaker Nina Deutsch, MD. Deutsch's presentation at the 2022 Dr. James Phythyon Endowed Lectureship in Pediatric Anesthesiology was titled "The Society for Pediatric Anesthesia WELI Program: An Initiative to Address the Gender Gap in Medicine."

2022 Vanderbilt International Anesthesia Fundraiser



Thank you for supporting Vanderbilt International Anesthesia's 10th Anniversary Celebration & Fundraiser!

\$40,170 raised

225 attended

Multispecialty Anesthesiology won "Most Generous Division" and "Best Participation."



2022 Research Symposium



*The Bradley Smith Mentorship Award:
David A. Edwards, MD, PhD*



*Charles Bernard Pittinger Prize -
Basic Science Research: Brad Grueter, PhD*



*Charles Bernard Pittinger Prize - Clinical and
Translational Research: Christopher Hughes, MD*



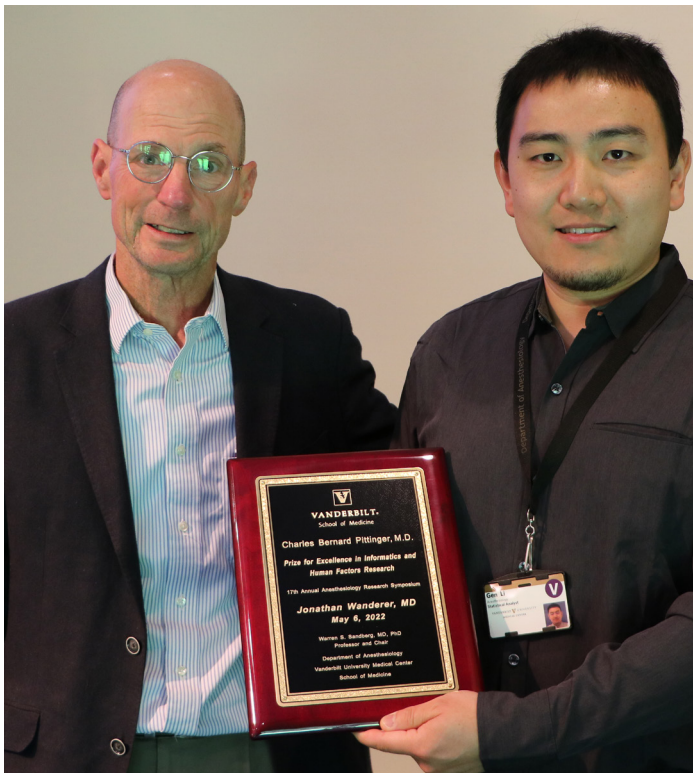
Best Oral Presentation: Alexis Jameson



Best Poster Presentation: Melissa Kimlinger



Roger England Research Award for Excellence in Support of Basic and Clinical Science: Gen Li



Charles Bernard Pttinger Prize - Health Services and Informatics Research: Jonathan Wanderer, MD, MPhil (Gen Li accepted on his behalf)



George A. Mashour, MD, PhD, presented Grand Rounds for the 2022 Research Symposium on Friday, May 6. His presentation was titled "Anesthetics as Psychedelics."

Incoming PGY-1 Residents



Haylee Bergstrom
Rush Medical College
of Rush University
Medical Center



Mikaela Biavati
University of North
Texas Health Science
Center - Texas College
of Osteopathic Medicine



Brandon Farmer
University of Kentucky
College of Medicine



Paul Francois
Meharry Medical
College



Ian Funk
University of North
Carolina at Chapel Hill
School of Medicine



Faith Genereaux
University of Vermont
College of Medicine



Kaylea Gunn
City School of Medicine
University of Missouri
Kansas



Chelsea Gustafson
University of North
Carolina at Chapel Hill
School of Medicine



Janet Kim
Drexel University
College of Medicine



Yuri Korobchuk
Kansas City University
College of Osteopathic
Medicine



Hasti Mazdeyasna
Virginia
Commonwealth
University School of
Medicine



Ryan McMahon
University of
Minnesota Medical
School



Micah Newton
 University of Texas
 Southwestern Medical
 Center at Dallas
 Southwestern Medical
 School



Matthew Nordness
 Vanderbilt University
 School of Medicine



Ashley Peotter
 University of Wisconsin
 School of Medicine and
 Public Health



Sarah Schneider
 University of South
 Dakota Sanford School
 of Medicine



Christine Scott
 Wake Forest University
 School of Medicine

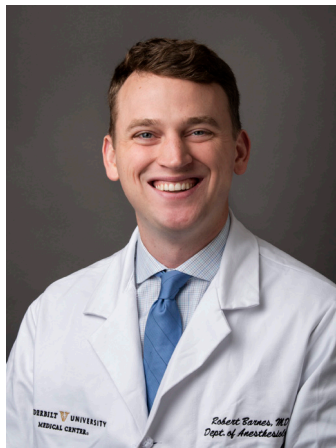


Bola Soliman
 Meharry Medical
 College

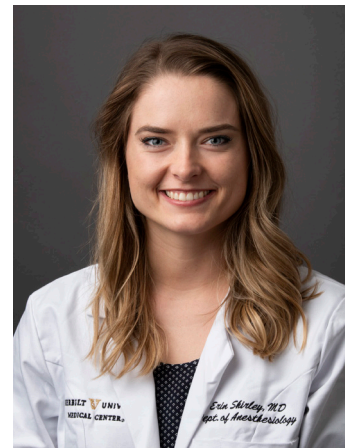
2022-2033 Chief Residents



Willie Agee, MD



Bobby Barnes, MD



Erin Shirley, MD

Department Accomplishments

Pam Butler was interviewed as part of a new feature of the Nashville Tableau User Group (TUG) virtual meetup called the Community Spotlight. Tableau, a data visualization tool, is used in our department to share data reporting in a more visual and easily accessible format with doctors and medical students as they conduct research.

Congratulations to **Holly Ende, MD**, who was named the Associate Director of VAPIR.

Andrew Franklin, MD, MBA (meeting chair) and **Dave Moore, MD** (meeting presenter) participated in the Association of Anesthesia Clinical Directors Leadership Summit held March 25-27.

Congratulations to **Brad Grueter, PhD**, on his promotion from Assistant Professor of Anesthesiology to Tenured Associate Professor of Anesthesiology.

Christopher Hughes, MD, was awarded the 2021 VUMC Biomedical Science Impact Award for his *New England Journal of Medicine* manuscript “Dexmedetomidine or Propofol for Sedation in Mechanically Ventilated Adults with Sepsis.”

Congratulations to **Mark Newton, MD**, on winning the John L. Tarpley Award for commitment to care of underserved communities.

Congratulations to **Kimberly Rengel, MD**, who was recently named a VUMC Faculty Research Scholar.

John Shields, CRNA, DNP, has accepted the position of CRNA Manager, Cardiothoracic Anesthesiology.

Camila Walters, MD, recently worked with legislators to pass a law that allows our partners in low and middle income countries to come to Tennessee to practice medicine for three month fellowships.

Jonathan Wanderer, MD, MPhil, has been named chair of Working Group 3, a group being formed by ASA/FAER/IARS’s Anesthesia Research Council to focus on artificial intelligence in anesthesia.

Congratulations to **Jonathan Wanderer, MD, MPhil**, on winning the Kevin B. Johnson Award for innovative approaches advancing clinical practice and/or biomedical research.

Jonathan Wanderer, MD, MPhil, presented at Epic’s XGM Conference in May.

Department Promotions

Matthew Barajas, MD, was promoted to Assistant Professor.

Amanda Dickert, DNAP, was promoted to Advanced Leader.

Alexander George, MD, was promoted to Assistant Professor.

Amanda Lorinc, MD, was promoted to Associate Professor.

Jenna Sobey, MD, was promoted to Associate Professor.

New Hires

Timothy Alford,
Administrative Assistant
Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists

Education and Training:

MS, Nurse Anesthesia, Middle Tennessee School of Anesthesia, Madison, TN (2003)

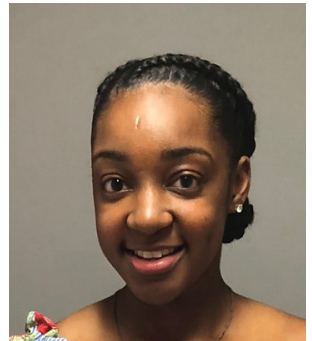
BSN, University of Alabama in Huntsville, Huntsville, AL (1996)

Fun Fact: I lived in Italy and speak Italian.



Markeshai Battle
Administrative Assistant
Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists

Fun Fact: I'm really a big kid at heart.



Michelle Binkley
Associate Program Manager
Multispecialty Anesthesiology

Fun Fact: I love to fish and being out in my kayak.



Sandra Bova
Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist

Education and Training:

MSN, Nurse Anesthesia, Bradley University, Peoria, IL (1995)

BSN, MacMurray College, Jacksonville, IL (1986)

Fun Fact: I am the youngest of six kids, and I have six kids.





Kelsie Bruning
Research Nurse III
Perioperative Clinical Research Institute

Education and Training:

DNP, Adult-Gero Primary Care, University of Illinois, Chicago, IL (2018)

BSN, Millikin University, Decatur, IL (2013)

Fun Fact: I enjoy running with my huskies.



Prudhvi Budati, MD
Assistant Professor of Clinical Anesthesiology
Multispecialty Anesthesiology

Education and Training:

Residency, Anesthesiology, University of Texas Health Science Center, San Antonio, TX (2021)

MD, University of Tennessee Health Science Center, Memphis, TN (2017)

Fun Fact: I only learned to speak English as a teenager.



Kailey Burdette, DNAP
Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist

Education and Training:

DNAP, Middle Tennessee School of Anesthesia, Madison, TN (2021)

BSN, Augusta University, Augusta, GA (2016)

Fun Fact: I am from Georgia, love good music and food, and I am super close with my two younger sisters!



Cristina Cueto
Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist

Education and Training:

MS, Nurse Anesthesia, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL (2016)

BSN, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL (2012)

Fun Fact: I am a new Tennessee resident from Florida by way of Michigan looking to establish our family roots in the South.



Lusine Danakian, MD
Assistant Professor
Neuroanesthesiology

Education and Training:

Residency, Anesthesiology, University of California, San Francisco, CA (2017)

MD, University of California, San Francisco, CA (2013)

Fun Fact: I was born in the former Soviet Union.

Saro Davidian
Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist

Education and Training:

MSN, Kaiser Permanente School of Anesthesia, Pasadena, CA (2000)

BSN, California State University, Long Beach, CA (1994)

Fun Fact: I was born and raised in Liberia, West Africa.



Rhonda Dunn
Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist

Education and Training:

MS, Nurse Anesthesia, University of Alabama, Birmingham, AL (2000)

BSN, Birmingham Southern College, Birmingham, AL (1987)

Fun Fact: In 2014, I was fortunate enough to go on a medical mission to Ecuador where I took care of kids. I joined the Tennessee Baptist Disaster Relief in January 2022. I earned the Florence Nightingale Award with my bachelor's degree in nursing. I am an Auburn fan! From 1992 to 1998, I was on the first ECMO team at the Children's Hospital in Alabama. I love live music and concerts.



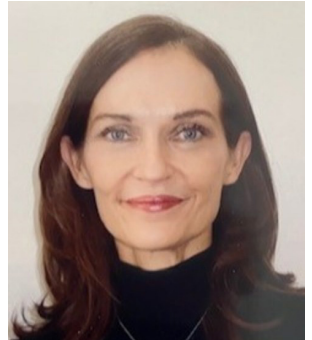
Michelle Edwards
Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist

Education and Training:

MS, Nurse Anesthesia, Xavier University, New Orleans, LA (1996)

BSN, University of Louisiana Monroe, Monroe, LA (1990)

Fun Fact: I was born and raised in Louisiana but moved to Franklin in 2009 and now call middle Tennessee home. I enjoy running and reading, and I am also a knitter.



Mari Egan
Assistant in Anesthesiology
Perioperative Clinical Research Institute

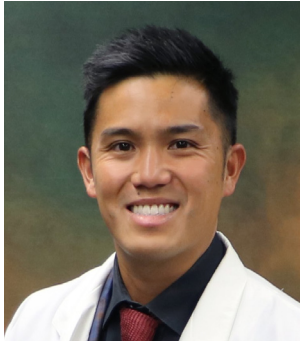
Education and Training:

MS, Nursing Administration, Northeastern University, Boston, MA

BSN, Northeastern University, Boston, MA

Fun Fact: I love to travel.





Kevin Ergina
Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist

Education and Training:

DNAP, Middle Tennessee School of Anesthesia, Madison, TN (2021)

BSN, Loma Linda University, Loma Linda, CA (2013)

Fun Fact: I love to surf, travel and enjoy the world with my wife.

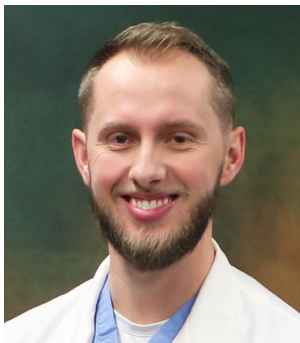


Janelle Faiman
Quality Assurance Analyst
Center for Research and Innovation in Systems Safety

Education and Training:

BA, Sociology, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN (2005)

Fun Fact: I'm a certified scuba diver.



Grant Fickel, DNAP
Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist

Education and Training:

DNAP, Middle Tennessee School of Anesthesia, Madison, TN (2021)

BSN, Ohio State University, Columbus, OH (2017)

Fun Fact: I am a huge Ohio State Buckeye fan! I knew I wanted to be a CRNA before starting nursing school.



Robin Flick
Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist

Education and Training:

MS, Nurse Anesthesia, Thomas Jefferson University, Philadelphia, PA (2017)

BSN, Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA (2005)

Fun Fact: I like to travel. I lived in Saudi Arabia for a year and worked as a registered nurse.



Laurena Garrett
Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist

Education and Training:

DNAP, Middle Tennessee School of Anesthesia, Madison, TN (2021)

BSN, Austin Peay State University, Clarksville, TN (2013)

Fun Fact: I played Division 1 soccer in college.

Julie Halinski, DNAP
Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist

Education and Training:

DNAP, Louisiana State University Health, New Orleans, LA (2021)

BSN, Louisiana State University Health, New Orleans, LA (2016)

Fun Fact: I was born and raised in New Orleans and am now moving with my family to Nashville. We love the Ole Miss Rebels!



Peyton Harbin, DNAP
Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist

Education and Training:

DNAP, Middle Tennessee School of Anesthesia, Madison, TN (2021)

BSN, Mississippi University of Women, Columbus, MS (2014)

Fun Fact: I like to travel and spend most of my free time traveling nationally and internationally.



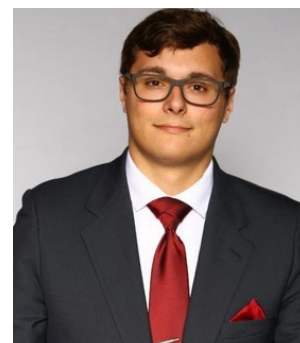
Robert Holden
Program Manager
Administration

Education and Training:

BS, Management, Iowa State University, Ames, IA (2019)

BS, Marketing, Iowa State University, Ames, IA (2019)

Fun Fact: I completed virtual distance challenges in order to stay active during travel restrictions. I still do them in order to give more of a goal while jogging.



Christian Jasper
Senior Administrative Assistant
Multispecialty Anesthesiology

Education and Training:

BA, Communications, Theater Performance, Austin Peay State University, Clarksville, TN (2015)

Fun Fact: I enjoy Formula 1, IndyCar, sim racing, voice acting, music and video games. Let's strike up a conversation about any of this!



Adam Johnson, DNAP
Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist

Education and Training:

DNAP, Middle Tennessee School of Anesthesia, Madison, TN (2021)

BSN, Samford University, Homewood, AL (2015)

Fun Fact: My favorite activity is listening to great music and taking a hike with my golden retriever, Davy.





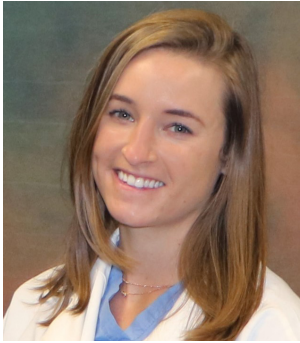
Justin Johnson, DNAP
Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist

Education and Training:

DNAP, Middle Tennessee School of Anesthesia, Madison, TN (2021)

BSN, South Dakota State University, Sioux Falls, SD (2015)

Fun Fact: I love traveling nationally and experiencing different cultures and foods.



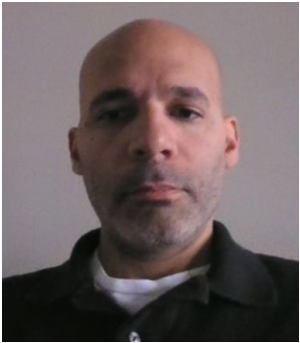
Ashley Kamphaus, DNAP
Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist

Education and Training:

DNAP, Middle Tennessee School of Anesthesia, Madison, TN (2021)

BSN, University of Nebraska Medical Center, Scottsbluff, NE (2016)

Fun Fact: I enjoy hiking, camping, mountain biking, cooking, reading, woodworking, and I am an extrovert.



Ashraf Kharrubi
Application Developer
Vanderbilt Anesthesiology & Perioperative Informatics Research

Education and Training:

BA, Finance, Pace University, New York, NY (1996)

Fun Fact: I enjoy hiking and traveling and am a fan of the New York Mets and Arsenal Football Club, the pride of North London.



Allison King, DNP
Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist

Education and Training:

DNP, Nurse Anesthesia, Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady University, Baton Rouge, LA (2017)

BSN, University of Louisiana, Lafayette, LA (2013)

Fun Fact: I have two long-haired dachshunds.



Macy Kornbaum, DNAP
Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist

Education and Training:

DNAP, Middle Tennessee School of Anesthesia, Madison, TN (2021)

BSN, University of Mississippi, Jackson, MS (2015)

Fun Fact: I'm from Louisiana.

Geoffrey Kuzmich
Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist

Education and Training:

MS, Nurse Anesthesia Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences, Bethesda, MD (2001)

BSN, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ (1994)

Fun Fact: I have a Prius with 270,000 miles.



Katrine Link, DNAP
Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist

Education and Training:

DNAP, Middle Tennessee School of Anesthesia, Madison, TN (2021)

BSN, Tennessee State University, Nashville, TN (2012)

Fun Fact: I climbed Mt Rainier and thru-hiked the Appalachian Trail.



Ana Lobo, MD
Assistant Professor
Obstetric Anesthesiology

Education and Training:

Fellowship, Obstetric Anesthesiology, University of Colorado Health Sciences Center, Aurora, CO (1996)

Residency, Anesthesiology, New York Hospital Cornell Medical Center, New York, NY (1994)

MD, Weill Cornell Medical College, New York, NY (1988)

Fun Fact: I am bilingual (English/Spanish). My interests include global obstetric anesthesiology and services. I am a vegetarian and an animal lover.



Lance Machado, DNAP
Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist

Education and Training:

DNAP, Middle Tennessee School of Anesthesia, Madison, TN (2021)

BSN, Wichita State University, Wichita, KS (2016)

Fun Fact: I am an avid tech enthusiast who enjoys building personal computers.





Fallon Margraf, DNAP
Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist

Education and Training:

DNAP, Middle Tennessee School of Anesthesia, Madison, TN (2021)
BSN, Gannon University, Erie, PA (2016)

Fun Fact: My husband and I have a golden retriever named Stanley.



Scarlett Marshall, DO
Assistant Professor of Clinical Anesthesiology
Multispecialty Anesthesiology

Education and Training:

Residency, Anesthesiology, Ohio State University, Columbus, OH (2019)
DO, Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine, Greensburg, PA (2015)

Fun Fact: I am really good at Dr. Mario.



Kelli Menz
Associate Program Manager
Office of the Chair & Anesthesiology Faculty Affairs Office

Education and Training:

AAS, Fortis Institute, Nashville, TN (2019)

Fun Fact: I am married and I have three dogs (2 labs and 1 beagle), I have an 8 year old daughter and I love to read. I'm originally from Indiana and have been in the Nashville area for 7 years.



Matthew Moore, DNP
Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist

Education and Training:

DNP, Nurse Anesthesia, Northeastern University, Boston, MA (2019)

BSN, Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA (2015)

Fun Fact: I spent over 10 years in industrial construction before going to nursing school with the intent to become a CRNA.



Tyler Murray
Research Assistant I
Research

Education and Training:

BS, Biological Science, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ (2021)

Fun Fact: During my time in the military, I had over 75 free-fall sky dives.

Takuro Oyama, MD, PhD
Research Fellow
Research

Education and Training:

PhD, Tokushima University Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences,
Tokushima, Japan (2020)

Residency, Anesthesiology, Takamatsu Red Cross Hospital, Takamatsu,
Japan (2016)

MD, Tokushima University, Tokushima, Japan (2010)

Fun Fact: I was engaged in basic experiments using rabbits. I am confident
in securing the route and tracheotomy of rabbits.



Matthew Patten, DNAP
Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist

Education and Training:

DNAP, Middle Tennessee School of Anesthesia, Madison, TN (2021)

BSN, Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, FL (2015)

Fun Fact: I enjoy traveling with my family and friends.



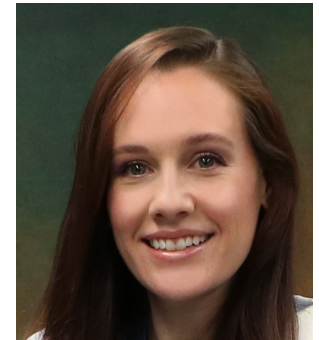
Tymbra Pearce, DNAP
Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist

Education and Training:

DNAP, Middle Tennessee School of Anesthesia, Madison, TN (2021)

BSN, Western Governors University, Salt Lake City, UT (2017)

Fun Fact: I have freckles in my eyes. It's something I forget that I have but
it's one of the first things people notice about me.



Emily Riley
Senior Program Manager
Office of Anesthesiology Faculty Affairs

Education and Training:

BS, Human Development and Family Studies, Auburn University, Auburn,
AL (2013)

Fun Fact: I am the type of morning person who usually will be up two
hours before I have to be anywhere.





Trevor Robison, MD
*Assistant Professor of Clinical Anesthesiology
 Pediatric Anesthesiology*

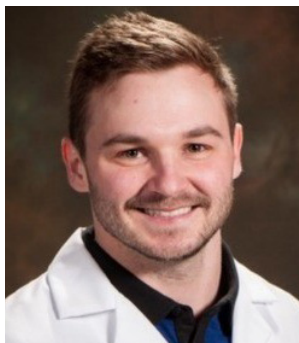
Education and Training:

Fellowship, Pediatric Anesthesiology, Northwestern University Children’s Memorial Hospital, Chicago, IL (2010)

Residency, Anesthesiology, Northwestern University, Chicago, IL (2009)

MD, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN (2005)

Fun Fact: I enjoy surfing, sailing and yoga.



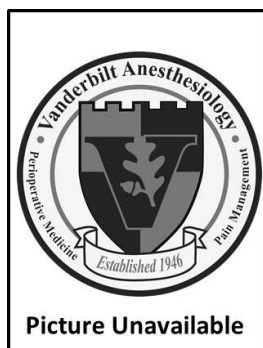
Tyler Sawyer, DNAP
Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist

Education and Training:

DNAP, Middle Tennessee School of Anesthesia, Madison, TN (2021)

BSN, Harding University, Searcy, AR (2015)

Fun Fact: I played soccer in college.



Adam Soto, MD
*Assistant Professor of Clinical Anesthesiology
 Multispeciality Anesthesiology*

Education and Training:

Fellowship, Pain Management, Walter Reed Military Medical Center, Bethesda, MD

Residency, Anesthesiology, Walter Reed Military Medical Center, Bethesda, MD

MD, Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences, Bethesda, MD

Fun Fact: I speak Spanish.



Tara Stieghan, DNAP
Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist

Education and Training:

DNAP, Middle Tennessee School of Anesthesia, Madison, TN (2021)

BSN, Columbus State University, Columbus, GA (2015)

Fun Fact: I love to travel and enjoy the great outdoors!



Kelsey Sullivan
*Senior Administrative Assistant
 Anesthesiology Critical Care Medicine*

Education and Training:

ABA, Motlow State Community College, Smyrna, TN (2020)

Fun Fact: In my free time, I like to woodburn.

T'Ebonie Tanner
Associate Communications Specialist
Office of the Chair

Education and Training:

BS, Communications, Multimedia Journalism, University of North Alabama, Florence, AL (2016)

Fun Fact: I know the names of all the U.S. presidents.



Brian Tinch, MD
Assistant Professor
Pediatric Anesthesiology

Education and Training:

Fellowship, Pediatric Anesthesia, Boston Children's Hospital, Boston, MA (2015)

Residency, Anesthesiology, Brigham and Women's Hospital, Boston, MA (2014)

Fellowship, Pediatric Critical Care, Duke University, Durham, NC (2011)

Residency, Pediatrics, Duke University, Durham, NC (2007)

MD, Mercer University School of Medicine, Macon, GA (2004)

Fun Fact: I was the first person in my extended family to go to college.



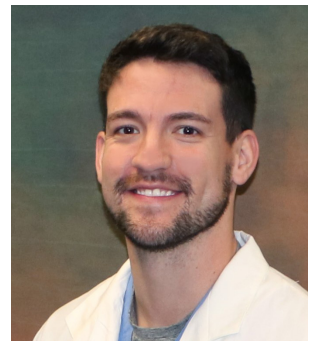
Joshua Tootle
Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist

Education and Training:

DNAP, Middle Tennessee School of Anesthesia, Madison, TN (2021)

BSN, East Tennessee State University, Johnson City, TN (2017)

Fun Fact: I am originally from coastal Georgia, and I played varsity tennis in high school.



Lucas Urbi, DNAP
Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist

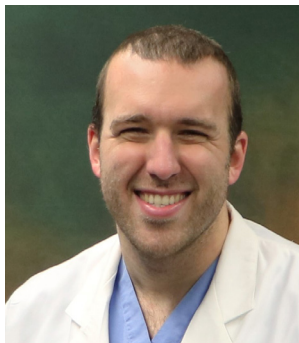
Education and Training:

DNAP, Middle Tennessee School of Anesthesia, Madison, TN (2021)

BSN, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL (2017)

Fun Fact: My favorite color is blue.





Matthew Vormbrock, DNAP
Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist

Education and Training:

DNAP, University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, OH (2021)

BSN, Mount St. Joseph University, Cincinnati, OH (2015)

Fun Fact: My younger sisters are twins.



Elizabeth Watkins, DNAP
Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist

Education and Training:

DNAP, Middle Tennessee School of Anesthesia, Madison, TN (2021)

BSN, Bellarmine University, Louisville, KY (2016)

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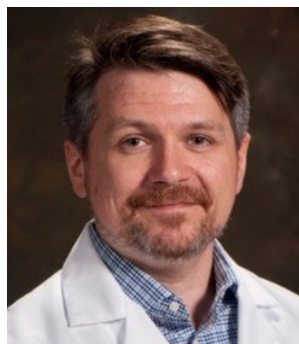


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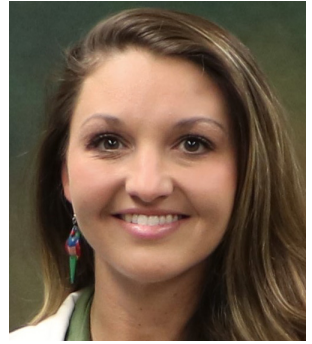
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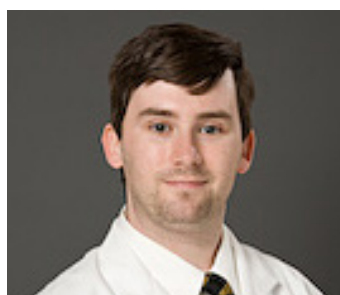
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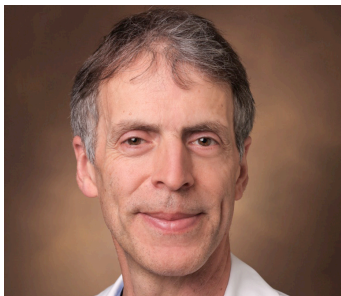
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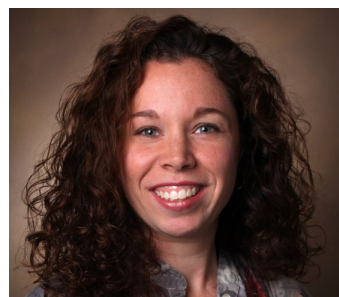
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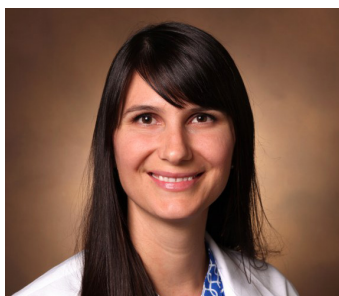
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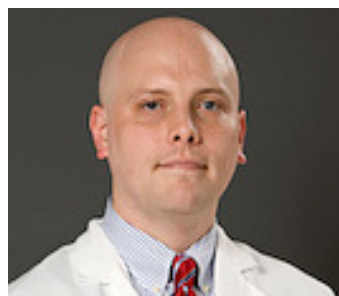
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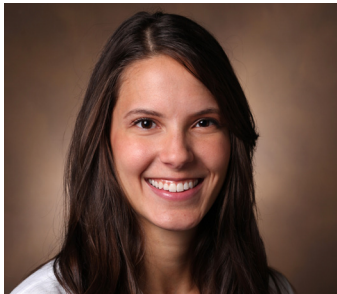
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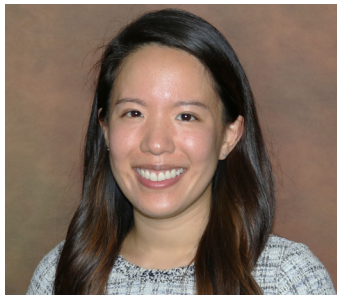
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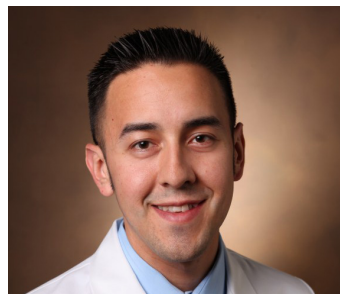
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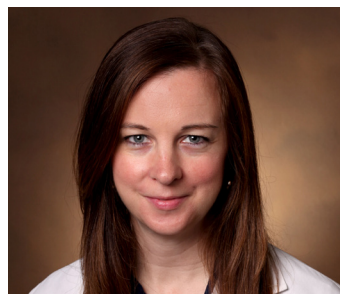
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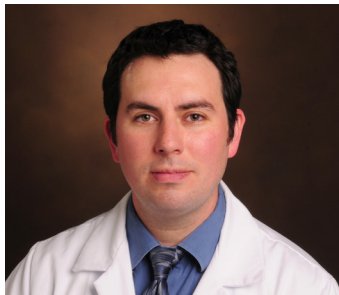
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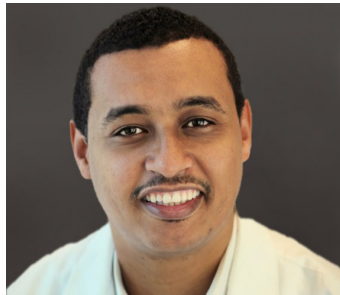
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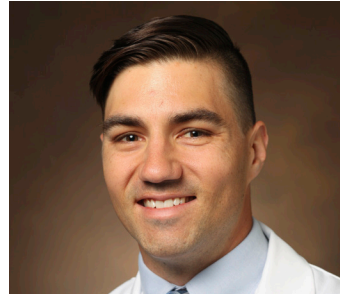
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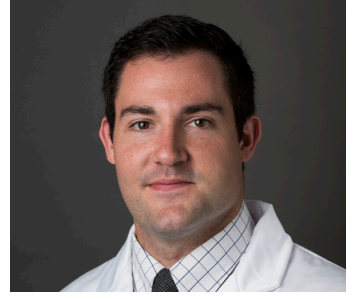
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