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PRESENTING FACULTY



Matthew Altman, MD, M.Phil., is an Assistant Professor in the Division of Allergy and Infectious Diseases at the University of Washington (U-WA), and Associate Research Scientist in the Systems Immunology Division at Benaroya Research Institute. Dr. Altman's research focuses on the use of transcriptomics, systems biology, and network analysis to understand asthma and other allergic diseases. His particular focus is in biomarker discovery and the use of biologics in asthma. Dr. Altman pursued a fellowship in allergy/immunology at U-WA and Seattle Children's Hospital. He completed his internal medicine residency from Brigham and Women's Hospital, a Teaching Affiliate of Harvard Medical School, Boston, Massachusetts. He earned his medical degree from Harvard Medical School. Dr. Altman earned a master's degree in Philosophy, Biological Science, from Cambridge University in England, after earning a bachelor's degree in Mathematics (minor in Biological Science) with honors from Stanford University, California. He has published several research articles.



Mariana Castells, MD, Ph.D., is an Associate Professor of Allergy and Immunology at Harvard Medical School, and an attending physician at Brigham and Women's Hospital (BWH), Division of Rheumatology, Immunology and Allergy in Brookline, Massachusetts. She operates a BWH research laboratory, where she works on mast cell inhibitory mechanisms. She is currently focused on the study of an inhibitory mast cell-dependent process that leads to temporary cell desensitization and unresponsiveness to antigen. Dr. Castells is the principal investigator for a number of clinical trials, including IgA deficiency on patients receiving IVIG, leukotriene measurement in patients with mastocytosis, bone loss in patients with mastocytosis, and MATA grass on immunotherapy for grass pollen allergies. Board certified in internal medicine and allergy / immunology, Dr. Castells earned her medical degree from Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Spain. She completed her residency at Kansas University Medical Center and her fellowship at the Medical College of Virginia.



Jeffrey G. Demain, MD, FAAAAI, FAAAAI, FAAP, is the Director and Founder of the Allergy, Asthma & Immunology Center of Alaska. Board certified in allergy/immunology and pediatrics, he is a Clinical Professor at the University of Washington School of Medicine and is an Affiliate Professor for the WWAMI School of Medical Education at the University of Alaska, Anchorage. A nationally recognized speaker, he is very active in the American Academy of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology, serving on the Board of Directors. He also serves on the Clinical Sciences Work Group and Practice & Policy Committee. Dr. Demain has numerous peer-reviewed publications and has authored three textbook chapters. Dr. Demain earned his bachelor of

science degree at the University of Oklahoma, and his medical degree from Texas Tech University. Following medical school, he went on to complete his Pediatric residency at Wright State University and his fellowship in Adult and Pediatric Allergy Immunology at Wilford Hall Medical Center, Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas.



Benjamin Ehst, MD, PhD, is a Clinical Trials Investigator at Oregon Medical Research Center; a board-certified Dermatologist at Baker Allergy, Asthma and Dermatology; and a Clinical Associate Professor at Oregon Health & Science University (OHSU) in Portland. Dr. Ehst earned his medical degree and doctoral degree in immunology and microbiology at the University of Minnesota in a combined Medical Scientist Training Program. He completed his residency in dermatology at the Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore. After working at Hopkins' Bloomberg School of Public Health studying the immune response to malaria, Dr. Ehst decided to pursue both medical practice and clinical research. He began his work in clinical research while at OHSU, acting as lead investigator in many studies on treatments for skin diseases such as atopic dermatitis, psoriasis, granuloma annulare, actinic keratosis and melanoma. He has published extensively, and frequently speaks to medical and non-medical audiences. **Dr. Ehst is a sponsored non-credit program speaker.**



Ashley Franklin, MD, is a first-year resident at Alaska Family Medicine Residency in Anchorage. Affiliated with the University of Washington, AFMR prepares physicians to practice in rural and remote settings. Dr. Franklin earned her medical degree from the University of Central Florida, College of Medicine.



Kristina James, MD, FAAAAI, FAAAAI, is a board-certified allergist / immunologist at Peninsula Allergy & Asthma, and is associated with Central Peninsula Hospital in Soldotna, Alaska. She earned her medical degree from the Sanford School of Medicine, University of South Dakota. She completed an internal medicine residency and was Chief Resident of Internal Medicine at Vanderbilt University School of Medicine in Nashville, Tennessee. She completed her allergy / immunology fellowship at Vanderbilt's Center for Asthma & Environmental Sciences Research in Nashville. She also was awarded a Fulbright graduate fellowship and studied at the University at Bayreuth in Germany. Her primary research interests include the impact of microbiome alterations on asthma development, the relationship between infections and asthma, and asthma prevention strategies. She enjoys exploring the outdoors with her husband and daughter.



Sujani Kakumanu, MD, FAAAAI, is a Clinical Assistant Professor at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, where she serves as a faculty member and clinical educator in the Division of Allergy, Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine. As a researcher, she studied the use of electronic medical records to improve communication with schools. She was a workforce leader and creator of the online toolkit for the American Academy of Allergy Asthma and Immunology (AAAAI) School Based Asthma Management Program (SAMPRO) initiative released in 2016. After graduating from Oregon Health Sciences University with a degree in biomedical informatics, she earned her medical degree from Pennsylvania State University College of Medicine in Hershey. She

completed her internal medicine residency through Brown University's Memorial Hospital of Rhode Island program. She completed her fellowship in allergy and immunology at the University of Wisconsin Hospital and Clinics. Dr. Kakumanu has served as a volunteer physician in Cambodia and Kenya, and has also served in Teach for America Service Corps.



Robert Lemanske, Jr., MD, FAAAAI, FAAP, is a Professor of Pediatrics and Medicine in the Division of Pediatric Allergy, Immunology and Rheumatology at the University of Wisconsin (U-WI) School of Medicine and Public Health (SM&PH) in Madison. He is also the school's Associate Dean for Clinical and Translational Research and the Deputy Executive Director of the Institute for Clinical and Translational Research. Board-certified in pediatrics and allergy / immunology, Dr. Lemanske earned his medical degree from the U-WI School of Medicine. He completed his pediatric residency at the University of Wisconsin Hospitals, and completed his allergy / immunology training at both U-WI and the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases in Bethesda, Maryland. Dr. Lemanske was the 2015-2016 President of the American Academy of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology (AAAAI). His basic and clinical research has focused on the pathophysiology and treatment of asthma, particularly during early childhood. He has authored over 200 articles in peer-reviewed medical journals and publications, co-edited two textbooks and contributed over 50 chapters to many other textbooks.



Eric Meier, MD, FAAAAI, FAAAAI, FACP, is board-certified in allergy / immunology and internal medicine, and is a Partner at the Allergy, Asthma and Immunology Center of Alaska. Before joining the center in 2007, he was an active duty officer in the U.S. Air Force (USAF) and spent 10 years as a military physician. His last active duty assignment was as chief of allergy at the 3rd Medical Group, Elmendorf AFB, and as allergy consultant to the Pacific Air Forces. Dr. Meier attended the University of Texas Southwestern Medical School in Dallas. After completing his residency in Internal Medicine at Keesler Air Force Base Medical Center, Biloxi, Mississippi, he was an internist at the USAF Academy for three years. He completed a fellowship in Allergy Immunology at Wilford Hall Medical Center at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas, before coming to Alaska in 2005. Dr. Meier is a marathon runner, skier and mountaineer.



Ryan Ragle, MD, is a Rheumatologist at Orthopedic Physicians Alaska (OPA) in Anchorage, where he treats all rheumatological conditions and has a special interest in the diagnosis and treatment of rheumatoid arthritis, vasculitis, lupus and inflammatory myopathies, many of which are the result of autoimmune disorders. Born and raised in Alaska, Dr. Ragle earned his bachelor's degree in chemistry from Colorado State University in Fort Collins, and his medical degree from Creighton University School of Medicine in Omaha, Nebraska. He completed his internal medicine residency and rheumatology fellowship at the University of Utah in Salt Lake City.



Mackenzie Rapp, DO, MPH, is a second-year resident at Alaska Family Medicine Residency in Anchorage, which prepares physicians to practice in rural and remote settings. She earned a Master's in Applied Medical Anthropology from the University of South Florida, and Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine and Master's of Public Health degrees at Nova Southeastern University in Florida.



Melinda Rathkopf, MD, FAAAAI, FAAAAI, FAAP, is a Partner at the Allergy, Asthma and Immunology Center of Alaska and is board-certified in pediatrics and allergy / immunology. She previously served nine years as a U.S. Air Force physician. Dr. Rathkopf is the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) Allergy, Asthma and Anaphylaxis Champion for the state of Alaska and serves as the WWAMI Pediatric Clerkship Director. She is a past president of AAFA-Alaska; and a past president of the Alaska State Medical Association. Dr. Rathkopf earned her medical degree at Emory University School of Medicine in Atlanta, Georgia. While in Air Force, she completed a pediatric residency training at Keesler AFB in Biloxi, Mississippi; and an Allergy/Immunology fellowship at Wilford Hall Medical Center at Lackland AFB in San Antonio, Texas.



Jamie Rosenthal, MD, is a second-year allergy / immunology Fellow in Training at the University of Washington School of Medicine. She earned a bachelor's degree from Cornell University, followed by her medical degree from New York University School of Medicine in 2013. Dr. Rosenthal moved to Seattle to complete her internal medicine residency at the University of Washington, and she stayed to complete her fellowship.



William S. Silvers, MD, FAAAAI, FAAAAI, FACP, is a Clinical Professor at the University of Colorado (CU) School of Medicine; and a Faculty Affiliate at the Center for Bioethics and Humanities at CU Anschutz Medical Center. He has been an American College of Allergy Asthma and Immunology (ACAAI) fellow for 34 years, and co-founded the ACAAI Integrative Medicine Committee. He chairs the World Allergy Organization's Sports Medicine Committee and has also chaired the American Academy of Allergy Asthma and Immunology (AAAAI) Complementary Alternative Medicine Committee. He researched and published on "skier's nose", exercise-induced rhinitis, integrative medicine, and allergic reactions to cannabis. Dr. Silvers earned his medical degree from Indiana University School of Medicine. He completed his internal medicine internship and residency from Emory University Affiliated Hospitals in Atlanta, Georgia, and his allergy/immunology fellowship from at the National Jewish Medical Research Center. Peers have named Dr. Silvers a "5280" Top Doctor multiple times. He is an avid skier, cyclist and outdoorsman.



Suzanne Skoda-Smith, MD, FAAAAI, is an attending physician and Clinical Director for the Division of Immunology at Seattle Children's Hospital; an Associate Professor in the University of Washington (U-WA) Department of Pediatrics; and Associate Program Director for the U-WA School of Medicine's Allergy and Immunology Fellowship Training Program. Her focus is on

translational therapies for primary immunodeficiency, including hematopoietic cell transplantation, gene therapy and improved supportive care. Dr. Skoda-Smith is a member of the Non-Malignant Transplant Board that is held jointly with members of the Seattle Cancer Care Alliance and Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center. As a member of the Center for Immunity and Immunotherapies, as well as the American Society of Gene and Cell Therapy, she participates in clinical trials to treatment for improve primary immune deficiency. She earned a bachelor's degree in immunology at University of California at Berkeley, and a medical degree from the University of Miami School of Medicine. She completed her pediatrics residency at University of Florida, and her allergy and immunology fellowship at the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

ADDITIONAL MODERATORS



April Arseneau, MD, FAAAAI, is an Allergist and Founder of the Valley Allergy & Asthma Clinic, LLC, in Palmer, Alaska, and affiliated with Mat-Su Regional Medical Center. Prior to founding the clinic in 2014, Dr. Arseneau was Chief of Allergy at the Medical Center on Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson and an allergy consultant to the Pacific Air Force. She is board-certified in allergy / immunology and internal medicine. A native of Chugiak, Alaska, Dr. Arseneau earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Washington – Seattle, and her medical degree from Albany Medical College, New York. She completed an internal medicine residency at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base Medical Center in Ohio, and an allergy/immunology fellowship at Wilford Hall Medical Center at Lackland AFB in San Antonio, Texas. Before honorably separating from the U.S. Air Force in September 2014, she reached the rank of major.



Jodyne Butto, MD, is a pediatrician and a Clinical Professor at the University of Washington (U-WA) School of Medicine, Adjunct Associate Professor in the University of Alaska WWAMI Biomedical Program, and co-coordinator of the Alaska WWAMI site for Pediatrics. Previously, she was Pediatric Department chair at Providence Children's Hospital. She is active in the American Academy of Pediatrics and is an AAP Alaska Chapter past president and co-coordinator of the chapter's Pediatric Research in the Office Setting. She was secretary-treasurer of the Alaska State Medical Association, has been an Alaska Metabolic Screening Advisory Committee member, Anchorage School District mentor, and Asthma Camp medical director. Her research includes febrile infants, the Life Around Newborn Discharge (LAND) Study and the Safety Check. Dr. Butto earned her medical degree from U-WA School of Medicine. She completed her pediatric residency at Loma Linda University Medical Center and Children's Hospital in California.



Laura M. Moore, MD, FAAAAI, FACAAI, FAAP, is a board-certified allergist / immunologist and pediatrician and a Partner at the Allergy, Asthma & Immunology Center (AAIC) of Alaska. She earned her medical degree at Creighton University School of Medicine in Omaha, Nebraska. She completed her internship and pediatric residency at Keesler Air Force Base (Biloxi), Mississippi. After serving four years as a pediatrician in Illinois, Dr. Moore pursued an Allergy / Immunology fellowship at Wilford Hall Medical Center in San Antonio, Texas. She has practiced as an allergist in Montana and Alaska while on active duty in the U.S. Air Force and as a civilian since her honorable separation from the military. Dr. Moore joined AAIC in 2015.



Teresa Neeno, MD, FAAAAI, FACAAI, FAAP, has been a practicing allergist since 1996 and is currently a specialist at the Allergy, Asthma and Immunology Center of Alaska and an Associate Clinical Professor of Pediatrics at the University of Washington. She is board-certified in pediatrics and allergy / immunology. She earned her medical degree from the Medical College of Wisconsin, Milwaukee; completed her Pediatric residency at Keesler Air Force Base Medical Center; and completed her Allergy/Immunology fellowship at the Mayo Clinic. Dr. Neeno is a U.S. Air Force veteran. She has served many years and is a past president of the Allergy and Asthma Foundation of America, Alaska Chapter (AAFA-Alaska) Board of Directors.