

Speakers and Workshop Leaders



Aaron Levy, PhD, MPhil is a Senior Lecturer in the Departments of History of Art and English at the University of Pennsylvania, and teaches courses about the medical humanities and social histories of caregiving. At the School of Social Policy and Practice he is Director of the Health Ecologies Lab as well as the Penn Social Justice & Arts Integration Initiative. Levy is a Special Advisor for Health and Humanities Initiatives at Penn Medicine Academy and the Executive Director and Chief Curator of Slought (https://slought.org), a non-profit organization that embraces the power of dialogue to drive cultural change.

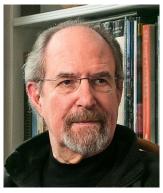
Alex Chen: Alex is on the Doctors Who Create conference planning team. Please see our main program for his bio.



Alisa Gutman, MD, PhD is the Founder and Medical Director of the Philadelphia Human Rights Clinic, an organization that works in collaboration with Physicians for Human Rights to provide pro bono psychiatric and physical evaluations for asylum seekers in support of their claims for immigration court. She also treats patients in the outpatient Behavioral Health clinic at the Crescenz VA Medical Center in Philadelphia where she serves as Team Leader for the Serious Mental Illness Team. Additionally, she teaches residents and medical students as a Clinical Assistant Professor in the Department of Psychiatry at Penn and consults through her private forensic psychiatry practice.



Benjamin Schwartz, MD is a cartoonist for the New Yorker and an assistant professor of medicine at Columbia University Medical Center, where he teaches storytelling through the use of comics and the principles of narrative medicine.











Bennett Lorber, MD is the Thomas Durant Emeritus Professor of Medicine and Professor of Microbiology and Immunology at Temple University School of Medicine; he was Chief of the Section of Infectious Diseases from 1983-2006. Among his professional honors are Lifetime Achievement Awards from the Infectious Diseases Society of America and the Anaerobe Society of the Americas, the Desforges Award for Distinguished Teaching from the American College of Physicians, and an honorary Doctor of Science degree from Swarthmore College. He was raised in a family that valued making art. His father, a master draftsman and artisan, taught him to see with an artist's eye at a very early age. As a child he studied drawing and later painting and printmaking, and he has been an abstract painter since his late teens.

Bon Ku is the Assistant Dean for Health & Design at Thomas Jefferson University. A practicing emergency medicine physician, he is also the Director of the Health Design Lab and created the first design thinking program at a medical school. His innovative program tackles healthcare inequalities as a form of social justice and teaches future physicians to apply human-centered design to healthcare challenges. Their work toward building healthier cities and redesigning medical education has been featured in The New York Times, CNBC, and Architectural Digest. His forthcoming book, Health Design Thinking, co-written by Ellen Lupton, will be released in Fall 2019.

Chen Zhou, MD was interested in art starting at a young age. He took traditional Chinese watercolor from the age of four. Despite his personal interest in the arts, his parents encouraged him to pursue a career in medicine. Chen graduated from Sidney Kimmel Medical School, and he is now a psychiatry resident at Jefferson Hospital. Chen has never lost his interest in art. He enjoys painting the human figure, striving to capture the idiosyncrasies that differentiate each individual. Chen's preferred medium is oil. He continues to sharpen his abilities in classes at the Philadelphia Sketch Club and Fleischer Art Memorial.

Chethan Sarabu's story starts off as a pediatric patient and those experiences pushed him towards creating a more participatory healthcare system. His training at the anastomosis of landscape architecture and clinical informatics inform and infuse his work with principles of environmental health and human-centered technological design. He currently works as Director of Clinical Informatics and Head of Product at doc.ai as well as a Clinical Instructor in Pediatrics at Stanford.

Colleen Farrell, MD is a resident physician in internal medicine at NYU. She writes creative nonfiction and is the creator and host of Medical Humanities Chat (#medhumchat) on Twitter.



Craig Getting serves as Lantern Theater Company's Education Director, running the Illumination program which serves thousands of Philadelphia students each year. He is also a member of the theater's artistic team, having directed productions several world and Philadelphia premieres for the Lantern, and he. co-created THE EMPATHY PROJECT, Lantern's acting/play-writing program at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital. He earned his BA in Drama from Kenyon College.



Daniel Zhang is a 4th year MD-PhD student at Penn currently studying the biology and genetics of glioblastoma in the lab of Hongjun Song. He is also the co-founder and conductor of the Penn Med Symphony Orchestra, which brings together students, residents, faculty, and staff across the Penn, UPHS, and CHOP communities to play and perform music.

Darlina Liu is a second-year medical student at the NYU School of Medicine and co-lead for the Doctors Who Create podcast. She studied biology and anthropology at the University of Pennsylvania. Her favorite things to create (besides podcast episodes) are board games, new recipes, and spoken word poetry.



Dorothy Charles is a graduate of Princeton University, a 4th year student at the Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania, and an organizer with White Coats for Black Lives. She will be heading to the University of Illinois at Peoria for her family medicine residency this summer. You can find her on Twitter at @dn_charles.



Emily Silverman, MD is an academic hospitalist at the Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital, where she seeks out projects that resurrect the narrative soul of medicine. She is the host and creator of The Nocturnists, a live storytelling event and podcast for physicians and other health care workers. She wrote a series of prose poems about her experiences as a medical resident, some of which were published in The Examined Life Journal at the University of Iowa School of medicine. Her writing is animated by a deep-seated curiosity about science, human nature, and what it means to live and die well. In her spare time she enjoys teaching herself electric guitar, and traveling with her husband Boaz.



Fran Nadel, MD, MSCE is a Clinical Professor of Pediatrics at the Perelman School of Medicine and an attending physician in the Division of Emergency Medicine at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. Starting in 2012, she returned to creative writing, joined several writers groups, and took a writing sabbatical. She is pursuing a Master of Fine Arts in Writing for Children and Young Adults at Vermont College. Currently, she is revising a middle grade fantasy story and several other short stories.



George Dalembert, MD is a general pediatrician and fellow in the National Clinician Scholars Program. He is driven by a passion for health equity. Dr. Dalembert has a focus in adolescent health and increasing patient/family engagement in the primary care setting.

Gina Chang is an MD/MPH student at Penn, planning on going into Child Neurology. She started playing the cello when she was in second grade, and began playing in orchestras soon after. In 2016, she helped to create the Penn Med Symphony Orchestra, an orchestra composed of health professionals and students, and has continued to manage and play in the orchestra since then.

Isabella Cuan: Isabella is on the Doctors Who Create conference planning team. Please see our main program for her bio.

Jason Han, MD is a cardiothoracic surgery resident at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania. He writes a column for the Philadelphia Inquirer and Doximity, and is interested in clinical ethics.

Jeanmarie Perrone, MD is a Professor in the Department of Emergency Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania and Director of Addiction Medicine Initiatives from the ED. She has led numerous investigations in opioid stewardship and has advocated at the state and national level for emergency treatment for Opioid Use Disorder; her work has been featured in prominent media including the New York Times, USA Today and National Public Radio. She has served on the Philadelphia Mayor's Task Force, the PA State Opioid and PDMP task forces, the National Quality Forum, and advisory committees with the CDC and FDA to address judicious opioid prescribing. She is triple boarded in emergency medicine, medical toxicology and addiction medicine.

Jeffrey Millstein, MD: Jeffrey is on the Doctors Who Create conference planning team. Please see our main program for his bio.

Joshua Franklin is an MD/PhD Candidate in anthropology at the University of Pennsylvania. His research focuses on gender, sexuality, mental health, and childhood, and he is completing his dissertation on gender affirming care for transgender and gender diverse youth.

Jules Lipoff, MD, is an assistant professor of dermatology at the University of Pennsylvania Perelman School of Medicine in Philadelphia, PA, where his research focuses on access to care, telemedicine, and global health. His creative pursuits include writing screenplays and nonfiction lay press articles, as well as consulting for medical television shows.





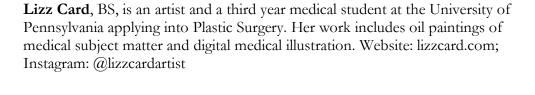
Kathryn Ko, M.D., MFA completed Neurosurgery training at Mt. Sinai Medical Center and has been Chief at several Level One Trauma Centers in New York City. She completed graduate art training in representational painting. Dr. Ko's practice begins with a scalpel and ends with a brush. @doc_ambidexter on Instagram



Kitt Shaffer, MD PhD FACR is a Professor of Radiology at Boston University with a PhD in Anatomy, and has been involved for many years in teaching of imaging anatomy, using digital methods, websites and interactive drawing for student-centered learning. In her free time, she makes functional and sculptural ceramics, does landscape drawing and painting in pastel, watercolor, colored pencil and oils, and constructs three-dimensional anatomic models from CT and MR datasets using inexpensive materials.



Liz Upton: Liz is on the Doctors Who Create conference planning team. Please see our main program for her bio.





Madhura Pradhan, MD. Professor of Clinical Pediatrics, Perelman School of Medicine University of Pennsylvania, Attending Nephrologist, Children's Hospital of Philadelphia



Resa E. Lewiss M.D. is a Professor of Emergency Medicine at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital. She is a committed point-of-care ultrasound enthusiast, medical educator, innovator, and advocate of equity. She is a founding member of TIME'S UP Healthcare and an organizer for the FemInEM #FIX conferences.



Sheila Quinn, DO is an Assistant Professor of Internal Medicine at Penn and Adolescent Medicine at CHOP. In addition to her clinical focus on reproductive health and healthcare transitions from pediatric to adult care, she loves exploring the intersection of the humanities and medicine, and creating opportunities for trainees to use creative literature as a means of reflection and processing.

Shiv Nadkarni: Shiv is on the Doctors Who Create conference planning team. Please see our main program for his bio.



Steven McGaughey, MD is a Pediatric Emergency Fellow at Oregon Health and Sciences University and an endless tinkerer. He left behind a life as an architectural student and graphic designer, but he tries to sneak these passions into medicine whenever possible. His current interests span a variety of fields from medical device design to computer user interface design to clinician-EHR interactions.



Suzanne MacFarland: Suzanne MacFarland is a pediatric oncologist at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, with a special interest in cancer predisposition syndromes. She is a part of the Narrative Medicine group at CHOP.



Multimedia

Alex Azan is our student photographer. He is currently a fourth-year medical student at the Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania and soon to be resident physician at Montefiore's Primary Care and Social Internal Medicine program. His interests in medicine include narrative medicine, population health, urban design, environmental health, and LGBTQIA+ health.

Summer Kollie is our student videographer. She is a senior at the University of Pennsylvania.



Storytellers

Amanda Swain is a family medicine-trained physician who has worked at UPenn Student Health Service for 13 years. In her spare time she loves to read several books at a time, write, and spend time with her family.



Kathleen Ackert is a 24 y/o medical student in Philadelphia who is doing well today. S/p third year. VSS, runs slightly tachycardic with increased caffeine consumption. Plan: match into the residency of her dreams.



Kathy Chu is a second year internal medicine resident in the Primary Care/Social Medicine program at Montefiore Medical Center in the Bronx and a graduate of Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons. She is interested in the complexities of being a healthcare provider within the contemporary institution of medicine and hopes to utilize narrative to better process and understand her experiences. When she's not in the hospital, she enjoys sweating out her body weight in hot yoga and finding spots to eat delicious Sichuan food.



Mara Gordon is a family physician and an Assistant Professor at Georgetown University School of Medicine. She's also the Health and Media fellow at National Public Radio, where she writes frequently about women's health and the culture of medicine. She loves reading fiction and hanging out with her dog, Bernie.

Michelle Tong is a queer, Chinese American MD candidate at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai. She co-founded *The Apothecary*, Sinai's creative arts magazine, and reviews poetry and fiction for the *Bellevue Literary Review*. Her writing has been published in *The Margins (Asian American Writer's Workshop)*, *Waccamaw*, and the *Watershed Review*, among others, and was nominated for a 2018 Best of the Net Award.