

BRYCE BEATTY

OMS-2, Western U/COMP-Northwest



I am a second-year medical student and grew up in Canby, OR, just outside of Portland. I have very deep roots to the state of Oregon and have had a passion for advocacy ever since high school when I went on a class trip to Washington, DC to learn about legislation and policy. Currently, I serve as the President of the medical student chapter of the Oregon Physicians and Surgeons of Oregon (OPSO) and as the Chair of the Oregon Medical Association Student Section. Last month, I participated in a virtual advocacy day on behalf of the Student Osteopathic Medical Association where we lobbied for increased PPE supplies, medical student debt reform, and equitable data collection.

There are a wide variety of issues that are of interest to me, which include the following: surprise billing, price transparency, and improving social determinants of health.

MADELINE BIERLE, MD

PGY2, Providence Hood River FMR RTP



I am from a small town in Southern New Mexico. I studied biology and public health in undergrad and then attended medical school. Being from a small town, I have always been interested in rural medicine and I am happy to be training at Providence's rural training program. In my free time I enjoy hiking and camping with my two dogs.

I love working with patients in my clinic and in the hospital but often encounter system issues that complicate care and make health care difficult to obtain, especially for vulnerable and marginalized populations. This can be very frustrating but also a call to action. I am very interested in how policy can affect the lives of a community.

I think primary care providers are well poised to evaluate policy. I am interested in cost transparency, improving coverage for patients, accessibility, and rural medicine. Though I have always had interest in policy, I have not felt like I know how to get started.

MD: U. New Mexico

BEN COLBURN, MD

PGY4, OHSU Portland FMR



I have spent the past three years working with low-income patients at an urban FQHC (the Richmond Clinic), where I have intentionally cultivated a panel that allows me to partner with LGBTQIA+ patients, native Spanish-speakers, and patients receiving MAT. Advocacy for patients and communities is the cornerstone of my professional ambition in family medicine and has informed all of my extracurricular pursuits. I have participated in institutional policy reform as a departmental delegate to the OHSU House Officers Association and just recently joined OHA's 2020 DELTA Internship through the office of Equity and Inclusion. I am also currently designing and implementing a new clinic-operated voter registration reminder initiative to help support the Richmond Clinic's low-income patient population to participate in national, state, and local elections.

I have had limited opportunities in my residency training to participate in meaningful health policy projects and believe that the OAFP Policy Scholars program would equip me with tools to help transform my passion into meaningful contributions to ongoing policy work in our state. My family and I intend to stay in Oregon after I graduate residency next year and I am invested in creating lasting relationships with our state's health policy leaders. Likewise, I am invested in continuing to cultivate passion for family medicine among our state's medical trainees, including early opportunities to engage with health policy.

MD: U. California, San Francisco

LILY M. CRANOR, MD

PGY3, OHSU Cascades East FMR



I was born in Eugene, Oregon, and am the oldest of five kids. I attended University of Oregon for undergrad and OHSU for medical school. I worked as a medical assistant in a family planning clinic after undergrad and really enjoyed the work, inspiring me to pursue a career in primary care. I am currently completing family medicine residency in Klamath Falls Oregon. I enjoy cooking, camping, and spending time with her dog.

My interest in policy is rooted in women's care. I worked as a medical assistant at a family planning clinic after college. It was there that I learned how much access to care dictated health and wellness. In med school my scholarly project was around a new access bill in Oregon, the intent of which was to provide more options for contraception in remote locations. My understanding of the legal processes that lead up to new policy and law in medicine is very limited. I would love a chance to learn how to navigate this system and hopefully better serve my future community.

MD: OHSU

MOLLY FAUTH, MD

Faculty, Providence Hood River FMR



MD: U. New Mexico
FMR: OHSU Cascades East

I joined One Community Health in 2005 and feel exceedingly fortunate to have landed my dream job directly out of residency. My special interests are in social determinants of health, health care equity, preventive health, and I particularly enjoy maternity and pediatric patients.

I enjoy being a preceptor and enjoy making patients and residents feel at ease. In 2018, I was awarded the Family Physician of the Year for Oregon. I am the mother of two teenage boys, a community leader, and president of the Hospital Medical staff.

I am especially interested in advocating for health care policies that aim to decrease the gap in health outcomes across demographic differences. As a family physician who has spent her career in a federally qualified health center, I am especially interested in evidence-based approaches to improving morbidity and mortality outcomes in maternal/child health, agricultural worker health, and chronic disease prevention and management especially among BIPOC community members.

KELLIE A. GAURA

OMS-2, Western U/COMP-Northwest



I am from Las Vegas, NV. Growing up in a large city allowed me the opportunity to get to know many different people from a variety of backgrounds. This opened my eyes to policy and advocating on behalf of the area that you live in. Since deciding to enter the health care field, I have taken a special interest in health care policy. This will affect all my future patients and I feel that as a physician it is my duty to advocate on behalf of my patients. This summer I participated in SOMA Advocacy Day where we spent several hours meeting with the representatives of our state to discuss health care legislation. I loved being able to speak with those who make policy about how it will affect health care in general.

Going forward, I want to continue to use my voice as a student to help influence policies that will affect me and my patients.

JORDAN GEMELAS

MD/MPH 4, OHSU School of Medicine



I'm a 4th year MD/MPH student raised in rural Oregon. Family medicine has always represented what being a doctor means to me – broad scope care including involvement in research, service, and advocacy that benefits patients within and outside of the clinic. I have pursued these interests in medical school so far with consistent engagement with the Department and FMIG at OHSU, OCHIN faculty, OAFP, and AAFP; however, my activities have not yet involved significant experience in the realms of advocacy and legislative action. I have recognized that family physicians who provide truly comprehensive care have critical skills and expertise in these areas.

There are several focus areas in which I'd be interested. First, I recently published an article highlighting the continuation of the rural primary care physician workforce shortage in the Journal of Rural Health; advocacy surrounding this would be interesting to me. Additionally, I am collaborating with OCHIN researchers on projects surrounding social determinants of health and incorporating social context into clinical care plans (ASCEND and COHERE studies). Advocacy for policy that broadens the ability of primary care physicians to address social factors in the clinic and contextualize care plans is squarely within my long-term interests as well. Finally, I am interested in continued work to address structural racism in health, health care, and medical school admissions.

JORDAN HOESE, MD, MPH

PGY2, OHSU Cascades East FMR



MD: U. Texas SW Medical Center

I am a PGY-2 at Cascades East Family Medicine, OHSU's rural FM program. I am originally from California but love living in southern Oregon with all of the running, hiking, biking, camping, gardening, and community building it has to offer! Through experiences being a member of a vulnerable patient population, working in multiple underserved health care settings, and interning at the World Health Organization while earning my public health degree, I developed strong interests in health inequities, sustainable community-based solutions, and how access to quality primary care helps alleviate health disparities and build strong and equitable health systems. When I found out that Family Medicine was founded in the midst of the 1960's civil rights era to fill the gaps and serve the patients left behind by our current health care system, I was sold on the specialty!

I love how advocacy is built into the fabric of Family Medicine. Being a family doctor means having the privilege to gain intimate understanding of the forces that shape patients' health inside and outside of health care settings, and to use this privilege to work with them to improve health whenever possible, at individual, community, and local levels. Much like my medical interests, my interests in public health and advocacy are broad, but include rural health, reproductive health, social justice and health equity, insulin and pharmaceutical pricing, nutrition access, expanding our primary care workforce, and building a better health care system that ensures every person has access to the quality care they deserve.

HOLLY HOFKAMP, MD

Faculty, OHSU Portland FMR



I enjoy family medicine because it gives me the chance to help individuals, families and communities. I love to care for patients of all ages and have a particular interest in women's and adolescent health. I believe that good food, exercise and a strong community can prevent many health problems.

When not working, I can be found outside — hiking, biking and paddling with my family and friends.

Policy interests: Health equity, transgender care, early childhood, education, parental leave.

MD: U. Pittsburg, FMR: David Geffen at UCLA, Fellowship: Clinical Leadership, OHSU

HANNAH KADAVY, MD

PGY2, Providence Oregon FMR



I'm originally from a small town in Oklahoma. Both sets of my grandparents were farmers, and I spent a lot of time while growing up amongst rural farming communities. I was drawn to both family medicine and advocacy by my relationship with patients and the role of a community physician. I see part of my job as a primary care provider to be using my voice to help make all areas of my patients' lives healthier. I was involved a little with advocacy in medical school, primarily through speaking with my state legislators about health care policy. I hope to learn more about the process of creating meaningful legislation. My areas of interest include women's health and health literacy.

MD: U. Oklahoma

JUSTIN LEE, MD

PGY3, OHSU Portland FMR



I was born and raised in Oregon, and then had the opportunity to leave the rainy embrace of the PNW and explore the world, spending time in North Carolina, Washington DC, and Peru, before returning for medical school. A myriad of work and life experiences, ranging from quiet conversations, to working on Capitol Hill, to teaching and living in a small rural Peruvian town, grew my passion and commitment to better understanding and working to improve the broad social and political issues that affect health, along with deepened my curiosity about people and what makes them tick. As a resident, I've had the chance to serve as a clinician, an educator, and a champion for equity and justice, and hope to continue doing so as a physician in Portland. In my free time, I like to be outside with my partner Alicia and our rambunctious and ridiculously adorable dog Wally, explore coffee shops and restaurants, travel to new places, cook food, read fiction, and spend time with family and friends.

MD: OHSU

I was drawn to family medicine because it's a specialty that allows me to care for the comprehensive needs of a diverse and full spectrum of people, and moreover because it's a specialty that equally values the profound stories of the individual in conjunction with the big picture systems and forces that shape health and society.

I am most interested in broad policy initiatives that have impact across multiple domains, and in particular initiatives that will disproportionately impact communities of color and communities of poverty. These include single payer health care, decriminalization of currently illegal substances, police reform, minimum wage and housing policy.

MARY K. "KAY" NORDLING, MD, FAFAP

Program Director, OHSU Hillsboro FMR



I enjoy getting to know my patients, hearing their stories and working together to help them achieve their optimal health. As Program Director (PD) of OHSU Hillsboro FMR, I help recruit and train future family physicians to provide compassionate, evidence-based, quality care to their own patients.

I have been involved in residency education my entire career and had worked at the Lawrence FMRP in Massachusetts for almost 12 years, serving 6 years as Assoc. PD and caring for patients at an affiliated FQHC, where I also fulfilled my National Health Service Corps scholarship obligation. Prior to relocating to Oregon, I helped start the first residency program in Hilo, Hawaii, and served as the PD, helping to graduate the first two classes and achieve full ACGME certification. While in HI, I presented to legislators at the HI Health State of Reform on Behavioral Health integration; the HI Island House of Reps.; and to Sen. Schatz' Health Policy Advisor on Capitol Hill. As an educator, I was able to assist a former resident design a two-week advocacy elective.

MD: The George Washington U.
FMR: U. Pittsburg Med. Ctr – St. Margaret

In my spare time, I enjoy biking, hiking and camping. I am an avid reader, enjoy adventurous eating and love to travel. I hope to learn the art of gardening and am excited to explore Oregon with my family and our dog Blue.

Policy Interests: Workforce Development; Substance Use Disorders, Graduate Medical Education Funding

FERNANDO POLANCO, MD

PGY1, Providence Hood River FMR RTP



I grew up in Northwestern B.C. and am a Guatemalan refugee who immigrated to Canada with my immediate family in the late 1980's.

I completed my BSc. at Vancouver Island U., MSc. at the U. of Victoria before attending medical school. I have worked in the non-profit sector, addiction medicine/harm reduction, Indigenous cultural competency, community, academic and government level research and health policy.

I am interested in a field of family medicine that focuses on public health policy, epigenetics, rural medicine, the social determinants of health, and service to Indigenous/marginalized people in Canada, USA and abroad.

MD: St. George's U.

ALISON SCHLUETER

MS-4, OHSU School of Medicine



This year, I will be applying to FM residency. I grew up in San Francisco and went to Whitman College where I majored in environmental studies and developed an affinity for sweet onions, small towns and the Northwest. After college I worked for an environmental non-profit and as an outdoor science teacher before pivoting to medicine. I enjoy connecting with patients and building community.

To me, advocacy represents an important avenue we can use to further care for our patients. My policy interests include women's health, mental health and environmental public health. During the era of COVID-19, my hobbies include yoga, baking bread and zooming with family.

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LINH TAYLOR

MS-2, OHSU School of Medicine



I was a care manager and a fiduciary before I decided to become a physician to advocate for the underserved. I am a Scholar for a Healthy Oregon Initiative (SHOI) with dedication to serve rural Oregon after my training.

In medical school, my husband and I decided to have a baby. Medical training is difficult; medical-student-parents have it even harder. From the time demand of medical training, the lack of flexibility due to the unique features of the school's fast-paced curriculum, a dearth of resources for affordable childcare and other financial support for student parents, in the past 3 years, I watched my friends and classmates with kids struggle, some even drop out, and myself take a leave of absence. While attempting to advocate for other student parents, I realized: I need to advocate for student parents from a policy angle and joined the Health Policy Interest Group at OHSU.

This opportunity with the Oregon Residency Collaborative Alliance for Family Medicine Policy Scholar program is an opportunity that I have been dreaming of: a way for me to learn how to advocate for medical student parents effectively and meaningfully.

SIMRAN WALLER, MD, MPH

PGY1, Roseburg FMR



I was raised in a multi-generational family of immigrants. As such, I was provided many opportunities and have been dedicated to serving underrepresented communities. I have volunteered/worked with various populations including the elderly, immigrants/refugees, foster children, those with special health care needs, and with the homeless community. I chose to pursue medicine because I believe that health is the most fundamental aspect to improving all outcomes, including one's ability to work, provide nourishment, and nurture families. Advocacy is important to me as it represents empowerment; my daughter is my reason to advocate. She represents different cultures, races, religions, and opportunities for all future generations. And advocating for the health and well-being of these future generations especially those underrepresented is why I am passionate in my efforts to provide the most basic human need, health. Specific interest areas include improving access and pathways to health care for all.

MD: St. George's U.

JENNY WOOLEY, MD

PGY2, OHSU Cascades East FMR



I was born and raised in Anchorage, AK. I attended undergrad in San Diego, CA and spent 2 years after college in Kenya in the Peace Corps. Before med school I worked in public health, focusing on tobacco prevention and control in AK, especially in rural areas and within schools, colleges, tribal health systems, and entire communities. A large portion of the work focused on policy change - of my favorite aspects of the job. I volunteered at Planned Parenthood in Anchorage to advocate for policies and candidates that prioritize reproductive justice for AK citizens.

I am most interested in learning more about how to develop and promote policy change that prioritizes the health and wellness of populations who are oftentimes poorly represented at the tables where policy is created. I believe that policy change is the most sustainable way to upend archaic social norms and restructure our society in a more equitable way.

MD: U. Washington (AK)

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