

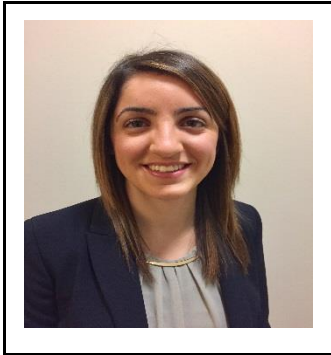


Updates from the Enterprise

Incoming Residents Edition, June 2017

Welcome 2017-2018 Residents!

Pharmacy Practice Residents



**Vala Behbahani
(Notre Dame of
Maryland University)**

I grew up in Scottsdale, Arizona and stayed in the state for my undergraduate studies at Arizona State University. When it came time to apply for

pharmacy schools, I decided that it was time for a change and moved across the country to Baltimore, MD where I completed my Pharm.D. from Notre Dame of Maryland University. My professional interests are emergency and critical care thus far, but am interested in learning more about transplant as well. In my free time, I like to travel, read, and explore different neighborhoods. I am extremely excited to move to San Francisco and experience all it has to offer, both personally and professionally, and make new friendships with my co-residents!



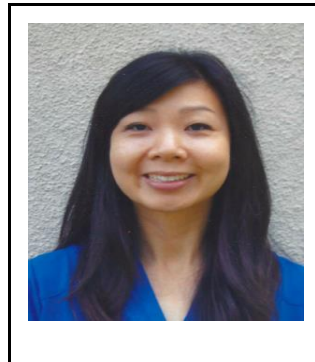
**Daniel Britt
(St. Louis College of
Pharmacy)**

I was born and raised in Swansea, Illinois, a small town outside of St. Louis, Missouri. After high school, I attended St. Louis College of Pharmacy,

a 0-6 program, where I completed my undergraduate requirements and PharmD. In my free time, I really enjoy running. During my time at St. Louis College of Pharmacy, I competed on the track and cross-country team, and I am ready to take on San Francisco's killer hills. I also enjoy hanging out with friends and family, binge-watching Netflix, photography, and playing with my dog, Baileigh. I am excited to start this new

adventure in San Francisco. I have never lived outside of St. Louis so this will be a big change for me!

Professionally, my interests include solid organ transplant, infectious disease, ambulatory care, and academia. I am really excited to get teaching experience at a top tier pharmacy school, but most of all, I look forward to advancing my pharmacy career through the new challenges and opportunities UCSF provides.



**Lana Dongses
(Touro University)**

I grew up in Daly City and obtained my Bachelor of Science degree in Biology from University of California, San Diego. After graduation, I worked at UCSF Medical Center as a pharmacy

technician for several years, which solidified my interest in the field of pharmacy. I decided to go back to school and completed my pharmacy education at Touro University of California. Few things I enjoy doing include: spending time with family and close friends, traveling/exploring and eating yummy food. I am excited and grateful to enter the next chapter of my life as a resident at UCSF Medical Center. I look forward to learning and growing with my co-residents and mentors this upcoming year.



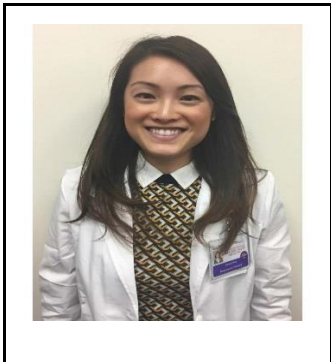
**Kelsey Japs
(Drake University)**

I grew up outside of Minneapolis in the *Land of 10,000 Lakes*. For pharmacy school, I attended Drake University's six-year pharmacy program in Des Moines, Iowa.

During my pre-PharmD

coursework, I focused in sociology and global health. In my free time, I enjoy backcountry camping, long-distance/trail running, cooking, and listening to podcasts.

This upcoming residency year, I am excited to build lasting relationships with my preceptors, co-residents, and members of the San Francisco community! I am equally excited to strengthen my clinical skills, precept students, and participate in the UCSF Global Health Clinical Scholars Program!

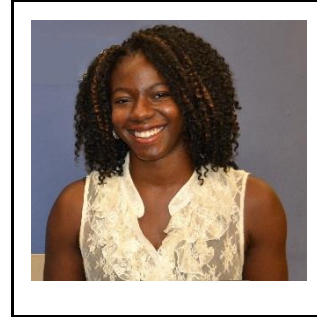


**Nancy Koo
(Chicago State University)**

Hello everyone! I was born and raised in the heart of the Mission in San Francisco. I completed my undergraduate education at University of California, Davis

where I received my bachelors of science in psychology. After my undergraduate degree I found myself moving to the Midwest and living in windy city of Chicago, where I attend Chicago State University, College of Pharmacy. I have many different personal interests therefore, when I do have free time, I try to fit in as many activities as I can; sports, reading, journaling, cooking/eating, music/concerts. When it comes to sports I do a combination of both watching and playing. I play softball, volleyball, snowboard, and swim. When it comes to watching; Go Giants, Warriors, and 49ers! I absolutely love to eat, so going to new restaurants and trying to create new dishes are both very exciting for me. Also, I don't know how I could live without music; it's the soundtrack to my life whether I'm happy, sad, mad, or need to relax. I also

enjoy attending concerts, music festivals, and watching live bands. On Sundays, you'll probably find me at home with a candle lit, classical on play, and wrapped up in my bed reading a Ryan Holiday book or some sort of inspirational read. My prospects for this upcoming residency year is becoming acquainted with my co-residents, building meaningful relationships, and learning as much as possible personally and professionally at UCSF.



**Sefa Kploanyi
(Touro University)**

I was born in Queens, NY but lived in Somerset, New Jersey for most of my childhood. I was fortunate enough to attend Carnegie Mellon

University in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania (Go Steelers!) for my undergraduate degree in biology and chemistry. I worked for two years before deciding that the laboratory life was not for me and started pharmacy school at Touro College of Pharmacy in New York. There I developed my professional interests in infectious disease, ambulatory care, public health and teaching.

I am very excited to experience a new coast, no snow, and a new level of pharmacy practice while at UCSF! I hope to strengthen my clinical skills, increase my confidence and expand my professional network during my time here. I especially look forward to building new friendships with my co-residents. In my free time, I love to cook and eat, go hiking, garden and listen to live music. I'm eager to continue my hobbies while exploring all that San Francisco has to offer.



**Danning Ma
(UCSF)**

I was born in China and moved with my family to Europe before settling in Orange County, California. I obtained a Bachelors of Science in Biochemistry

from UCLA, took a gap year to teach, and attended UCSF School of Pharmacy. In my free time, I enjoy painting (especially oil), learning non-pharmacy topics like finance, and trying new food with my husband. I am so excited to be staying here as a P5! This is truly an amazing place to learn and train with some of the most knowledgeable clinicians. Professionally, I am interested in hematology/oncology, teaching and research. I hope to further develop my clinical and preceptor skills and forge new lifelong friendships. I look forward to a fun and challenging year!



**Brian Phan
(USC)**

I was born and raised in Vietnam. After finishing high school, my family and I moved to the United States and have been calling Orange County home since. I then spent my undergraduate years at

UC San Diego where I obtained my bachelor's degree in Chemistry and a minor in Social Issues of Health Care. Not willing to leave sunny Southern California, I joined the Trojan Family and earned my PharmD at the University of Southern California.

Outside of pharmacy, travelling abroad, visiting national parks, landscape photography, and snowboarding are some activities/hobbies that I really enjoy doing. I am also very excited to explore the Bay Area and all it has to offer. Professionally, I am interested in a career in critical care, emergency medicine, and academia. I look forward to working closely with all clinicians, faculty, staff, and co-residents at this amazing institution and challenging myself to grow as a pharmacist, educator, and researcher.



**Elizabeth Staub
(UCSF)**

Hello everyone! I was born and raised in Ardmore, Pennsylvania – a suburb of Philadelphia. My undergraduate degree is in Interdisciplinary Biology-Chemistry from Loyola

University Maryland in Baltimore. Post-undergrad, I returned to Philadelphia and worked in a T-cell focused immunology lab at the University of Pennsylvania. After my interests led me to pursue pharmacy, I moved to the Bay Area and am now a proud UCSF Doctor of Pharmacy graduate. While a student I developed a passion for critical care and emergency medicine. I am humbled by the opportunity to continue my journey at UCSF and I look forward to strengthening my clinical knowledge and research skills, building relationships with staff and co-residents, and serving as a role model and educator to current UCSF students. In my free time, I enjoy spending time outdoors and exercising, including hiking, yoga, rowing, and martial arts. I am excited for new challenges, opportunities, and friendships this year!



**Sammi Tam
(UCSD)**

Greetings! I was born and raised in Hong Kong, and moved to San Francisco at the age of 9. Since 2010, I lived in Sun Diego (yes, I will definitely miss the

sun!) where I completed the 7 year B.S./Pharm.D. program at UCSD Skaggs School of Pharmacy. During my pharmacy training, I immediately became interested in direct patient care. My area of professional interest is oncology, where I see the role of pharmacists continue to expand and look forward to taking part in this advancement. By the end of the year, I hope to have the knowledge to practice as a pharmacist anywhere. Aside from pharmacy, I spend my free time scouting out quality coffee shops. I am also always planning my next destination; so far in the last 2 years, I've

traveled to Hong Kong, Tokyo, Kyoto, Hokkaido, Singapore, and Mexico City. Please feel free to suggest any travel ideas you may have! I am ecstatic to return to SF and be a UCSF resident this year, and look forward to a year filled with hard work, challenges, and lasting relationships!



**Stephanie Truong
(UCSF)**

Hello! My name is Stephanie and I am originally from Redondo Beach, a beautiful city near Los Angeles. I completed my undergraduate

education at the University of California, Irvine where I received a Bachelor of Science degree in Pharmaceutical Sciences. After years of staying close to home, I was excited for the opportunity to move to the Bay Area and earned my Pharm.D. degree from the University of California, San Francisco. I grew to love the city and am thankful for the amazing pharmacy experience I had including the lifelong friends that I have made. During my free time, I love to play the ukulele and sing. I have a twin sister named Melody and we used to perform for weddings and banquets, with music always being a huge part of our lives. What I look forward to this upcoming year is to develop my teaching skills and begin this next chapter of my pharmacy career with all my co-residents. My current interests include oncology and cardiology. I cannot wait to meet everyone and am extremely excited to start my PGY1 residency at UCSF!



**Jenny Zhang
(UCSF)**

Hello everyone! I was born in Shanghai, China, but have pretty much grown up in the city of Cupertino ever since I was 4 years old. Sticking close to my Bay Area

roots, I attended the University of California, Berkeley, earning my undergraduate degree in Molecular and Cell Biology. Afterwards, I moved across the bridge to fulfill the last point of the Bay Area triangle to attend my dream pharmacy school at the University of California, San Francisco.

My professional interests include infectious disease, hematology/oncology, and general medicine. In my free time, I enjoy traveling, exploring the city, trying new restaurants, learning to cook, going to the gym, and watching TV shows (and admittedly animal videos on YouTube). I am very excited to be staying at UCSF for my PGY1 residency and continuing to learn from and work alongside some of the best pharmacists and faculty in the nation! In the upcoming year, I am also looking forward to all the opportunities to grow personally and professionally as well as reinforcing my clinical knowledge through teaching students. While it will no doubt be a challenging year, I am eager to meet everyone and build new friendships with my co-residents!

Pharmacy Specialty Residents



**Kristine Keller
(PGY2 Critical Care)**

Hello everyone! At this time last year, I was mapping a 3000 mile driving route from The University of Maryland in Baltimore to San Francisco to start my new journey in life as a

PGY-1 at UCSF. In this past year I have learned a great deal about the fog (it has a name, it's Karl), which place to get the best burritos in the Mission (El Farolito, hands down), the best (and quickest) route to get to Napa, and finally that training for a half-marathon during my ICU rotation might be the worst idea I've ever had. Professionally, I've grown more than I could imagine with many of the tremendous teachers we have at UCSF and am excited for the year ahead. I have more work ahead professionally, and of course personally, and I cannot imagine doing it anywhere else. I will be staying on at UCSF as one of the PGY-2 Critical Care Residents and am looking forward to meeting everyone!



**Kathie Nowicki
(PGY2 ZSFGH Psychiatry)**

Hello All! I was born and raised in the beautiful city of Seattle, Washington. I completed my Bachelor of Science in Neurobiology at the University of Washington and continued at the UW

for my PharmD. In my free time I enjoy trying new restaurants around San Francisco, visiting Napa Valley, catching as much sun as I can at Dolores Park, and hanging out with my favorite roommates, Ally and Oliver. Over the past year I have truly fallen in love with all San Francisco has to offer. I am extremely grateful for my PGY1 year at UCSF and so happy I have the chance to continue working with the incredible people here. I am looking forward to further expanding my clinical psychiatry knowledge and developing my teaching skills. I can't wait to meet my new co-residents here at UCSF and at Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital!



**Krupa Bhatt
(PGY2 Critical Care)**

Hello! I was born and raised in a small desert town east of San Diego. At the young age of 17, I decided to move across the country to Boston in order to pursue a direct BS/PharmD program at Northeastern University.

After that, I ended up staying in Boston for an extra year to complete my PGY1 residency at Tufts Medical Center. Outside of pharmacy, I love to travel, explore other cultures, spend time outdoors, and have new experiences. For those reasons, I am incredibly excited to move to San Francisco, not only to advance professionally at UCSF, but also to explore a new area that is so famous for its vegetarian food, local wine, and diverse culture.



**Wendy Yuen
(PGY2 Oncology)**

I was born in Manhattan, New York and raised in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. I received my B.S. in Environmental Science and my Doctorate of Pharmacy from the University of Florida. I

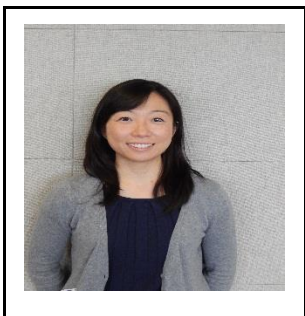
completed a PGY1 Pharmacy Practice Residency at Jackson Memorial Hospital in Miami, where I developed my passion for Oncology. I'm very excited and grateful for the opportunity to further develop my clinical skills at UCSF. In my free time I enjoy exploring new restaurants, hiking, and yoga. I look forward to exploring San Francisco, creating new friendships and the upcoming year!



Collin Yu
(PGY2 Informatics & Technology)

Hello Everyone! I was born in southern China, and I had a fun time growing up in Los Angeles, California, with my sister and cousins. I met amazing friends at the University of

Southern California, where I earned my Bachelor of Science degree, and at the University of California at San Francisco, where I received my Doctor of Pharmacy degree. I completed my PGY1 residency training at the Riverside University Health System, where I was involved with the implementation of a new electronic health record system and learned from incredible preceptors. I am very excited to return to UCSF for my PGY2 residency in Pharmacy Informatics and Technology. I am interested in health intelligence, precision medicine, and systems integration. I balance these professional interests with my personal interests in good food, National Public Radio, architecture, and basketball with my nephew and niece. In the upcoming residency year, I look forward to learning from pharmacy leaders, creating fond memories with co-residents, and making a difference in patient care!



Dorie Wang
(PGY2 Oncology)

I am originally from the city of Redlands in Southern California and attended the University of Southern California in Los Angeles for my undergraduate studies, where I majored in biology

and economics. I am a proud graduate of the UCSF School of Pharmacy and UCSF PGY1 Pharmacy Practice Residency. Before residency, I used to kayak, go to museums, and see the SF Ballet. In whatever free time that PGY1 residency has spared me now, I enjoy simply exploring the Bay Area and trying new restaurants with my co-residents, family, and friends in the Bay Area. This upcoming year, I am happy to be staying at UCSF as a PGY2 in oncology, where I can serve cancer patients with incredible interdisciplinary teams, develop my operational and research skills, and strengthen my clinical knowledge in hematology and oncology. After rotating through the inpatient oncology service as a student and PGY1 resident, I

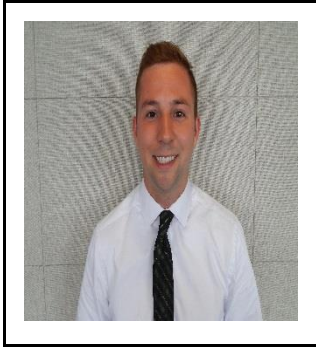
look forward to working even more closely with the phenomenally fantastic heme/onc pharmacy pod. Cheers to a great year with my new co-residents!



Randi Agata
(PGY2 Med-Use Safety)

Hello everyone! I am originally from the beautiful Caribbean island of Jamaica and migrated to the South Florida when I was 18 to pursue my tertiary education. I completed my Bachelor's

degree in Biological Sciences with a minor in Chemistry at Florida International University. I felt drawn towards pharmacy with the aspiration to improve patient and safety outcomes not only nationally, but also globally. One of my long term goals include assisting in the growth and development of the healthcare sector in Jamaica. I attended pharmacy school at Nova Southeastern University and completed my PharmD with interests in medication safety and oncology. Eager for new experiences and the exposure to the progressive pharmacy practice of the West Coast, my career pursuits took me to the great Pacific Northwest to complete my PGY-1. During this past year, I have enjoyed living in Portland, Oregon and soaking up all that the city has to offer. In my spare time, I enjoy being outdoors, eating good food, dancing and playing my violin. For the upcoming residency year, I am looking forward to becoming a part of a reputable and innovative institution, making lifelong memories and adventuring in and around the city of San Francisco.

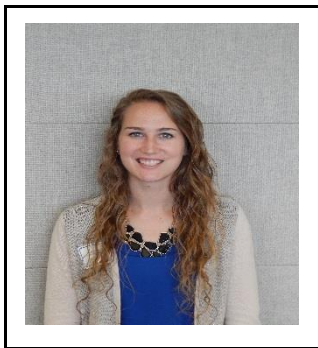


**Erik Henricksen
(PGY2 Solid Organ
Transplant)**

I was born and raised in Columbus, Ohio. I attended the University of Cincinnati for pre-pharmacy requirements and later continued on to receive my PharmD.

During my time at UC I also spent 3 months living in Spain, studying Spanish in an intensive learning program. After graduation I completed my PGY1 at the University of Cincinnati Medical Center. Solid organ transplant was a topic that fascinated me during pharmacy school and my interest continued to grow as I completed clinical rotations and research in the specialty. My other areas of interest include teaching and clinical research.

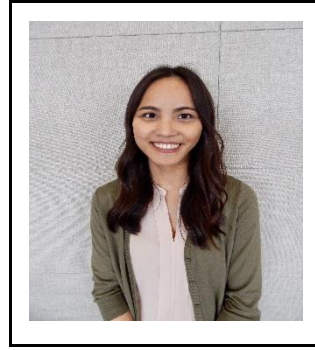
In my free time I enjoy traveling and spending time outdoors being active. One personal goal I have is to visit a different country every year. I enjoy watching and playing basketball, skiing and almost anything else that allows me to stay active outdoors. I am very excited to move to the Bay Area and experience everything it has to offer.



**Jessica Zook
(PGY2 Pediatrics)**

Originally, I am from Lancaster, Pennsylvania; but had the joy of living in San Francisco for the past year as one of the PGY-1 Pharmacy Residents at UCSF, and I'm so excited to stay here for another year! Prior to last

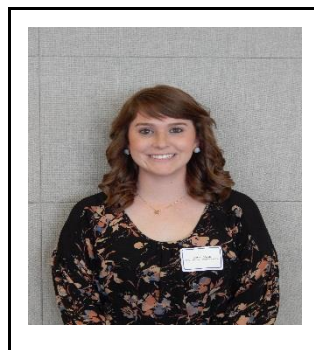
year, I spent the previous six years in West Virginia, attending West Virginia University School of Pharmacy. While in school, I became involved with the International Pharmaceutical Students' Federation and global health. I was very excited to have the opportunity to travel to Guatemala during my PGY 1 residency and hope to continue pursuing global health this coming year. I am really looking forward to staying in San Francisco, I feel like I've barely touched the surface of everything that UCSF (and this great city) has to offer! In my free time I enjoy being outside (preferably playing volleyball or Ultimate Frisbee), playing guitar, listening to live music, drinking boba, and traveling. In this upcoming year, I look forward to learning more



**Lynn Nguyen
(PGY2 Infectious
Diseases)**

Hi everyone! I'm a native Texan, born in Dallas and raised in Austin. After completing my undergraduate and pharmacy education at The University of Texas

at Austin, I migrated west to do my PGY-1 residency training at the VA San Diego Healthcare System. In my free time, I enjoy exploring our national parks, baking/cooking to share, playing board games, and planning trips. I am grateful for the opportunity to spend another year in beautiful California. I look forward to learning from and working with bright & dedicated clinicians, forming friendships with my co-residents, and serving the diverse patient population at UCSF.



**Ally Thrall
(PGY2 Pediatrics)**

I was born and raised in Scottsdale, Arizona. When it came time to apply to colleges, I knew that I wanted to go to a small university in an area with a warm climate and it was my dream to be a

collegiate soccer player. My dream came true and I was able to attend Trinity University in San Antonio, Texas as well as be a member of the varsity women's soccer team. After graduating with a B.S. in Biochemistry, I moved to Houston, Texas to attend pharmacy school at the University of Houston, right in the heart of the world's largest medical center! This past year, I completed my PGY1 here at UCSF and am excited to continue on as one of the pediatric PGY2 residents. I look forward to another year of exploring the city with my four-legged friend Oliver and a new group of co-residents. I'm also looking forward to spending my time at the beautiful Mission Bay campus and training with all of the amazing pediatric pharmacy staff.

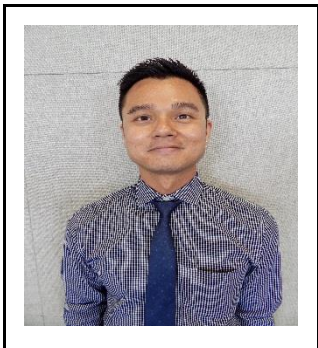
about caring for pediatric patients, and continuing to learn from my preceptors and co-residents!



Christine Lin
(PGY1 UCSF/Safeway
Community Practice)

Hi everyone! I was born and raised not too far from here in San Jose, California. I received my undergraduate degree from UC Davis in Neurobiology, Physiology,

& Behavior. After a couple years of working, my love of travel and adventure took me to the Northeast where I attended pharmacy school at the University of New England in Portland, Maine. I personally love to travel and learn about new places, but when that isn't an option, trying new foods is almost just as great! I've also been exploring new activities such as indoor bouldering, and I can't wait to hike and bike around the bay. For this upcoming year, I'm incredibly excited to build lasting relationships with both patients and my peers while pushing forward the boundaries of community pharmacy as the next Safeway/UCSF resident!



Duc Truong
(PGY1 UCSF/Walgreen's
Community Practice)

I was born and raised in Vietnam. In 2004, I immigrated to scenic Seattle to earn my BS in Biochemistry from the University of Washington. After graduation, I

worked as a Vietnamese-English medical interpreter before moving to Bradenton, Florida to attend LECOM School of Pharmacy. In pharmacy school, I developed interests in pharmacokinetics, pediatrics, infectious disease, and oncology. I am grateful and honored to be the first Walgreen's/UCSF PGY1 resident in San Francisco where I get to expand my clinical knowledge and practice at Walgreen's Specialty Clinics. I also look forward to training in transitional and ambulatory care while teaching and researching at UCSF. In my free time, I enjoy traveling and exploring other cultures and exotic foods. I am excited to meet and work with new colleagues at both Walgreen's and UCSF.