

**Diversity in Physician Scientists and Their Careers and Pathways**  
**MSTP Virtual Fall 2020 Retreat // Saturday, October 17, 2020**  
**Event Agenda**

**Retreat Goals**

- Provide an opportunity to interact with physician scientists with diverse backgrounds, experiences, disciplines, and career pathways.
- Define key milestones/achievements critical for physician scientist career success.
- Create awareness of difficult choices/challenges physician scientists face and how to overcome them.
- Generate familiarity with new physician scientist career pathways that trainees may not have been exposed to previously.
- Promote development of career-related goals for different career trajectories.

**9:00 AM Welcome and Agenda**

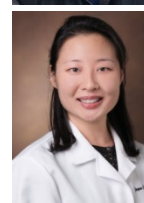
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**9:05 AM: Panelists' Career Pathways, Challenges and Highlights**

*(Student introductions, followed by 20-minute presentations per panelist)*

- **Panelist #1: Laura Ngwenya, MD, PhD** (Introduction by Ben Wissel, G3)
  - Assistant Professor, Neurosurgery at the UC College of Medicine
  - Director, Neurotrauma Center at UC Health
- **Panelist #2: Walter Alarcon, MD, MSc** (Introduction by Pablo Alarcon, G2)
  - Medical Epidemiologist
  - Team Leader, National Institute of Occupational Safety & Health (NIOSH) and U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
- **Panelist #3: Jeeyeon Cha, MD, PhD** (Introduction by Rohit Rao, G5)
  - Instructor, Division of Diabetes, Endocrinology & Metabolism at Vanderbilt University Medical Center
  - Chief, Harrison Society Scholar (Physician Scientist Training Program) at Vanderbilt University Medical Center



**10:10 AM: Break**

**10:20 AM: Panelists' Career Pathways, Challenges and Highlights**

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- **Panelist #4: Chester Brown, MD, PhD** (Introduction by Keisuke Sawada, M2)
  - Chief, Division of Genetics at Le Bonheur Children's Hospital and St. Jude Children's Research Hospital
  - Professor, Department of Pediatrics, and Department of Genetics, Genomics & Bioinformatics at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center
- **Panelist #5: RADM Nancy Knight, MD** (Introduction by Amanda McGann, G1)
  - Director, Division of Global Health Protection, Center for Global Health at the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

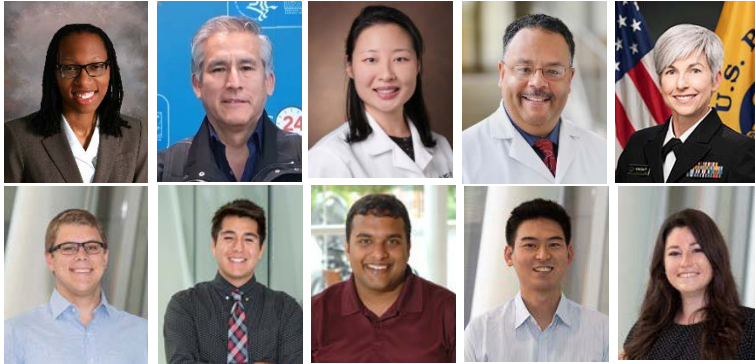


11:05 AM: **Break & Arrange Groups**

11:15 AM: **Small Group Sessions**

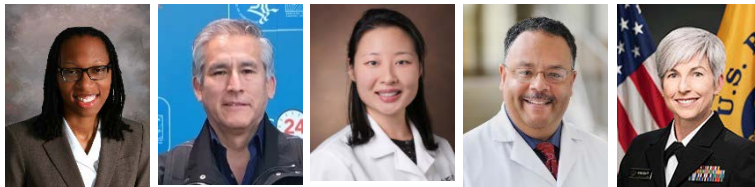
*(Q&A with panelists to discuss trainee questions and topics of interest – Five different 10-minute sessions)*

- Panelists:
  - Laura Ngwenya, MD, PhD; Walter Alarcon, MD, MSc; Jeeyeon Cha, MD, PhD; Chester Brown, MD, PhD, Nancy Knight, MD
- Student Discussion Moderators:
  - Jake Stevens, G1; Pablo Alarcon, G2; Rohit Rao, G5; Keisuke Sawada, M2; Amanda McGann, G1



12:15 PM: **Final Words of Advice**

*(Panelists share greatest career lesson/advice to physician scientist trainees - 1 minute per panelist)*



12:30 PM: **Wrap-up**

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12:35 PM: **Survey**

Amanda McGann, G1



12:45 PM: **Adjourn**

**Event Virtual Hosts/Administrators:**

- Sara Cohen, Program Coordinator of MSTP (*primary event host & point-of-contact*)
- Jennifer Rindler Fridrich, MBA, Administrative Program Director of MSTP

