



# RESEARCH IN ADDICTION MEDICINE SCHOLARS PROGRAM 2023-2025 Scholars

## Scholars



### Abdul Alim, MD

#### Addiction Medicine Boston Medical Center

NAC Mentor: Patrick O'Connor,  
MD, MPH, MACP

Dr. Alim is an Addiction Medicine Fellow at Boston Medical Center. His RAMS research project focuses on overdose prevention education, Naloxone distribution, and SUD treatment among youth. It is qualitative research studying beliefs and attitudes of Massachusetts school-based health centers health care providers towards substance use disorders among youth as well as feasibility, facilitators and barriers of SUD treatment, overdose prevention and Naloxone distribution to youth in school-based health centers.



### Eno Eyo, MD

#### Addiction Medicine Vanderbilt University

NAC Mentor: Federico Vaca, MD,  
MPH

Dr. Eyo is an Addiction Medicine Fellow at Vanderbilt University. He completed Family Medicine Residency training at Meharry Medical College. He has endearing interest in improving healthcare delivery, bridging gaps in care among underserved population and integrating Addiction medicine / SUD treatments into primary care with a goal of providing holistic care with patient centered models. His RAMS project will seek to understand infectious disease Hep C infection among persons who inject drugs (PWID) utilizing the Syringe Service Program (SSP), the barriers to testing, barriers to treatment, and investigate channels to connect PWID with treatment options to alleviate burden of disease.



### Gordon Hill, MD, MS

#### Addiction Medicine Yale School of Medicine

NAC Mentor: Jeffrey Samet, MD,  
MA, MPG

Dr. Hill is an Addiction Medicine Fellow at Yale University who is studying the long-term effects of opioids on the immune system. His project seeks to use a subset of patients from the Veterans Aging Cohort Study to describe the role that prescribed opioids have on markers of inflammation in patients with and without HIV. Ultimately this work will improve our ability to care for an aging HIV+ population and potentially lead to novel markers of OUD and opioid tolerance.

### Sarah Bagley, MD

Dr. Bagley is an Associate Professor of Medicine and Pediatrics at Boston University School of Medicine and a Primary Care Physician at Boston Medical Center. Her particular research interests are in the treatment of opioid use disorders in the adolescent and young population and the involvement of the family in addiction care. She sees patients in both General Internal Medicine and the Adolescent Center. She is the Medical Director of the CATALYST (Center for Addiction Treatment for Adolescents/Young adults who use Substances) Clinic and an Attending on the inpatient Addiction Consult Service.

#### Boston University Chobanian & Avedisian School of Medicine



### R. Lyle Cooper, PhD, MSSW

Dr. Cooper is an Associate Professor in the Department of Family and Community Medicine at Meharry Medical College. He conducts research on harm reduction interventions for people who use drugs and directs the Meharry Addiction Clinic. Dr. Cooper's awards focus on drug-use harm reduction, HIV/infectious disease prevention & treatment, and training for providers of those services. Funded by SAMHSA, CDC, NIH, and HRSA, and through consistent partnership with the TN Departments of Health and Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, Dr. Cooper focuses on treating underserved, uninsured, unhoused, LGBTQ+, and rural populations.

#### Meharry Medical College



### Jennifer Edelman, MD, MHS

Dr. Edelman is a Professor of Medicine and Public Health at Yale University. Certified as an internist, HIV specialist and in Addiction Medicine, she serves as the physician consultant in the Addiction Medicine Treatment Program at the Yale New Haven Hospital Center for Infectious Diseases. Her research focuses on optimizing HIV prevention and treatment in the context of substance use, including opioid, alcohol and tobacco use. She is Associate Director of the Research on Addiction Medicine Scholars (RAMS) Program and co-Director of Education at the Yale Center for Clinical Investigation.

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### Daniel Liauw, MD

**Addiction Medicine**  
**Massachusetts General Hospital**

NAC Mentor: Michael Stein, MD

Dr. Liauw is an Addiction Medicine Fellow at Massachusetts General Hospital. He completed internal medicine primary care residency at Brigham & Women's Hospital and earned his AAHIVM certification through street outreach and HIV primary care experiences at Boston Healthcare for the Homeless. His RAMS research project aims to understand racial and ethnic disparities in inpatient naltrexone (oral and injectable) prescribing as well as determine the relationship between naltrexone prescription and alcohol liver disease progression.



### Scott Matthews, MD

**Addiction Medicine**  
**Yale School of Medicine**

NAC Mentor: Ned Nunes, MD

Dr. Matthews is the Interprofessional Advanced Fellow in Addiction Treatment at the West Haven VA / Yale School of Medicine site. He is interested in developing novel approaches to treating substance use disorders. His RAMS project will use virtual reality to investigate the role of subjective experience in psychedelic-assisted therapy for alcohol use disorder.



### Asha Neptune, MD, MA, MPH

**Addiction Medicine**  
**Howard University**

NAC Mentor: Roger Weiss, MD

Dr. Neptune is an Addiction Medicine Fellow at Howard University Hospital. Through her work as a Pediatric Hospitalist prior to fellowship Dr. Neptune developed a strong interest in adolescent SUD and public health approaches to addressing unhealthy substance use, including prevention and harm reduction strategies. For her RAMS research project, Dr. Neptune will complete a case series detailing several adolescent patients undergoing off-label use of monthly extended-release buprenorphine (Sublocade) injections for the treatment of OUD. Currently, Sublocade is only FDA approved for adults. As part of her research, Dr. Neptune will also assess the willingness of adolescents to receive Sublocade for the treatment of OUD if offered.

### Eugene Lambert, MD, MBA

**Massachusetts General Hospital**

Dr. Lambert is faculty in the Program in Substance Use and Addiction Services in the Division of General Internal Medicine within the Department of Medicine at Massachusetts General Hospital. He is the Medical Director of the Addiction Consult Team at Massachusetts General Hospital. In both roles, he works closely with trainees of all levels, including medical students, internal medicine residents, and addiction medicine fellows.



### Anahita Bassir Nia, MD

**Yale School of Medicine**

Dr. Nia is an Assistant Professor of Psychiatry; Assistant Director for Training and Education for CNRU, Psychiatry; Assistant Clinical Unit Chief for CNRU, Psychiatry; and Research Psychiatrist, the VA National Center for PTSD. Her research interests are, mainly, in translational research on addiction and mental health disorders. She is particularly interested in the biological effects of acute and chronic stress on developing substance use disorders, as well as, the effects of substance use on stress response and psychiatric symptoms.



### Siva Kaliyamurthy, MD

**Howard University**

Dr. Kaliyamurthy is a psychiatrist with board certifications in general psychiatry, child and adolescent psychiatry, and addiction psychiatry. Currently, he holds a joint position at Children's National Hospital and Howard University in Washington, DC. He serves as the director of the Addiction Program at Children's National and hold faculty positions within the Howard University Addiction Medicine Fellowship and the General Psychiatry Residency at Howard University. In addition to clinical responsibilities, he is tasked with improving addiction education across both institutions. This encompasses educating pediatric and general psychiatry residents, as well as fellows in adolescent medicine, child and adolescent psychiatry, and addiction medicine.



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