

HIVMA 2020 Elections

Biographical Sketches and Personal Statements

HIVMA 2020 Elections Ballot

Vice Chair (4-year term)

- ❖ Michelle Simone Cespedes, M.D., MS
New York, NY

Infectious Diseases Specialist Seats (3-year term)

- ❖ John Fangman, M.D.
Milwaukee, WI
- ❖ Mamta K. Jain, M.D., MPH, FIDSA
Dallas, TX
- ❖ Anna K. Person, M.D., FIDSA
Nashville, TN

Internal Medicine Seat (3-year term)

- ❖ Tyler B. Evans, M.D., MS, MPH, DTM&H
New York, NY/Santa Cruz, CA

Advanced Practice Provider Seat (3-year term)

- ❖ Jeri Sumitani, MMSc, PA-C
Atlanta, GA

Michelle Simone Cespedes, M.D., MS
Vice Chair (4-year term)

Medical Education: Mount Sinai School of Medicine, 1999, (M.D.); New York Presbyterian Hospital – Weill Cornell, 1999-2002 (Internship and Residency in Internal Medicine); New York University School of Medicine, 2003-2005 (Fellowship in Infectious Disease); New York University School of Medicine, 2005 – 2006 (Research Fellow in Infectious Disease); New York University School of Medicine, 2012 (MS in Clinical Investigation). Board Certified in Internal Medicine and Infectious Disease.

Primary Current Professional Activity: Associate Professor of Medicine, Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai; Medical Director, HIV Inpatient Service at Mount Sinai Hospital Center, New York, NY; Co-Director, Clinical and Translational Research Center (CTRC) at Mount Sinai; Co-Director, ID Fellowship Research Curriculum, Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai.

Other Relevant Activities/Appointments: Principal Investigator: Clinical Research Site PI, Mount Sinai Comprehensive Clinic Downtown; Vice Chair: ACTG 5240, Quadrivalent HPV Vaccine in HIV Infected Women; ACTG 5298, HPV Vaccine Efficacy in Anal Dysplasia in HIV Infected Populations; Investigator: Ryan White Title IV Women and Infants Service Grant Faculty/Educator: Biomedical Research Curriculum, Core Lecturer in Clinical Research and Biostatistics, Medical Education Program, Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai; Teaching Attending, ISMMS Department of Medicine; Legacy Project Working Group member, NIH HIV/AIDS Network Coordination; section author “HIV in Women” for Up To Date; Board Member: Routes2Results, a non-profit public health research organization; Member of the following Organizations: American Medical Association; Infectious Disease Society of America; HIVMA, International AIDS Society – USA.

Personal Statement (250 words or less): For more than 20 years, I have advocated for populations disproportionately affected by HIV to have access to prevention strategies and receive optimal care. As a clinician, I became a community activist promoting HIV education and demystifying clinical trials to make them more inclusive. I spent a decade as the program director for pregnant women and perinatally infected adolescents with HIV at Bellevue Hospital in NYC. There, I gained insight into care delivery in populations with structural and preventable inequities including the homeless, patients with substance use and mental health disorders, incarcerated individuals, and undocumented immigrants. As a director of Sinai’s CTRC, I coordinate HIV research trials throughout the health system that provides care to over 10,000 PLWH and nearly 5000 at risk individuals. As an investigator, I recognize the value of ensuring vulnerable communities have a seat at the table from deciding priorities to best practices for implementation. HIVMA has provided me the opportunity interact with decision makers on Capitol Hill to advocate for the necessary funding to End the Epidemic. I am passionate about expanding the workforce of providers of all levels of training and diverse backgrounds dedicated to quality, compassionate care. As chair of the HIVMA Clinical Fellowship Committee, I continue to promote the early stage careers of providers not trained in ID who have a passion to treat PLWH. I offer HIVMA a broad perspective on patient care delivery within the constraints of federal and state funding issues given my experience treating diverse populations and novel initiatives to increase the number of patients who have undetectable virus and to prevent new transmissions.

John Fangman, M.D.
Infectious Diseases Specialist Seat (3-year term)

Medical Education: University of Minnesota, 1994 (M.D.); Massachusetts General, Brigham & Women's and Boston Children's Hospitals, 1998 (internal medicine & pediatrics residency); Massachusetts General Hospital and Brigham & Women's Hospital (adult infectious disease fellowship); Medical College of Wisconsin (faculty).

Primary Current Professional Activity: Senior Medical Director of Ambulatory Services for Froedtert and Medical College of Wisconsin; Director for Collaborative Urban Programs Froedtert and Medical College of Wisconsin; Associate Professor of Medicine, Division of Infectious Disease, Medical College of Wisconsin.

Other Relevant Activities/Appointments: Assistant Residency Program Director Harvard Combined Internal Medicine & Pediatrics Residency Program; Medical Director AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin; Interim Chief, Division of Infectious Disease Medical College of Wisconsin; Medical Director Infusion Services Froedtert Hospital; Board Member Wisconsin Branch of Midwest AIDS Education and Training Center; Member Wisconsin State Medicaid PA Advisory Committee; Member Epic Infectious Disease Steering Board; HIVMA Representative to IDSA Clinical Affairs Committee.

Personal Statement (250 words or less): First as a primary care provider in FQHCs and later in both a large Ryan White funded urban HIV clinic and an affiliated academic medical center, I have spent most of the last 20 years focusing on the care of underserved patients living with HIV. As medical director of the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin, I learned the importance of population health and team-based care in addressing the complex medical, behavioral health and social needs patients face. I also saw the implications of health policy decisions such as the passage of the Affordable Care Act and changes to 340b funding on the ability of care teams to deliver comprehensive care to those in need. Now more than ever, I believe that the multidisciplinary model of care that the Ryan White Program is the road map for health care reform and that we must fight to protect it during difficult fiscal times. I am a passionate believer in the utility of data to assure optimal outcomes in infectious disease care and have worked to promote safe data exchange and to improve documentation of care for persons in living with HIV. As an administrative leader, I understand the complexities of advocacy within larger health systems and have worked to promote effective partnerships with safety net clinics. As a member of the HIVMA Board of Directors I will work hard to promote the value of HIV specific care and advocate for better use of available clinical and operational data to drive outcomes.

Mamta K. Jain, M.D., MPH, FIDSA
Infectious Diseases Specialist Seat (3-year term)

Medical Education: Baylor College of Medicine, 1996 (M.D.); Baylor College of Medicine , 1999 (internal medicine residency); University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center, 2002 (Infectious Disease Fellowship); University of Houston School of Public Health -Dallas Branch, 2004 (MPH); University of Texas Southwestern, 2005 (Hepatology Research); University of Texas Southwestern, 2005 to current (faculty Infectious Diseases and Geographic Medicine); Parkland Health and Hospital System HIV Services, 2009-2015, Medical Director

Primary Current Professional Activity: Professor of Infectious Diseases and Geographic Medicine, University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center, University of Texas Southwestern, Infectious Disease, Director of HIV and Infectious Diseases Research

Other Relevant Activities/Appointments: Fellow of Infectious Disease Society of America; HIVMA representative to Standards and Practice Guidelines Committee; IDSA, Member, HIV Primary Care Guidance Panel; Member, Guidelines on Urinary Tract Infections Panel; Member, Guidelines on Infection Prevention in Patients with Suspected or Known COVID-19 Panel; Protocol Co-Chair, Anti-Influenza Hyperimmune Intravenous Immunoglobulin Clinical Outcome Study; Member, Ancillary Sub-committee HERO Study; Member, Site Selection and Performance Committee site representative REPRIEVE; Member, Guidelines Committee for the Treatment and Prevention of Opportunistic Infection in HIV-Infected Adults and Adolescents, hepatitis B workgroup (2014-2017)

Personal Statement (250 words or less): I am interested in serving on the Board of Directors of HIVMA to add a different voice. First, I have treated HIV patients for over 20 years in a city now considered a "hot spot" targeted for ending the HIV epidemic. I am familiar with the problems of fragmented care, inadequate access, and racial inequality leading to too many young men and women of color becoming infected. Second, I have experience serving as an IDSA committee member. My experience with the Primary Care Guidance and GRADE has given me an appreciation of the benefits and pitfalls in guideline development, which will be a unique perspective that I can bring to the Board. Third, I have volunteered my time to advocate for IDSA policies by meeting with Congress members at the Capitol and locally in my district. As leaders in our community, politicians need to hear our opinions and learn from our expertise. Our voice matters. Fourth, I am working on programs to increase testing and treatment for hepatitis C. HIV and hepatitis C are overlapping epidemics, and we should develop complementary strategies to end both of these epidemics. I provide a unique perspective being from the South and from an underserved area, which needs more attention if we are to end the AIDS epidemic. Also, I am a woman of South Asian descent who has experience and passion. I will continue to volunteer my time with IDSA and HIVMA to improve the practice of ID for our members and patients.

Anna K. Person, M.D., FIDSA
Infectious Diseases Specialist Seat (3-year term)

Medical Education: George Washington University School of Medicine, 2005 (M.D.); Duke University Medical Center (internal medicine residency), 2008; Duke University Medical Center (infectious diseases fellowship), 2010; Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Division of Infectious Diseases, 2010-present (faculty).

Primary Current Professional Activity: Associate Professor of Medicine, Division of Infectious Diseases at Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Clinical Director of the Southeast AIDS Education and Training Center, Program Director of Infectious Diseases Fellowship Program at Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Nashville, TN.

Other Relevant Activities/Appointments: Fellow, Infectious Diseases Society of America; Ryan White Medical Providers' Coalition member and current co-chair; past member IDSA's Training Program Directors' Committee; current member Executive Committee of the Medical Education Community of Practice; selected to participate in IDSA's Leadership Institute; served as an abstract reviewer, session moderator, and presenter for IDWeek; past reviewer of HIVMA Medical Student Grant submissions.

Personal Statement: It has been my professional dream to serve on the HIVMA board. I fully and wholeheartedly believe in HIVMA as an organization and its mission. I am a passionate HIV provider and believe in the role of advocacy for providers and patients. I am thankful to HIVMA for the outlets it has provided over the years for my advocacy and for teaching me how to be an effective agent for change. Every year for many years I have gone to the Hill to work with my colleagues in HIVMA and the Ryan White Medical Providers Coalition to bring awareness to issues that affect HIV providers and patients each day. I believe that my passion and energy for the work HIVMA does (as evidenced by my involvement thus far) will continue to add to the major accomplishments HIVMA has made over the past several years, be it through pending legislation or other forms of advocacy and representation. My special interests include care of patients living with HIV who identify as transgender, as well as HIV medical education and HIV outcomes in Latin America. I vow to continue to bring energy and passion to the table as an HIVMA Board member, if given the honor of serving.

Tyler B Evans, M.D., MS, MPH, DTM&H
Internal Medicine Seat (3-year term)

Medical Education: Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health (MPH, SocioMedical Sciences, 2005); Tel Aviv University/Sackler School of Medicine (M.D., 2009); University of Arizona Medical Center-Phoenix 2011 (Internal Medicine Residency training); SUNY at Buffalo, 2014 (MS, Epidemiology); SUNY at Buffalo, 2013 (Internal Medicine/Preventive Medicine Residency training); London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, 2015 (DTM&H).

Primary Current Professional Activity: Chief Medical Officer, NYC Office of Emergency Management (NYCEM), COVID-19 Medical Section; Associate Professor, Leonard Davis School of Gerontology, University of Southern California (USC); Assistant Professor, Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science

Other Relevant Activities/Appointments: Health Improvement Partnership, Leadership Council (former); Global Outreach Doctors, Board of Directors (former); American Academy of HIV Medicine, Public Policy Committee; GeoSentinel, Site Principal Investigator (former); Los Angeles County Division of HIV/AIDS and STI Programs (DHSP), Medical Advisory Committee (former); NYC Refugee and Asylee Health Coalition (NYCRAHC), founder; NY state department of Health AIDS Institute, Quality Advisory Committee; Community Health Center Association of NY State HIV/Hepatitis C/STI Subcommittee (former); Journal of Travel Medicine, Editorial Review Board; Journal of Community Medicine and Health Care, Editorial Review Board; American College of Lifestyle Medicine, Executive Board; Amida Care, Transgender Clinical Oversight Committee (former)

Personal Statement (250 words or less): Guided by humanitarian principles, my life's work has focused on the support and advocacy of the needs for vulnerable populations. I have used this vision in leadership positions across the country, including currently working as the chief medical officer for NYC emergency management focusing on the COVID-19 medical response. I was previously the CMO (and HIV/STI controller) for the county of Santa Cruz Health Services Agency, as well as other CMO posts in Southern California focusing on homelessness, substance abuse and migrant health. Prior to this work, I led infectious disease divisions in organizations across the US – including the AIDS HealthCare Foundation. My work has mostly focused on key populations – notably migrants (refugees, asylees and victims of human trafficking), the LGBTQ, housing insecurity, Native Americans, as well as victims of sexual and gender-based violence.

My lens has been shaped by the sum total of both lived and professional experiences – spanning many parts of the globe (mostly sub-Saharan Africa, South Asia and the Middle East) with Medecins Sans Frontieres, Partners in Health (Ebola response) and others. I am one of the founders of the NYC Refugee and Asylee Health Coalition. This deep commitment to humanitarian principles was largely the product of my own challenges with adversity in my youth, which allowed me to connect with struggle in a substantive way. It is this marriage between these multipolar worlds that continues to guide my vision to aim to fundamentally change the parameters of the HIV/AIDS universe, and why I remain passionate about this position of influence with the HIVMA.

Jeri Sumitani, MMSc, PA-C
Advanced Practice Provider Seat (3-year term)

Medical Education: Emory University School of Medicine, 2008 (Physician Assistant Program, Masters in Medical Science).

Primary Current Professional Activity: Senior Clinical Manager/primary care provider, Grady Health System Infectious Disease Program.

Other Relevant Activities/Appointments: Emory University Physician Assistant Program, volunteer faculty and clinical preceptor; X4 Health/[The 3rd Conversation](#) clinical advisor (12/2019-6/2020).

Personal Statement (250 words or less): After graduating from Emory Physician Assistant Program in 2008, I started my career in HIV at the Infectious Disease Program at Grady Health System in Atlanta, GA where over 6,000 people living with HIV receive care. I took a hiatus from direct patient care in 2012 and moved to South Africa with the International Training and Education Center for Health (I-TECH) to oversee PEPFAR-funded TB/HIV programs. I had the opportunity to work on a diverse portfolio of programs ranging from developing HIV/TB clinical curricula for advanced practice nurses in primary care settings around the country to managing multi-site research teams for a peer navigation study in rural townships. In 2014, I also had the rather unfortunate opportunity to work in an isolation unit in Freetown, Sierra Leone during the West Africa Ebola epidemic. Upon my return to the U.S. in 2016, I returned to Grady IDP to resume my career in domestic HIV as the Senior Clinical Manager.

As an HIVMA board member, I hope to lean into my domestic and global experiences to advocate for an HIV care system that works for both those living with HIV and those providing the care. As a practicing PA and manager of our advanced practice providers, I have an appreciation for the unique needs of the APP workforce. I have been fortunate to work alongside past and current HIVMA board members and would treasure this experience to learn from others with a similar passion for HIV care.