

**2021 HIVMA Elections**

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**Biographical Sketches and Personal  
Statements**

## HIVMA 2021 Elections Ballot

**Vice Chair (4-year term):**

Allison Agwu, MD, ScM, FAAP, FIDSA  
Baltimore, MD

**Infectious Diseases Specialist Seat (3-year term):**

Lydia Aoun Barakat, MD  
New Haven, CT

**Adolescent HIV Specialist Seat (3-year term):**

Vincent Guilamo-Ramos, PhD, MPH, LCSW,  
PMHNP-BC, ANP-BC  
Durham, NC

**Family Medicine/Internal Medicine Seat (3-year term):**

Philip Bolduc, MD  
Worcester, MA

## Vice Chair

**Allison Agwu, MD, ScM, FAAP, FIDSA**

**Education:** University of Maryland, College Park, BS, Biology/Biological Sciences, General, 1995; University of Maryland School of Medicine, 1999; Residency, Internal Medicine/Pediatrics, Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine/Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital, 2003; Fellowship, Combined Internal Medicine/Pediatrics Infectious Diseases, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, 2007; Masters of Science in Clinical Investigation, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, 2010.

**Primary Current Professional Activity:** Director, Pediatric Adolescent Young Adult HIV/AIDS Program, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, 2016-present; Medical Director, Accessing Care Early Clinic at the John G. Bartlett Infectious Disease Practice, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, 2012-present; Professor of Pediatrics, Division of Infectious Diseases, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine (on faculty since 2007); Professor of Internal Medicine, Division of Infectious Diseases, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine (on faculty since 2007).

**Other Relevant Activities/Appointments:** Dr. Agwu's research program focuses on optimizing care and treatment of children, youth and young adults with HIV. She is the principal investigator of the clinical trial site at Johns Hopkins for the International Maternal Pediatric and Adolescent AIDS Clinical Trials' Group (2007-present) and the Adolescent Trials' Network (2008-present). She is the founder and medical director of the Accessing Care Early Clinic at Johns Hopkins, and also directs the Health Resources and Services Administration-funded Pediatric/Adolescent HIV/AIDS Program. Dr. Agwu is the recipient of funding for several NIH-sponsored research studies and initiatives. Additionally, she is the scientific chair of the IMPAACT Complications Committee. She also is a co-director of the Johns Hopkins Center for AIDS Research Adolescent Young Adult Scientific Working Group and a voting member of the Department of Health and Human Services Adolescent and Adult Antiretroviral Treatment Guidelines (2016-present). Prior to this, she was a longstanding voting member U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Pediatric Antiretroviral Treatment Guidelines (2012-2018), serving as a critical liaison and advocate for the adolescent agenda. She has been a member of the HIVMA Board (adolescent seat) since 2018. Dr. Agwu has authored more than 100 articles and book chapters and is frequently sought out as an expert to speak domestically and internationally.

**Personal Statement:** Trained in adult and pediatric ID, my overarching clinical and research goal is to optimize outcomes for individuals with HIV. My clinical interactions with my "kids" of all ages provide me with an in-depth understanding of the multi-level determinants of health, keeping me relevant, while simultaneously influencing my clinical, research and advocacy endeavors. It is through that lens that I approach developing protocols, implementing initiatives, evaluating new research and considering what scientific questions are most relevant to this vulnerable population and thereby identify what innovations are needed to improve their outcomes, informing my advocacy. My dual training provides me with a longitudinal life course perspective in providing care for individuals with HIV. With the new therapies for prevention and treatment, there is the potential for ending the epidemic; however, huge disparities by race/ethnicity, gender and age remain and desperately need continued vigilance. Additionally, the HIV workforce is being threatened from multiple fronts, requiring intentional efforts to bolster it. As a member of the HIVMA Board of Directors, I have learned a tremendous amount about the HIV landscape and have had the opportunity to learn, listen and advocate for individuals with and impacted by HIV, including the workforce that cares for them. I would be honored to bring my perspective, experience and vision to the leadership of HIVMA as it continues to challenge paradigms to expand and refine our approaches toward our collective goal of optimizing care and outcomes for all individuals with and impacted by HIV.

## **Infectious Diseases Specialist Seat**

**Lydia Aoun Barakat, MD**

**Education:** Lebanese University, MD, 1994; Griffin-Yale Hospital, Internal Medicine Residency, 1995-1998; Yale School of Medicine, Infectious Disease Fellowship, 1998-2000; Board Certified in Internal Medicine, since 1998 and Infectious Disease since 2001, ABIM recertified 2008, 2011 and 2020; member and credentialed AAHIVM since 2005; licensed buprenorphine subscriber since 2007; Emergent Medical Leaders Course, Yale School of Management, 2013-2015.

**Primary Current Professional Activity:** Associate Professor of Medicine, Yale School of Medicine, Section of Infectious Disease; Medical Director of the Yale HIV Ambulatory Clinic (Nathan Smith Clinic), 2010-present; Program Director of the Yale HIV Primary Care Track, 2011-present; Project Director, New England AIDS Education and Training Center, Connecticut Site, 2020-present.

**Other Relevant Activities/Appointments:** Locally: Member of the Department of Medicine Clinical Chiefs Committee; ID Section liaison for the Yale School of Medicine Women in Medicine Committee; member of the Department of Medicine DEI Committee; founder and co-chair of the ID Section DEI Curriculum Committee; member of the ID Section Clinical Competency Committee; member of the RW Part A New Haven HIV Care Continuum Committee; member of the New Haven Mayor's Task Force on AIDS; member of the CT State Reportable Diseases Advisory Committee; member of the Connecticut ID Society Executive Board of Directors (President, 2017-2019). Regionally: Member of the AAHIVM New England Steering Committee; member of the New England AETC Committee. Nationally: Member of the NIH/DHHS Guidelines Review Committee; member of the IDSA Education Committee; member of the HIV Pathway Working Group; member of the ID Week Abstracts Review Committee. Internationally: Member of the Task Force for HIV Workforce Development in Liberia.

**Personal Statement:** It has been my privilege over the past two decades to practice what I enjoy the most: caring for people with HIV, teaching and leading or contributing to building several HIV programs. As the medical director of the Yale HIV Clinic, I oversee the care of people with or at risk of HIV. My primary goal is the pursuit of excellence in patient care, medical education and research. I conduct and collaborate on several clinical trials and translational research initiatives that have led to numerous publications and contributed to science.

I also had the opportunity to write, manage and evaluate several Ryan White, HRSA and CDC grants. These grants require a dedication to the mission of serving people with HIV, a long-term vision in accomplishing high standard quality of care and a focus on outcome measures.

In addition, I have established a state-of-the-art HIV training program within the Yale primary care residency program. This program was created in response to the alarming workforce shortage of HIV providers to meaningfully care for the HIV population. The success of this program led to collaborating with the Task Force for HIV Workforce Development in Liberia. Furthermore, I serve on several local and national committees to advance HIV quality care, HIV education and advocacy.

HIVMA is achieving a substantial and meaningful role in this critical time, and it is my honor to serve in any capacity to advance HIV patient care and enhance educational opportunities.

## **Adolescent HIV Specialist Seat**

**Vincent Guilamo-Ramos, PhD, MPH, LCSW, PMHNP-BC, ANP-BC**

**Education:** New York University, MSW, 1995; State University of New York at Albany, PhD, Adolescent Sexual and Reproductive Health Specialization, 2000; New York University, MPH, 2012; Duke University School of Nursing, ANP, 2017; Board Certified as an Adult Primary Care Nurse Practitioner, 2017, in HIV/AIDS Nursing, 2014, and a Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse, 2020; Adolescent AIDS Program at Children's Hospital at Montefiore Medical Center, Post-Graduate Clinical Fellowship, 2017-2018; HIV Specialist (AAHIVS), 2019.

**Primary Current Professional Activity:** Dean, School of Nursing, and Vice Chancellor for Nursing Affairs, Duke University; Professor, School of Nursing, Duke University; Advanced Practice Provider, Duke Health System (effective July 1, 2021).

**Other Relevant Activities/Appointments:** HHS Panel on Antiretroviral Guidelines for Adults and Adolescents, member, 2020-present; Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS, member, 2020-present; Ending HIV as an Epidemic Working Group, Co-Chair, HIV Medical Association, 2020-present; Board of Directors, Vice Chair (appointed 2017), Latino Commission on AIDS, 2014-present; Board of Directors, member, Power to Decide, 2018-present; Sexual and Reproductive Health Committee, member, Society of Adolescent Health and Medicine, 2016-present; Committee on Prevention and Control of Sexually Transmitted Infections in the U.S., member, National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine, 2019-2021.

**Personal Statement:** I am the incoming dean of the Duke University School of Nursing and vice chancellor for Nursing Affairs (effective July 1, 2021) and the director of the Center for Latino Adolescent and Family Health. I am also an adolescent health nurse practitioner specialized in youth-focused HIV primary care and clinical HIV prevention and a clinical researcher focused on developmentally tailored HIV service delivery models for youth. I am certified as an HIV specialist, with additional certification as a psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner.

Furthermore, I serve on several multidisciplinary committees and advisory bodies that shape national HIV policy and clinical practice, including the Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS and the HHS Panel on Antiretroviral Guidelines for Adults and Adolescents. In my role as the dean of the Duke University School of Nursing, I seek to support the development and advancement of the HIV specialty workforce.

In addition, I serve as the vice chair of the board of directors for the Latino Commission on AIDS and have been a leading steering committee member of a national consensus building process among more than 100 Latino organizations designed to inform recommendations to improve the response to HIV among Latinos.

As a researcher, the dean of the Duke School of Nursing and an HIV clinician with expertise on the developmental needs of youth with and at risk of HIV, I seek to add a unique perspective to the board's future work.

## Family Medicine/Internal Medicine Seat

### Philip Bolduc, MD

**Education:** Brown University, BS Electrical Engineering, 1991; University of Massachusetts Medical School, MD, 2000; Lawrence Family Medicine Residency, Lawrence, MA, 2003; University of California, San Diego, Fellowship in HIV Medicine, 2004; Board Certified in Family Medicine, 2003; American Academy of HIV Medicine HIV Specialist, 2004.

**Primary Current Professional Activity:** Associate Professor of Family Medicine and Community Health, University of Massachusetts Medical School; Associate Medical Director for Special Populations, Family Health Center of Worcester (HIV, Hepatitis, LTBI, Chronic Pain, Addiction Treatment, Trans Health); Director, UMass/NEAETC/ FHCW Community-Based HIV and Viral Hepatitis Fellowship; Principal Investigator, New England AIDS Education and Training Center.

**Other Relevant Activities/Appointments:** American Academy of HIV Medicine New England Chapter Steering Committee, 2018-present; Fundamentals of HIV Medicine Textbook Co-Editor, 2021 ed; Co-Chair, Society of Teachers of Family Medicine HIV and Viral Hepatitis Collaborative, 2015-2018; UMass Medical School HIV Population Health Clerkship Director, 2018-present; UMass Infectious Disease Fellowship Lecturer, 2017-present; UMass OB/GYN Residency Lecturer on HIV, HBV and HCV, 2016-present; UMass Family Medicine Residency Core Teaching Faculty, 2016-present; UMass Family Medicine Residency Maternal Child Health Core Lecturer, 2013-2014; UMass Family Medicine Global Health Track Guest Lecturer in HIV Medicine, 2013-present; UMass Medical School HIV and Viral Hepatitis Capstone Advisor, 2018-2020; Tufts University School of Medicine, Family Medicine Clerkship HIV Lecturer, 2009-2011; Lawrence Family Medicine Residency Hepatology in Primary Care Core Lecturer, 2007-2011; Lawrence Family Medicine Residency HIV Medicine Course Director, 2007-2011; Medical Director, HRSA/DHHS Part C Early Intervention Services Grant, Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program, 2005-2011 (Greater Lawrence Family Health Center, Lawrence, MA) and 2011-present (FHCW); Gold Humanism Honor Society (2018) and AOA (2016) inductee.

**Personal Statement:** I left a career in electrical engineering to pursue community health center-based Family Medicine, embracing longitudinal, relationship-based care of diverse and disadvantaged urban populations. HIV medicine drew me in as a resident with its unique combination of medical, social and psychological challenges and rewards, plus a calling to reduce HIV-related stigma both in society and in medicine. With its understanding of family units and the integration of biopsychosocial approaches to care, I believe in the capacity and necessity of Family Medicine to play a key role in delivering HIV care to vulnerable populations. With this animating my career in medicine, I have focused my academic work on innovations in education and health care delivery in primary care-based HIV and hepatitis care. At the University of Massachusetts and the Family Health Center of Worcester, I have fostered collaborations between Infectious Diseases, Family Medicine, nursing, pharmacy and behavioral health that lie at the heart of successful interdisciplinary care, and as principal investigator at NEAETC I have worked to promote these approaches regionally. Serving on the HIVMA Board is an exciting opportunity to collaborate on a national scale with others who are passionate about HIV medicine, pushing to advance HIV research, care, prevention and advocacy to continuously improve the lives of people with or at risk for HIV and end the HIV epidemic.