

**University of Wisconsin Department of Family Medicine**  
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**Amy Bauman, DO** (Northeast)



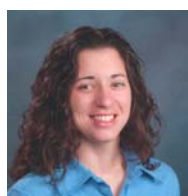
A Madison native, Amy Bauman earned her Bachelor's degree in Spanish from the University of Wisconsin and her medical degree from Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine. While studying abroad in Spain as an undergraduate, she completed a medical internship that provided her the opportunity to learn Spanish medical terminology. After graduation, her proficiency in Spanish, as well as her deep-seated commitment to the underserved, inspired her to work as a social worker and Spanish medical interpreter at Access Community Health Center in Madison. In this dual role, she was able to see first-hand how the social and cultural aspects of patients' lives can impact their physical health. Amy's experiences at Access led her to seek out similar volunteer opportunities in medical school, such as providing medical Spanish instruction to fellow medical students and participating in health fairs for migrant workers. In addition to her interest in the social and cultural contexts of health care, Amy also has a strong interest in integrative medicine and the influence of spirituality on the healing process. In her free time, Amy enjoys gymnastics, yoga, Pilates, traveling, camping, hiking, and spending time with her family and friends.

**James Bigham, MD** (Verona)



James Bigham came from Milwaukee to the University of Wisconsin – Madison to study Zoology and Religious Studies. Along with attending medical school here, he has also spent the last year working on his M.P.H. at the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health. During his first year of medical school, he went on his first of four trips to Kenya to work with women and children affected by HIV/AIDS. In Kenya he learned the importance of creating a true partnership with the patients he saw to help them not only become well-informed, but to also develop a desire to take responsibility for their own health. The experiences he had in Kenya motivated him to volunteer in local high schools as a Junior Health Update speaker, where he taught high school students about topics such as sexuality and drug abuse. Along with teaching the students about these specific topics, he also held a Q&A forum to provide them a safe venue for asking questions about sexual health where they knew they would receive accurate information. In his spare time, James enjoys international travel, scuba diving, wilderness backpacking, and canoeing. Closer to home, his interests include disc golf, gardening, cooking, and reading.

**Nicole Bonk, MD** (Northeast)



Nicole Bonk grew up in Aurora, Illinois and graduated from the University of Notre Dame, where she studied Science Professional Studies. After graduation, she spent one year working as a house assistant at L'Arche Syracuse, a residential community in Syracuse, New York for adults with developmental disabilities. In addition to house management, Nicole's responsibilities included advocacy, development of daily and long-term rehabilitation plans, and healthcare for the residents. Her work at L'Arche Syracuse cultivated her interest in developmental disabilities that continued with her during medical school at Loyola University of Chicago Stritch School of Medicine. In her second year of medical school, she began working with L'Arche Chicago, another of the residential communities located across the United States. By her fourth year at Loyola, she served on the Board of Directors, the fundraising committee, and the community council, which is the advisory board to the executive director. She has also represented the community at regional and national meetings. Outside of

medicine, Nicole's interests include learning conversational Spanish, playing tennis, biking, camping, and skiing.

### **Tim Caramore, MD (Wingra)**



Tim Caramore comes to Madison from Albany, New York, where he grew up and attended medical school at Albany Medical College. Tim focused on both the sciences and liberal arts during his undergraduate years at the University of Richmond in Virginia, where he studied Chemistry and Philosophy. This blending of interests followed him into medical school, where he served as an editor for AMC Student Perspectives and Activism, a student-run newspaper that prints creative and informative works of the medical students at Albany Medical College. Along with these academic pursuits, his desire to help patients discover ways to take charge of their health, especially through exercise, was fostered through his volunteer activities. He was a guest lecturer at a local middle school, presenting information to the students on healthy living and careers in medicine on their annual career day. During his first year at AMC, he also became a member, and eventually an official, of the Running Club and helped organize weekly running workouts for his fellow students, allowing for a structured time for exercise. Along with running, Tim interests include contemporary short fiction, philosophy, poetry, modern and contemporary art, public radio, the outdoors, travel, cycling, yoga, trees, and gardening.

### **Caitlin D'Agata, MD (Northeast)**



Originally from Methuen, Massachusetts, Caitlin D'Agata attended McGill University in Montreal during her undergraduate years, where she earned her Bachelor's in Biology. She then spent time at Northeastern University in Boston studying Spanish and American Sign Language before entering the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine. Even while attending medical school, she still found time to continue her study of American Sign Language at the Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf, where she also volunteered as an elementary school tutor for three Deaf students at the school. Work such as this led Caitlin to her interest in working with people with disabilities, and she pursued the Disabilities Area of Concentration in medical school to learn more about the unique and complicated health and social needs of patients with disabilities. She has taken on the role of student coordinator of this program, which has allowed her to focus on the scholarly activities, such as planning a monthly lecture series, and hands-on activities, such as facilitating volunteer work between medical students and patients with disabilities. In her free time, Caitlin enjoys playing softball, volleyball, and Ultimate Frisbee.

### **Masaru Furukawa, MD (Verona)**



Masaru Furukawa grew up in College Township, Pennsylvania. He earned both a B.S. and M.S. in Electrical and Computer Engineering at Carnegie Mellon University before attending the University of Vermont College of Medicine. Following medical school, he completed a one-year clinical research experience at the University of Vermont General Clinical Research Center. As a principal investigator, he conceived and developed a research protocol for conducting responsible and rigorous research with human volunteers. In addition to his research interests, Masaru is also deeply committed to helping patients achieve better health through increased physical activity and other lifestyle changes. During medical school, he found ways to help young people become active by volunteering as a ski coach for high school students in Vermont. He also became the Youth Racer Program Coordinator for the Green Mountain Multisport Club in Burlington, which provided financial assistance to local youth interested in sports. He has also coached soccer and track at both the high school and college level. Masaru is committed to keeping himself active, as well – he has completed five Ironman triathlons, three Half Ironman triathlons, and 13 marathons so far.

### **Sarah GaleWyrick, MD (Belleville)**



Born in Eau Claire, Sarah GaleWyrick grew up in rural Wisconsin and came to the University of Wisconsin – Madison to study History of Science. She stayed on to complete her medical training at the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health. The influences that helped her choose family medicine came from both home and abroad. Growing up, her father was a family physician in her hometown, and she saw the impact a single doctor can have on a community and its health. Later on in life, during her second year of medical school, she was one of ten students selected nationally to travel to England, Ireland, and Germany as part of the AMSA European Study Tour. While abroad, the group met with doctors, medical students, and patients to learn about the universal health care systems of those countries. She also spent six weeks as an intern in a department of public health in the U.K. and won the Bjorn Lund Scholar medical externship at the University of Oslo. These experiences in Europe have driven her to look at the universal health care systems there as a potential part of the solution to the health care problems in the United States. When Sarah finds herself with some free time, she enjoys leisure reading, traveling, hiking, and baking.

### **Jackie Gerhart, MD (Wingra – PGY2)**



A Wisconsin native, Jackie Gerhart completed undergraduate degrees in Biomedical Engineering and Neuroscience at UW-Madison. After a year-long internship with Ballard Medical Systems in Utah, she returned to the Midwest to pursue her medical degree at the Mayo Medical School in Rochester, MN. Jackie brings to her practice a strong commitment to education and community service. As a medical student, she worked as a teen educator and mentor through the Rochester Teen Council, and she was a regular volunteer at the Salvation Army Smoking Cessation Clinic. Jackie is also an avid runner and triathlete, and her athletic interests have occasionally crossed paths with her passion for service. She helped to organize the Harvest Classic Run for Charity, a road race that engaged over 250 adults, children, and families in exercise while raising money for a regional food bank. She also participated in the Cebo Ride for AIDS Orphans, a 125-mile bike ride to benefit children with AIDS in Thailand. Jackie will complete her first year of residency at the Mayo Clinic Family Medicine Residency Program in Scottsdale, AZ, and will join us in Madison as a PGY2 after the Scottsdale program closes in June.

### **Allison Hotujec, MD (Verona)**



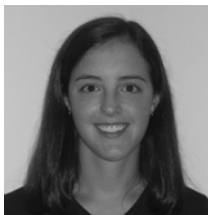
Allison Hotujec is originally from Milwaukee, Wisconsin. She came to Madison to study biology at the University of Wisconsin and stayed to complete her medical training at the UW School of Medicine and Public Health. During her time in Madison, Allison came to realize she enjoyed both learning and teaching. As she finished her time as an undergraduate, Allison completed a project for the Wisconsin Idea Fellowship that taught high school students about the scientific method in a fun, inquiry-based manner. During medical school, she participated in the Doctors Ought to Care program, where she traveled to elementary and high schools in the Madison area to teach students about health and the human body. Her passion for teaching was again ignited during her family medicine rotations, where she enjoyed the opportunity to educate patients about a wide range of topics relevant to their health. As a medical student, Allison also volunteered with the local MEDiC clinics, was active in Medical Students for Choice, and spent a month working with a mobile medical clinic in Guatemala. Allison's other interests in life include exploring new cities and restaurants, traveling, scuba diving, playing the flute, exercising, and spending time with her husband Brian, who is a resident in the OB/Gyn program.

### **Megan Jensen, MD (Northeast)**



Megan Jensen grew up in Madison and completed both her undergraduate and medical degrees at the University of Wisconsin – Madison. While growing up, she found a model of steady support in her family physician, who was present for the happy moments in her family, such as births, as well as the more difficult events. She knew when she decided to become a physician that she wanted to offer the same kind of continuity and comprehensive family health care. Megan also found during medical school that she wanted the opportunity to work with diverse patient populations, and she was an active volunteer with one of the local MEDiC clinics that offers healthcare services for the uninsured and underinsured. Megan’s interest in diverse patient groups also extends to age. She plans to pursue a career in family medicine with a focus on prenatal care, which offers the opportunity to focus on preventative medicine, and geriatrics, which offers the chance to maximize the quality of life for her older patients who often have more complex medical needs. Outside of medicine, Megan enjoys spending time with her husband Brian and German Shepard Nola, being outdoors, canoeing, camping, and hiking.

### **Anne Kolan, MD (Wingra)**



A Madison native, Anne Kolan earned Bachelor’s degrees in Biology and Environmental Studies from the University of Wisconsin – Madison, and she completed her medical degree at the UW School of Medicine and Public Health. One of the interests she developed in medical school was integrative medicine, especially the idea of finding alternative approaches to the treatment of chronic and debilitating conditions. She participated in the Healer’s Art Elective and the Complementary Medicine Elective offered at UWSMPH, and she was co-president of the Integrative Medicine Interest Group, where she helped organize the first Integrative Wellness Fair and helped create a network and database of local alternative medicine practitioners. She also participated in a week-long retreat at the Omega Institute for Holistic Studies through the AMSA’s Leadership Training Program in Complimentary and Alternative Medicine. Another strong interest for Anne is international health, inspired by her travels in South America. She is a devoted distance runner, with four marathons under her belt. She also enjoys spending time with friends and family, and outdoor activities such as gardening, hiking, and camping.

### **Dave Lessens, MD (Wingra)**



Dave Lessens is originally from Shelby, Michigan. He studied Anthropology and Zoology at the University of Michigan as an undergraduate, and he continued at the University of Michigan for his medical training. Between his third and fourth years of medical school, he also completed his M.P.H. at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. While at Hopkins, he pursued a customized program in nutrition and global environmental sustainability, a strong area of interest for him that was initially sparked through his work on a cherry farm during his college years. As a medical student, he was also troubled to encounter obese patients with poor access to wholesome and nutritious foods, and this further inspired his work in this area. While working on his M.P.H, Dave served as a research assistant with the Baltimore Healthy Stores project, a project aimed at enhancing health and preventing obesity by increasing the supply of healthy foods in low-income Baltimore neighborhoods. Along with his passion for nutrition and sustainability issues, Dave also has strong interests in integrative medicine and international health. Outside of medicine, Dave enjoys vegetarian cooking, backpacking, canoeing, running, and Bikram yoga.

### **Kristen Prewitt, DO (Verona)**



Kristen Prewitt was born in Nuremberg, Germany. She completed her B.A. at the University of Virginia and earned her medical degree from Des Moines University Osteopathic Medical Center. She brings to family medicine a passion for teaching and Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine. As an OMM Undergraduate Fellow at Des Moines University, Kristen taught first and second-year students in a lecture and lab setting, and she presented a variety of lectures to different audiences on the history, philosophy, and application of osteopathic medicine. Kristen also has a strong commitment to addressing the needs of underserved populations and participated in events such as the Community Medicine night at DMU to provide free health screening and education. She has traveled to Washington DC to lobby senators and representatives on various health care issues, and service work has been an important component of her medical education. As an undergraduate, Kristen majored in English Language and Literature, and reading and writing remain among her favorite pastimes. During medical school, she was editor of *The Abaton*, the annual literature and arts journal of Des Moines University. She also enjoys running, traveling, meditation, and spending time with friends and family.

### **John Ray, MD (Belleville)**



John Ray grew up in Kilgore, Texas and earned a B.A. in Liberal Arts at Northwestern State University in Louisiana. After his undergraduate years, John went on a self-described “soul-searching quest to return to the roots of his dirt-farming ancestors in east Texas” – a journey that led him to Camp Tyler, a farm owned by the Independent School District of Tyler, Texas. It was here that he was able to combine his love of nature and animals with his passion for working with people with special needs. After six years at Camp Tyler, John entered medical school at the University of Texas Medical Branch, where he continued his work with youth and adults with special needs. He served as a counselor at Rainbow Connection Camp, a residential camp for children with cancer and blood disorders, and he volunteered at ARC of Smith County, a camp for people with developmental disabilities. John also has a strong interest in integrative medicine, and during medical school he co-founded and directed the Pharmaceutical Awareness Group. When he has spare time, John enjoys playing the banjo, teaching music, bird watching, cooking, woodworking, and agricultural work of just about any kind.

### **Shannon Reed, DO (Northeast)**



After earning a B.A. in English from the University of Wisconsin – Madison, Shannon Reed completed her medical degree at Oklahoma State University College of Osteopathic Medicine. Throughout medical school, Shannon participated in multiple outreach and medical assistance programs, providing medical exams and information to underserved populations in Tulsa and the surrounding communities. She was also an active volunteer at H.O.P.E. Testing Clinic in Tulsa, where she provided counseling and testing for those affected by HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases. In addition to her commitment to the underserved, Shannon has a strong interest in teaching. She has tutored and taught medical students in anatomy, histology, and clinical problem solving classes, and she was the Stress Management Program Facilitator for first-year medical students at OSU. Over the past year, Shannon has been honing her skills for residency through an Osteopathic Internship at Saint Vincent Mercy Medical Center in Toledo, Ohio. She enjoys painting and writing poetry, and she and her husband have been introducing their two dogs (Chase and Baby Darwin) to the joys of hiking.

### **Samantha Sharp, MD (Wingra)**



Samantha Sharp is from Reno, Nevada and spent her undergraduate years at the University of Montana, where she studied Journalism. She then spent time substitute teaching and traveling to Africa and Europe before returning to Reno to complete her medical education at the University of Nevada School of Medicine. Samantha has a strong interest in addiction medicine, and she was selected to work as a summer medical scholar at the Betty Ford Center. This formative experience allowed her to see the Betty Ford Center in action and work one-on-one with family members of addicts as they learned to change their co-dependent behaviors and find their inner strength and resiliency. Samantha also has a passion for teaching, and she served as a Teaching in Medicine instructor, where fourth-year medical students introduce first and second year students to physical examination and history taking. She also was president of the Integrative Medicine Interest Group and traveled to India to learn about ayurveda, yoga, naturopathy, homeopathy, and acupuncture. In her spare time, Samantha enjoys playing tennis, biking, reading *The New Yorker*, and traveling. She's also interested in education theory, music, hypnosis, and meditation.

### **Karen Swallen, MD (Baraboo)**



Karen Swallen grew up in St. Paul, Minnesota. After graduating from Yale University with a B.A. in Political Science, she moved to California to conduct smoking cessation research at the Stanford Center for Research in Disease Prevention. She then went on to earn an MPH in Epidemiology/Biostatistics and a Ph.D. in Demography from the University of California at Berkeley before returning to the Midwest to pursue an academic career. For more than six years she taught sociology at UW-Madison, including courses in demography, aging, and medical sociology. Ultimately, however, Karen realized that her primary goal was to make a difference at the individual level for health, so she entered medical school at the UW School of Medicine and Public Health. As a medical student, she was a leader of the Dr. Mom interest group, a student organization that provides support and activities for medical students who are also parents, and also volunteered at MEDiC and in the Madison public schools. Her primary interests are in public health, preventative medicine, and the health of children and mothers. Outside of medicine, her primary interests revolve around her three children and outdoor family activities such as running, camping and biking. When she does get some time to herself, she enjoys reading and puzzles (Sudoku and Kakuro are current favorites).