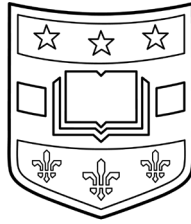


*Joint Master's Programs  
Commencement &  
Recognition Ceremony*

May 10, 2024

WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE IN ST. LOUIS



# WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE JOINT COMMENCEMENT

Saint Louis, Missouri • May 10, 2023

"Pomp and Circumstance" processional .....	Class of 2024 with faculty & staff
Welcome and introduction of Dr. Eva Aagaard .....	Philip Payne, PhD Janet and Bernard Becker Professor Associate Dean for Health Information and Data Science Director, Institute for Informatics, Data Science and Biostatistics (I <sup>2</sup> DB)
Opening remarks .....	Eva Aagaard, MD Senior Associate Dean Vice Chancellor for Medical Education
Introduction Dr. Matifadza Hlatshwayo Davis .....	Philip Payne, PhD
Keynote speaker .....	Matifadza Hlatshwayo Davis, MD, MPH Director, Health for the City of St. Louis
Introduction student remarks .....	Philip Payne, PhD
Student remarks .....	Jordan Michener Applied Health Behavior Research
Conferral of degrees .....	Eva Aagaard, MD
AHBR program opening remarks, conferral of degrees .....	Amy McQueen, PhD Professor of Medicine Director, Graduate Programs Applied Health Behavior Research
MSBMI/MSBDS program opening remarks .....	Philip Payne, PhD
MSBMI program conferral of degrees .....	Po-Yin Yen, PhD Associate Professor of Medicine Co-Director, Biomedical Informatics Education Programs
MSBDS program conferral of degrees .....	Lei Liu, PhD Professor of Biostatistics Associate Director, Biostatistics Education Programs

MSCI program opening remarks  
and conferral of degrees ..... David Warren, MD, MPH  
Professor of Medicine  
Director, Master of Science in Clinical Investigation

TL1 program opening remarks, conferral of degrees . . . . Jay Piccirillo, MD, FACS, CPI  
Professor of Otolaryngology  
Director, TL1 Predoctoral and Postdoctoral Program

MSGC program opening remarks, conferral of degrees. . Rachael Bradshaw, MS, CGC  
Program Director

MPHS program opening remarks ..... Bettina Drake, PhD, MPH  
Professor of Surgery, Public Health Sciences  
Course Director, MPHS

MPHS program conferral of degrees .....Graham Colditz, MD, DrPH  
Deputy Director, Public Health  
Director, Master of Population Health Sciences

MSMP program opening remarks, conferral of degrees . . . . .Michael Altman, PhD  
Associate Professor, Radiation Oncology  
Director of Education

Presentation of course instructors, mentor & student awards. . . . Philip Payne, PhD

Closing remarks ..... Eva Aagaard, MD

“Pomp and Circumstance” recessional ..... Class of 2024 with faculty and staff

## *Keynote speaker*

# Matifadza Hlatshwayo Davis, MD, MPH

Dr. Matifadza (Mati) Hlatshwayo Davis, MD, MPH, FIDSA, was appointed Director of Health for the City of St. Louis in 2021. She is an internationally recognized infectious diseases physician and an expert on public health and health equity.

Dr. Hlatshwayo Davis earned her medical degree from the Cleveland Clinic Lerner College of Medicine and a Master's in Public Health from Case Western Reserve University. She then completed her internal medicine residency at University Hospitals Case Medical Center. Dr. Hlatshwayo Davis went on to complete her Infectious Diseases fellowship, sub-specializing in HIV and STIs, at the Washington University School of Medicine, also completing a one-year dedicated non-ACGME HIV fellowship and a two-year dedicated Sexually Transmitted Infection fellowship. In September 2023, she was elected as a Fellow of the Infectious Disease Society of America (IDSA), an honor that recognizes individuals who have achieved professional excellence and provided significant service to the profession of infectious diseases.



Prior to her appointment as Director of Health, Dr. Hlatshwayo Davis previously served as a Clinical Instructor, Associate Program Director of the Division of Infectious Diseases fellowship program, and in the Office of Inclusion and Diversity leadership at the Washington University of St. Louis School of Medicine. She was also an infectious diseases physician at the John Cochran VA Medical Center, where she was the Lead HIV Clinician, Graduate Medical Education Coordinator, and Outpatient Parenteral Antibiotic Therapy supervisor.

Recent highlights of her leadership as Director of Health include:

- Leading a nationally recognized COVID-19 response, which was lauded by President Biden in 2022
- Establishing the Health Department's first Behavioral Health Bureau
- Implementing critical infrastructure and rebuilding the Fiscal Bureau with an innovative, first-ever partnership using an accounting firm; and
- From 2021 through 2023, hiring more than 121 new staff members (a City record for a department of this size)

Dr. Hlatshwayo Davis' recent accolades include receiving the Infectious Disease Society of America (IDSA) Society Citation Award, a recognition of exemplary contributions in the field of infectious diseases. She also serves on the IDSA Board of Directors, is an Associate Editor for Disparities and Competent Care for IDSA, and is the Executive Producer and Co-host for IDSA's "Let's Talk" podcast. She has been invited to speak at more than 90 lectures, conferences, and organizations across the nation and has received more than 20 awards in recent years.

*Presentation of degrees*

# Master of Science in Applied Health Behavior Research

Health Behavior Research is a multidisciplinary field that applies psychology, public health, behavioral medicine, communication science, and statistics to promote health and prevent disease.

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## **Fall 2023 Graduates**

David Timm

Rachel Middleton

## **Spring 2024 Graduates**

Jordan Michener

Maya Skolnik

Melanie DuBois

## **Summer 2024 Graduate**

Hexin Luo

## **Fall 2023 Graduate Certificate in Applied Health Behavior Research**

Sara Kukuljan

# Master of Science in Biomedical Informatics

The interdisciplinary Master of Science and certificate programs in Biomedical Informatics provide students with a competency-based training in core biomedical informatics theories and methods to address the fundamental shift health and life sciences are experiencing toward transdisciplinary, integrative, and data-intensive approaches to research.

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## Spring 2024 Graduates

Sean Brown

Zirui Chen

Chad Storer

Tina Tang

## Summer 2024 Graduates

Derek Harford

Mei Xia

## Spring 2024 Graduate Certificate in Biomedical Informatics

Alex Plattner

# Master of Science in Biostatistics and Data Science

The Master of Science and certificate programs in Biostatistics and Data Science offer core data science learning in statistical and computational methodologies along with practical training in data analysis of cutting-edge biomedical and genomics research.

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**Spring 2024 Graduate**

Yifei Xu

# Master of Science in Clinical Investigation

The Master of Science and certificate programs in Clinical Investigation provides scholars with the core competencies in clinical research and investigation, including study design, research implementation, statistical analysis, scientific communication, literature critique, leadership, Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR) and rigor and reproducibility, as well as opportunities for community engagement relevant to MDs, PhDs, and doctoral students from diverse disciplines. Many graduates also participate in the Mentored Training Program in Clinical Investigation (MTPCI) which includes additional mentorship and specific training program for individuals who are interested in pursuing careers in Clinical and Translational Science.

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## Spring 2024 Certificate in Clinical Investigation

Omar Alomar

Ali Osman

## Spring 2024 Certificate in MTPCI

Ginny Schulz

## Fall 2023 Graduate

Jordan Varghese\*

## Spring 2024 Graduates

Haiyan Liu\*

Parth Shah

William Strober\*

Samuel Windham\*

Dean Adkins\*\*

Amanda Faust\*\*

Keshav Jayaraman\*\*

Audrey Keleman\*\*

Bryce Montane\*\*

Adeesh Parvathaneni\*\*

## Summer 2024 Graduates

Lakshmi Gokanapudy-Hahn\*

Stephanie Diggs\*\*

Victoria de Leon\*\*

\*Also participating in MTPCI program

\*\*Also participating in TLI program



# TL1 Predoctoral Clinical Research Program

The TL1 Predoctoral and Postdoctoral Clinical Research Program at Washington University provides career development for medical and allied healthcare students through didactic coursework, mentored training, work-in-progress research discussions, journal clubs, and conferences.

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## Spring 2024 Graduates

Dean Adkins\*

Amanda Faust\*

Keshav Jayaraman\*

Audrey Keleman\*

Bryce Montane\*

Adeesh Parvathaneni\*

James Rudloff

Vera Thornton

## Summer 2024 Graduate

Stephanie Diggs\*

Victoria de Leon\*

\*also earning MSCI degree

# Master of Science in Genetic Counseling

The Program in Genetic Counseling is an innovative, 21-month Master of Science program that will prepare graduates to become certified genetic counselors. The program is composed of medical genetic- and counseling-focused curriculum, clinical rotations, and a research project.

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## Spring 2024 Graduates

Paige Ekert

Zoe Katz

Lydia Pack

Alexandra Widman

# Master of Population Health Sciences

The Master of Population Health Sciences program provides students with a strong foundation and hands-on experience in designing and conducting research in clinical outcomes and population health and moving clinical research findings to applications that will improve patient care and treatment.

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## Spring 2024 Graduates

Rachel Butler

Ahmed Eltahir

Ariana Naaseh

Oluseye Oduyale

Franklin Olumba

Vikram Pothuri

Sabrina Prime

Drishti Sinha

Steven Tohmasi

Samantha Zambuto

Catherine Zivanov

# Master of Science in Medical Physics

This CAMPEP-accredited program provides for students to learn fundamental concepts and techniques in the field of medical physics. Students are exposed to a wide array of diagnostic medical imaging, radiation therapy, nuclear medicine, and radiation safety approaches and techniques.

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## **Fall 2023 Post PhD Certificate in Medical Physics**

Nadia Benabdallah

Wesley Tucker

## **Spring 2024 Graduates**

Hannah Sechaga

Andrew Wood

Haydon Windsor

## **Spring 2024 Post PhD Certificate in Medical Physics**

Jonathan Haefner

# AHBR Awards

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*Mentor of the Year*

Mark Fiala, PhD, MSW

*Course Instructor of the Year*

Melissa Chapnick, MPH

*Outstanding Citizenship Award*

Angie Trammel

# Biostatistics & Biomedical Informatics Awards

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*Mentors of the Year*

Adam Wilcox, PhD, FACMI

David H. Gutmann MD, PhD

*Course Instructor of the Year*

Zach Abrams, PhD

*Outstanding Citizenship Award*

Jingyi Zhang

# MSCI Awards

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*Mentor of the Year*

Christopher Dy, MD, MPH

*Course Director of the Year*

Dorina Kallogjeri, MD, MPH

*Outstanding Citizenship Award*

Hannah Szlyk, PhD

# Medical Physics Awards

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*Educator of the Year*

Michael Altman, PhD





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