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Moderators (alphabetically by last name)



Erika Arias – Medical Student, Northwestern Feinberg School of Medicine; Education and Research Committee, MOLA

Erika Arias is a second year medical student at Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine in the MSTP (Medical Scientist Training Program). She grew up in the Chicago suburbs and later went to MIT for college, where she majored in Biology and minored in Spanish and Japanese. Currently, she is on the board of Northwestern's LMSA (Latino Medical Student Association) and serves as one of Northwestern's representatives for MOLA. As a part of the LMSA board, she and the other board members are working towards increasing linguistic competency at Northwestern by providing opportunities for students to practice Spanish. One such opportunity is Médicos Hablando Español, created this year, which brings students and faculty together to speak Spanish.



Senta Berggruen, MD – Northwestern Feinberg School of Medicine

Dr. Berggruen is a practicing Diagnostic Radiologist in Chicago. Dr. Berggruen graduated from Loyola University Chicago Stritch School of Medicine in 1998 and has been in practice for 21 years. She currently practices at Northwestern Radiology and is affiliated with Northwestern Memorial Hospital.





Miguel Carabaño, MD – International Medical Graduate Committee Co-Chair, MOLA; Division of Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery, Northwestern Feinberg School of Medicine

Dr. Miguel Carabaño graduated from Universidad de Carabobo in Valencia, Venezuela in 2015. He is an International Medical Graduate (IMG) working at Northwestern University Division of Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery as a research assistant and study director. He is currently focused on research using new rhinoplasty techniques using cadaveric allotransplant and clinical outcomes on Pressure Ulcers flap closures. He has been a MOLA member since March 2019, and acts as the Co-Founder and Chair of the IMG Committee.



Isabel Castrejón, MD, PhD – Assistant Professor, Clinical Researcher, Division of Rheumatology, Rush University Medical Center at Chicago; Education and Research Committee, MOLA

Dr. Isabel Castrejón is an Assistant Professor and Clinical Researcher in the Division of Rheumatology at Rush University Medical Center at Chicago. Her research interests include validation of patient-reported outcomes (PROs) or measures of the status of a patient's health condition from the patient's perspective. These data are increasingly used to guide patient-centered care, clinical decision-making and improve quality of care. She is also interested on health disparity with a special focus on Latino populations. She is currently working on a referral program to prevent treatment delay in inflammatory arthritis. She is part of a taskforce for the development of a EULAR (European League against Rheumatism) outcomes measure library available online http://oml.eular.org/ and co-authored more than 60 papers on a variety of topics, with an emphasis on PROs and rheumatoid arthritis. Dr. Castrejón received her MD from University of Alcalá de Henares in Spain and completed her Rheumatology fellowship training at La Princesa University Hospital, Madrid. She earned a PhD in Medicine and Health Sciences at the University Autónoma of Madrid.



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Pilar Guerrero, MD – Board of Directors, MOLA; Board of Directors, NHMA; John H. Stroger Jr. Hospital of Cook County About the Moderator: See full bio under "Speakers"



Jonathan Moreira, MD – Scholarship Subcommittee Chair, MOLA; Northwestern Feinberg School of Medicine

Dr. Jonathan Moreira is an Assistant Professor of Medicine in the Department of Medicine, Division of Hematology/Oncology at Northwestern University's Feinberg School of Medicine. After receiving dual bachelor degrees at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, he returned to his native Chicago, where he received a medical degree from Loyola University Chicago's Stritch School of Medicine. He then went on to complete a residency in Internal Medicine at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota. He returned to Chicago to complete a fellowship in Hematology/Oncology at Northwestern University's Feinberg School of Medicine. He is triple board certified in Internal Medicine, Hematology and Medical Oncology. Dr. Moreira's clinical practice is focused on hematopoietic stem cell transplantation for hematologic and solid malignancies. His academic interests include protocol development for novel therapeutic agents as well as cancer disparities amongst underserved communities, both locally and globally. In addition to Dr. Moreira's academic appointment, he is also Northwestern University's Research and Education Core Co-lead for the Chicago Cancer Health Equity Collaborative (ChicagoCHEC), a National Cancer Institute comprehensive cancer partnership led by the Robert H. Lurie Comprehensive Cancer Center of Northwestern University, Northeastern Illinois University, and the University of Illinois at Chicago. Dr. Moreira also possesses a

passion for mentoring the next generation of physicians, and is actively mentoring students across the educational spectrum, from high school to fellowship training. He serves as the Faculty Advisor for Northwestern University's Feinberg School of Medicine's chapter of the Latino Medical Student Association (LMSA). In addition to serving on MOLA's Board of Directors, he also serves on the board of the I Am Abel Foundation, a nonprofit organization that seeks to bridge socioeconomic gaps and promote achievement amongst underrepresented minority high school and college students. When not spending time with his 3 beautiful young daughters and wife, Dr. Moreira enjoys reading, biking, travelling, practicing guitar, and trying new cuisines.





Matías Pollevick – Medical Student, Northwestern Feinberg School of Medicine; Education and Research Committee, MOLA

Matias is originally from Buenos Aires, Argentina but grew up in New York. He attended New York University (NYU) where he studied Finance, Management, and Chemistry as an undergraduate. At NYU, he was captain of the club lacrosse team and led his intramural soccer team to two finals, winning one of them. In addition, he was elected as the Resident Advisor (RA) Council representative for the dorm where he was a senior RA and he represented its nearly 700 students and 20 staff members. Before matriculating at Feinberg, he worked for two years as a Clinical Research Coordinator at Mount Sinai on a project that looked at Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and asthma among World Trade Center first responders. He is passionate about community engagement and the role that the physician plays both in caring for patients as well as maintain the health of the broader communities they serve. Matias is currently involved in research at Feinberg that is focused on investigating the etiology of a rare type of cerebral aneurysm within a large patient database. Lastly, he is the co-president of the Northwestern chapter of the Latino Medical Student Association (LMSA) as well as the chair of Keep Your Heart Healthy. In his free time, he enjoys playing soccer, making coffee and visiting coffee shops, reading, and trying

all of the amazing food that Chicago has to offer!



Luis Rivera, MD – Mentorship Chair, MOLA; John H. Stroger Jr. Hospital of Cook County

Dr. Luis Rivera is Board Certified in Family Medicine. He is an Assistant Professor of Family Medicine at the John H. Stroger Jr. Hospital of Cook County. He earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in Latin American and Latina/o studies with a minor in Biological Sciences and his Doctor of Medicine Degree from the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC). He completed his residency at the Northwestern Family Medicine Residency at Humboldt Park. Dr. Rivera practices full spectrum Family Medicine and is passionate about improving health outcomes for vulnerable communities through improving access to high quality primary care. His passion comes from direct experience growing up on Chicago's Southeast Side and witnessing the barriers faced by family and friends in finding culturally competent bilingual physicians. Dr. Rivera research interests are in health disparities. He has been involved in research examining professional interpreter use and the experiences of patients in primary care clinics based on race, ethnicity and language preference. He is also passionate about training the next generation of physicians and is actively involved in mentoring students throughout the pipeline from high school to residency.







Juan Schmukler, MD – Mt. Sinai Hospital, Holy Cross Hospital in Chicago

Dr. Schmukler is a board certified rheumatologist practicing in Chicago, Illinois. He has a strong clinical interest in working with underserved urban communities. Dr. Schmukler completed his internal medicine residency at John H Stroger Hospital of Cook County and his rheumatology fellowship at Rush University. He currently works at Mt Sinai Hospital in Chicago.



Óscar Iván Zambrano, MPH, MBA – Secretary, MOLA; Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center

Óscar Iván Zambrano, MPH, MBA, directs Physician Engagement processes as well as the Diversity and Inclusion agenda for Advocate Aurora Health at Illinois Masonic Medical Center in Chicago. He works with underserved communities experiencing health disparities. His work has contributed to Advocate Aurora's recognition as a leader in LGBTQ health care equality by the Human Rights Campaign Foundation's Healthcare Equality Index. Mr. Zambrano is also member of Howard Brown Health's board, where he co-chairs the Strategic Planning Committee. He is also co-founder of the Medical Organization for Latino Advancement, a member of its Executive Committee, and Director of Communication and Membership Development. Óscar Iván is passionate about helping advance the health and careers of the Hispanic/Latino community through educational initiatives. Mr. Zambrano has been recently nominated to Chicago Latino Network's 2018 award, and recognized as notable LGTBQ executive by Chicago Crain's Business Magazine in 2018.