

Happy
Birthday!

Interim Director: Dr. Patricia Kane
Assistant Director: Dr. Auyon Ghosh
Coordinator: Andrea Cifonelli

UPSTATE
MEDICAL UNIVERSITY
MD/PhD Program



Rafi
April 2

MD/PHD
NEWSLETTER
APRIL 2026



Shervin
April 13



Shreya
April 16



Dr. Kane
April 30



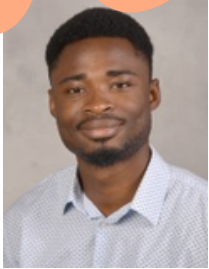
Celine
April 21

*Thank-you for being our
interim director, Dr. Kane!
Your leadership and support
means a lot to us all!*



CONGRATS!

Welcome to COGS!



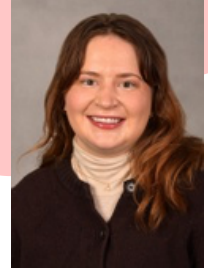
BMB/Berstein Lab



Neuro/Bechler Lab

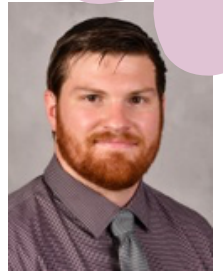


BMB/Herberg Lab



BMB/Brognard Lab

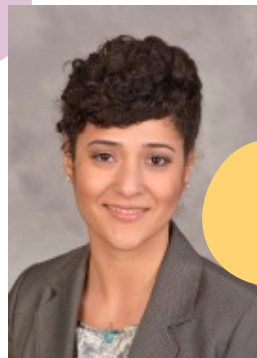
Successful (amazing) Defenses



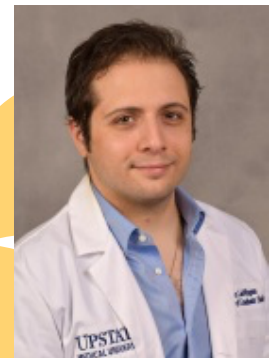
Matched and Graduating!



Pediatrics, PSTP
NYP Hosp-Weill Cornell
Med Ctr-NY



Transitional
St Joseph's Health-NY



Pediatrics, Research Track
Nationwide Children's
Hosp-Ohio

MD/PhD Visit Days

April 9-11



Grace
SURF Alum
Siena College



Ethan
Emory University



Claire
SUNY Stony Brook

Thursday, April 9 – PhD program

Time	Activity	Location
4:00pm – 4:15pm	Event Check-in	Weiskotten Hall Lobby 766 Irving Avenue
4:30pm – 6:00pm	MD/PhD Ground Rounds <i>Dinner provided</i>	Setnor 3509/10 766 Irving Avenue
6:30pm – 8:30pm	Students' Social	Haraz Coffee House 125 Marshall St, Syracuse, NY 13210

Friday, April 10 – PhD program

Time	Activity	Location
9:30am – 10:00am	Check-in With Andrea <i>Grab and go breakfast with coffee</i>	Weiskotten 3120 766 Irving Avenue
10:00am – 12:00pm	Lab Visits Round #1	Various locations
12:00pm – 1:30pm	Lunch With Andrea and Dr. Patty Kane	Weiskotten 3111 766 Irving Avenue
1:30pm – 2:00pm	Research Facilities Tour Guided by current MD/PhD students	Various Locations
2:30pm – 4:30pm	Lab Visits Round #2	Various Locations

April 11th - NCOM Accepted Student Day

Student Representative

See message below:



The MD/PhD program is currently in the process of recruitment for a new program director. After some discussion among classmates, we thought that it would be great to have the student voice represented in this search process.

In order to facilitate this, I am planning on sending a note to COGS/COM leadership, including a list of students that we would like to be considered for the role (as nominated by YOU!)

By Thursday (4/2), feel free to send me (Rafi):

1. Nominations for a student representative for the director search.
2. Any comments on this matter that you think should be included in the correspondence with COM/COGS leadership.

After receiving nominations but before submitting for consideration, I will check with all nominated individual that they would accept the role if selected.

Importantly, a HUGE thank you to Dr. Kane, Dr. Ghosh, and Andrea for keeping us all on track. Although this interim period was unplanned, thanks to their guidance we haven't missed a beat.

Best,
Rafi

Town Hall + Grand Rounds

April 23rd

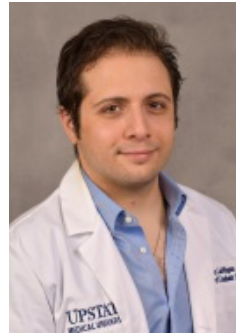


Awards

John Bernard Henry, MD, Endowed
Scholarship for Biomedical Education and
Research in the Health Professions



(for COM)



(for COGS)

Publications



Telodendrimer nanotrap for selective cytokine
removal from sepsis patient plasma



Moderate Hypoxemia and Cognitive Impairment in
Individuals with Cigarette Smoke Exposure

Come out and see the Spinal Chords

w/ Olivia and Anthony!

April 15th

**WHITE COAT
ROCK: TAKE 2**
(AND CALL ME IN THE MORNING)
15 APR 2026 @FUNK 'N WAFFLES
DOORS OPEN AT 6 PM – SHOW STARTS AT 7 PM

FEATURING 2
SETS BY
**SPINAL
CHORDS**

WITH
SPECIAL
GUESTS: **SOUTHBOUND
TRAIN**

GET TICKETS &
MORE INFO
<https://tinyurl.com/WhiteCoatRock26>

TICKETS:
\$15/ADVANCE
\$20/DOOR

The poster features a central photograph of the Spinal Chords band members, some holding guitars. The background is light grey with various hand-drawn style elements like stars and a yellow flower graphic in the top right corner. A pink flower graphic is on the left side.

When: April 15th, doors open at 6, opener starts at 7,
Spinal Chords start at ~7:30

Where: Funk 'N Waffles

Tickets: \$15/advance, \$20/door

Ticket Link: Add a little bit of body text