

NYACP Medical Student Committee Mentorship Series: “Crushing Your Clerkship”



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Dr. Moro Salifu is a tenured Professor of Medicine and Chairman of the Department of Medicine at SUNY Downstate Health Sciences University and holds the Edwin C. and Anne K. Weiskopf Endowed Chair in Kidney Diseases and Hypertension. He is a Master (2018) and Laureate (2022) of the American College of Physicians. He completed medical school in Turkey, followed by internal medicine residency and nephrology/transplant nephrology fellowships at Downstate, and interventional nephrology training at Emory University. He holds an MPH from SUNY Downstate and an MBA from George Washington University, and is board certified in Internal Medicine, Nephrology, Transplant Nephrology, and Interventional Nephrology.

Dr. Salifu maintains clinical practice treating all types of kidney disease, including a vascular access center for dialysis patients. His research on vascular biology contributed to the discovery of the human F11 receptor (F11R) and related therapies aimed at slowing atherosclerosis, resulting in numerous publications and patents. He has received multi-million-dollar NIH grants for health disparities research that helped establish the Brooklyn Health Equity Institute and has earned honors including Best Doctor (US News & World Report) and Castle Connolly Top Doctor. He is past president of the New York Society of Nephrology (2013-14) and currently serves on the Board of Governors of the American College of Physicians.

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Elka Jacobson-Dickman, MD

Associate Dean for Clinical Medicine

Pediatrics

Research Interests: Genetics of Puberty; Student-Faculty collaborations in Medical Education, Resident as Teacher Training and Curricular Design

Committee Chair: Co-Chair, Education Leadership Team (2021-Present); Co-Chair, Learning Environment Committee (2021-Present); Core Clinical and Advanced Clinical Medicine Committee (2019-Present); Opioid Epidemic and Pain Thread Curriculum Committee (2018-Present); Committee for Faculty Development at Maimonides Medical Center (2016-2018); Pediatric Endocrine Society Drug and Therapeutics Committee (2014-2016)

Dr. Elka Jacobson-Dickman is the Associate Dean for Clinical Medicine at SUNY Downstate Health Sciences University, overseeing the Core and Advanced Clinical Medicine years of the Integrated Pathways Curriculum. She earned her B.S. from McGill University and her M.D. from Albert Einstein College of Medicine, followed by a Pediatrics residency at Einstein/Montefiore and a Pediatric Endocrinology fellowship at Harvard Medical School/Massachusetts General Hospital. She later became Pediatric Endocrinology Fellowship Program Director at SUNY Downstate and Maimonides Medical Centers, and also served as Maimonides' hospital-wide Director of Faculty Development. Dr. Jacobson-Dickman specializes in Puberty and Reproductive Endocrinology, co-directs the College of Medicine's first-year Reproductive Endocrinology course, and is committed to compassionate, family-centered care and reflective medical education.

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Tovah Tripp, MD

Received her bachelor's in science degree in biology at Haverford College in 2008. She went on to receive her medical degree with distinction in service to the community from UMDNJ-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School in 2013. After completing her residency in General Internal Medicine at Rhode Island Hospital / Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University in 2016, Dr Tripp continued on as core faculty in the residency program as a primary care doctor and medical educator. She moved back to NJ in 2020, where she served as the Problem Based Learning Course director at the Hackensack Meridian School of Medicine until 2024, when she took on the role as Internal Medicine Clerkship director. Dr Tripp is also a passionate primary care physician and advocate for primary care education. She is a fellow of the American College of Physicians, a member of the Clerkship Directors in Internal Medicine (CDIM), and the Society for General Internal Medicine (SGIM).