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Greetings from the UH Department of Medicine!



HO'OMAIKA'I, CLASS OF 2025!

See more photos of the [MD Convocation](#), provided by JABSOM Media Team

Congratulations to the Class of 2025! We are incredibly proud of your dedication, resilience, and hard work. As you begin the next chapter of your medical journey, we wish you success, compassion, and endless aloha. We can't wait to see the impact you'll make in the world of medicine.



See more photos of the [UHIMRP banquet](#) here

UHIMRP GRADUATION BANQUET

The University of Hawai'i Internal Medicine Residency Program (UHIMRP) End of Year Banquet was held on June 6th, 2025 at the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii. The event included a heartfelt address by Program Director Dr. Reid Ikeda, a moving tribute to Dr. Kalauawa's 44+ years of service, and an awards ceremony honoring our outstanding residents and faculty.

FACULTY AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING

QMC:
Catherine Ho, MD
Masayuki Nogi, MD

MICU:
Brent Matsuda, MD
James Yang, MD
Jordan Lee, MD

KMC:
Royce Shimamoto, MD

VA:
Kelsey Shikuma-Lee, MD

Straub:
Hiro Sung, MD

QEC:
Bryan Brown, MD

Continuity Clinic:
Amanda Haley, MD
Nani Morgan, MD

Non-Site Specific:
Brent Tatsuno, MD
Ehab Daoud, MD
Reid Ikeda, MD
Travis Watai, MD



Drs. Scott Kuwada, Elliot Kalauawa, and Erlaine Bello.



CELEBRATING IM EXCELLENCE

As the 2025 academic year comes to a close, we proudly recognize the outstanding work of our faculty and students.

On May 13, 2025 JABSOM held its annual Award Ceremony. Drs. Erlaine Bello and Dee-Ann Carpenter received the Liz Tam Memorial Award, presented to faculty members who emulate the passion, grace, leadership and the dedication of Dr. Tam. Congratulations also go to our student award winners (see their names below).

Additionally, Dr. Reid Ikeda was honored with the Provider of the Year award at the 2025 QMC Po'okela Awards, alongside fellow faculty members celebrated for their dedicated contributions.

We commend all recipients for their exceptional dedication and achievements that continue to inspire our community.



Elizabeth "Liz" Keali'ikua'aina Tam, M.D. Memorial Awardees
Drs. Dee-Ann Carpenter and Erlaine Bello



JABSOM AWARDS

ACP Bernard Yim Award:
Eyrica Sumida, MD

ACP Student Award for Excellence in Internal Medicine:
Jonathan Hu, MD

The Terry C.Y. Wong Memorial Award:
Kelly Watanabe, MD

Maurice Brodsky Memorial Award:
Madeleine Chai, MD

Dr. Ken and Gemie Arakawa Award for Ambulatory Internal Medicine:
Kylie Popovich, MD



Ken and Gemie Arakawa Award
Gemie Arakawa, Dr. Kylie Popovich (awardee), and Dr. Ken Arakawa



MAHALO, DR. ANTHONY MAGLIULO

Dr. Magliulo was recently awarded at the 2025 JABSOM Preceptor appreciation brunch in recognition of his exceptional medical student teaching as a longitudinal clinic preceptor. Students value Dr. Magliulo's exemplary teaching as reflected by their comments:

"Dr. Magliulo is a great preceptor! He is extremely knowledgeable and has a practice full of patients who love and trust him. He always had interesting articles for me to read and provided a wonderful learning environment."

"It was a true pleasure working with Dr. Magliulo and his staff. They fostered a supportive environment and demonstrated true compassion with each patient. You could see how great of a physician Dr. Magliulo is based on how his patient's reacted to him retiring. I hope to form those relationships with my future patients over the years. Good luck with retirement, Dr. Magliulo! Thank you for teaching me how to give a concise oral presentation, give shots to patients, and broaden my education!"

Please join us in honoring Dr. Magliulo's long standing dedication to shaping and inspiring the future generations of physicians and in wishing him a wonderful retirement!

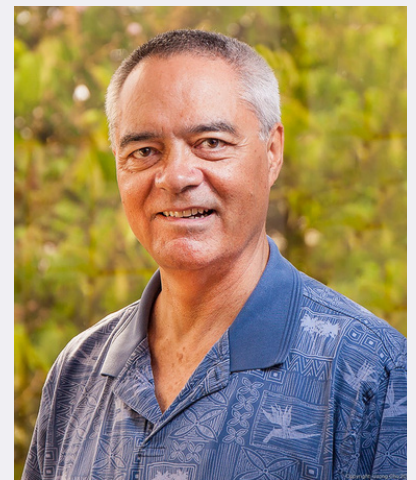
MAHALO, DR. ELLIOT KALAUAWA

After more than 44 years of service, Dr. Elliot Kalauawa is stepping back from his longtime teaching role in the Department of Medicine. A graduate of JABSOM and certified HIV Specialist, he has spent decades caring for patients, mentoring learners, and advocating for culturally grounded, community-based care.

Since 1986, he has served as Medical Director at Waikīkī Health, overseeing programs and services while providing care, supervising staff, and opening the doors to students and residents as a teaching site. He is also a certified HIV Specialist with the American Academy of HIV Medicine, and has dedicated much of his practice to supporting patients living with HIV.

To hear more in his own words, see his 2016 PBS Hawai'i interview where he reflects on growing up in Kalihi, his identity as a Native Hawaiian physician, and the deep responsibility he feels in serving our community.

We extend our deepest gratitude and aloha to Dr. Kalauawa for a lifetime of service, mentorship, and healing.



To hear more, [click here to see Dr. Kalauawa's PBS interview](#)

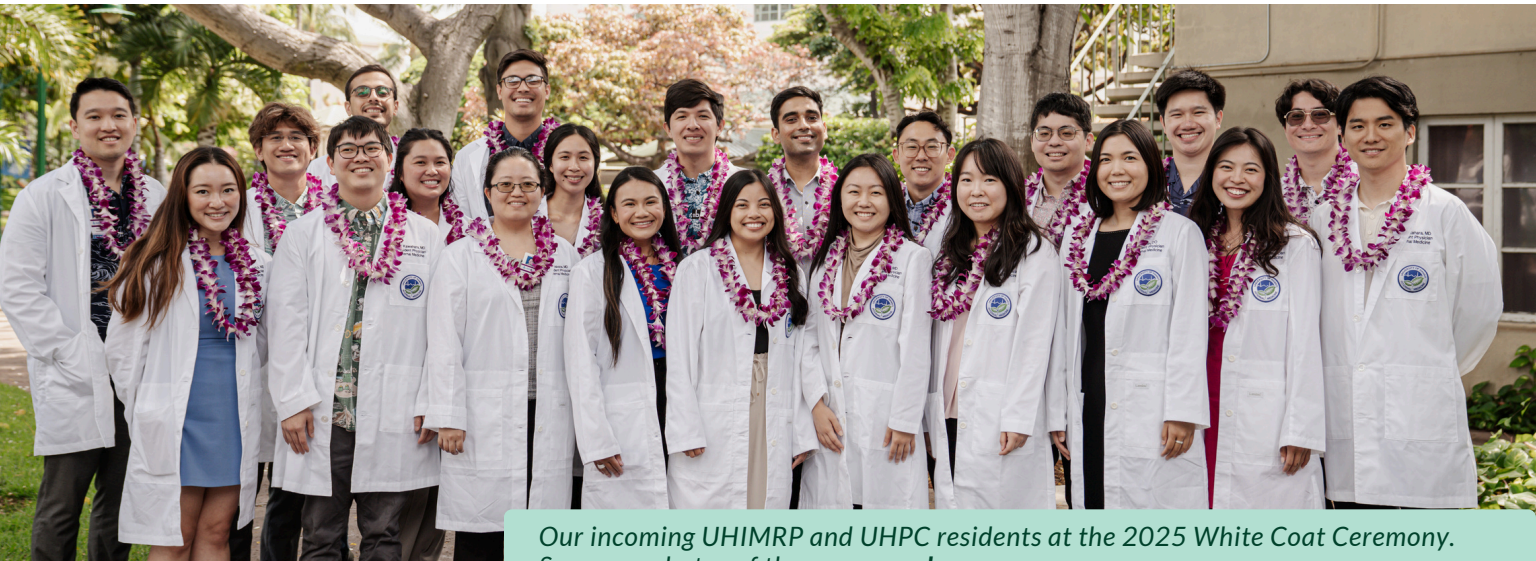


WELCOME, INCOMING RESIDENTS AND FELLOWS!

This summer, we were thrilled to welcome our newest members across the Department of Medicine, including UHIMRP and UHPC residents, and new fellows in Cardiovascular Disease and Gastroenterology.

This year also marks a special milestone—the official launch of our new GI Fellowship Program, welcoming our inaugural fellow, Dr. Temitope “Temi” Tobun.

To all our incoming residents, CVD fellows, and our first GI fellow—welcome to the ‘Ohana!



Our incoming UHIMRP and UHPC residents at the 2025 White Coat Ceremony. See more photos of the ceremony [here](#).



Our new CVD and GI Fellows.
From left to right: “Kalani” Ramon Ruiz, MD; Azim Merchant, MD; Temitope “Temi” Tobun; Jason Kuniyoshi, MD; Kevin Benavente, DO; Gagandeep Rajpal, MD (not pictured)

WELCOMING OUR NEW GI FACULTY



Meet Dr. Larissa Fujii-Lau, our new GI Core Faculty member!



Meet Dr. Chuong Tran, our new GI Core Faculty member!



Meet Dr. Gavin Park, joining as Associate Program Director!

Learn more about the UHGI mission on the [HRP site](#)

VISITING PROFESSOR DR. DONNA WINDISH

On June 19, visiting professor Dr. Donna Windish shared her expertise during morning report and grand rounds. A leader in medical education, she launched the General Internal Medicine Medical Education Fellowship at Yale in 2016 and created the national ACES faculty development program. Her mentorship and scholarship have earned national recognition, including the Frederick L. Brancati Mentorship and Leadership Award.

We are grateful for her continued dedication to developing future leaders in internal medicine.



Donna Windish, MD, MPH
Professor of Medicine, Yale
University School of Medicine



DOCTOR'S ORDERS: FLERD FOR FIRE SAFETY

Dr. Elizabeth Kiefer, Assistant Clinical Professor and Firewise Chairperson for her neighborhood, helped launch a fire mitigation project using a flerd (a flock + herd of goats and sheep). Through a grant-funded partnership with Oahu Grazers, the animals cleared overgrown vegetation on a 3-acre ridge park assessed as high risk for wildfires.

Following the flerd's 10-day grazing, neighbors organized a community workday to pull stumps, cut haole koa, and build a large firebreak. Future plans include replanting with native species to promote safety and sustainability.



Elizabeth Kiefer, MD
Assistant Clinical Professor





FACULTY RESEARCH RESOURCES

Our department has created a survey to facilitate research opportunities between faculty, students, and residents. This survey allows you to notify us of your research as well as to inform us if you require assistance from a student or resident. When we receive notification that a student or resident is interested in assisting with your research, we will put them in contact with you.

This survey will continue to be available for any upcoming research opportunities.
Please [see the link here](#).

Please direct any inquiries to uhdomed@hawaii.edu.

Mahalo,
Scott Kuwada, MD, AGAF, FACP
Ken and Gemie Arakawa Endowed Chair
and Professor of Medicine,
Chief of Gastroenterology

For more on our Research Resources,
[click here for the link to our website!](#)

WELCOME TO THE DEPT



Meet Dr. Kelsey Kwong,
joining as Ambulatory Chief
Medical Resident!



Meet Dr. Zia Khan, rejoining as
Co-Associate Program Director
for CVD Fellowship!



Meet Dr. Aldrich Ricalde,
joining as Assistant
Professor at HPH!



Meet Sandy Truong, our
new student hire!

We are truly fortunate and thankful for our outstanding clinical faculty.
We are pleased to introduce our newest Clinical Assistant Professors:

Thomas Capeli II, DO - North Shore Medical Center, Primary Care
Christine Koh-Pham, DO - VA Pacific Islands, Rehabilitation Medicine
Cuong Quach, DO - QMC Punchbowl, Hospital Medicine
Timothy Swindoll, DO - Straub, Gastroenterology
Randi Taniguchi-Fu, MD - Molokai General Hospital, Primary Care

Thank you for volunteering to support JABSOM's mission!



UH DEPARTMENT OF MEDICINE TRAVEL TIPS

*If traveling off-island, remember to notify Helen Victor of any upcoming travel plans.
Please email hvictor@hawaii.edu at least two weeks prior to departure.*

Your email should include:

- *The dates of your leave*
- *A brief explanation of how your UH responsibilities (such as teaching, meetings, or other duties) will be covered during your absence.*

SAVE THE DATES

JULY GRAND ROUNDS

[Click here for more details](#)

- **Jul 1**
 - Jody Mishan/Dr. Seth Keller - *Decline in Adults with an Intellectual and Developmental Disability; Concerns for Dementia*
- **Jul 8 - JABSOM OME GR**
 - Jason Kenji Higa, PhD - *Artificial Intelligence and Writing USMLE-Style Questions*
- **Jul 15**
 - Miki Kiyokawa, MD - *Practical Use of Buprenorphine*
- **Jul 22**
 - Marjorie Mau, MD - *The PONO Health Legacy Study: What is it? And how you can be involved!*

DOM FACULTY MEETING - AUG 6, 2025

HOLIDAYS

- *Independence Day 07/04/2025*
- *Statehood Day 08/15/2025*
- *Labor Day 09/01/2025*



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