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## **Fourth-Year Resident David Liebers, MD**

David Liebers is originally from upstate New York, and earned a B.S. and B.A. at the University of Rochester where he developed an interest in genetics and the history of medicine. He studied the history and philosophy of science at the University of Cambridge where he worked on the philosophy of biology. He earned an M.D. and M.P.P. from Harvard Medical School and Harvard Kennedy School where his research investigated how polygenic risk scores may predict illness course in mood disorders. His current focus is on novel therapeutics for psychiatric conditions that target abnormal brain bioenergetic metabolism and treatments that could potentially be "disease modifying." He is currently leading a clinical trial studying the effects of an antidiabetic medication in the SGLT-2 inhibitor class in major depressive disorder.



## **Third-Year Resident Max Kitaj, MD**

Max Kitaj received his BA in Marine Biology at the College of Creative Studies at UC Santa Barbara. After his undergraduate work he was a medic in the army for four years before getting out to pursue a career in psychiatry. He did his Postbacc work at NYU, Medical School at Brown, Intern year at CMHS in Ventura, California, and came back to NYU as a PGY-2. In the Research Career Development Track, Max's broad interest is in trauma and schizophrenia, especially as the subject pertains to veterans. He is particularly interested in the connection between people's traumas and their psychotic symptoms, and in the exciting new field of trauma focused psychotherapies for people with Schizophrenia Spectrum Disorders