

## Division of Rheumatology

Fellowship Class of 2027



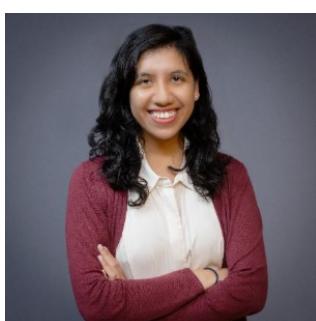
### **Igor Dombrovsky, MD, MA**

Dr. Igor was born in Ukraine and raised in Greater Boston, completed his undergraduate studies at Boston University, earning distinction as a Trustee Scholar and receiving the French Department Book Award. He engaged in mitochondrial DNA research at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center and taught English in France. He obtained a master's degree in Comparative Literature from the University of Pennsylvania, where he taught languages and led the French and Italian Graduate Society. In medicine, Igor conducted pivotal research in Penn's Microbiology and Pulmonary divisions on vaccines, sepsis, and programmed cell death. He pursued his medical degree at the Frank H. Netter MD School of Medicine at Quinnipiac University, investigating checkpoint inhibitors in melanoma.



### **Alexandros Grivas, MD, PhD**

Dr. Alex is originally from Greece, graduated in the top 3% from the University of Athens' premier medical program, earning the Papadakis Legacy Scholarship for preclinical excellence. He then served at the Hellenic Airforce Hospital and worked as a research fellow in rheumatology/dermatology at the University Hospital of Athens. These roles led him to pursue a Ph.D. with Dimitrios Boumpas, focusing on psoriatic arthritis through a patient cohort, biobank, and advanced analyses. His research earned him top scholarships and grants. Alex has now joined our fellowship research track, committing to three to four years of training with us.



### **Joyce Mathew, MD, MS**

Dr. Joyce, originally from New York, studied Nutrition Science at Cornell University. She earned an MS in Nutrition at SUNY Buffalo, where she became a registered dietitian. Her research in Buffalo examined murine maternal hypercholesterolemia's effects on filial hepatic dysfunction. At SUNY Downstate, Joyce co-founded the Downstate Initiative for Nutritional Empowerment (DINE) to improve nutritional literacy and partnered with a Brooklyn food pantry. She completed her internal medicine residency at Brown University, co-founded a Lifestyle Medicine track, participated in the Arts and Medicine track, and conducted research on pregnancy interventions and outcomes at a joint Ob/Rheum clinic in Rhode Island.



### **Boyan Xia, MD**

Dr. Boyan attended the University of Maryland, where her research focused on drug delivery platforms to enhance immune tolerance and the mechanisms of drug trafficking within cells. She continued at the University of Maryland for medical school, where she contributed to studies on patient-reported outcomes in polycystic kidney disease and developed a passion for translational research. She also served as treasurer of the Asian Pacific American Medical Students Association. During her residency at Rutgers, her research involved studying CD9hi T follicular helper cells in autoimmune diseases and collaborating with NIAMS on the role of glucocorticoids in regulating human immunity and gene expression.

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### **Philip Carlucci, MD**

Dr. Carlucci was born and raised in Erie, Pennsylvania. He attended college at the University of Pittsburgh, completing his undergraduate studies in 2015. He subsequently spent two years as a post-baccalaureate research fellow at NIAMS in Bethesda, Maryland, studying the role of neutrophils in immune-mediated conditions. Dr. Carlucci completed both medical school and residency at NYU Grossman School of Medicine, where he has worked with Drs. Jill Buoy and Peter Izmirly studying lupus nephritis. Among his many awards and recognitions are a Gina M. Finzi Fellowship from the Lupus Foundation of America.



### **Allyson Covello, MD**

#### **CHIEF FELLOW**

Dr. Covello grew up in central Connecticut and completed her college studies at Harvard University. After several years working as a consultant in healthcare and tech, Dr. Covello received her MD from NYU Grossman, during which time she developed a novel epidemiologic research project investigating the onset of cognitive impairment in patients with cardiovascular disease. She subsequently worked on studies of gout and sarcopenia. Dr. Covello is the recipient of a Resident Research Preceptorship from the Rheumatology Research Foundation.



### **Marcus Hines, MD, PhD**

Dr. Hines completed his college studies in Cell Biology at the University of Georgia in Athens, graduating magna cum laude with high honors. He then moved on to NYU to complete his MD, and PhD studies in the lab of Dr. Sergei Koralov looking at mechanisms of B cell survival and peripheral checkpoint mechanisms influencing autoantibody production. He was awarded the Bernard Zussman Allergy and Immunology Award for his research, and the NYU Presidential Service Award for his work with the Student Diversity Initiative. He completed his internal medicine residency training at NYU, before advancing to rheumatology fellowship.



### **Elliot Philips, MD, PhD**

A native of New York City, Dr. Philips got his first exposure to medical research at Memorial Sloan Kettering while still in high school. He completed his undergraduate studies at Tufts University, received highest thesis honors for his research in DNA repeat chromosomal fragility in the Freudenreich laboratory, and was a Beckman Scholar. He then matriculated to the NYU Medical Scientist Training Program for his MD and PhD degrees. Dr. Philips completed his PhD thesis in the lab of Dr. Xiang-Peng Kong. He remained at NYU for his residency training on the ABIM research pathway, and advancing to the rheumatology fellowship.



## Rheumatology Fellowship Recent Alumni

### 2025

Scott Goldberg, MD  
Mary Guan, MD  
Emily Gutowski, MD  
Joshua Novack, MD - *Chief Fellow*

### 2024

Catherine Howe, MD  
Nicole Leung, MD  
Cristina Sorrento, MD - *Chief Fellow*

### 2023

Tasneem Ahmed, MD  
Meghan Anderson, DO - *Chief Fellow*  
Kelly Corbitt, DO  
Jammie Law, MD

### 2022

Brittany Banbury, MBBS  
Ghadeer Hasan, MD, MPH  
Gary H. Ho, MD  
Sara E. Stream, MD - *Chief Fellow*