



## Nina Arhin

Hello Everyone! My name is Nina Osafo. I am originally from Ghana in West Africa. I majored in Microbiology at the Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio. I then moved down south for medical school at Meharry Medical College in Nashville, Tennessee. In my spare time, I enjoy cooking, teaching the children at my local church and watching Netflix. I am very excited to have matched at the University of Chicago and I can't wait to experience the city and meet all of you!



## Joshua Bakke

Hello all. My name is Josh and I was raised in Beloit, Wisconsin. I completed my undergraduate studies in Biomedical Sciences at Marquette University in Milwaukee. While there I met many life-long friends in addition to my wife Ashley. My extracurricular activities included working as a teaching assistant for the human anatomy course and moonlighting part-time as an EMT. From there, I attended medical school at the University of Wisconsin. Outside of medicine, I really love the outdoors and exploring new restaurants with my wife. I am excited to have matched at the University of Chicago and am looking forward to what intern year has in store.



## Rene Bermea, JR

Hello! I'm Rene. I was born and raised just a ten minute walk away from the Rio Grande in a small, rural Texas town called Del Rio. I headed north for undergrad to the home of the most legendary college football program in history, the University of Notre Dame, where I studied biochemistry and philosophy. I moved a short 100 miles west for medical school at the University of Chicago. My research interest is in autoimmunity and my current laboratory and clinical projects involve SLE and lupus nephritis. I'm a MASSIVE geek and am well-versed in most things nerd-culture (video game convention veteran x2). Since I've been in Chicago, I've enjoyed going to concerts (from rock at Tinley Park to classical at the CSO), taking advantage of the city's great nightlife, and fulfilling my seasonal rituals of travelling east along I-80/I-90 to watch my Fighting Irish take to the gridiron. I look forward to meeting all of you and bickering with Stanford and Southern Cal alumni about football very soon!

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## Brittany Bindon

Hi everyone! My name is Brittany and I was born and raised in the western suburbs of Chicago. I ventured out to the East Coast to attend Boston College for undergrad and later returned to the Midwest to volunteer for a year in Milwaukee as a teacher before attending medical school at Loyola. I'm thrilled to be able to call Chicago home for another three years while completing my residency. I love going out to eat, binge-watching Netflix, pretending to exercise, decorating my apartment for holidays, and catching up on the latest celebrity gossip. I look forward to meeting everyone in the next couple of months!



# Daniel Bradley

My name is Daniel and I was born and raised in Detroit, MI. I went to Stanford University for undergrad, after which I spent some time working in healthcare consulting. I attended University of Southern California for medical school and I am excited to spend the next year in Chicago, closer to my family and friends in the Midwest.



# Keely Browning

Hi everyone! My name is Keely Browning. I grew up in Rochester Hills, MI and then went to University of Michigan for college. I studied Neuroscience and 20th century history, and thoroughly enjoyed my time in the Big House. I went across the lake to the Milwaukee to go to the Medical College of Wisconsin for the past 4 years and spent just enough time there to split my NFL allegiance between the Packers and the Lions. I enjoy running, playing a good game of Euchre, and exploring the food and trivia scene of wherever I live. Looking forward to meeting everyone!!



## Kirk Cahill

Hi everyone! My name is Kirk, and I'm from Greenwood, Indiana. I went to Indiana University-Bloomington for college and then came to University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine. I lived in Hyde Park for my first three years in Chicago and now live in South Loop with my fiancée. I enjoy running along the lake, which is wonderful in the spring and summer. I also like playing football and Frisbee. I love trying new restaurants in Chicago, and also maintain my favorites in South Loop: Opart Thai and La Cantina. I always enjoy a good movie as well as cooking shows. I'm excited to meet everyone!



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## Mike Cheng

Hi everyone! My name is Mike and I was originally born in Hong Kong but grew up in Walnut Creek, CA, a suburb outside of San Francisco, since the age of 4. I went to The University of California Berkeley for undergrad and majored in Molecular and Cell Biology with a minor in English. After undergrad, I did meningitis vaccine research at the Children's Hospital Oakland Research Institute for two years and I spent some time in Liberia on a medical mission trip. I then went to sunny Cleveland, OH for medical school at Case Western Reserve University. In my spare time I enjoy cooking/making my own recipes, exploring new restaurants, very dramatic or sarcastic TV shows, playing board games, traveling, and being involved in church. I look forward to meeting everyone very soon!





## Noura Choudhury

Hello, everyone! My name is Noura and I am originally from the Chicago suburb of Wheaton. I lived there my whole life before moving to Rhode Island to attend undergrad at Brown University, where I discovered from numerous emphatic comments that I had a “strong” Midwestern accent. After college, I came straight through to medical school at Pritzker, but did dilly-dally (that is the scientific term) for an extra year doing research before starting residency. I am excited to be staying in Chicago and to work with all the wonderful people here. I love biking along the lakefront path, drinking tea, reading short stories, trying new restaurants, and baking chocolate-filled treats to while away time. Looking forward to working with everyone!



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## Anthony de la Pena

Hi everyone! My name is Anthony and I am originally from the suburbs of Cleveland, Ohio. I went to Miami University (Ohio) for my undergrad and got a bachelor's degree in Zoology. I moved to Chicago 6 years ago to do a Masters at Loyola University Chicago, worked for Chicago Public Schools for over a year as an after school tutor/mentor, and was fortunate enough to stay and attend the University of Illinois College of Medicine Chicago campus. In my free time I enjoy working out (running, swimming, weight lifting, racquetball, ping pong), playing music (I play guitar, bass, and piano), cooking, and going out in the city with my friends. I recently got married in March to my now wife Paula, who works as a RN at Loyola University Medical Center in the Neuro ICU. I am excited to be joining you all this summer and very much look forward to meeting and working with you soon!



## Sarah Feenstra

Hi everyone! My name is Sarah and I'm from Grand Rapids, Michigan. I attended the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor for undergrad where I inevitably became a huge U of M sports fan and still bleed maize and blue to this day. I then came here to the University of Chicago for medical school and am excited to be staying for residency. I enjoy running along the lakefront, traveling, and exploring all that Chicago has to offer, including sports (go Bulls!), musicals, comedy, food, and more. I look forward to meeting all of you!



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## Christopher Fernandes

Hi! My name is Chris and I'm from River Forest, IL. I went to the University of Michigan (go blue!) for undergrad where I studied neuroscience (and remember none of it). After college, I made my glorious homecoming to Chicago and attended medical school at UIC. I'm thrilled to be staying in Chicago and in my free time, I grab some friends and find something fun to do (rock climbing, trivia, karaoke, etc), or sleep. Excited to meet everyone!



# Felipe Fernandez del Castillo

Hello, everyone. I was born in Mexico City, and grew up in Newton, Massachusetts, a suburb of Boston. I attended the University of Chicago for college, where I studied Classics, ran track and cross country, and met my wife, Lisa. After graduating I spent a year volunteering with AmeriCorps in Chicago, before starting medical school at the University of Massachusetts. I have a beautiful daughter, Theresa, born in June 2015. I spend my free time playing with my daughter, hanging out with my wife, reading, and cooking. I am excited to be back in Chicago, and looking forward to meeting all of you.



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# Christopher Frohne

Hey everyone! My name is Chris and I'm originally from Richmond, VA. I went to the University of Virginia for undergrad where I got a degree in Chemistry. I took a year off before returning to UVA for medical school. In my free time I like to run, and just to remind myself how slow I am I will do the occasional 5k race. I also enjoy going to the gym, reading, and trying out local breweries. As Virginia has no pro sports teams, I am looking forward to adopting some of Chicago's (seems like a good time to jump on the Cubs bandwagon!). I'm really excited to meet everyone, explore Chicago, and start intern year!



# Amulya Gampa

Hi Everyone! My name is Amulya Gampa. I am so excited to be joining all of you at the University of Chicago! I'm a bit of a Chicago lifer - I went to grade school and high school in the suburbs, got my undergraduate degree at the University of Illinois at Chicago, and went to medical school at the University of Illinois at Chicago as well. What can I say - I love this city! Some of my interests are baking/cake decorating, dancing, and watching reruns on TV (I'm a HUGE Friends fan). Can't wait to meet everyone this summer!



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# Raffi Hagopian

Hello friends! I'm Raffi. I grew up in Southern California and studied bioengineering at UC Berkeley as an undergraduate. Prior to medical school, I worked as a bioinformatician at UCLA doing genetics research. I moved to the Midwest to attend medical school at OSU. When I'm not thinking about my patients or science, I enjoy playing chess, recreating tunes on the piano, hiking, canoeing, and finding the best restaurants the city has to offer. I am excited to be working with all of you for the next three years!



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# Michael Hawking

Hi everyone! My name is Michael and I grew up in Evergreen Park, IL on Chicago's southwest side. I studied Philosophy at the University of Notre Dame, taught for a year in Newark, NJ, and then moved to the University of Michigan for medical school. I took two years off to study Bioethics and Social Policy in England and returned last July to finish up my fourth year. In my free time I enjoy reading, discussing ideas, attending lectures, traveling, rowing, hiking, and exploring wherever I'm living. I'm thrilled to be back in Chicago and look forward to meeting you all in June!



## Erin Hickey

Hello everyone! My name is Erin and I am from Cincinnati, OH. I went to college at Northwestern and then moved out west to go to the University of Colorado for medical school. Most of my favorite activities include the outdoors and my black lab, Cooper. We like to run, camp, hike, bike, and ski - I'm looking into cross country skiing sites around Chicago for this winter already. I like to rock climb and am excited to check out the gyms around the city. I looked up to my older brother too much as a kid and now waste a ton of time following sports, as well as a lot of fruitless emotion on my fantasy teams. I'm excited to be back in Chicago, and look forward to getting to know you all!



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## Jennifer Houpy

Hi everyone! My name is Jen. I grew up in the western suburbs of Chicago (most recently Oak Brook). I studied neurobiology at Harvard for undergrad before coming home to attend medical school at the University of Chicago. I'm thrilled to be staying at U of C for residency! I live in Hyde Park with my husband and love exploring the city (great shows!), traveling, watching movies, and hanging out with friends and family. I'm excited to get to know you all!



# Anupama Joseph

Hey everyone! My name is Anupama. I was born in the west suburbs of Chicago and moved to Cincinnati when I was 7. I went to undergrad at Ohio State where I majored in biochemistry and Spanish and of course, officially became an all-Ohio sports fan for life. I then stayed on at Ohio State for medical school, too. I love running, lifting, spending time with family and friends, rock climbing, most sports, music and being culinarily inspired by the Food Network. Can't wait to meet you all in June!



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# Joshua Katz

Hello new friends! I'm Josh. I was born in Baltimore, Maryland, but then became a nomad moving across the country every few years. I ended up back on the east coast for college. I went to undergrad at the University of Virginia, which is where I met my husband Miles. We moved to Chicago five years ago for me to attend medical school at Loyola, and have been in love with Chicago ever since. In between my M3 and M4 years of medical school, I spent a year in Bolivia working in a rural clinic. I am an avid baker, love to cook, and enjoy playing board games. Also, I am a huge roller derby fan. The Chicagoland area has multiple teams, of which my husband skates for the Bruise Brothers, and I am always down for going to a bout!



## Stephanie Kelly

G'day! My name is Steph, and I grew up in Melbourne, Australia before moving to Wisconsin in middle school. After six years in WI, I moved to--and fell in love with--Chicago to finish high school before heading out to Cornell for undergrad. There I majored in Chemistry and Chemical Biology but also spent a great deal of time teaching in a prison and experiencing democratic community living in the Telluride House. Since college I have continued my work with the Telluride Association--the House's parent organization--as a board member. After undergrad I worked as a writer and editor for the New York Academy of Sciences before venturing to Montreal for med school at McGill. In my free time I enjoy cooking, eating, travelling, museum-going, and walking, and I am thrilled to be back in a city with plenty of opportunities for all of the above. I can't wait to work closely with all of you!

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## Katherine Khatibi

Hi everyone! My name is Katherine and I'm currently finishing up medical school at UIC. I am originally from Maryland but moved to Marquette, Michigan during high school and then attended the University of Michigan for college (Go Blue!). After college, I moved to Chicago and worked at Northwestern University in a lab studying olfaction for a couple of years before starting medical school. In my spare time, I enjoy exploring Chicago, trying new restaurants, cooking, and baking, as well as walking my dog Kit. I'm excited to meet everyone and spend a year at U of C before heading home to Maryland to begin anesthesia residency at Johns Hopkins.





# Kendall Kling

Salutations! My name is Kendall and I'm from LaPorte of northwest Indiana originally, but I've spent the last eight years in Chicago and have loved every minute! I went to Loyola Chicago for undergrad, studied molecular biology, then continued on to Loyola Stritch School of Medicine. I'm ecstatic to be staying in the 312 for 3 more years! In my free time I enjoy frozen pizza, Chipotle, video games, television yule logs, karaoke, and Game of Thrones. I'm excited to meet the rest of the internal medicine class this summer for an exciting and rewarding three more years in Chicago.



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# Grace Koo

Hi everyone! I'm Grace - I was born and raised in the suburbs of Maryland, just outside of DC. I went to undergrad at Hopkins, majoring in biomedical engineering, and med school at University of Maryland. I'm leaving home for the first time to start residency in Chicago and I'm ready to embrace the change! I love hockey and baseball, and going to games is one of my favorite things to do. (Hopefully residency will give me the chance to be part of a winning city.) I also love going to concerts, watching anything on Bravo, baking, doing yoga/pilates, and eating good food. Can't wait to meet everyone!



# Shawn Kothari

Hi everyone! I'm Shawn and I grew up in Northwest Indiana, not too far from UChicago. After attending high school on the South Side, I ventured east to Princeton University where I studied Public Policy and stayed in the region attending Medical School at the University of Pennsylvania. I'm very excited to head back to Chicago to be near family and friends, and to get to know all of you! I really think UCIMR is about to experience its best class ever and look forward to an incredible 3 years with you all!



# Katherine Ligtenberg

Hi everyone! My name is Katie. I grew up in Palo Alto, CA, but have been in Chicago for the last 11 years. I first ventured out to the Midwest as an undergrad to play volleyball for the University of Chicago (go Maroons!). I loved the University and city so much, I never left! I am finishing up an MD/PhD program at Pritzker and an MBA at Booth. I completed my PhD in microbiology and my MBA will have an emphasis in Strategic Management, Organizational Behavior, and Entrepreneurship. After my intern year with all of you (yay!), I will be heading to Yale for Dermatology Residency. I spend a lot of my free time with my husband, Arjan, 11mo old son, Theo, and 2 kitties, Hunter and Tinkerbelle. We live in Streeterville and love it! We can't enough of the Chicago food scene and have been working our way through all of the gems in the city. I love movies, bad (um, great) reality television (RHOBH anyone?!), coffee, walks on the lake, and ballroom dancing (we started before our wedding and loved it so much we couldn't stop). I'm really excited to meet everybody soon!!



## Ernesto Llano

Hey guys! I'm Ernesto, and I'm from all over - I was born in Cuba, then I spent most of my childhood in Spain before my family moved to Rochester, Minnesota. After studying chemistry at Carleton College, I boxed up all of my winter clothes and moved to Dallas for med school at UT Southwestern. While I'm still figuring out where my loyalties lie for basketball and baseball, I'm a diehard Real Madrid fan. In my free time I like salsa dancing, losing to my wife at Catan, spending too much time on the internet, and being embarrassingly bad at rock climbing. Can't wait to meet you all and explore Chicago!



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## Alexandru Marginean

Hi everyone! My name is Alex Marginean. I was born in Romania and lived there for eight years until my parents and I relocated to the US to a little northwest suburb of Chicago called Round Lake. I went to University of Illinois at Chicago for undergrad where I majored in biological sciences. I also played Division I tennis for the Flames during my time there. My medical school years were spent at Rosalind Franklin University in North Chicago. During my free time I love to play tennis, work out, watch a good movie or TV show, and to read. Chicago is definitely the greatest city and I am incredibly excited to have matched at the University of Chicago. I look forward to meeting and to working with all of you.



## Daniel Meza



## Elizabeth Munroe

Hi everyone. My name is Elizabeth. I grew up in Bloomington, Indiana. I briefly ventured out to the east coast, where I went to Columbia for undergrad, before coming back to the Midwest to attend Pritzker (U of C) for medical school. I am so excited to be staying at U of C for residency! In my free time, I love to swim, explore Chicago with friends, and hang out with my soon-to-be husband and cats. I am looking forward to meeting and working with you guys!





# Krishna Patel

Hi everyone! My name is Krishna Patel. I was born in Montreal, Canada and moved to the United States when I was 5. I have basically lived in the West suburbs of Chicago most of my life. I attended University of Illinois at Chicago for undergrad and majored in Biology and Psychology. I stayed there for medical school as well. In my free time, I like to play trivia, bake, watch movies, explore Chicago neighborhoods, and travel. I'm looking forward to meeting you all and having a change of scenery!



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# Justin Porter

Hello everyone! My name is Justin and I was born in San Francisco but grew up in Washington, DC and Bangkok, Thailand. I went to college at Cornell and then went straight to medical school at NYU. In my free time I enjoy cooking, DC sports, and being scared of Donald Trump. This is my first time living in the Midwest, but I am excited to see what Chicago has to offer, and I can't wait to meet everyone soon!



## Erin Rocci

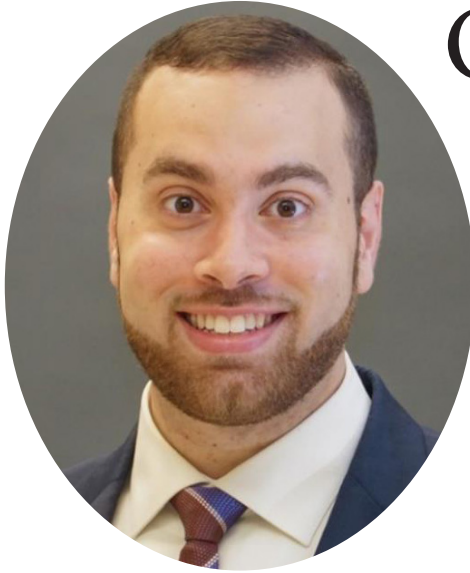
Hi! My name is Erin and I am from Burr Ridge, IL, which is a southwest suburb of Chicago. I went to University of Michigan for undergrad and studied engineering. I came back to Chicago for medical school and went to Loyola University. I enjoy hanging with my friends and family and trying new restaurants! I am excited to stay in Chicago and cant wait to meet and work with you guys!



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## Sherin Rouhani

Hello! My name is Sherin, and I grew up in Maryland. I went to college at McGill University in Montreal, where I majored in physiology and international development. I've spent the last 8 years at the University of Virginia where I completed medical school and a PhD in immunology. In my spare time, I love traveling, cooking, and running with my dog. I'm looking forward to meeting you all and exploring Chicago!



# Obada Shamaa

Hey everyone! I was born in Elgin, IL and grew up in Buffalo, NY. I went to the University of Buffalo for undergrad, where I studied Pharmacology & Toxicology. During undergrad I became interested in the immune system and how it influences disease. I went to medical school at the Ohio State University where I also pursued a PhD in Immunology/Inflammation. In my free time, I enjoy spending time with my family and friends, playing basketball, exploring different cultures through their cuisines, and having coffee/tea over great conversation. Returning to Chicago to train at U of C brings together all of my interests and passions. I look forward to sharing a warm beverage with you all as we embark on this next phase of our journey!



# Jori Sheade

Hi! My name is Jori and I'm excited to join the U of C team! I grew up in the suburbs of Chicago (Arlington Heights), then decided I had enough of the Chicago winters and went to undergrad at Duke in warm NC. During those 4 years, I forgot how cold it could get in winter, and wanted to return home for Med school, at Rush University. I rediscovered how much I love Chicago at that time and am excited to stay for another 4 years (I'm Med/Peds). I love running along the lake, hiking, camping and Duke basketball. I am an avid traveler and am currently writing this on my phone in a cafe in Ecuador, so sorry for the typos. Can't wait to meet everyone!



## Daniel Silva

Hi! My name is Daniel Schott Teixeira da Silva, but I go by Danny. I am so excited to be in the Med-Peds program at the University of Chicago! I was born in São Paulo, Brazil and grew up in Boston. I went to Wesleyan University, and then worked with community health programs in Boston and volunteered at the Mae Tao Clinic for Burmese refugees in Mae Sot, Thailand. I went to Boston University School of Medicine and added a year to complete a HIV prevention research fellowship in Brazil. I enjoy traveling, seeing live music and digging through vinyl records. I like outdoor activities (biking, hiking, ultimate frisbee), as well as a cordially competitive board game. My wife, Julia, currently works with documentary films and public radio, and inspires me to do yoga and eat vegetarian. We can't wait to explore the windy city. See you in June!

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## Julia Sun

Hello! My name is Julia. I grew up in Harbin, China, and moved to the states when I was ten. I have since lived in California, Wisconsin, and just spent the past eight years in North Carolina where I did my undergraduate studies in history as well as medical school, both at Duke. My family is enjoying the Midwest life in Milwaukee, and I am so excited to move closer to home for residency! In my free time I enjoy cheering on the Blue Devils, watching NBA, running outside when the weather is nice, eating all types of Asian food, and looking for new doggie biscuit recipes to try out for my dog Harvey. I am actually looking forward to having real winters now, since I grew up not far from the China-Russia border, I think I will feel right at home in Chicago! Excited to get to know my co-interns!





## Eric Swei

Hey there, Eric here, glad to be working with my fellow residents. I'm from Dayton, Ohio where I've lived for over 10 years. I got an undergraduate degree in biochemistry at Case Western Reserve in Cleveland and then attended med school at the Ohio State University in Columbus. I'm very excited to be here in Chicago, and I hope that in my free time I can continue to explore all the great things this city has to offer. I'm into anything fitness-related including weightlifting, cycling, and hiking and would love to have friends to do any of these things with. In my less active time my hobbies include exploring new restaurants, drinking craft beer, fiddling around on the guitar, listening to NPR, watching thought-provoking movies, and playing an unhealthy amount of video games. I also have two cats with which I harbor a love-hate relationship. It's nice to meet you all!

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## Natalie Tapaskar

Hey y'all! I'm Natalie. I was born in India, moved to Toronto, Canada when I was a year old, and then moved to Westmont (a suburb of Chicago) when I was ten. I attended Northwestern for undergrad after which I took a gap year and worked in a clinical research lab at Feinberg. I spent my gap year commuting an hour to work each day on the Metra. I wish I could say I read a hundred books on that commute, but alas, I pretty much slept the entire time and missed my stop more than I'm willing to admit. I moved to Cleveland, OH to attend medical school at Case Western. It was there that I fell in love with food over and over again. (Oh and met my fiancé who is an anesthesia PGY2 at UChicago)! I'm super excited to be back in Chicago and of course continue my trend of living in frigid places. Fun facts: I've always lived in snowy places, but have never been skiing. When I'm not working or sleeping, you'll find me stuffing my face, Yelp-ing about stuffing my face, binging on Netflix, playing the ukulele badly, sailing, painting, salsa dancing, and dreaming of world travels! Can't wait to meet y'all!



## Adam Vohra

Hello! My name is Adam and I am originally from the western suburbs of Chicago in a town called Westmont (often times referred to as the Bestmont). I have spent nearly all my life living in and around Chicago. For college, I attended Northwestern University where I studied biology and political science. I left Northwestern for the south side of Chicago and enrolled in medical school here at The University of Chicago. Interested in healthcare delivery in the changing healthcare environment, I pursued an MBA between my third and fourth years of school at The Booth School of Business here on campus. Outside of medicine, I love sports and am an avid fan of the Chicago Bears, Chicago Bulls, and anything Northwestern. I look forward to meeting you all!



## Thomas Wagner

Hello everyone! My name is Tom Wagner and I am originally from New Berlin, Wisconsin, which is a suburb of Milwaukee. I went to college at the University of Wisconsin where I met my wife and played on the club baseball team. After college, I moved back to Milwaukee to do stem cell research then attended medical school at the Medical College of Wisconsin. In my free time, I enjoy cheering on the Packers, Badgers, Brewers (and Blackhawks, of course!) as well as playing softball, darts, frisbee golf, and bowling. We love going to concerts, trying new restaurants, trivia, and tailgating with friends. Being from Brew City, we also enjoy craft beer and can't wait to discover what Chicago has to offer. I'm thrilled to be joining the University of Chicago and I can't wait to meet you all! ?



## Elzbieta Stob

Hi everyone! My name is Elzbieta, but I generally go by Elizabeth. I was born in Poland (hence the very polish first name) and moved to the southwest suburbs of Chicago when I was two years old. I studied Psychology at the University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign and attended medical school at Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska. I couldn't be happier to be moving back to Chicago, not only to be closer to my friends and family, but hopefully to use some of my Polish language skills again! In my free time, I love trying out new restaurants and I can't wait to explore all the delicious things Chicago has to offer, starting in my new West Loop neighborhood. Suggestions are very welcome! I am really excited to start residency at University of Chicago and really looking forward to meeting all of you.