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MARGOLIS CENTER  
*for Health Policy*



# Margolis Scholars Overview

2020-2021



## About Our Center

The mission of Duke University's Robert J. Margolis, MD, Center for Health Policy is to improve health and the value of health care through practical, innovative, and evidence-based policy solutions. Duke-Margolis catalyzes Duke University's leading capabilities, including interdisciplinary academic research and capacity for education and engagement, to inform policy making and implementation for better health and health care.

## Overview of the Scholars Program

The Margolis Scholars program is a prestigious program for Duke University students that demonstrate strong interest in and commitment to a career in health policy and management, as well as leadership potential to improve health policy. Named in honor of Robert Margolis, M.D., the founder of Duke-Margolis and a pioneer of innovative integrated care delivery models, the Margolis Scholars program provides promising students with the necessary knowledge, skills, and abilities to be the next generation of health care leaders. Margolis Scholars is a competitive program open to students at all learner levels. Selected Scholars are engaged in the program for 1 to 2 years, depending on their program of study.

In the 2020-2021 academic year, we have 36 Margolis Scholars coming from the undergraduate and graduate level at Duke. Students are mentored by our Faculty Directors, Margolis Core Faculty and Senior Research Staff throughout their program tenure in the areas of health care transformation, biomedical innovation, and global health.

## Program Components

The Margolis Scholars program has four key components: knowledge building, skills enhancement and training, professional development, and community building and networking. Activities offered across the four components include, but are not limited to:

- **Knowledge Building:** participate in health policy coursework, attend bi-weekly Margolis Seminars and Journal Club, and engage in a multi-day intensive health policy boot camp
- **Skills Enhancement & Training:** participate in research, simulation and skills labs, and teaching assistantships, as well as plan policy events and participate in peer mentorship programming
- **Professional Development:** receive 1:1 academic and professional advising/ mentorship, attend professional conferences, receive internship/fellowship guidance and placement, and contribute to local community engagement projects
- **Community Building & Networking:** receive monthly policy newsletters, plan annual events, attend Margolis retreat and other social/alumni events, and participate in unique opportunities to meet experts in the field

# Meet the Scholars



## Adelyn Curran, 2020-2021 cohort

Adelyn is currently a second year law student. This past summer she interned at the Federal Defenders Program in Atlanta, Georgia in their Capital Habeas Unit. At the Federal Defenders, she worked on death penalty appeals and compassionate release motions for inmates with preexisting health conditions that make them more at risk during the COVID-19 pandemic. At Duke Law, she serves as President of Criminal Law Society and she is a member of the Clemency Project. Before coming to law school, Adelyn was an executive recruiter at a firm that exclusively works with innovative, venture capital-and private equity-backed health care and health care technology companies. In 2017, Adelyn graduated from Amherst College after majoring in American Studies. As a Margolis Scholar, she is particularly interested in studying prison health care reform. Adelyn's interests also include health care access in rural and underserved populations, emerging health care technology, and the politics of health care reform.



## Albert Rancu, 2020-2021 cohort

Albert Rancu a rising sophomore (Trinity '23) is a biophysics major interested in the use and application of quantitative methods to analyze the efficacy of public policy decisions. He is currently working with the Duke-Margolis Center to examine the equity of primary care efforts aimed to address social determinants of health. Additionally, he works in the Basic Science Lab analyzing the effects of aging on liver regeneration. He plans to attend medical school on an MD-PhD track and pursue a career in gastroenterology.



## Alex Gunn, 2020-2021 cohort

Alexander is a third-year medical student at Duke University School of Medicine. Before enrolling in medical school, he completed his Master of Biomedical Science at Duke University and his B.A. in Cultural Anthropology at Northwestern University. He previously worked at the Margolis Center on the Global Health Policy team, specializing in financing drug development for neglected diseases and scouting interventions for high cost, high need patients. He has also collaborated with and consulted for the World Health Organization, FHI 360, and multiple nongovernmental organizations. Alexander is keenly interested in alternative payment models, cost communication, patient-reported outcomes, patient-provider decision making, and quality improvement.



## Alexandra Young, 2020-2021 cohort

Alexandra earned her B.S. in molecular biology and Spanish at Duke, with a Certificate in Genome Science & Policy. She wrote her honors thesis on the gene patenting legal challenge and the landmark Supreme Court decision AMP v. Myriad. Additionally, her genome capstone team presented policy recommendations on Capitol Hill regarding comprehensive national guidelines that would allow individuals predisposed to inherited cancers access to testing and prophylactic treatment. Prior to starting her MBA at the Fuqua School of Business, she worked for a boutique strategy health care consulting firm, where she developed strategies to launch novel oncology therapies internationally, created pricing models for orphan drugs, and designed strategies for bringing molecular diagnostic platforms for infectious disease testing to developing countries. She then worked for a startup pharma company developing novel therapeutics for inflammatory and autoimmune diseases and for the life sciences division of a Private Equity/Venture Capital firm. The integration of science, policy, and the challenge of commercializing new therapies is what drives her today as she prepares to take a leadership role in bringing transformative health care advances to patients.



## Allyson Michels, 2020-2021 cohort

Allyson Michels, MSN, CNM, WHNP-BC, completed her nursing studies at Wichita State University and her midwifery education at Georgetown University. She has experience in the military as an interpreter for the Pashto-Afghan language, and as a nurse and a midwife providing prenatal, labor and birth, postpartum care and women's health care. Her travels, training, and experience provided the motivation to pursue a deeper understanding of health care and health policy and legislation in different cultures. During her studies at Georgetown University in Washington, DC, Allyson emerged as a leader within her cohort and was energized by their time spent on Capitol Hill engaged in advocacy work in collaboration with the American College of Nurse-Midwives. Allyson is pursuing her Doctor of Nursing Practice at Duke's School of Nursing. As a Margolis Scholar, Allyson is furthering positive policy changes for the betterment of health care for women and their families.



## Camille Stone, 2020-2021 cohort

Camille earned her B.A. in Human Rights and International Relations at Monash University in Melbourne, Australia. During her undergraduate studies, she participated in a research group which looked at the effects of new assisted dying legislation on Australians living with Huntington's disease. Prior to starting her MA in Bioethics, Techethics, and Science Policy at Duke Science & Society, she worked with researchers to build a comprehensive network for Australian Huntington's patients. She has also been volunteering with the Red Cross patient transport service. Camille's interests include health equity, the intersection between health and human rights, and improving health outcomes for marginalized communities.



## Chorong Song, 2020-2021 cohort

Chorong earned her B.A. degree in Neuroscience and Public Health, and MS degree in Regulatory Science, both from Johns Hopkins University. Prior to starting her JD at the Law School, she worked for a biotech company in several regulatory and compliance functions. She was responsible for obtaining drug approvals from various health authorities, including the FDA. In her compliance role, she partnered with a brand-new manufacturing operation site in Korea and successfully obtained facility approval from the FDA. She is interested in the food and drug law and associated regulations and improving health disparities and access to medicine through public health policy.



## Cokie Young, 2020-2021 cohort

Prior to enrolling in Duke's MA in Bioethics & Science Policy program, Cokie earned her B.A. in Neuroscience and Spanish from Vanderbilt University in 2019. During her undergraduate career, she volunteered and studied in communities in countries across the globe, including Cuba, Ecuador, Peru, and Tanzania, in order to better understand how to make health care and education more accessible to low-income communities of color. Cokie's interests center on creating equitable health policy as a means to confront racial, ethnic, and socioeconomic disparities in health care.





## Dana Gugenheim, 2020-2021 cohort

Dana is a sophomore in Duke's Class of 2023 interested in designing an Interdepartmental Major or Program II related to Neuroscience, Psychology, Public Policy, Global Health, and Science & Society. This past summer, Dana was a Duke-Margolis Intern under the mentor ship of Dr. Dev Sangvai, where she began conducting research on the impacts of COVID-19 isolation on skilled nursing facility (SNF) residents and providers. She is passionate about continuing to explore long-term care and broadening her knowledge of health equity and disparities. On campus, Dana is also a chemistry research assistant in the Becker Lab for Functional Biomaterials, an executive editor of The Standard, a Females Excelling More in Math, Engineering, and Science (FEMMES) volunteer and mentor, and an incoming member of the Penny Pilgram George Women's Leadership Initiative Cohort. Dana also helps run the Duke-Margolis Center's Instagram account! After Duke, Dana intends to go to medical school and integrate research in health policy and population health into her career as a physician.



## Dennis Akrobetu, 2020-2021 cohort

Dennis graduated from Davidson College with a B.S. in Biology and a minor in Chemistry. At Davidson, he served as a college tutor and volunteered at a free clinic for several years. He is currently pursuing his M.D. degree at Duke University School of Medicine where he served as co-president of the Duke Chapter for Health Career Academy, a national program that focuses on introducing underserved high school students to careers in health care through weekly case-based learning sessions. He has also been involved with student government at Duke SOM for the past two years and was elected class president. His interests include educational access and health equity, with a focus on cardiovascular disease morbidity and mortality.



## Elaine Nguyen, 2019-2020 cohort

Elaine earned her Sc.B. in Neuroscience from Brown University in 2015. Prior to starting her JD at Duke's Law School, she worked in a research lab in Boston studying the genetics and neuro-development of eye movement disorders. She is interested in issues of access to medicines, drug pricing, health disparities, and how health care is affected by intellectual property law.



## Ethan Borre, 2020-2021 cohort

Ethan is currently a second-year graduate student in the Duke Medical Scientist Training (MD/PhD) Program, with graduate studies in Population Health Sciences. He earned his BA in Biology and Music from Williams College in 2015. Prior to graduate studies at Duke, Ethan completed a two-year tenure at Massachusetts General Hospital working with investigators to identify optimal scale-up strategies for HIV care in the US and abroad. Ethan's research interests include decision science, mathematical modeling, and cost-effectiveness analysis.



## Geoff Crisanti, 2019-2020 cohort

Geoff graduated from The University of Texas at Austin with a B.S. in Biomedical Engineering and a B.B.A. in Finance. Prior to starting his MBA at the Fuqua School of Business, he worked within corporate strategy, business development, and payer client management across both Fortune 500 and startup health care provider organizations. His interests include designing value-based arrangements between payers and providers and addressing unmet behavioral health needs within low income populations. Geoff looks forward to continuing to engage in conversations with individuals across the Margolis Center to further identify and implement viable solutions to today's health care challenges.



## Jacqueline Nikpour, 2019-2020 cohort

Jacqueline is a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Future of Nursing Scholar and a PhD student at Duke University School of Nursing. Hailing from the Philadelphia area, Jacqueline earned her BSN from the University of Pennsylvania and spent the first portion of her career as an RN working with complex pediatric GI, endocrine, metabolism, and liver transplant patients at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. As a researcher, Jacqueline is interested in innovative models of care that utilize nursing to make care more affordable and accessible for all people. Currently, Jacqueline is examining ways to utilize advanced practice nurses to address the opioid crisis while still effectively managing chronic pain. Jacqueline's previous work includes examining the utilization of school nurses, using dance as an intervention to improve physical activity among West Philadelphia families, and addressing adolescent tobacco use.



## Jasmine Masand, 2019-2020 cohort

Jasmine earned her B.A. in Government from Wesleyan University in 2015. Before joining the MPP program at the Sanford School of Public Policy, she spent four years working for a social policy consulting firm, where she worked with government stakeholders and health care systems on Medicare quality improvement and value-based payment initiatives. She is exploring promising new models for care delivery reform and payment in Medicare and Medicaid.



## Jessye Halvorson, 2020-2021 cohort

Jessye earned her B.A. in Global Studies and Interdisciplinary Studies (self-designed with a focus on the Social Determinants of Population Health) from The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She focused her award-winning honors thesis on the ethics of health care voluntourism and its effect on sustainable development in communities in Nicaragua and Panama. Prior to starting her MPP at the Sanford School of Public Policy, Jessye spent two years with City Year New York as an AmeriCorps Member and Team Leader supporting students in a Queens middle school. While still serving the community, she shifted to working at the New York Alliance for Careers in Health Care, the City's health care industry partnership, in order to help build an effective health care workforce development system focused on diverse pipelines. Jessye's health care interests include promoting health equity, addressing health and racial disparities, and prioritizing the need for value-based payment reform to ensure better quality and access to care in under resourced communities.



## Joanne Kim, 2020-2021 cohort

Joanne Kim (Trinity '22) is studying Public Policy and Psychology as a pre-law student. Joanne has a passion for technology, ethics, and health care. Her previous work has ranged from writing about medical AI to working on an independent study on evaluating AI-enabled software's post-market performance. She has also released a policy brief on stalkerware and co-founded the Duke Cyber Policy and Gender Violence Initiative. On campus, she is co-leading Ethical Tech and Devilthon, a fundraising team for the Duke Children's Hospital, while competing and training the Duke Cyber Team. This summer, she has also been working at Intel as a Public Policy Intern. Her work there has included drafting a white paper on social justice in response to the Black Lives Matter movement, analyzing and writing about the potential of AI in health care, building out a virtual AI summit for 10,000+ youth in India, and more.





## Josee Li, 2020-2021 cohort

Josee Li (Trinity '23) is an intended Public Policy major with a Global Health minor. As an aspiring physician, Josee is passionate about understanding patient care beyond the clinical aspect through studying models of health care that integrate appropriate cultural competency, equity, and accessibility. Stemming from her involvement in the disability community, Josee hopes to grow her involvement in improving health care accessibility for this population through considering the social model of disability. On campus, Josee serves as co-president of the Student Collaborative on Health Policy (SCOHP), where she collaborates across education, service, and professional development domains to spearhead initiatives that increase awareness and opportunity in health policy. Josee is also an undergraduate research member with the Bass Connections Help Desk Team, where she contributes in designing a scale up model of the student volunteer Help Desk program at Lincoln Community Health Center and Duke Health. During the COVID-19 pandemic, Josee has been involved in creating the Durham Community Resource Directory — an information hub that collects information on resource statuses during the COVID-19 pandemic. She has also worked with the Durham Partnership for Seniors in specifically curating an Older Adults Resource Directory.



## Katie Carr, 2020-2021 cohort

Katie graduated from Northwestern University with a B.S. in Learning and Organizational Change. Prior to starting her MBA at the Fuqua School of Business, Katie worked in management consulting, where she focused on integrated eligibility implementations and policy advising around Medicaid HCBS waivers. Her interests lie at the intersection of business, policy, and technology and she's particularly interested in innovation and entrepreneurship that addresses gaps in quality of care provided to and patient outcomes of low income and high need populations. Katie is excited to collaborate with the Margolis Scholars and the Margolis Center to advocate for these individuals and continue to drive innovation in the space.



## Keren Hendel, 2020-2021 cohort

Originally from California, Keren earned her B.S. in Quantitative Economics with a second major in Community Health from Tufts University. Following graduation, Keren spent a year working at the American Institutes for Research evaluating literacy and numeracy in the United States. Prior to starting her MPP at the Sanford School of Public Policy, she worked at the Congressional Budget Office (CBO), where she analyzed the budgetary effects of proposed health policies related to drug pricing and health insurance coverage. Keren's interests include access to affordable care and health insurance, behavioral health care, health literacy, and long-term services and supports.



## Kevin Siebs, 2020-2021 cohort

Kevin earned his B.A. in Economics and Politics at Occidental College in Los Angeles, California. While at Occidental, he received a research grant as a Richter Fellow to study rural access to health care under the National Health Insurance Scheme in Tamale, Ghana. Prior to enrolling at Duke Law, he worked for a national supplier of diagnostic imaging technology as a clinical demand analyst and strategic account manager, consulting with health care providers to develop asset management programs that leveraged technology mobilization and financial flexibility to more precisely address the clinical needs of their service areas. Kevin's interests include value-based health care reform, addressing health disparities for rural communities in the South, and expanding access to care for low-income populations.



## Lauren Holt, 2020-2021 cohort

Lauren Holt graduated with her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Angelo State University in 2013, where she participated as a student-athlete and later obtained her MSN in Nursing Education. Upon graduation, she then moved to Austin, Texas, where she worked as a registered nurse and adjunct faculty member at Austin Community College. Her work with HIV patients in Austin and Honduras, inspired her interest in sexual and reproductive health research and policy. Lauren is currently a PhD student at Duke University School of Nursing. She is interested in researching the influence of sex education policies on sexual and reproductive health outcomes in adolescent and young adult women.



## Lisvel Matos, 2020-2021 cohort

Lisvel Matos earned her ADN from Central Piedmont Community College (2012) in Charlotte, North Carolina. She began her career as a staff RN working with adolescents in a behavioral health facility while earning her BSN from University of North Carolina at Charlotte (2013). Lisvel pursued graduate studies with Duke University School of Nursing, where she earned her MSN as a Women's Health Nurse Practitioner (2016) and her Post Graduate Family Nurse Practitioner Certificate (2019). She is currently a PhD student. Throughout her career she has worked in community-based settings as a provider and advocate for the Latinx community. Lisvel's interests include access to care, quality of care, and to address the impact sociocultural factors have on Latinx health outcomes.





## Megan Knauer, 2020-2021 cohort

Megan is a junior pursuing a self-designed major in Medical Utilitarianism. After seeing the discrepancy between policy and practice in medicine, she hopes to use her studies as the basis for a career as a practicing physician policymaker. She hopes to study the ethical frameworks underlying the priorities of our healthcare system, and how these translate into policy. Megan is passionate about increasing equity and access in the health care system. Last summer, while working at the center as an intern, she studied the use of perspective in cost-effectiveness analysis and non-financial incentives to decrease low-value care. This summer, she worked on COVID-19 decision modeling initiatives and began work on the Bass Connections team on the Lancet's Commission on Hearing Loss, which she will continue through the 2020-2021 academic year. On campus, she mentors middle schoolers, volunteers at the Durham Children's Hospital, and is a coxswain on the women's varsity rowing team.



## Meghan Spell, 2020-2021 cohort

Meghan earned her B.S. in Human Ecology: Family, Child and Consumer Sciences and Juris Doctor/Doctor of Civil Law from Louisiana State University. She is also a graduate of the UCLA/Johnson & Johnson Health Care Executive Program. Meghan began her career in the medical malpractice defense and health care regulatory groups of a large corporate defense firm in Louisiana. As a current MBA student at Duke's Fuqua School of Business, Meghan is a Center for the Advancement of Social Entrepreneurship (CASE) Scholar and a CASE Fellow and is a member of the Health Sector Management program. Additionally, she served as a student consultant for a global human development nonprofit, FHI 360, as part of the Fuqua Client Consulting Practicum. Meghan is currently a Summer Associate on the Global Delivery Programs: Health Funds and Partnerships team at the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. This fall, she will serve as the Chief Strategy Officer of North Carolina's Integrated Care for Kids.



## Michael Manasia, 2020-2021 cohort

Prior to starting his Doctor of Nursing Practice program at Duke's School of Nursing, Michael earned a Master of Science in Health Policy and Economics from Cornell University and a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Boston College. In his current position he is an Oncology Certified Nurse (OCN®) working in the Urology Service at Memorial Sloan Kettering in New York City. As a researcher and clinical leader dedicated to improving quality health care delivery, Michael has completed nursing research fellowships at Boston College and Memorial Sloan Kettering, has co-authored several journal articles, and has presented his work at national conferences.



## Nina Chiu, 2020-2021 cohort

Prior to beginning her graduate studies at Duke, Nina managed clinical trials within academia and industry primarily focused on medical devices and digital health. While at Duke, she led the Healthcare Club Week-in-Cities trip, an industry-focused excursion that provides the opportunity for Fuqua students to visit companies in their regions and areas of interest, is involved in DUH ELP, an experiential learning program between Fuqua and Duke Hospital, and is completing her summer internship at Rock Health, a digital-health focused venture fund. Nina's interests include utilizing health innovation to improve health equity, access, and affordability of care for underserved and vulnerable populations on a domestic and global scale. Nina received her B.S. in Biological Sciences from the University of California, Irvine and is currently pursuing her MBA at the Fuqua School of Business concentrating in Healthcare and Finance.



## Rachel Holtzman, 2019-2020 cohort

Rachel earned her BSPH in Health Policy and Management at the UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health. Prior to starting her MPP-JD at the Sanford School of Public Policy and UNC's School of Law, she worked at the National Health Law Program in Washington, DC where she assisted in policy advocacy related to Medicaid and the Affordable Care Act. Rachel also served as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Nepal, where she worked with community leaders to facilitate maternal and child health projects. Rachel's interests include health equity, access to care, and ways to address the social determinants of health for low-income and underserved communities in the South.



## Ricky Anjorin, 2020-2021 cohort

Ricky earned her MPH with a focus in health policy, law and ethics from the University of Virginia (UVA). Prior to starting her MD at Duke's School of Medicine, she traveled to Iquitos, Peru to study the impact and sustainability of short-term volunteer medical clinics. She also worked with a contract research organization to bolster the enrollment of patients from disadvantaged backgrounds in clinical trials. Additionally, Ricky was a co-founder for the Health Equity, Law and Policy Research Lab as a vehicle for health policy research at UVA. Ricky is interested in developing systems-level policy interventions that promote health equity and reduce disparities.





## Nikki Prattipati, 2020-2021 cohort

Nikki earned her B.S. in Psychology at the University of Texas at Dallas. Prior to starting her MS in Global Health at the Duke Institute of Global Health, she worked on the Health Policy Team at the Center for American Progress in Washington, D.C., where she assisted in quantifying the effects of Medicaid expansion under the ACA. Nikki also spent time at the High Health Council of Amman, Jordan, researching health services offered to Syrian Refugees. These experiences have strengthened her interests in health equity and access to care through sustainable reform in health systems, which she hopes to further explore at Duke.



## Seve Gaskin, 2020-2021 cohort

Seve graduated from UNC with a double major in Public Policy & Economics. While at UNC, Seve co-founded Get Covered Carolina, an organization licensed by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services to help consumers access health insurance coverage through the Health Insurance Marketplace. After graduating, Seve worked as an intern and Field Organizer for a U.S. Senate campaign during the 2014 cycle. Prior to starting his MBA-MPP programs at the Fuqua School of Business and the Sanford School of Public Policy, Seve helped health care providers navigate strategic, financial, and operational challenges as an Engagement Manager with Optum Advisory Services—United Health Group's consulting division. Seve's interests include big data & analytics, value-based care, price transparency, and health care politics. In his spare time, Seve serves on the External Advisory Board for the Honors Carolina program at UNC and serves as a young alumni mentor to students in the program.



## Sharla Rent, 2020-2021 cohort

Sharla is a faculty member in the division of Neonatal Perinatal Medicine at Duke. Prior to starting her MS in Global Health at the Duke Global Health Institute, she did her fellowship training at the University of Michigan and conducted research in neonatal resuscitation in low-resource settings. She obtained her MD from Loyola University in Chicago and a B.S. in Biomedical Engineering from Northwestern University. Sharla serves on the board of directors for a NGO dedicated to newborn care in Ethiopia and has ongoing projects in Ethiopia, Ghana, and Guatemala. Her interests include health equity, decision making at the margin of viability across cultures, technology translation to low-resource settings, and exploring how resource-limitations and policy impact health care delivery.



## Steven Doerstling, 2020-2021 cohort

Steven earned his BSPH in Nutrition at the UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health. Prior to starting his MD at Duke University School of Medicine, he spent a year in Stockholm studying the impact of climate-conscious food policy on diet quality and health outcomes. At Duke, he has worked with the Veterans Affairs National Precision Oncology Program to analyze tumor sequencing data within the Veterans Health Administration. Steven is passionate about raising the standard of how diet and lifestyle are addressed within the healthcare system. His interests include expanding access to high quality care, minimizing the financial burden of medical expenses, and leveraging policy to incentivize healthy behaviors.



## Thain Simon, 2019-2020 cohort

Thain holds a B.S. Commerce from Santa Clara University, where he majored in Finance and International Studies, and an M.Sc. in Social Science of the Internet from the University of Oxford. Prior to enrolling at Duke Law, he worked in the technology and health care industries, most recently as a product manager at One Medical in San Francisco. Thain has also worked in corporate development at Blue Cross NC. As a Margolis Scholar, he enjoys engaging with the Margolis Center at the intersection of law, business, and health care.



## Yi Wang, 2019-2020 cohort

Prior to coming to Duke's Fuqua School of Business for his MBA, Dr. Yi Wang was an Assistant Professor at Indiana University Richard M. Fairbanks School of Public Health. Rooted in his training in biomedical bench research, pharmacy, and public health statistics, Yi approaches health care issues through both an individual and population lens. He has expertise in population health data analytics such as epidemiological study and causal inference (natural experiment and randomized control trial). Trained in toxicology and biopharmaceuticals, he also has expertise in the biological mechanisms/pathways behind statistical inference drawn in epidemiological research.



## Meet the Margolis Scholars Program Team



Corinna Sorenson, PhD, MHSA, MPH  
Faculty Director of Graduate Initiatives

Dr. Sorenson is an Assistant Professor in Population Health Sciences and Public Policy and a Core Faculty Member at the Duke-Margolis Center for Health Policy. She has extensive research and policy experience in value assessment in health care, comparative effectiveness research, drug and device regulation and payment, and health policy evaluation. She is interested in the design, implementation, and assessment of evidence-based strategies to enhance value-based health care. Current work focuses on payment and delivery reforms, low-value care de-implementation, shared decision-making approaches, and stakeholder engagement in research, care transformation, and policy reforms. Outside of academe, Dr. Sorenson has served in senior health policy and consulting positions in both the private and public sectors.



Janet Bettger, ScD, FAHA  
Faculty Director of Undergraduate Initiatives

Dr. Bettger is an associate professor and Director of Health Policy and Implementation Science in the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery and a faculty affiliate of the Duke Clinical Research Institute and Duke Global Health Institute. Dr. Bettger's research is dedicated to establishing real world evidence aimed to improve health care quality and policies that reduce the burden of disease and disability.