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A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

*"You don't need to see the whole staircase, just take the first step."
– Martin Luther King Jr*

Dear Robert Graham Center Family and Friends,

As the year draws to a close, I would like to take a moment to reflect on the remarkable journey we've had at the Robert Graham Center. This year has been marked by positive changes, from the warm welcome extended to our new team members, Melissa Filippi and Jeongyoung Park, to the strengthened integration with the exceptional HealthLandscape team. Our collaboration with the Georgetown University School of Medicine's Department of Family Medicine has opened exciting possibilities for the future of primary care research.

While we are still navigating the evolving landscape of the Robert Graham Center and exploring the potential of our expanded team, we are pleased to share some early successes that point towards a promising future. The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation grant on Visualizing Structural Racism with HealthLandscape, along with collaborative projects with the ABFM research team addressing the gender wage gap, showcase the impact of our enhanced capabilities in geospatial and qualitative research, particularly in advancing our equity focus. This commitment to health equity is evident in various ongoing projects, including research on women's health and our new analyses in the Milbank "Health of US Primary Care Scorecard." Our participation at NAPCRG was a

resounding success, with over 15 posters and presentations that garnered significant attention and positive feedback. I extend my gratitude to those who attended the reception; it was a pleasure to reconnect and learn about the impactful work you have been engaged in.

Looking forward to the New Year, our team is enthusiastic about finishing up some old but important project and moving to some new ones. As we approach the conclusion of the second year of the Milbank scorecard, we are gearing up for a public release in late winter/early spring. The message of the scorecard is once again somber about the outlook for primary care, but we hope that this scorecard will continue to gain attention and traction from those in policy circles who can make a positive change for our discipline.

We will also be exploring new avenues of inquiry using recently acquired Medicare and Medicaid data. The ability to generate evidence supporting primary care clinicians serving Medicaid patients has been a long-standing goal for the RGC, and we welcome your insights and ideas. Following a successful kick-off retreat in October with Georgetown University's Department of Family Medicine, we are eager to build on this collaboration in the New Year by pursuing joint grants and sustaining ongoing research projects with Georgetown faculty and students.

I want to express my sincere appreciation for your continued support. Thank you for being an integral part of our journey and contributing to the success of the Robert Graham Center.

Yalda Jabbarpour, MD

THE VISITING SCHOLARS & FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMS CORNER

About the Visiting Scholars Program

The Robert Graham Center hosts a month-long visiting scholars program in health policy. This program is supported by a generous grant from the Pisacano Leadership Foundation, the philanthropic foundation of the American Board of Family Medicine. Visiting scholars work directly with staff on original research projects developed by the scholar on a topic of interest to them with the goal of a national publication and dissemination.

About the Fellowship Program

The Robert Graham Center in collaboration with Georgetown University co-sponsor a one-year fellowship in health policy and faculty development. Fellows work with Graham Center staff to address primary care health policy questions of interest. At the end of the year, fellows have completed a project of their choosing with dissemination on the national level.

SCHOLAR FEATURE



Kate E. Trout, PhD, MPH

My research focuses on creating equitable health systems in the U.S. and internationally through the use health information technologies, workforce development, and data-driven health policy. Delivering high-quality primary care that is accessible for all is essential to this mission in shifting the paradigm of healthcare toward prevention. Coming from academia, it was a goal of mine to learn more

about evidence-based advocacy in Washington, DC with the Graham Center.

During my month as a visiting scholar, I learned not only about the important research and advocacy happening at the Graham Center, but also the Center for Professionalism and Value in Health Care and the Primary Care Collaborative (PCC). I attended my first Hill briefing where Yalda Jabbarpour presented an overview of primary care access and workforce priorities that kicked off the 2023 PCC Summit activities, which I fortunate to attend following the briefing.

Jeongyoung Park and I are working collaboratively to assess the interoperability landscape among family medicine physicians and the association with population vulnerabilities and needs. We also are planning a long-term collaboration around better incorporating the social determinants of health into primary care services and leveraging health information technologies to improve health outcomes. I look forward to continuing our work together, and making gains in translational primary care research that improves health and wellbeing across our nation.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS

[Health Is Primary: Charting a Path to Equity and Sustainability](#)

[Female Family Physicians May Earn \\$1.8 Million Less Than Male Peers Over a Lifetime](#)

[Deciphering the Neighborhood Atlas Area Deprivation Index: the consequences of not standardizing](#)

RECENT PRESENTATIONS

[**Primary Care for America's Frontline Transformation Virtual Briefing**](#)

- Dr. Jabbarpour presented on “Data Driven Insights: Primary Care Workforce”

[**NAPCRG Annual Conference 2023**](#)

- Staff presented 24 posters, presentations, and workshops

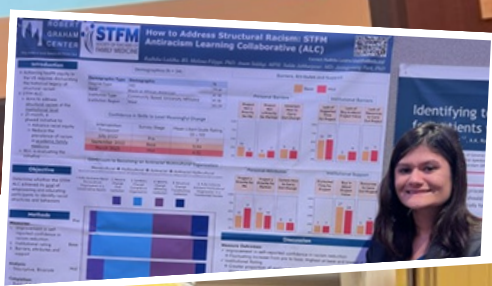
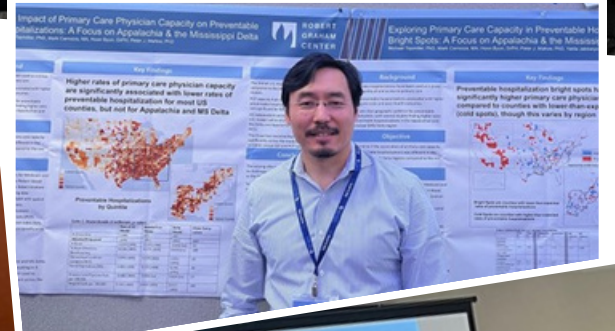
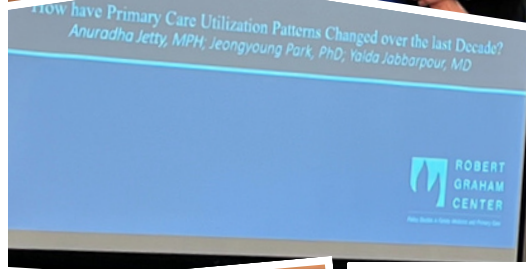
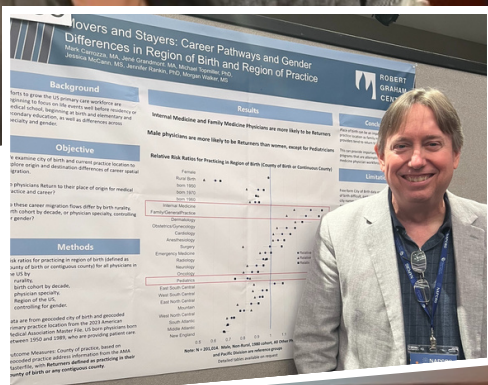
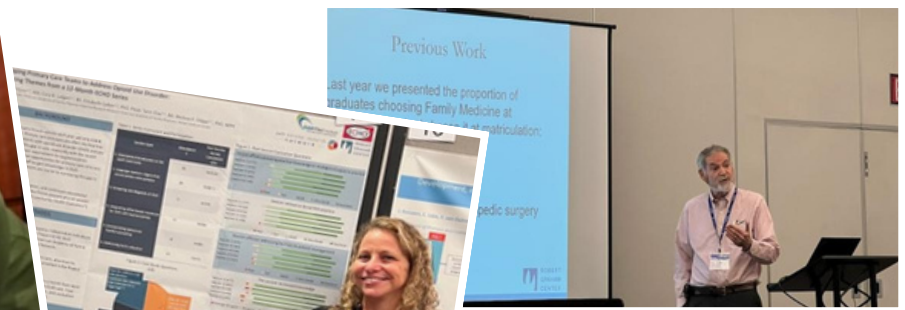
[**APHA 2023**](#)

- Staff presented 2 posters and 1 presentation

[**2023 PCC Hill Briefing**](#)

- Dr. Jabbarpour presented on “The Crisis in Primary Care”

PHOTOS FROM RECENT EVENTS



Happy New Year



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