

# Anesthesiology News

## Note from the Chair

Welcome to the Spring Anesthesiology Newsletter! I always find this the most rewarding time of the year when we anticipate greeting our new class, transitioning interns to clinical anesthesia, and being proud of our senior residents who have secured excellent anesthesiologist positions and competitive fellowships. We continue to augment resident education with grand rounds, case conferences, clinical experience, and simulation to maintain our 100% first time passing rate for American Board of Anesthesiology certification examinations. - Richard M. Pino, MD, PhD, FCCM

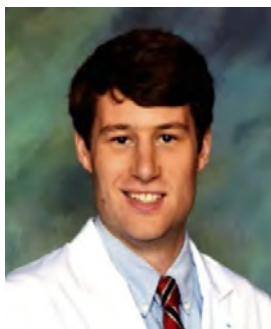


## SIM Lab

Assistant Professor Dr. Stephanie Guzman, '21, doubles as our Medical Student Clerkship Director and Anesthesiology Director of Simulation. Dr. Guzman leads residents and medical students through anesthesiology simulations like fiberoptic simulation, regional anesthesia cadaver lab, ultrasound guided procedures, central line placement, HeartWorks Simulator, and cricothyrotomy with Dr. Mack Thomas, '62.



# LSU Anesthesiology Graduating Class of 2024. Where are they headed next?



**E. Saunders Alpaugh III, MD**

Private Practice in  
Gulfport, MS



**Ina Du, MD**

Cardiothoracic Fellowship  
at Emory University



**Jose Galardo Vega, MD**

Private Practice in  
Reno, NV



**Joshua Hurley, MD**

Private Practice in  
Annapolis, MD



**Brittini Lanoux, MD**

Cardio and Critical Care Fellowship at  
Washington University in St. Louis



**Gregory Tortorich, MD**

Private Practice in  
New Orleans, LA



**Justin Yan, MD**

Private Practice in  
New Jersey

# LSU Anesthesiology Class of 2028



**Brannon Broussard**  
LSU School of Medicine,  
Shreveport



**Munira Khaled**  
LSU School of Medicine,  
Shreveport



**David Nguyen**  
LSU School of Medicine,  
New Orleans



**Jonathan Nguyen**  
McGovern Medical School



**Eric Prestenburg**  
LSU School of Medicine,  
New Orleans



**Andres Rosado Matos**  
San Juan Bautista  
School of Medicine



**Elizabeth Upp**  
LSU School of Medicine,  
New Orleans



# Meet the Chiefs!

## Introducing your 2024-2025 Chief Residents



**Wilfredo Borroto Bechara, MD**

“Willy J.”, our dedicated chief resident from the vibrant city of San Juan, Puerto Rico. Taking care of sick and underrepresented patients in a high acuity setting is what lead him to our program. The incredible culture and warmth of the people is why he loves it here in NOLA. After residency he wants to work somewhere where he can do a little bit of everything.



**Kiana Fahimipour, MD**

My plans for beyond residency is to hopefully do a fellowship in Pediatric Anesthesiology! My favorite things to do outside of work include spending time with family and friends, cuddles with my sweet German Shepherd Kaya, trying new baking recipes, finding new and delicious restaurants in the wonderful city of NOLA, and traveling!

## Support the Residents! Donate to the Program

Our residents are are doing great work! Please consider donating to the Department of Anesthesiology. Your tax deductible donation will pay for registration fees, travel expenses, and accomodations for residents to attend regional and nation conferences. Contact the LSU Health Foundation for more information, 504-568-3712.

# New Anesthesiologists in Training



John Helmstetter '18 and wife Danielle welcomed their second child, Amelia, March 21, 2024 (top left).

Aimee Homra '21 and husband Ben welcomed their third child, Charles, November 1, 2023 (top).

Ina Du '24 welcome her first child, Magnolia, February 29, 2024 with husband Reggie (bottom left).



Have something to share, let us know. Email us at [dgall6@lsuhsc.edu](mailto:dgall6@lsuhsc.edu).



## Conference Participation

Three residents had abstracts accepted at the Society for Obstetric Anesthesia and Perinatology's 2024 meeting.

Ina Du, MD - "Multidisciplinary Approach for Cesarean Delivery in a Parturient with Fontan Circulation"

Carlos Guardia Ferrer, MD - "Mitigating Risks During Cesarean Delivery for Advanced Maternal Age with Significant Fibroid Burden"

O. Morgan Hall, MD - "Amniotic Fluid Embolus"

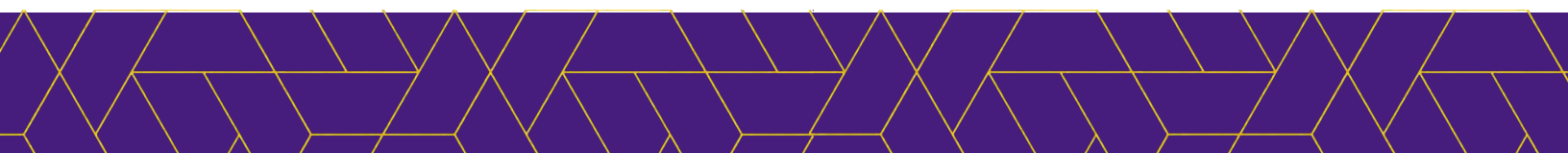
## Department Research

**Du I**, Lingle B, Lakhani Z, Guillen Arguello R, Shammassian B, Hunt J, Smith A. Blood Pressure Control and Neurologic Recovery in Traumatic Spinal Cord Injury. ePoster. LA Chapter ACS. Apr 2024; New Orleans, LA

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**Pino, RM**, McGrew PR. Diagnosis and management of the patient with contaminated illicit drug poisoning. From Anesthesiol, Sec. Critical Care Anesthesiology, 2023;2.

**James M. Riopelle**, Valeriy V. Kozmenko, **Melville Q. Wyche**, **Marion L. Yapuncich** and Eddie J. Pitre Lower Double-Wall Puncture Rate During Ultrasound-Guided Internal Jugular Vein Cannulation Using Sharper, Narrower-Gauge, and/or Length-Optimized Needles: A 6-Year Quality Improvement Clinical Series in Adult Patients Ochsner Journal, 2023.



## Upcoming Lectures

### **Mack A. Thomas, MD Endowed Lectureship in Anesthesiology - July 9, 2024**

“Worlds of Hurt, Worlds of Hope: Anesthesia in War Zones from Mosul to Ukraine”

#### **James Munis, MD, PhD**

Assistant Professor of Anesthesiology, Physiology, and Biomedical Engineering  
Mayo Clinic College of Medicine

### **Grand Rounds - September 13, 2024**

#### **Andrea Girnius, MD, FASA**

Division Director, Obstetric Anesthesia  
Program Director, Obstetric Anesthesia Fellowship  
University of Cincinnati College of Medicine

### **Grand Rounds - December 13, 2024**

#### **William McDade, MD, PhD**

Chief Diversity and Inclusion Officer, ACGME

### **Grand Rounds - January 10, 2025**

#### **Susan Vassallo, MD**

Assistant Professor of Anesthesia  
Harvard Medical School  
Massachusetts General Hospital

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