

Summer 2022 Newsletter



Promotion (Congratulations!)

The following faculty members were promoted and/or granted tenure effective July 1, 2022. Congratulate your colleagues when you get a chance!

Anesthesiology

Thilak Sreenivasalu

Vikram Chawa

Biochemistry and Molecular Biology

Edwin Antony

Dermatology

Ramona Behshad

Family and Community Medicine

Dixie Meyer

Matthew Breeden

Internal Medicine

Ezequiel Bellorin Font

Azra Blazevic

Christopher Eickhoff

Safa Farrag

Internal Medicine (cont.)

Sarah George

Taewoo Lee

John Mwangi

Setu Patolia

Keniesha Thompson

Neurology

Deepa Arun

Obstetrics, Gynecology, MCID the (to) in (l)choolhe

Women in Medicine and Science (WIMS) Updates

WIMS strives to advance the professional and personal success of the women of Saint Louis University School of Medicine through mentoring and programming efforts.

Help the Office of Faculty Affairs and Professional Oversight improve this process by clicking on the link below and completing the short feedback form after you've completed your annual review.

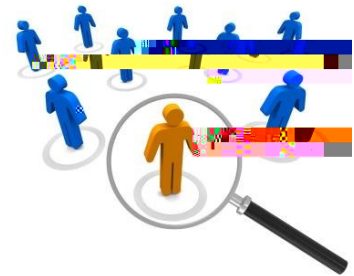
This information will be used by the Office of Faculty Affairs and Professional Development to assess impact of the annual review process. Your responses will remain anonymous.

[Link to Feedback Form](#)



Avoid bias: Avoid referring to women as “organized and detail oriented” while describing men as “innovative and visionary”. Consider using a bias calculator to analyze letters

Faculty Search Committee Chair Workshops



All search committee chairs are required to attend a Search Committee Chair workshop before a faculty position can be posted. See below for the workshop schedule and registration link for the 2022-2023 sessions. Please note that all of the sessions are expected to be held on campus.

Locations TBD

Fall 2022

Thursday, September 15, from 2:30pm-4:30pm
Wednesday, October 5, from 2:00pm-4:00pm
Tuesday, October 18, from 10:00am-Noon

Spring 2023

Monday, February 6, from 2:00pm-4:00pm
Tuesday, March 21, from 2:30pm-4:30pm
Wednesday, April 5, from Noon-2:00pm

[CLICK HERE](#) for Registration Form

Meet the Dean’s Staff

Lauren Schwarz is an Assistant Dean of Student Affairs for the School of Medicine



I was born and raised in St. Louis and before you ask, I went to Villa for high school. I have a secret, don’t tell anyone, but I did a short time in medical school. I then obtained my doctorate in clinical psychology from SLU. My intern year was at UAB and then residency in neuropsychology was at UIC.

I continue to be at my first job right out of post-doc! Believe or not out of the blue I emailed the chair of neurology and asked if he needed a neuropsychologist and the rest is history. I’m so glad it worked out because the Jesuit mission of SLU has always been very important to me. I feel very fortunate to be the

division director of psychology in the department of psychiatry with a joint appointment in neurology.

A few years ago I joined student affairs and have found a true passion for working with medical students. In my work in student affairs I focus on student resilience and flourishing. Pretty soon my dog Luna who is training to be a therapy dog will be joining us in student affairs!

In my personal life I am pretty much a nerd. I married my high school sweetheart Fred (cheesy I know). I have two kiddos Benji age 6 and Maddy age 1. We love the outdoors and camping in our RV. Lesson I learned early - primitive camping is not a child friendly activity :)

We are a big animal family. Have a crew of cats, a dog, chickens, and soon rabbits. We live in Webster and really love it there! If you ever need help starting up backyard chickens send me an email and I'll help :)

Thanks for
reading about me :)

Faculty Spotlight

Dr. Vinz @biiian AVssintssriivanusi

So far in your career, what do you consider to be your greatest achievement?

Becoming a faculty member at Saint Louis University School of Medicine is my greatest achievement. SLU-SOM gave me the opportunity to start my own laboratory, which is critical for establishing my research program and mentoring students.

What is the most helpful advice you've received?

I received a lot of advice in my life. My favorite ones are "Listen to learn", "Be your best at all times", "Don't try to impress everyone" and "Don't be afraid of being afraid".

If you were stranded on a deserted island, what one band or musician would help keep your sanity?

I would take advantage of the silence of a desert island instead and use the opportunity to reconcile with nature.

If you could have dinner with one person, living or dead, who would it be?

With no doubt, it would be with Leonardo da Vinci, perhaps the most diversely talented person to have ever lived. Leonardo was a painter, sculptor, architect, musician, mathematician, engineer, inventor, anatomist, geologist, cartographer, botanist, and writer. He conducted dozens of carefully thought-out experiments and created futuristic inventions that were