

CURRICULUM VITAE

ALEXANDER BRYCE WILLIAMS NICULESCU, MD

Education

2016-2020 **MD** | Tulane University School of Medicine, New Orleans LA
2013-2014 Post-Baccalaureate Premedical Program | Goucher College, Towson MD (GPA 3.9)
2008-2012 **BA** | University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia PA (Summa Cum Laude | Medical Anthropology Major, Cinema Studies Minor)

Post-Graduate Training

2023-2024 Fellowship in Hospice and Palliative Medicine | Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, Los Angeles CA
2020-2023 Internship and Residency in Primary Care and Social Internal Medicine | Montefiore Medical Center, Bronx NY

Licensure and Certifications

2023-2033 Board Certified, American Board of Internal Medicine, #532178
2023-present Licensed Physician, Medical Board of California, A187471
2023-present DEA Controlled Substances Registration Certificate, #FN3073905
2020-present AHA BLS #235414389439 and ACLS #235404806124
2022-present Licensed Physician, New York State Department of Health, #317127
2024 Completion of 17.5 hour live training, "Comprehensive Cosmetic Injection Techniques" | National Institute of Medical Aesthetics, Las Vegas NV
2022 Paracentesis (ultrasound-assisted), ABG, Venipuncture, Pap smear
2022 Organon Nexplanon Clinical Training Program Completion (insertion, removal)
2020 DEA Buprenorphine X-Waiver, 8-hour training

Employment

2024-present **Nocturnist, Palliative Care Physician**, Providence Saint John's Health Center

- Admit patients to internal medicine service of hospital (closed ICU); provide cross-coverage for admitted patients. Average 4-8 admissions per night.
- Weekend inpatient consultant physician for palliative care service

2024-present **Nocturnist**, Providence Cedars-Sinai Tarzana Medical Center

- Admit patients to internal medicine service of hospital (open ICU); provide cross-coverage for admitted patients. Average 6-8 admissions per night.

2024-present **Physician**, Kaiser Permanente Urgent Care, Los Angeles Medical Center and Pasadena locations

- Internal medicine scope of practice for Urgent Care patients, average 3/hour
- 2024-2025 **Physician**, AccentCare Los Angeles (formerly Seasons Hospice)
 - Hospice visit physician completing recertification and face to face visits
- 2024-2025 **Nocturnist**, California Rehabilitation Institute
 - Attending to acute medical problems for rehabilitation inpatients, including evaluating unstable patients, running RRTs and codes (BLS facility), and transferring patients
- 2014-2016 **Research Program Coordinator**, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine in association with Baltimore City Health Department (BCHD), CDC Hepatitis Testing and Linkage to Care (HEPTLC) and Curing Hepatitis and Realizing Empowerment (CHARM)
 - Data collection and analysis; grant writing and reporting, manuscript preparation, general program management
 - Gilead FOCUS Grant Recipient for citywide expansion of BCHD HEPTLC Program
 - Medical Case Manager for CHARM patients obtaining HCV treatment
 - Rapid HIV/HCV Tester for BCHD STD Clinics
- 2013 **Volunteer Resource Manager**, Congreso de Latinos Unidos (via AmeriCorps VISTA)
 - Completed needs assessment for volunteer services and strategic plan for volunteer resource management at a large local nonprofit
 - Designed a volunteer resource management system

Clinical Experience

- 2023-2024 Consultant, Supportive Care Medicine Department, Cedars-Sinai Medical Center
 - Provided specialized management of inpatients with palliative care needs, including PCA management, advanced pain medication management including complex opioid titration, advanced medication management of nausea, dyspnea, constipation, and other symptoms
 - Psychosocial assessments and complex goals of care discussion facilitation, including identification of medical decision maker, addressing code status, completing POLST forms, developing mutually agreeable plans of care with patients and family for seriously ill patients, and providing medical recommendations when appropriate
 - Regularly collaborated with members of Interdisciplinary Team including LCSW and Chaplain to ensure excellent patient-centered care
 - After hours symptom management when on-call
 - Weekly outpatient clinic visits
- 2022-2023 General Medicine Floor, Cardiac Care Unit, Palliative Care Unit, Inpatient Oncology Unit, Montefiore Medical Center and Weiler Einstein Hospitals
 - Completed an additional 63 PA service moonlighting shifts with minimal attending supervision during PGY-3 year of residency on various specialty floors
 - Completing admissions and transfers (average 3-6/night), managing care for existing pts (average census 20-25)
- 2021-2023 Oval Center, Montefiore Medical Center
 - Evaluation and treatment of patients at specialty STI clinic, including HIV management
- 2020-2023 Inpatient Medical Wards and Critical Care Units, Montefiore Medical Center
 - Managed teams of 10-16 patients while supervising interns, sub-interns, medical students

- Patient management of various complexity, often involving coordination across multiple sub-speciality consultant services and interdisciplinary team for safe discharges
- Managed advanced life support modalities for critically ill patients in the Medical ICU, Cardiac Care Unit, and on the general medical wards

- 2020-2023 Comprehensive Health Care Center, Montefiore Medical Center
- Worked as a primary care physician for an adult medicine practice within an FQHC and medical home serving primarily Medicaid, Medicare, and uninsured patients
 - Managed panel of 160-170 patients, including several patients with HIV and substance use disorders. Typical volume of 6 patients per half day
 - Majority of patients had multiple medical comorbidities and psychosocial stressors influencing their management
 - Received training in joint injection and Nexplanon placement
- 2020-2023 Bronx Transitions Clinic, Comprehensive Health Care Center, Montefiore Medical Center
- Evaluation and treatment of patients recently released from incarceration, including systematic screening and treatment or referral for specific infectious diseases and substance use disorders
- 2020-2023 OPEN-IT Clinic, Comprehensive Health Care Center, Montefiore Medical Center
- Evaluation and treatment of recent immigrants, in partnership with African Services Committee located in Harlem
- 2020-2023 Human Rights Clinic, HealthRight International and Comprehensive Health Care Center, Montefiore Medical Center
- Receive specialized training on forensic medical and psychological evaluations
 - Provide combined physical and psychological evaluations for survivors of torture and trauma, and author affidavits in support of their applications for immigration relief

Teaching Experience

- 2023-present Lecturer, Destigmatizing Drug Use presentation for Montefiore Medical Center's Social Internal Medicine residents
- Regularly deliver expanded version of Health Equity Rounds training to PGY2 and PGY3 Social Internal Medicine trainees
- 2021-2022 Presenter, Facilitator for Health Equity Rounds: Addressing Stigma in Substance Use
- Created and conducted presentation on stigma towards people who use drugs in social and medical settings for large interdisciplinary audience at Montefiore
 - Applied critical and decolonial analysis to history of drugs and addiction
 - Elicited small group discussions of comparative complex cases using Drug/Set/Setting model
 - Reviewed multiple explanatory frameworks for drug-related stigma and research about stigma towards people who use drugs in medical settings
 - Part of a longitudinal series focusing on implicit bias and structural racism in medicine
- 2021-2022 Advisor, Introduction to Harm Reduction presentation by Ben Hayes, MD
- Reviewed and provided detailed feedback on presentation to categorical internal medicine residents introducing harm reduction and compassionate care for people who use drugs
- 2020-2023 Inpatient Teaching, Montefiore Medical Center – Moses and Weiler campuses
- Educated interns, sub-interns, and medical students on clinical reasoning skills

- 2017-2020 Community Harm Reduction Trainings through Albert Schweitzer Fellowship
- Created, and conducted trainings on Harm Reduction 101 and Wound Care for People Who Inject Drugs for staff and volunteers of Luke's House, Street Med New Orleans, and Healthcare for the Homeless
- 2016-2020 Trainer for Trystereo | New Orleans Harm Reduction Network
- Conducted Overdose Prevention and Response trainings for AMSA and AMA chapters at Tulane University School of Medicine, for the Greater New Orleans community
 - Designed and conducted full-day Advanced Introduction to Harm Reduction training for the Louisiana Department of Health
- 2017-2020 Trainer, Curriculum Designer for Tulane Student Clinics
- Co-created and delivered training curriculum on Motivational Interviewing
 - Facilitated preclinical student teaching sessions
- 2013-2015 Trainer for Overdose Education/Naloxone Distribution Program, Baltimore Harm Reduction Coalition
- Designed and conducted Overdose Education and Naloxone Distribution and Harm Reduction 101 trainings at Johns Hopkins University, Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, and to community supporters

Community Service and Advocacy

- 2024-present **Volunteer Physician**, Saban Community Clinic Los Angeles
- Volunteer physician for street medicine (E6) and mobile van homeless shelter-based programs; urgent and/or primary care scope of practice
- 2016-2020 **Core Member, Coordinator**, Trystereo/New Orleans Harm Reduction Network
- Created resource guides for participants, created website, assisted with regular peer supply provision, data collection, grant applications, and reporting, collective organization
- 2017-2020 **HIV/HCV Tester**, ACACIA Nola
- Performed free rapid HIV and HCV tests for community members in New Orleans
- 2017-2020 **Vice President**, Tulane Street Medicine
- Attended regular walks to provide basic hygiene and medical supplies to people experiencing homelessness
 - Outlined planned organizational structure and position descriptions
 - Founded Wound Care Education and Supply Provision program as partnership between Street Med New Orleans and Trystereo (as a Schweitzer Fellow)
- 2017-2018 **Treasurer, Participant**, Social Contexts In Medicine, Tulane Student Elective
- Created annual budget, ensured appropriate use of budget and reimbursement
 - Co-organized a semester-long series of didactic seminars aimed at addressing social determinants of health.
 - Provided limited emotional and practical support to a patient with complex physical and mental health needs through monthly visits and facilitating regular communication among the members of her care team
- 2016-2019 **Volunteer**, New Orleans Syringe Access Program (a project of Crescent Care)
- Supply preparation, kit assembly and distribution
 - Collected hundreds of used plastic containers via donation drive to serve as biohazard bins to distribute to NOSAP participants (as a Schweitzer Fellow)
- 2013-2015 **Operations Committee Chair, Overdose Education/Naloxone Distribution Program Coordinator**, Baltimore Harm Reduction Coalition

- Facilitated general group operations; co-writer of organizational bylaws
- 2013-2014 **Volunteer**, Baltimore City Health Department Needle Exchange Program
- Supply preparation, kit assembly and distribution
- 2011-2013 **Volunteer**, Syringe Exchange Program of Prevention Point Philadelphia
- Supply preparation, kit assembly and distribution

Awards, Honors

- 2020 **Crest Award: Service and Leadership**, Tulane University
 - Recognizes one student who has made significant contributions to the New Orleans community through the combination of outstanding community service and leadership
- 2016-2020 **Jack Aron Merit Scholarship** Recipient, Tulane University School of Medicine
- 2017-2018 **Albert Schweitzer Fellow**, New Orleans Chapter
- 2017 **NIH Grant (5TL1TR001418)** Recipient, Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences Summer Research Program
- 2013-2014 **Merit Scholarship** Recipient, Goucher College Post Baccalaureate Premedical Program
- 2012-2013 **Philly Fellow**, selected for year of service with **AmeriCorps VISTA** in Philadelphia
- 2012 **Best Senior Thesis**, "*Harm Reduction, Biopower, and Micropolitical Resistance at the Syringe Exchange Program (SEP) of Prevention Point Philadelphia (PPP)*", Anthropology Department, University of Pennsylvania
- 2012 **Cinema Studies Student Service Award**, University of Pennsylvania
- 2012 **Travel Grant** recipient, University of Pennsylvania Department of Anthropology
- 2011, 2012 **Dean's List, Summa Cum Laude**, University of Pennsylvania

Membership in Professional Societies

- 2020-Present American College of Physicians
- 2016-2020 American Medical Student Association

Research Experience

- 2018-2020 **Principal Investigator**, *Evaluation of the Efficacy of the Naloxone Standing Order in Orleans Parish, Louisiana*. Faculty Advisor: Catherine Jones, MD, Tulane University School of Medicine
 - Study design, IRB submission, data collection, analysis
- 2018-2020 **Co-Investigator**, *Pain Management in Medical Education: Development of the first evidence-based pain management education module for the Tulane Internal Medicine clerkship*. Faculty advisor: Chayan Chakraborti, MD, Tulane University School of Medicine
 - Conducted literature review of pain management medical education efforts
 - Designed curriculum on addressing and managing chronic non-cancer pain for third year Internal Medicine clerkship students
- 2017-2020 **Investigator**, *Helping Frequent Utilizers of Emergency Departments with Case Management: A Randomized Controlled Trial*. PI: Jennifer Avegno, MD, LSU Emergency Medicine
 - Data collection, data analysis, manuscript preparation
- 2017-2020 **Principal Investigator**, *Understanding How People Who Inject Drugs Experience Relationships w/ Healthcare Professionals*. Faculty Mentor: Alessandra Bazzano, PhD,

Tulane University School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine. Supported by **NIH Grant 5TL1TR001418** through the Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences Summer Research Program

- Study design, IRB submission, data collection (qualitative interviews and transcription)
- 2013-2014 **Research Assistant**, *AIDS Linked to the Intravenous Experience (ALIVE) Study*. Greg D. Kirk, MD PhD, Shruti H. Mehta, PhD, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.
 - Assisted with participant intake and performed functional assessments
- 2012 **Research Assistant**, Companion Website for *Transgender Studies Reader 2*. Benjamin Singer, PhD. Routledge, Taylor & Francis Group.
 - Compiled supplementary resources for online annotated bibliography
- 2010-2011 **Research Assistant**, *Center for Bioethics Project on Sexuality and Gender Identity*. Lance Wahlert, PhD, Autumn Fiester, PhD. University of Pennsylvania.
 - Created databases of grant information, faculty contacts, and academic essays

Presentations

1. **Niculescu A.** *Fixing Gender: The Specter of Eugenics and the Production of Transsexual Bodies*. Paper presented at: Trans-scending Medicalization: Queer Approaches to Trans Health. Queer, Feminist, and Trans Studies Conference. University of California Davis Humanities Institute; 2013, May 16-17; Davis, CA.
2. **Niculescu A**, Park J, Vail L. *Overdose Education and Naloxone Distribution for Friends and Family of Opioid Users: A BSHRC Pilot Project for Maryland*. Poster presented at: Frontiers of Naloxone Part 2. 10th National Harm Reduction Conference; 2014, Oct 23-26; Baltimore, MD.
3. **Niculescu A**, Falade-Nwulia O, China W, Olthoff G, Scotti L. *Baltimore City Health Department (BCHD) Programs*. Poster presented at: Gilead National FOCUS Partner Summit; 2015, Oct 20-22; San Mateo, CA.
4. **Niculescu A**, Scotti L, Rives Gray S, China W, White M, Johnson S, et al. *Addressing Hepatitis C in Baltimore: The Baltimore City Health Department Experience*. Poster presented at: Rights to Healthcare and Health Equity. American Public Health Association Annual Meeting & Expo; 2016, Oct 29-Nov 2; Denver, CO.
5. Fuller NM, Schechter AB, Green CP, **Niculescu AB**, Rainwater CE, McLemore M. *Improving Access to Quality Healthcare for People Who Use Drugs*. Poster presented at: Xavier University Louisiana College of Pharmacy's 10th Annual Health Disparities Conference; 2017, May 16-18; New Orleans, LA.
6. Falade-Nwulia O, Merkow A, Irvin R, **Niculescu A**, Olsen Y, Stoller K, et al. *Hepatitis C Knowledge and Treatment Uptake Among Persons Attending Opioid Treatment Programs*. Poster presented at: 48th Annual American Society of Addiction Medicine Conference; 2017, April 6-9; New Orleans, LA
7. Rosecrans A, Rives S, Falade-Nwulia O, Cheedalla A, China W, Scotti L, Brown H, Greenbaum A, **Niculescu A**, et al. *Curing Hepatitis C with CHARM: An Innovative Model Embedded in the Baltimore City Health Department's (BCHD) Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STD) Clinics*. Oral Presentation at: Yes, We Do That Here. CDC STD Prevention Conference; 2018, Aug 27-30; Washington, DC.
8. Zhang QC, Avegno J, Oral E, Boisvert M, Haber D, **Niculescu A**. *Risk Assessment Scoring of Emergency Department Frequent Utilizing Patients for Identification and Early Intervention*. Oral presentation at American College of Emergency Physicians Conference 18; 2018, Oct 1-4; San Diego, CA.
9. **Niculescu A**, Lang S, Noone F, Jones C. *Accessible Wound Care Training in Harm Reduction Work*. Workshop presented at 12th National Harm Reduction Conference; 2018, Oct 23-25; New Orleans, LA

10. Willcox C, Gelvin E, **Niculescu A**, Dzubian H, Duggal R. *How Does That Standing Order Stand Up? Naloxone "Access" in Pharmacies in the Greater New Orleans Area*. Poster presented at: 12th National Harm Reduction Conference; 2018, Oct 23-25; New Orleans, LA
11. Manolas M, **Niculescu A**, Chakraborti C. *"No Pain No Gain" A Narrative Review of Pain Management Curricula in US Medical Education*. Poster presented at: American College of Physicians Louisiana Spring Chapter Meeting; 2019, Mar 28-30; New Orleans, LA.
12. Manolas M, **Niculescu A**, Chakraborti C. *"No Pain No Gain" A Narrative Review of Pain Management Curricula in US Medical Education*. Poster presented at: Tulane University Health Sciences Teaching Scholars Education Day; 2019, Apr 2; New Orleans, LA.

Publications

1. Falade-Nwulia O, Irvin R, Merkow A, Sulkowski M, **Niculescu A**, Olsen Y, et al. Barriers and Facilitators of Hepatitis C Treatment Uptake Among People Who Inject Drugs Enrolled in Opioid Treatment Programs in Baltimore. *J Subst Abuse Treat*. 2019;100:45-51.
2. Falade-Nwulia O, Mehta SH, Lasola J, Latkin C, **Niculescu A**, et al. Public Health Clinic-Based Hepatitis C Testing and Linkage to Care in Baltimore. *J Viral Hepat*. 2016;23(5):366-74.
3. Falade-Nwulia O, Irvin R, McAdams-Mahmoud A, Mehta S, **Niculescu A**, et al. Senior Center-Based Hepatitis C Screening in Baltimore. *Open Forum Infect Dis*. 2016;3(1):ofv217.
4. Falade-Nwulia O, McAdams-Mahmoud A, Irvin R, **Niculescu A**, et al. Primary Care Providers Knowledge, Attitude and Practices Related to Hepatitis C Screening and Treatment in the Oral Direct Acting Antiviral Agents Era. *J Community Med Health Educ*. 2016;6(5):481

Hobbies

Biking, hiking, yoga, rock climbing, baking, meditation, harm reduction