

## Electrophysiology Fellows

### First Year Fellows

#### Ezim Ajufu



I was born in Lagos, Nigeria, raised in Northwest London, and studied medicine at the University of Oxford. During medical school, I got involved in some basic science and clinical research, and through these opportunities, became somewhat intrigued by the scientific process and the outlet it provided beyond clinical medicine. After medical school and two years of post-graduate practice in the NHS, I moved to the US to join Daniel Rader's group at the University of Pennsylvania as a research fellow. After two foundational years with this group that introduced me to the concept and practice of population genetics, I moved to Dallas to complete internal medicine residency and later a chief resident year at UTSW. As I now transition to the research portion of cardiology fellowship, my goal is to build on my early experience and apply population genetic and non-genetic methods to understanding complex cardiovascular phenotypes.

Outside of work, I love to spend time with friends, explore the city, its food scene and surroundings and watch live comedy shows.

#### Max Coll



I was born and raised in Santa Fe, NM before eventually moving to New York City for high school. After graduating from high school, I jumped around the country attending Washington University in St. Louis for undergrad, where I met my amazing wife Molly, and then heading to Washington, D.C. where I attended Georgetown University for medical school. I then completed my residency here at Brigham and Women's Hospital before starting my fellowship in cardiovascular medicine. Currently, I am a first-year fellow with clinical interests in heart failure and interventional cardiology. I will be taking a pause after my second year of fellowship to spend a year back at the Brigham and Women's Internal Medicine Residency to act as one of their Chief Residents before returning to continue my training as a robust academic cardiologist.

When I am not working with my amazing co-fellows in the hospital, I enjoy spending time with my fantastic wife Molly and son Benny, attempting to cook unique gourmet meals, and playing golf and basketball (hopefully without Injury).

### Gary Peng



I was born in Beijing, China and raised in Toronto, Canada (go Raptors). I went to undergrad in upstate New York and obtained my MD/PhD at Columbia. I then completed my internal medicine training at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania. I came to Brigham and Women's for my general cardiology fellowship and am currently a first year fellow in clinical electrophysiology. My academic interests lie at the intersection between electrophysiology and cardiovascular imaging. In my spare time I enjoy reading novels and exploring restaurants in Boston.

If you are looking for restaurant recommendations, I suggest trying Bar Taco in the seaport district and Café Mami in Cambridge.

### Second Year Fellows

#### Mohamed Gabr



I was born in Zagazig Egypt, raised in Saudi Arabia, and returned to Egypt where I completed medical school. I served in a primary healthcare unit in rural Sharqia, Egypt for 2 years after graduation which was a fulfilling and enlightening experience with lots of community engagement and outreach. I then moved to New York City where I completed my Internal Medicine residency and Cardiovascular Disease fellowship at Montefiore Medical Center/Albert Einstein College of Medicine. During my 7 years in NY, I have been fortunate to have numerous opportunities for development including serving as chief resident and chief fellow, participating in various hospital committees, education of medical students and other trainees, and navigating healthcare in a culturally diverse community. Through this journey, I developed a passion for clinical cardiology and electrophysiology, and participated in research with hopes of better understanding and advancing this rapidly evolving and exciting field. I have a particular interest in management and catheter interventions for complex arrhythmias.

Outside of medicine, I enjoy spending time with my family and friends, exploring food venues, traveling, soccer, and drone photography.

#### Nikolas Nozica



I was born in Zagreb, Croatia, to a Croatian father and an Austrian mother. After growing up in the Bay Area of California, I returned to Croatia to study Medicine at the University of Zagreb. Not long after, my path led me across Europe in pursuit of cardiology, taking me through Austria and ultimately to Bern, Switzerland. At the University Hospital Bern, I spent several years immersed in the full spectrum of cardiovascular medicine, where I became especially fascinated by the heart's electrical system and the elegant chaos of rhythm

disorders. That curiosity has shaped my goal of becoming a clinical cardiac electrophysiologist, and it is a dream come true to continue this journey at Brigham and Women's Hospital.

When I am not in the hospital, I am happiest spending time with family and friends, breathing Alpine air in the winter and swimming in the Adriatic Sea in the summer. I love traveling, food, music, movies, cooking, photography and the ongoing challenge of getting better at chess.

### **Robert Kerley**



I was born and raised in Limerick a small town in the west of Ireland. My undergrad, medical school, residency, and general cardiology fellowship was all completed in Ireland moving between hospitals in the South and East of the island. My undergrad degree was in Physiology, Medical School was University College Cork, and I completed a Master's degree in Medical Genetics during internal medicine residency. During fellowship, I became interested in clinical cardiac electrophysiology which has been the focus of my research efforts in recent years particularly regarding pulsed field ablation in atrial fibrillation catheter ablation. My aim for my time at Mass General Brigham is to become a research active clinical cardiac electrophysiologist with an interest in ventricular tachycardia catheter ablation and cardiac device extraction.

Outside of work I enjoy keeping fit – running, rowing, hiking, and the gym. I also love films – my favorite film is an Italian movie called Cinema Paradiso and most Christopher Nolan movies.

### **Elisabeth Wong**



I am a life long New Englander. I grew up in central Massachusetts and completed my undergraduate degree at Bowdoin College in Maine. I did translational research at Massachusetts General Hospital for a few years before attending medical school at Brown University. I completed Internal Medicine residency at Yale New Haven Hospital and then returned to Brown for cardiology fellowship where I served as chief cardiology fellow. I have a background in mathematics and engineering and am drawn towards medical technology and innovation; this, combined with my passion for cardiology, led to my interest in the field of electrophysiology.

Outside of work, I enjoy soccer (both playing and watching Arsenal play) and hiking, biking, and canoeing throughout New England.

## Incoming Fellows

### James Mannion



Dr. James Mannion is a Clinical and Research Fellow in Cardiac Electrophysiology in Brigham and Women's Hospital and a Clinical Fellow, Harvard Medical School. Dr. Mannion received his medical degree from University College Dublin and completed his General Cardiology training at the Mater Misericordiae University Hospital, Dublin.

Dr. Mannion completed European Society of Cardiology Exams in General Cardiology, Cardiac Implantable Devices, Transthoracic Echo and Transesophageal Echo. He received a national scholarship from the Irish Doctor's Training and Planning program to complete a Master's Degree in Healthcare Innovation and Leadership, Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland.

His clinical and research interests include ventricular tachycardia, atrial fibrillation and cardiac implantable devices, having won national and international prizes in these areas (Irish Cardiac Society and US EP Fellows Summit). His work has also been nominated for Irish and European Young Investigator Awards.

### Brigitte Kazzi



I am a Lebanese American physician. I pursued my undergraduate studies in the American University of Beirut where I graduated with high honors prior to moving across the globe to complete my medical studies at Columbia University in New York City. I received several awards including the Glasgow-Rubin Achievement Award for academic excellence. I subsequently completed residency at the Johns Hopkins Hospital in internal medicine. My research publications have spanned the fields of structural cardiology, women's cardiovascular health, and cardiac imaging.

Outside of work, you'll find me hiking, trying out new restaurants, or planning my next trip.

### Bao Le



I was born in Vietnam and raised in Houston, Texas. I ventured out west to attend Stanford University for college and stayed in the Bay Area to complete medical school, residency, and a year as chief resident at UCSF. I subsequently completed Cardiology fellowship at Brigham and Women's Hospital (BWH) where I also served as a chief fellow. I will be staying at BWH for my advanced clinical training in electrophysiology. My current academic interests involve incorporating graphic and digital design into medical education. To this end, I am currently working on developing and studying an initiative to bring high-yield, clinically-relevant, and aesthetic teaching materials to learners and teachers of clinical cardiology and internal medicine.

Outside of medicine, I enjoy working out, exploring new places to eat, watching stand-up, and spending time with friends and family.

**Isabella Alviz Gomez**



I am originally from Cali, Colombia where I studied medicine at the Pontificia Universidad Javeriana. After completing my medical education, I spent a year working in electrophysiology as my mandatory social service and then I moved to New York City where I worked as a research fellow for two years, before starting my residency in internal medicine at Montefiore Hospital.

Outside of the hospital I love being with my family, dance, and paint.