

Nominations for Senate Committees

Academic Affairs-

Amanda Laprime

Associate Professor of Medicine and Pediatrics, School of Medicine & Dentistry

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Chauncey Syposs

Assistant Professor of Medicine, School of Medicine & Dentistry

Upon completion of medical training in Colorado, I was excited to move back to Upstate New York for residency training in Clinical Pathology. Since then I served as Chief Resident for the Department of Pathology's residency program (2021-2022), ACGME CLER site delegate (2022), and completed fellowship training in Hematopathology (2023). I am currently an Assistant Professor of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine with clinical practice focused on leukemia, lymphoma, and blood disorders. My research interests are in neoplastic T-cell biology, but I am equally passionate about educating and mentoring trainees. I am an active member of the Department of Pathology Residency Recruitment committee, the Clinical Pathology Education Steering committee, the Entrustable Professional Activities committee, and many others. I am a member of multiple quality improvement initiatives in the Department of Pathology and am deeply committed to improving University policies and practices. My wife also works for the University of Rochester Medical Center and is an active member of the Genesee Staff Council.

Christopher Seplaki

Associate Professor of Public Health Sciences, School of Medicine & Dentistry

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Gamji Rabi Abu-Ba'are

Assistant Professor, School of Nursing

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James Johnson

Professor of Political Science, School of Arts & Sciences

I have been on faculty in the College for over three decades. I have served at various times on the Faculty Council, College Curriculum Committee, Faculty Senate, and UCTP. I have been active in several professional associations, including terms editing three different journals. I maintain an active research and publishing agenda. I've also won multiple teaching awards and have been instrumental in proposing, designing, and administering our new undergraduate program in Politics, Philosophy & Economics. Each of these experiences affords me insight into parts of the academic workings of the College and University.

Katherine Schaefer

Professor, School of Arts & Sciences

I am currently a Professor of Instruction in the Writing, Speaking and Argument Program (WSAP). From 2007-2010, I was an Assistant Professor in the UR Department of Medicine. In this position, I wrote grants, designed sections of team-taught courses, educated MD researchers during their research rotations, and contributed to committees concerned with allocation and maintenance of shared resources. After transferring to the WSAP, I taught both undergraduate and graduate students and developed a program to

support faculty teaching writing within the majors. Work in these areas was honored by a 2019 Goergen Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching. I have served on undergraduate program committees as well as contributed to the work of the Commission on Women and Gender Equity in Academia. I am excited to serve on the Academic Affairs committee and am especially interested in the university's mission to attract, support, and successfully educate first-generation and historically underrepresented students.

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Kevin Clarke

Associate Professor of Political Science, School of Arts & Sciences

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Kristen Love

Assistant Professor, Warner School of Education

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Lisa Cerami

Visiting Assistant Professor of German, School of Arts & Sciences

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Liza Mohr

Clinical Associate Professor, Simon Business School

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Maren Reinholdt

Assistant Professor of Clinical Nursing, School of Nursing

Maren M. Reinholdt is an experienced educator of traditional, second degree/accelerated, and masters level students. She holds a BSN from Johns Hopkins University, an MSN in Nursing Education from Gonzaga University, a PhD in Nursing (with a focus of Education) from Indiana University of Pennsylvania, and a BA in English, Theatre, and Secondary Education from Albright College. She has coordinated and taught in-person and online in the didactic, laboratory, simulation, and clinical settings for Adult Health/Medical-Surgical Nursing, Child Health, Pathophysiology and Pharmacology, and Writing for Nursing courses. Dr. Reinholdt has experience with creating courses, adapting courses to online delivery, evaluating courses and programs, preparing for and participating in reaccreditation, and helping to transition a nursing program from a Bachelor's to a Master's level program. She is a member of NLN, is a Certified Nurse Educator®, and a member of Sigma, International.

Michael Telias

Assistant Professor in Ophthalmology and Neurobiology, School of Medicine & Dentistry

I am an immigrant from Uruguay, South America. As an Hispanic Latino immigrant, I think it is very important to have people like me represented in important positions, such as service in the Senate. I don't have any direct experience, I was never a member of a University Senate before. However, as a PI running a lab I do have experience with budgeting, employment, strategic planning and other skills that might help the Senate.

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Natalie Leblanc**Assistant Professor, School of Nursing**<https://son.rochester.edu/directory/natalieleblanc/>**Nicholas Gresens****Associate Professor of Instruction, School of Arts & Sciences**

I have been a member of the Department of Religion and Classics since 2009. First as a lecturer and now as an Associate Professor of Instruction, my focus has been on teaching and advising at the undergraduate level, developing a range of courses including short-term study abroad programs, a Meliora seminar on Athenian democracy, and a mythology course to be taught at Groveland Correctional facility in the Spring of 2025, in addition to my more standard range of Latin, Greek, and Classical culture courses. I also serve on the SAS Board of Academic Honesty, both as a board member and as a deputy chair. My focus in all of these roles has been to ensure that we provide the richest liberal arts experience to the undergraduates (and those few graduate students that I have taught). I believe our duty at the University is not merely to provide jobs training for our students, but more fundamentally to equip them with the tools necessary to live as full, and fulfilled, citizens of the world as epitomized by our Meliora values.

Rashad Hussain**Research Assistant Professor, School of Medicine & Dentistry**<https://www.urmc.rochester.edu/people/112361283-rashad-hussain>**Wyatte Hall****Assistant Professor, School of Medicine & Dentistry**<https://www.urmc.rochester.edu/people/112361774-wyatte-c-hall>**Benefits Committee-****Amy Arbogast****Associate Professor, School of Arts & Sciences**https://writing.rochester.edu/people/arbogast_amy/index.html**Brittney Link****Assistant Professor, School of Medicine & Dentistry**

I recently joined the faculty as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Neuroscience, where I teach anatomy and histology to first year medical students and serve as a co-director of a teaching elective for senior medical students. I also assist with graduate coursework in neuroanatomy. My research interests include improving the quality of anatomy education through the development of 3D computer and printed models and through hands-on learning opportunities. In prior faculty and graduate positions, I served the academic community through involvement in the curriculum, faculty search, faculty evaluation, and professionalism committees. I look forward to increasing my engagement on the UR campuses. My interest in serving on the benefits committee is to prioritize high quality healthcare, tuition, and retirement options that meet the needs of a diverse faculty at various stages of their career trajectories.

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Isaac Schmale
Assistant Professor, School of Medicine & Dentistry
My name is Isaac Schmale. I have worked in the department of Otolaryngology Head and Neck Surgery for over 4 years at the University of Rochester Medical center after returning from Fellowship in Rhinology and skull base surgery at UT Houston. I was a resident here at URMC as well for 5 years and am thrilled to have made this area and hospital system my personal and professional home.
Aside from my clinical interests in advancing tertiary rhinology care for patients of our area, I am very interested in surgical education, surgical education research, nasal polyps research and cost effectiveness research in rhinology. I am currently participating in the prestigious Dean's Teaching Fellowship at URMC and through this have met other wonderful educators with wide ranges of leadership roles at the University which I aspire to emulate. Additionally, I have been involved in the Universities compliance liaison committee as well as the SMD Faculty Council. As I have been a part of these committees my interests have grew towards helping improve the function of the hospital system on a larger scale. I would love to be a part of the benefits committee to continue my involvement in University functions that can provide value to the URMC system.
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Nathaniel Bayer
Assistant Professor, School of Medicine & Dentistry
I began working at the University of Rochester in 2018 and graduated from URSMD in 2015. I am currently an Assistant Professor of Pediatrics. I am a physician-scientist focused on enhancing adaptation and coping for caregivers of children with complex needs by developing peer support programs. I have co-led and contributed to wellbeing, programming, and education initiatives throughout my career. As faculty at the UR, I have benefitted from tuition, health care, and retirement benefits, as well as parental and paid family leave as a new adoptive father. Through these experiences, I have recognized the importance of our benefits to support professional and personal wellbeing and success. I hope to serve on the Faculty Benefits

Committee because I am excited and motivated to sustain and enhance the comprehensiveness, equity, and clarity of our benefits package.

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Rebecca Tucker

Associate Professor, School of Nursing

I am interested on serving on the Benefits committee. I believe it is important to have faculty input regarding employee and retired personal benefit packages to best serve the entire institution.

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Budget Committee-

Benjamin Partridge

Assistant Professor, School of Arts & Sciences

My interest in serving as the SAS representative on the Senate Budget Committee is three-fold. First, I believe that now is a pivotal fiscal moment for UR, with substantial budgetary challenges on the horizon in the form of large capital expenditure needs, a pending demographic cliff for undergraduate admissions, and graduate student unionization efforts. As a junior faculty member, decisions taken today will affect my career at this institution for the next 40 years, and I am invested in contributing to those discussions. Second, I have a longstanding interest in finance and budget management, having served as Treasurer to multiple student organizations as an undergraduate student, as a Director of a limited liability company in the UK, and now as PI of three extramural grants. I will bring the same attention to detail and meticulousness to my committee work. Finally, since joining UR in 2022, I have had ever more opportunities to meet and work with faculty outside my department, across SAS (for example, as Chair of the Natural Sciences reviewer panel for the Sproull/Provost Fellowships) and beyond (for example, as a co-lead on one of the Provost Office's funded Transdisciplinary Planning Grants). I am excited to represent my fellow SAS colleagues and contribute to serving our faculty on an institutional level.

<https://sas.rochester.edu/chm/groups/partridge/>

Randall Stone

Professor, School of Arts & Sciences

I research and teach about international relations and the politics of finance and trade, and I'm currently writing a book about the influence of multinational firms over US foreign policy. I have been a Faculty Senator (2014-2020), have chaired the Ethical Investment Advisory Committee (2018-2021), have served on the Elections Committee (2014-2020) and Budget Committee (2020-2022), and have chaired my department. I am interested in returning to the Budget Committee because I believe the University administration is willing to be more transparent than it has been in the past, and the Senate should take advantage of the opportunity to provide faculty input into institutional priorities.

Ethical Investment Advisory Committee-

David Diamond

Professor, School of Medicine & Dentistry

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Jack Mottley

Associate Professor, Hajim School of Engineering & Applied Sciences

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Rachel Haidu

Associate Professor, School of Arts & Sciences

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Ummara Shah

Associate Professor, School of Medicine & Dentistry

As both an alum and a long-time faculty member of the University of Rochester, I am deeply committed to upholding the university's mission and values. In my role as Director of the Lupus Clinic, I have focused specifically on improving care for underserved patients, ensuring they receive the attention and resources they need. Additionally, I have a passion for teaching and mentoring medical learners at all levels, from medical students to fellows, and currently serve as the Program Director for our fellowship training program. I would be honored to contribute to the Ethical Investment Committee, as I strongly believe our university's investments should align with and reflect its core ideals and commitment to social responsibility.

Ying Xue

Associate Professor, School of Nursing

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Research Policy Committee-

Ann Marie White

Associate Professor, School of Medicine & Dentistry

Dr. White is an Associate Professor of Psychiatry, with secondary appointments in Public Health Sciences, and Community Health and Prevention. She currently teaches three undergraduate course this fall in SAS. In her university faculty roles, she leads change initiatives to deepen community engagement and public health approaches to health promotion as well as child development via service, education and research. From 2004-19, she also directed the Office of Mental Health Promotion, and has led in the nonprofit sector. OMHP oversaw community, consumer and diversity affairs for Psychiatry faculty and staff. Dr. White directs collaborative and participatory research. She promotes mental health supporting behaviors, services utilization, injury prevention as well as child and family development strategies within community-based settings. Her research applies system and data science methods in community engaged research, mental health promotion, and injury prevention systems. Her years of research and

administrative experiences in developmental psychology emphasize the role of community settings such as childcare, arts centers and after-school programs in child development. Upon completion of her doctorate in Human Development and Psychology from Harvard's Graduate School of Education, she was an AAAS/SRCF fellow in the U.S. Senate and the National Institutes of Health. She was a visiting scientist at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in 2017 to foster the implementation of systems science approaches to state suicide prevention.

Dr. White is currently an elected member and co-chair of UR's Research Policy Committee. Her oldest son was a UR undergraduate who graduated this summer. She is currently an elected member of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee and current Senate co-chair. Her interests include promoting community engagement in all mission areas and promoting a campus climate centered on inclusion, equity, well-being, and families.

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David Temperley

Professor, Eastman School of Music

David Temperley is professor of music theory at Eastman School of Music. He specializes in computational, experimental, and corpus-based approaches to music research. He has collaborated with faculty in the ECE, BCS, and CS departments. He is also a composer. He previously served on the Research Policy Committee from 2017 to 2019, and served again as co-chair of the committee from 2022 to 2024. You can learn about his research and hear his compositions at dtemperley.com.

Gamji Rabi Abu-Ba'are

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Isobel Heck

Assistant Professor, School of Arts & Sciences

Isobel Heck is an assistant professor in the department of psychology and director of the [Minds in the Social World lab](#). Her research focuses on how young children come to learn and think about the societal structures, systems, relationships, and beliefs that define our social world. As a developmental psychologist and experimentalist, she has extensive experience conducting human subjects research, including with vulnerable populations and in a range of lab-based and community settings. She is enthusiastic about the possibility of using her experience and perspectives to help shape policies surrounding research at the university.

Karen Wilson

Professor, School of Medicine & Dentistry

I am the Ruth A. Lawrence Professor of Pediatrics, the Co-Director and MPI of the UR Clinical and Translational Sciences Institute (CTSI), the Vice-Chair for Clinical and Translational Research in the Department of Pediatrics, and the Chief Research Officer of the Golisano Children's Hospital. I completed my MPH, MD, residency and fellowship at the UR. I was on faculty here before taking Departmental leadership positions at the Children's Hospital Colorado, and the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai; I returned to the UR in 2021. As a CTSI and URMIC Departmental Leader, I will be able to bring to the Research Policy Committee expertise

in the research processes and policy development, in addition to my experiences in at other institutions. In addition, one of my major goals is to build research bridges across the Schools at UR; this committee will allow me to engage with other research leaders from across the UR, and help to facilitate that work.

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Md Nasir Uddin

Assistant Professor of Neurology, School of Medicine & Dentistry

I am an Assistant Professor of Neurology, Biomedical Engineering, and Electrical and Computer Engineering at the University of Rochester. My research focuses on developing and applying advanced multimodal MR imaging and angiography techniques to investigate neurological disorders, supported by multiple NIH grants. I have contributed to various research-related initiatives, including serving on the Neurology Ancillary Review Committee, as an Academic Editor for PLOS One, and as a Research Topic Editor for Frontiers in Neurology. Motivated to advocate for equity, diversity, and the creation of a supportive and safe environment at the University of Rochester, I am committed to advancing impactful research. By joining the Faculty Senate, I aim to contribute to policies that promote equity, transparency, and the sustainable growth of research initiatives.

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Sangmi Kang

Assistant Professor, Eastman School of Music

Sangmi Kang is an Assistant Professor of Music Teaching and Learning at the Eastman School of Music. Prior to this appointment, she served as an Assistant Professor of Music Education at Westminster Choir College and taught pre-K to 12th-grade general music in South Korea and the United States.

Dr. Kang's research interests include cultural discourses in music education, intrinsic motivation, and technology and creativity. As a general music specialist, she is genuinely passionate about researching how music teachers and students respond to diverse cultures and how to serve underserved populations by implementing culturally responsive and informed approaches in music classrooms.

Her scholarship has appeared in the *Journal of Research in Music Education*, *Journal of Music Teacher Education*, *Psychology of Music*, *Music Educators Journal*, *Bulletin of the Council for Research in Music Education*, *Research Studies in Music Education*, *Update: Applications of Research in Music Education*, and *Journal of General Music Education*. She has presented her work at international, national, and regional music education conferences, such as the National Association for Music Education (NAfME) Music Research and Teacher Education National Conference, the International Symposium on Assessment in Music Education (ISAME), the

Asian-Pacific Symposium for Music Education Research (APSMER), the Society for Music Teacher Education (SMTE) conference, and the American Educational Research Association (AERA) conference. Dr. Kang currently serves on the editorial boards of the *Journal of Research in Music Education*, *Visions of Research in Music Education*, *Research Perspectives in Music Education*, and the *Korean Journal of Research in Music Education*. Additionally, she is on the research committee in the New York State School Music Association (NYSSMA).

Dr. Kang is a professional performer on the Gayageum, a traditional Korean stringed instrument. She has performed at several institutions, including Westminster Choir College, the University of Florida, Duke University, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. She earned her Ph.D. in Music Education from the University of Florida, a master's degree in Music Education, and a bachelor's degree in Music with a focus on Gayageum performance from Seoul National University in South Korea.

Wojciech Wojciechowski

Research Assistant Professor, School of Medicine & Dentistry

I bring extensive expertise in biomedical research, with a focus on molecular biology, animal models of infectious diseases, and the preclinical evaluation of anti-cancer compounds. Since joining the University of Rochester in 2008, I have served as a faculty member for 13 years, contributing to the institution's vibrant research environment. My prior experience includes roles at institutions including the Jagiellonian University in Poland, McGill University Medical Center in Montreal, NIH Research Center in Baltimore, and the Trudeau Institute in Saranac Lake, NY. In my current role as Director of Development—and previously as the Scientific Manager—of the Flow Cytometry Core Facility, I have played an integral role in supporting and advancing research across a wide spectrum of biomedical fields. These positions have allowed me to gain invaluable insights into the research workflows at the University of Rochester, including both their strengths and the challenges that hinder progress.

I am deeply committed to fostering collaboration, improving the efficiency of shared resources, and ensuring that these resources are accessible and affordable, particularly for early-career investigators and researchers with limited laboratory support. My goal is to enhance the research capabilities of our community and support the University's mission of driving innovation and discovery.

Xuwen Chen

Professor, School of Arts & Sciences

I am interested in the forming of the university's research policy and communication to researchers whose studies are more theoretically based, and also the university grant applying policy and support.

Yumei Feng Earley

Professor, School of Medicine & Dentistry

Dr. Earley is a Professor of Medicine whose research explores the neural pathways and biochemical mechanisms regulating blood pressure, as well as the causes of hypertension, cardiovascular, and metabolic disorders. She earned her medical degree in 1995, followed by a PhD in 2005. Dr. Earley completed her postdoctoral training at the Louisiana State University Health Science Center and began her independent research as a tenure-track Assistant Professor at Tulane University School of Medicine in 2010. She advanced to tenured Professor status at the

University of Nevada, Reno, and recently accepted a tenured professorship at the University of Rochester in the Department of Medicine, with a joint appointment in the Department of Pharmacology and Physiology. With extensive experience leading and collaborating on high-impact research projects, Dr. Earley has consistently secured significant funding from organizations like the National Institutes of Health (NIH). Currently, she serves as Principal Investigator on two NIH R01 grants and as Co-Investigator on an NIH R35 grant. She has held numerous leadership roles on local, national, and international committees (detailed in the attached CV), including the Steering Committee for the American Physiological Society's Neural Control & Autonomic Regulation Section (2015-2018, 2019-2023), the Physiology Summit Leadership Committee (2022-2024), and the Leadership Committee of the Council on Hypertension for the American Heart Association (2021-2024). At the University of Nevada, Reno, Dr. Earley was a member of the Promotion and Tenure Committee from 2018 to 2022 and served as Chair from 2022 to 2024. She also co-directed the Neuroscience Graduate Program (2018-2020) and the MD/PhD Program. Additionally, she led the Mouse Cardiovascular Phenotyping Research Core at Tulane University (2010-2013) and later at the University of Nevada, Reno (2019-2024). Dr. Earley is passionate about fostering a supportive research environment for faculty and students. Her experience navigating funding mechanisms and contributing to policy development for research integrity equips her with a unique perspective on enhancing institutional research policies. She is eager to work collaboratively within the Faculty Senate to shape policies that promote innovative research, uphold ethical standards, and improve resources for faculty engagement in scholarly activities.