

## 2024 Faculty Senate candidates

### **Nicholas Aloisio**

**Assistant Professor of Clinical Emergency Medicine, School of Medicine and Dentistry**

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### **Hani Awad**

**Professor of Orthopedics, School of Medicine and Dentistry**

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As a nominee for the University of Rochester Faculty Senate, I bring extensive experience as the Donald and Mary Clark Professor of Orthopaedics and Biomedical Engineering, and the Associate Director of the Center for Musculoskeletal Research. My leadership roles in directing core laboratories and training programs, alongside my prolific research contributions, underscore my commitment to advancing scholarly excellence. With about 20 years of mentoring experience, I prioritize fostering the development of the next generation of scholars in instilling diversity and inclusion as core values in their training.

Having served on the Faculty Senate and the Senate Executive Committee, I am dedicated to maintaining our campus as a hub of open discourse and inclusivity. Drawing from my background as an international graduate student, I aim to create a welcoming environment for all, particularly international students, staff, and faculty. If elected, I will continue to uphold the values of academic integrity and collaborative governance, advocating for the diverse interests of faculty members at the University of Rochester.

### **Andrew Cantos**

**Associate Professor, Division Head, Interventional Radiology, Program Director Integrated Interventional Radiology Residency Program, School of Medicine and Dentistry**

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I joined the faculty in 2018 and I serve as the division head for Interventional Radiology as well as the program director for the Interventional Radiology residency. My clinical interests are broad, including post-transplant interventions, portal hypertension, and men's health. My interest in joining the faculty senate is to be a representative and a voice in shaping the future of the university.

### **Francis Chang**

**Assistant Professor, Department of Anesthesiology and Perioperative Medicine, School of Medicine and Dentistry**

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### **Joshua Conyers**

**Assistant Professor of Voice, Eastman School of Music**

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My teaching has led me to a deep commitment for community engagement, giving masterclasses and seminars at several universities and organizations across the United States and abroad. Active in union affairs, I'm on the Board of Governors for the American Guild of Musical Artists (AGMA). I am a founder of the IDEA Committee, the Black Caucus, and have co-written DEI language for several arts organizations including The Metropolitan Opera, and Seattle Opera.

Also, I'm a member of the Young Professionals Advisory Board of the Newark Boys Chorus School, mentoring underserved young men of color who find their paths through music. I want to join the Faculty Senate to help the University with equity, diversity, and systematically make the University of Rochester a supportive and safe space for all.

**Michael Croix**

**Assistant Professor of Infectious Diseases, School of Medicine and Dentistry**

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I completed my fellowship in Infectious Diseases in 2022 and completed an additional year of training in Transplant Infectious Diseases. My clinical focus is patients with Nontuberculous Mycobacterial infections and infections in patients who have hematologic malignancies or have undergone stem cell transplant or solid organ transplant. I am the associate program director for the Infectious Diseases fellowship program and will be the co-leader for the Infectious Diseases block review for second year medical students. I am interested in joining the Faculty Senate to guide policy that further supports the Mission of the School of Medicine and Dentistry as well as the other schools within the University.

**Valentina Kutvifa**

**Professor of Medicine, School of Medicine and Dentistry**

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**John Lambropoulos**

**Professor of Mechanical Engineering, Hajim School of Engineering and Applied Sciences**

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I have served one term as UR senator, many years as chairperson in mechanical engineering, and as program director in materials science. More importantly, perhaps, I have seen the university as parent and teacher: two of my children have graduated from UR. I have served on several Senate committees, a decanal review committee, as ASE Faculty Diversity and Development Officer, and in the steering committee for the multidisciplinary undergraduate program on Archaeology, Technology, and Historical Structures, as well as advisor for engineering students studying abroad, and on the University Council of Graduate Studies. My research is on failure modes of materials: I collaborate with the Lab. Laser Energetics, the Institute of Optics, and the Materials Science Program. I have helped in recruiting student-athletes at UR for many years through men's soccer, and through parents/students visits and scholarship interviews. I have received many UR awards, including a Goergen award in 2018, the Engineering Lifetime Award in 2021, and Engineering Professor of the Year in 2023. For more than 25 years I have been involved with Monroe County soccer leagues, as coach and official, refereeing more than one hundred games annually at the youth, high school, and adult levels. Some of my favorite UR sites are the roof frame structure in Wilson Commons, Fauver Stadium seen from the south, the wooden carrels in the 5th floor of Rush Rhees library, the suspended transparent stairs in Carlson library, the stained western windows in the UR Chapel, and Kilbourne Hall at Eastman.

**Anne Luebke**

**Associate Professor of Biomedical Engineering and Neuroscience, School of Medicine and Dentistry**

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## **Jiebo Luo**

**Albert Arendt Hopeman Professor of Engineering and Professor of Computer Science, Hajim School of Engineering and Applied Sciences**

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My teaching and research concern computer vision, natural language processing, machine learning, data science, computational social science, and digital health. I joined the faculty in 2011 after a career of 15 years with Kodak Research Labs. I have served as Chair of the Computer Science Faculty Search Committee (2020), as member of the Provost's Advisory Committee for University Research Data Security (2021), and the Faculty Senate (2021-2024), among other university services. My motivation for a second term in the Faculty Senate is to serve the broad faculty community, and I have a particular interest in helping to make the University truly a supportive and inclusive community for ALL and build bridges across the River Campus and Medical Center.

## **Ravi Misra**

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

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I began working at the University of Rochester in 2008 as a postdoctoral researcher. I am currently a Research Associate Professor in the Department of Pediatrics (Division of Neonatology). My research is focused on developing a better understanding of the cell and molecular underpinnings of human lung development and of inflammatory lung diseases. I have served as a member of the Steering Committee for The Molecular Atlas of Lung Development Program for nine years. I also am Program Manager for The Human Lung BioMolecular Multi-Scale Atlas Program (HuBMAP-Lung). My recent efforts have focused on identifying immune cell populations using single cell transcriptomics data generated within and outside of these consortia. The overall goal of these projects is to develop atlases of the human lung in health and disease across two consortia that will benefit the overall community of researchers who study lung biology, including students and trainees. Such information could help in development of therapies to treat inflammatory lung disease.

I have served as a Faculty Senator from 2017-2023 and participated in several committees including the Postdoctoral Affairs Task Force and currently serve on the Faculty Policies Committee. I look forward to running again for a position on the Faculty Senate. I feel that the model of shared governance at the U of R is important and by serving on the Faculty Senate, I can help to strengthen the ties between faculty and leadership.

## **Jack Mottley**

**Assistant Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering, Hajim School of Engineering and Applied Sciences**

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## **José Pérez-Ramos**

**Assistant Professor of Public Health Sciences, School of Medicine and Dentistry**

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I am a global health scientist focusing on designing and implementing innovative, community-centered research initiatives aimed at mitigating health disparities and social determinants impacting health outcomes within under-resourced communities. As a member of the School of

Medicine and Dentistry, I am the chair of the Stigmatizing Language Workgroup under the purview of the Office of Equity and Inclusion. This collaborative initiative is geared toward addressing the pervasive use of stigmatizing language, both historically and contemporarily. On a national scale, I hold the position of chair for the Scientific Committee within the Latino Caucus of the American Public Health Association, where I contribute to shaping impactful scientific strategies to address pressing public health challenges affecting Latino populations. In addition to my professional commitments, as a first-generation college graduate, I am deeply invested in fostering an inclusive environment within the academic sphere. Hence, my candidacy for the University of Rochester Faculty Senate is propelled by a sincere desire to advocate for the needs of our minoritized faculty and students, with the overarching goal of fostering an environment that is both equitable and conducive to personal and academic growth.

**Masumi per Rostad**

**Associate Professor of Viola, Eastman School of Music**

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It has been my pleasure and honor to serve as co-chair of the Faculty Senate '23-'24. Since 2017 I have been an associate professor of viola on the faculty of the Eastman School of Music. I regularly perform, teach, and present on music internationally. Before moving to Rochester, I performed as a member of the Pacifica String Quartet for 17 years. I have previously served on the faculties of Indiana University, University of Illinois, University of Chicago, and Northwestern University.

**Jan Schriefer**

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

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**Susan Shichen Yin**

**Assistant Professor of Anesthesiology and Perioperative Medicine, School of Medicine and Dentistry**

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I am a clinical anesthesiologist serving various hospitals and ambulatory surgery centers in our URMC enterprise including Strong, Highland, Sawgrass, and Marketplace. I am also an assistant program director for our anesthesiology residency program, with a focus on resident recruitment, education, and mentorship. After growing up in various locales like China, Fiji, and New York City, I came to Rochester in 2013 for medical residency and have made it home now with my husband – my high school sweetheart and also URMC radiologist – and two daughters. My motivations for joining the faculty senate are to have a voice in the institution and to give back to the community.

**Chauncey Syposs**

**Assistant Professor of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, School of Medicine and Dentistry**

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My wife & I are native Buffalonians and first-generation college graduates. Upon completion of medical training in Colorado, we were ecstatic to move back to Upstate New York for my 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 Associate 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 as well as the Clinical Pathology Education Steering committee. I have been a member of multiple quality improvement initiatives in the Department of Pathology and am deeply committed to improving University policies and practices.