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Family Medicine Residency ● Faculty

Jacob (Jake) Bidwell, MD (Jay-kuhb Bid-well)

- Hometown: Baraboo, WI
- Undergraduate Degree: Sociology
- Medical School: University of Wisconsin School of Medicine & Public Health
- Interests in Family Medicine: Underserved Medicine, Leadership Development

I chose Family Medicine because it is the only specialty where I could truly care for people throughout their lives. I chose Aurora because of the needs of Milwaukee's underserved communities and the organizational support for Walker's Point Community Clinic where I had my first job. Milwaukee is a great large city with a lot of diversity and many unique neighborhoods with plenty of fun things to do all year round. I enjoy any type of exercise, native plant gardening, and caring for my small flock of chickens.

John Brill, MD (Jon Bril)

- Hometown: Marathon, WI
- Undergraduate Degree: English Literature with Biology/Chemistry minors
- Medical School: Medical College of Wisconsin
- Interests in Family Medicine: Preventive Medicine, Population Health

I have worked at Aurora throughout my career because of the physician leadership, strong operations team that keeps processes working, and the wide variety of opportunities. I'm a rabid Brewers fan and serve as a physician for the stadium first aid. This is really nerdy, but I love to run queries in Epic SlicerDicer and Cosmos. My favorite hobby is kayaking with my wife and three kids, and I wish our dog Meeko would consider getting in the boat.

Bonnie Bobot, MD (Bon-knee Bob-it)

- Hometown: Milwaukee, WI
- Undergraduate Degree: Biology
- Medical School: Medical College of Wisconsin
- Interests in Family Medicine: Obstetrics, Integrative Medicine

I chose family medicine because I love being part of one's healthcare journey and bearing witness to all the elements of the human experience. I consider myself a very hard worker and very loyal in my relationships. I strive to be supportive, a good listener, and help others consistently. I chose Aurora Family Medicine Residency because of the excellent reputation of our healthcare system as well as being part of a team that highlights lifelong learning and the journey towards excellence and mastery. I love the connectedness of the community and all the social events the city hosts. I enjoy dancing, golfing, and spending time with my family. I have two children, Tony and Emily. I love 1980's culture/music and love to quote those movies often. "Life moves pretty fast. If you don't stop and look around once in a while, you could miss it. " - Ferris Bueller. I strive to become more spiritual and enrich my connections to those around me.
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Meinuo Chen Baca, MD (Meh-new Ch-eh-n B-ah-k-ah)

- Hometown: Zhanjiang, China/Madison, WI
- Undergraduate Degree: Pharmacology and Toxicology
- Medical School: Medical College of Wisconsin
- Interests in Family Medicine: Addiction Medicine, Community Medicine

I first became interested in Family Medicine while studying Pharmacology and Toxicology during undergrad, where I developed a passion for preventative medicine and chronic disease management. In medical school, it was confirmed that Family Medicine was perfect because I loved forming continuous patient relationships while providing full scope care including obstetrics, pediatrics, addiction medicine, and community medicine. While living in Milwaukee during medical school, I found a wonderful community both in and outside of medicine and knew I wanted to keep planting roots here during residency training. I was fortunate to rotate with residents from Aurora Family Medicine during third year medical school. Not only were these residents’ wonderful mentors but they also expressed how much they loved their program as Aurora provides excellent medical training in addition to genuinely caring for resident wellbeing. On interview day, I knew Aurora Family Medicine was the program for me as I was impressed by its dedication to surrounding community, its patient population diversity, and its nurturing family atmosphere of all faculty, residents, and staff! Outside of medicine, I love spending time with my husband and church community, trying to improve my guitar playing, being active outdoors, and cooking new instant pot/cast iron skillet/one-pot meal recipes.

Michelle (Shelly) Crane, DO (SHELL-ee KRAYN)

- Hometown: Mansfield, OH
- Undergraduate Degree: Biology/Chemistry
- Medical School: Ohio University Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine
- Interests in Family Medicine: Integrative Medicine, Weight-neutral Care, Integrative Medicine for the Underserved, Osteopathic Medicine, Professional Development, Mental Health

I was initially, and continue to be, drawn to family medicine because of my interest in relationship building, partnering with patients to help them live their fullest lives, and desire to provide heart-centered holistic care. After completing my residency with Aurora, it was an easy choice to continue on as faculty. I felt supported, challenged, and valued as a person and doctor and looked forward to working in a teaching capacity with residents and students. Completing a fellowship in integrative medicine helped me to hone the skills I learned in residency and also provided me with an even larger toolbox to engage in creative problem solving with patients. I have been living in Milwaukee since starting residency, and it has been a joy--I can never seem to get enough of the lake and the outdoors both in and around the Milwaukee area!
Catherine de Grandville, MD, FAAFP  (Kath-Ruhn Deh Grand-vil)

- Hometown: Chicago, IL
- Undergraduate Degree: Psychology
- Medical School: Jagiellonian Collegium Medicum
- Interests in Family Medicine: Preventative Care, Chronic Disease Management, Ambulatory Procedures

The specialty of Family Medicine allows me to maintain a broad, diverse skill set which I can utilize in both hospital and ambulatory settings. In other words, I never feel bored with my job. Working for Aurora, I feel respected and valued as a Family Medicine physician working closely with sub-specialists to bring the highest level of care for medically complex patients. I love living in Milwaukee because I feel it has many "big city" perks like great restaurants and museums in a small-town kind of an atmosphere. Plus, there a number of great beaches along the Lake to enjoy. Outside of work, I love spending time with my family and kids. We love to play all out Nerf gun wars across the house.

Konrad de Grandville, MD  (Kon-Rad Deh Grand-vil)

- Hometown: Ancaster, ON
- Undergraduate Degree: Political Science/Biology
- Medical School: Medical University of Lublin
- Interests in Family Medicine: Underserved Medicine, Geriatrics/Nursing Home, Procedures

I completed my Family Medicine training with the Aurora Family Medicine residency program. I enjoy working in a full-scope family medicine practice and having the opportunity to serve a diverse patient population. Milwaukee is a great place to live, with many year-round fun activities, festivals, parks and restaurants to choose from.
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Anne Getzin, MD (An Get-zin)

- Hometown: Wausau, WI
- Undergraduate Degree: Neuropsychology and Latin American Studies
- Medical School: University of Wisconsin School of Medicine & Public Health
- Family Medicine Interests: Health Equity, Advocacy, Environmental Justice

I love family medicine for so many reasons - just a few include caring for families across generations and ages, developing trusting relationships with patients, and the privilege to lean in and advocate for healthier, stronger communities. I first came to Milwaukee as a part of the University of Wisconsin TRIUMPH (TRaining In Urban Medicine and Public Health) program. I stayed for residency with our Aurora Family Medicine Program, and loved our community (faculty, residents, staff, and patients) so much, I stayed on as faculty, starting 9 years ago. Milwaukee is a beautiful city full of parks, trees and water - bringing me to my happy place outside in nature with family and friends. A fun fact about me is that for the first time this year, I joined 3 other program faculty in biking in the Riverwest 24 - a 24-hour bike race in our neighborhood that is the best party of the year.

Lauren Hobbs, MD (Lo-ren Habs)

- Hometown: Williams Bay, WI
- Undergraduate Degree: Psychology
- Medical School: University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine
- Interests in Family Medicine: Underserved Medicine, Hospital Medicine, Women's Health

The variety and ability to form meaningful long-term partnerships with patients is what drew me to family medicine. Outside of the clinic/hospital, I enjoy time with my family and outdoor activities.

Alonzo Jalan, MD (Uh-lon-zo Jay-lan)

- Hometown: Crookston, MN
- Undergraduate Degree: Biology
- Medical School: University of Wisconsin School of Medicine & Public Health
- Interests in Family Medicine: Health Equity, Informatics, Population Health

I choose family medicine for several reasons. Team approach to care, care across the lifespan, and community involvement. I love all the park in Milwaukee. Medicine is challenging no matter where you go, but people that I get to work with have been very supportive (Front Desk, Medical Assistants, Nurses, Pharmacists, etc...). Fun fact I grew up with 7 sisters and 1 brother.
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Katharine Kelly, MD (KATH-rin Kel-ee)

- Hometown: Milwaukee, WI
- Undergraduate Degree: Anthropology and French
- Medical School: University of Wisconsin School of Medicine & Public Health
- Interests in Family Medicine: Preventive Care, Chronic Disease Management, Women's Health, LGBTQ+ Care, Procedures.

I chose family medicine because I like partnering with individuals and families on health and wellness across the lifespan, and I love the variety. I did my residency training in Denver at the University of Colorado and chose to come back to my hometown and to Aurora because of the people, the excellent clinical care, and the opportunity to practice primary care in a system that also prioritizes public/population health. Fun facts: just out of college, I worked at the Lakefront Colectivo slinging espresso and scones all day. I love to read, run, ride my bike, downhill ski, travel, and keep up with my two young kids.

Kjersti Knox, MD (Share-stee Knox)

- Hometown: Pocatello, ID
- Undergraduate Degree: Biochemistry/ Minor: French
- Medical School: University of Wisconsin School of Medicine & Public Health
- Interests in Family Medicine: Community Health, Health Equity, Advocacy

I am a physician in undergraduate and graduate medical education in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. I have professional expertise and training as a clinician emphasizing and providing high quality health care to communities facing poverty and systemic barriers to health. As an educator, I am a respected teacher and in 2022 was awarded the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health (UW SMPH) Dean’s Teaching Award. In 2016 I also received the UW SMPH Department of Family Medicine Dr. Lester Brillman Award for my work as a mentor and teacher. My educational leadership focuses on teaching medical students and residents four pillars which enable them to become physician leaders. Those four pillars include: clinical medicine, public and community health, health equity, and leadership and advocacy skills. I have directed the Training in Urban Medicine and Public Health (TRIUMPH) program, the UW SMPH’s urban medicine training track, since 2017 and directed the Community Health, Advocacy, and Managing Populations (CHAMP) program, the Aurora Family Medicine Residency’s core community health and advocacy program, since 2014.

I maintain appointments through both the Advocate Aurora Health system and the University of Wisconsin. The TRIUMPH and CHAMP programs focus heavily on cultivating equitable partnerships with community organizations. My dual appointment and commitment to community-based work provide me with ample experience successfully partnering with multiple community-based organizations and health and academic systems.

I am a graduate of the UW SMPH where I also graduated from the TRIUMPH program. I completed my Family Medicine Residency at Aurora Family Medicine residency in Milwaukee and then joined the Aurora Family Medicine Residency faculty in 2014. I was awarded a Fulbright Fellowship to Sweden in Health Policy in 2005 and is a Gold Humanism Honors Society Member. Outside of medicine, I enjoy time with my family, playing outdoors, coaching youth soccer, yoga, and slowly enjoying a cup of coffee or tea.
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Wilhelm (Will) Lehmann, MD, MPH (Wil Lay-muhn)

- Hometown: Louisville, Kentucky
- Undergraduate Degree: Psychology
- Medical School: University of Louisville Kentucky
- Interests in Family Medicine: Clinical Quality Improvement Projects, Mental Health

On moving back to the Midwest, we looked at multiple academic programs, but Aurora was by far the most professional throughout the process. I also very much appreciated knowing that I could focus on "service" and "education" without having the anxiety of "publish or perish". Being medical director of Aurora’s free clinic, Walker's Point, for my first three years here was an absolute privilege. Milwaukee has been a wonderful "home base" with incredible schools and experiences for my children, but also close enough to the incredible rivers, lakes, and streams that the rest of Wisconsin has to offer.

Alyssa Mohorek, MD (A-liss-a Mo-hoe-wreck)

- Hometown: Mukwonago, WI
- Undergraduate Degree: English
- Medical School: Medical College of Wisconsin
- Interests in Family Medicine: Coordinating care for medical complex patients

I chose family medicine because I love the ability to form long term relationships with entire families. Aurora has been a great fit because it gives me the resources to ensure that patients have access to some of the best specialty care in the country. When I am not seeing patients or shuttling my daughters around you can typically find me reading, fishing, at a car show or headed up to the UP.

Lawerence Moore, MD, MPH (LAW-renss Mor)

- Hometown: Freeport, IL
- Undergraduate Degree: International Studies
- Medical School: University of Wisconsin School of Medicine & Public Health
- Interests in Family Medicine: Population Health and Policy, Medical Education, Health Equity

I chose family medicine because I value longitudinal relationships. The neighborhood parks, summer festivals, and great restaurants make living in Milwaukee enjoyable...especially in the summer. When I am not at work, I enjoy spending time with my partner and our two children, travel, Dj-based music, and anime.
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Steven Murphy, MD  (Steev-N Mer-Fee)

- Hometown: Racine, WI
- Undergraduate Degree: Medical Humanities
- Medical School: University of Wisconsin School of Medicine & Public Health
- Interests in Family Medicine: Healthcare for the uninsured, Newcomer Health

I am proud to be medical director of Wisconsin's largest free clinic, Aurora Walker's Point Community Clinic. Our family medicine residency is part of Milwaukee's safety net for patients who otherwise would have limited access to high-quality care. I love our team-based approach to care. Patients benefit (and residents learn) from Aurora's network of Community Health Workers, Therapists and Counselors, In-Home and Hospice care providers. Residents who work with me learn how to be effective advocates for patients navigating the healthcare system. Also, I am part of a monthly Motivational Interviewing learning group and love to share what I learn from them.

Jessica O’Brien, MD  (Jess-E O-Bry-in)

- Hometown: DeWitt, MI
- Undergraduate Degree: Biology
- Medical School: Harvard Medical School
- Interests in Family Medicine: Community Medicine, Obstetrics, Pediatrics, Medical Student Education, LGBTQ Care including providing gender-affirming hormone treatment

I joined the Aurora Family Medicine Residency as faculty in 2016. I chose Aurora because I wanted the opportunity to provide full spectrum primary care in an academic and community setting. I also loved the collaborative, supportive working environment. Milwaukee was also the perfect fit for me to grow my family. We love exploring the restaurants, family friendly activities, ample city parks and running trails.
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Stephenie Quirke, DO (Stef-uh-nee K-wurk)

- Hometown: Franklin, WI
- Undergraduate Degree: Biomedical Sciences
- Medical School: Nova Southeastern University Kiran C. Patel College of Osteopathic Medicine
- Interests in Family Medicine: Obstetrics

My interest in family medicine developed during my undergraduate years and grew as I continued in my medical studies. Prior to medical school I worked as a certified nursing assistant, and one of my favorite aspects of the job was the opportunity to develop relationships with patients over time. Family medicine is unique because physicians are able to really get to know their patients, especially the ones that they treat over many years. During my time at Nova Southeastern University, I really enjoyed learning about multiple specialties. Pediatrics and obstetrics are very fulfilling to me, after having gone through a pregnancy and having a child of my own. I also really enjoyed working with the geriatric population, since that is where my CNA roots lie. The more I learned about osteopathic medicine I knew that I wanted to use it to benefit my patients. Family medicine gives me the opportunity to learn and practice each of these aspects of medicine, which is one of the many reasons I find it so appealing! I was raised in the Milwaukee area, and I was even born at Aurora St. Luke’s! It is such an honor to return and stay to serve my hometown. Outside of medicine my hobbies include knitting, cross stitching, baking, and spending time with my family and my cats.

Mark Robinson, DO (Mark Rob-in-suhn)

- Hometown: Barre, VT
- Undergraduate Degree: Exercise Science/Athletic Training/Pre-Med
- Medical School: Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine at Midwestern University
- Interests in Family Medicine: Integrative Medicine, Osteopathic Medicine, Chronic Pain

I chose family medicine because it best fit with my interests in osteopathic medicine and preventative primary care. It allows me to work with patients and families of all ages and truly build lifelong relationships while also allowing me to continually learn all aspects of medicine.
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**Alexandrea (Alex) Spindler, DO** (Al-Ig-Zaan-Dree-Uh Spin-duh-ler)

- Hometown: Manitowoc, WI
- Undergraduate Degree: Bachelor of Science in Health Science
- Medical School: Des Moines University College of Osteopathic Medicine
- Interests in Family Medicine: Mental Health, Addiction Medicine, Adolescent and Women's Health, OMT

I love family medicine for all of the variety it can offer while forming lasting relationships with patients and families. In my practice of predominantly outpatient medicine, special interests include mental health and addiction medicine, osteopathic manipulative treatment, pediatrics, and women's health. Like any native Wisconsinite, you may often find me eating cheese and cheering on the Packers, Brewers and Bucks. I also enjoy being active outdoors, spending time in the kitchen, and am always searching for a new dog to meet.

**Lisa Sullivan-Vedder, MD** (Lee-suh Suhl-ih-vuhn Ved-uhhr)

- Hometown: St. Louis, MO
- Undergraduate Degree: Biology
- Medical School: University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Medicine
- Interests in Family Medicine: Women's Health, Dermatology, Procedures

Family Medicine fully embraces the biopsychosocial model of medical practice, which I believe is the best way to approach providing competent, compassionate care for patients and communities. While initially drawn to join Aurora for my residency training by its academic focus in a community setting, I stayed because of the diverse patient population, amazing colleagues and professional collaboration and focus on lifelong learning and improvement I have found to be a valued part of the culture within Advocate Aurora. And as for Milwaukee--I will never tire of looking out over the horizon of Lake Michigan at all times of day and in all seasons. Summers are great, winters you can get outside and enjoy the snow (cross country skiing, anyone?) and you're never far from a great concert, festival, or restaurant (with pretty easy parking!). Hobby-wise, I am a serial hobbyist, though I learned to knit in residency and never stopped (fun fact: I once won a knit-and-walk relay) and have always enjoyed photography and began doing a few Senior Photo sessions here and there in recent years. My husband and I also enjoy figuring out how to coax flowers, herbs and veggies from our Zone 5b yard, traveling near and far with our two children, cooking meals together and enjoying them with family and friends and spending as much time as possible outdoors enjoying whatever hiking/biking/canoeing/kayaking/camping adventures come our way.
Keyonna Taylor-Coleman, MD  (Key-yon-na Tay-ler Cole-man)

- Hometown: Milwaukee, WI
- Undergraduate Degree: Psychology
- Medical School: Ross University School of Medicine
- Interests in Family Medicine: Women's Health, Behavioral/Mental Health, Preventative Medicine, Managing Chronic Conditions, Full-Spectrum

My interest in medicine is wide-spread and I love learning. I enjoyed many of my rotations during medical school, and family medicine just meshed well with my likes, interest, and how I saw myself practicing. I was fortunate enough to be a part of the Aurora St. Luke's Family Medicine Residency Program and decided to remain on as faculty due to the depth of my connections to the community, patients, and colleagues. I was born and raised here in Milwaukee, and although I had a taste of many different areas inside and outsider the US during my nomadic era, I found my way back.

Fun fact: I love Marvel movies and I have a little fur baby named 'Loki' (a play on words because he's named after me, my personality is low-key, his personality was low-key when I chose him, but now he's grown into his mischievousness). I'm a foodie, who also loves to work-out to support my foodie habits.

Joseph (Joe) Vogelgesang, DO  (J-oh Vo-gull-sang)

- Hometown: Lima, OH
- Undergraduate Degree: Biomedical Science
- Medical School: Ohio University Heritage Collee of Osteopathic Medicine
- Interests in Family Medicine: Osteopathy, Lifestyle Medicine, Integrative Medicine (particularly cardiometabolic health), Mindfulness (as a personal practice and professional development pursuit)

I changed career paths early as an undergrad after my dad died suddenly and unexpectedly. I decided a career as a clinician and likely in primary care was where I wanted to be in order to hopefully prevent the kind of experience, I went through from happening to other families. I specifically chose osteopathy and family medicine because the philosophy made inherent sense to me as a less-is-more and jack-of-all-trades person. I originally moved to Milwaukee for residency training and then moved back because I appreciated the climate, urban environment that is close to some beautiful natural getaways, the neighborhoods with their unique identities and cultures, the ability bike and get around easily and the proximity to my family in Ohio. My hobbies include reading, running and most sports, cooking, playing board games and obsessing over my spirit animal the polar bear.
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**Brian Wallace, MD** *(Br-yuhn Wall-Uhs)*

- Hometown: Black River Falls, WI
- Undergraduate Degree: Micro-Biology
- Medical School: University of Wisconsin School of Medicine & Public Health
- Interests in Family Medicine: Sports Medicine

I started out in private practice, but missed teaching. I found the perfect place to practice and teach at St Luke's. I love the ability to do a bit of everything. Family Medicine provides that, and endless opportunities for growth. Family Medicine has been good to me and I love it more every year!

**Zeeshan Yacoob, MD, MPH** *(Z-shawn Ya-coub)*

- Hometown: Milwaukee, WI
- Undergraduate Degree: Neurobiology; Minor in global health; Minor in stem cell sciences; Master of Public Health
- Medical School: University of Madison School of Medicine & Public Health
- Interests in Family Medicine: Urban Underserved Medicine; Inpatient Medicine, Public Health

The ability to form life-long relationships, to be an advocate for one's patient, to provide high-quality cost-effective care and the broad patient spectrum drew me to family medicine. My desire to serve a medically underserved patient population, the programs focus on the upstream factors that influence health and the caring group of faculty all drew me to Aurora. I love Milwaukee as it is a diverse multicultural city with a small city feel. When I am not at work, I love exploring new cities, being outdoors, hiking and biking.
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Christina Senger, DO  (Cree-STEEnah Sang-er)

- Hometown: Davenport, IA
- Undergraduate Degree: Biology
- Medical School: Des Moines University College of Osteopathic Medicine
- Pediatric Physician

Seeing a child grow from a tiny infant into their early adult years is truly an amazing and transformative process and I'm honored when patients allow me to be a part of that amazing journey!

My professional interests include providing support for breastfeeding mothers, especially in regards to retention of breastfeeding in the workplace, preventative nutrition and exercise, and motivational interviewing to achieve goal body mass index. When I'm not at work, I enjoy going for walks with my husband and dog, reading fiction, growing house plants, going to restaurants around Milwaukee, and exploring different cultures around the world.

Deborah Simpson, PhD  (Deb-rah Simp-son)

- Hometown: San Francisco, CA
- Undergraduate Degree: American History and Cultural Anthropology
- Graduate School: The Ohio State University and U of Minnesota
- Interests in Family Medicine: Medical Education

Collaborating and consulting with family physicians to optimize the education they provide to residents and medical students is intellectually stimulating and just darn fun!! MKE - what's not to like (except ice storms) -- can hike, bike, music, beach, x-ski, sail, or just relax with lots of free concerts and events.
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Family Medicine Residency ● Nurse Practitioners

Glenda Sundberg, FNP-CS, APNP (Glen-duh Sun-berg)

- Hometown: Milwaukee, WI
- Undergraduate Degree: Nursing
- Nursing School: University of Milwaukee Family Nurse Practitioner Program
- Interests in Family Medicine: Outreach Community Medicine, Refugee Health

I chose Aurora as a place to work 30 years ago because they were community minded and valued helping their surrounding diverse community. I have always loved Milwaukee, the downtown area, lake front and restaurants. While I commute up from Illinois, I love Milwaukee and have loved working here all these years. In my free time (I’m now an empty nester) I enjoy camping with my husband (Wisconsin has so many fun places to explore) and staying fit by training for Triathlons.