

Current/Past Fellows, Rush University Medical Center

Name	Current Location	Career focus
Joseph Staffetti, MD	<i>1st year Movement Disorders Fellow, Rush University Medical Center, Chicago, IL</i>	-Fellowship 2024-2026
Shashika Rodrigo, MD	<i>1st year Movement Disorders Fellow, Rush University Medical Center, Chicago, IL</i>	-Safra fellow 2024-2026
Helen Dainton-Howard, MD	<i>2nd year Movement Disorders Fellow, Rush University Medical Center, Chicago, IL</i>	-Dual trained and boarded in Neurology & Psychiatry -Interested in a career as an academic Movement Disorders clinician with a joint neuropsychiatric practice -Currently pursuing the Masters in Clinical Research program at Rush -Interested in pursuing clinical research in PD dementia and hallucinations
Meenakshi Roy, MD	<i>2nd year Movement Disorders Fellow, Rush University Medical Center, Chicago, IL</i>	-Parkinson's Foundation (PF) fellowship recipient -Interested in pursuing a career as an academic movement Disorders clinician with a focus on community outreach -Submitted an AAN practice research award for project mentored by Dr Hall for establishing practice guidelines for the use of alpha-synuclein skin biopsies in Movement Disorders clinic
Christina Swan, MD, PhD	<i>Assistant Professor of Neurological Sciences, Rush University Medical Center, Chicago, IL</i>	-Safra fellow 2022-2024 -Interested in pursuing an academic career in Movement Disorders with a concentration in interventions such as Deep Brain Stimulation (DBS) and clinical research -She has a project aiming to assess differences in functional outcomes in patients who have undergone DBS implantation surgery with either awake or asleep techniques (Mentor Neepa Patel, MD) -Sub-I in a clinical trial for new pharmacotherapy for Essential Tremor (mentor, Neepa Patel, MD) -Sub-I in two registry studies looking at clinical DBS outcomes (Abbot, Boston Scientific) (mentor, Neepa Patel, MD) -Sub-I in a clinical trial looking at outcomes for subcutaneous Levodopa infusion in Parkinson's disease (mentor, Mitra Afshari, MD) -PI for one registry study looking at clinical DBS outcomes (Medtronic)
Serdar Kazanci, MD	<i>Resident in Neurology at University of Lucerne, Switzerland</i>	-Special interest in autoimmune and paraneoplastic causes of movement disorders. -Fellowship 2022-2024
Andrew Ameri, MD	<i>Assistant Professor, Medical University of South Carolina, Charleston, SC</i>	-Fellowship 2021-2023 -Interested in Surgical Interventions and Chemodenervation for Movement Disorders -Sub-I in two clinical trials evaluating the use of subcutaneous Levodopa infusion in Parkinson's disease (mentor, Mitra Afshari, MD) -Presented research at AAN, MDS, PAS
Dana Sugar, MD	<i>Assistant Professor, University of New</i>	-Parkinson's Foundation (PF) fellowship recipient -Worked on a project assessing anxiety in cervical dystonia and response to chemodenervation therapy as well as mapping

	<i>Mexico, Albuquerque, NM</i>	<p>anxiety to brain networks in cervical dystonia (mentor, Abhi Mahajan, MD)\</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Published dystonia study results in Parkinsonism and related disorders -Presented at AAN in 2021, 2022 and MDS 2022
Caroline Olvera, MD	<i>Clinician, Neurology/ Movement Disorders, Mount Sinai Hospital, Chicago, IL</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fellowship 2020-2022 -Parkinson's Foundation (PF) fellowship recipient -Published manuscript on: "TikTok Tics: A pandemic within a pandemic" in Movement Disorders Clinical Practice. She also presented a series of tik tok tic patients at the annual Movement Disorders Meeting, a poster selected for the guided tour (mentor Katie Kompoliti, MD) -Published manuscript on Criminology and HD (mentors, Victor Patron, MD and Deborah Hall, MD, PhD) -Published residency project on: "Psychiatric co-morbidities in functional movement disorders: A retrospective cohort study" in Movement Disorders Clinical Practice -Published chapter on: "Community palliative care for movement disorders" (mentor, Jori Fleisher, MD) -Gave multiple lectures to the neurology residents, medical students and patient support groups.
Deepal Shah-Zamora, MD	<i>Assistant Professor, Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, NC</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fellowship 2020-2022 -Worked on a research project on the effect of music therapy on apathy in Parkinson's disease – a randomized controlled trial- (mentor, Jori Fleisher, MD) - Published residency project on "Mindfulness based stress reduction on people with Parkinson's disease and their care partners" -Published book chapter on MEG and dystonia (mentor, Abhimanyu Mahajan, MD) -Poster presentations: The Many Faces of Spinocerebellar Ataxia type 8: A Video Series and Review of the Literature – presented as abstract at AAN Annual Meeting April 2021 and PLA2G6-Associated Neurodegeneration: A Continuum of Phenotypes accepted to MDS Congress 2021 -Master of Science in Clinical Research program, Rush University Graduate College (MS in 2022)
Roshni Patel, MD	<i>Movement Disorders Neurologist, Jesse Brown VA, Assistant Professor of Neurological Sciences, Rush University Medical Center, Chicago, IL</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fellowship 2019-2021 - Parkinson's Foundation (PF) fellow - Published research project on sexual orientation and gender identity documentation at an academic movement disorders neurology clinic (mentor, Natalie Witek, MD, Glenn Stebbins, PhD) - Published research project on COVID-19 outcomes in hospitalized patients with neurodegenerative diseases, this was a platform presentation at AAN, April 2021 (mentor, Brandon Barton, MD) - Completed Master of Science in Clinical Research program, Rush University Graduate College (MS in 2021)
Alana Kirby, MD, PhD	<i>Assistant Professor of Neurological Sciences, Movement Disorders, Rush University Medical Center, Chicago, IL</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fellowship 2018-2020 - Parkinson's Foundation (PF) fellowship recipient - Interested in combining basic science research into the circuitry of Movement Disorders with clinical care - She is working in the laboratory to establish a rodent model of apathy in Parkinson's disease. Her goal is to identify viable circuit-based targets for DBS/TMS and pharmacotherapies in a parkinsonian animal model (mentors Celeste Napier PhD and Christopher Goetz, MD) -In addition to her research work, she participates in patient outreach and medical education, organizer of the annual Rush

		patient and caregiver symposium and CME course for Parkinson's patients
Chandler Gill, MD, MS	<i>Assistant Professor of Neurological Sciences, Movement Disorders, Rush Oak Park Hospital, Rush University Medical Center, Chicago, IL</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fellowship 2018-2020 - DBS fellow for the senior year of fellowship (mentor, Leo Verhagen, MD, PhD) - Participated in a research project on the effects of karate on Parkinson's disease (mentor, Jori Fleisher, MD) - Master of Science in Clinical Research program, Rush University Graduate College (MS in 2020)
Natalie Witek, MD, MS	<i>Movement Disorder Specialist, Advocate Medical Group, Downers Grove, IL</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Currently in private practice - Fellowship 2017-19 - Safra fellow 2017-2019 - Special interest in autoimmune mediated movement disorders (mentor, Deborah Hall, MD, PhD, Sam Pleasure, MD, PhD) - Conducting a prospective observational study assessing immune dysregulation in parkinsonism supported by the Melvin Yahr Early Career in Research grant. - Submitted a K23 in June 2022 on immune mediated movement disorders. -Completed Master of Science in Clinical Research program, Rush University Graduate College (MS in 2019)
Anjali Gera, MD, MS	<i>Northwestern Health System Clinician, Neurology/ Movement Disorders, Central Dupage Hospital, Winfield, IL</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fellowship 2017-19 - While a fellow at Rush (2017-2019) she completed a research project using quantitative motion analysis to determine the pattern of gait and balance impairment in <i>GBA</i> mutation carriers vs. non-mutation carriers with PD vs. healthy control subjects (mentor, Gian Pal, MD). Manuscript accepted at PLOS -Completed the Master of Science in Clinical Research program, Rush University Graduate College (MS in 2019)
Avram Frait, MD, MS	<i>Northwestern Health System Clinician, Neurology/ Movement Disorders, Lake Forest hospital and Northwestern University, Lake Forest, IL</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fellowship 2016-18 - Clinical research fellowship grant recipient from the Dystonia Medical Research Foundation (DMRF), 2017-2018 - While a fellow at Rush (2016-2018) he completed a project on: Feasibility, reliability and satisfaction of post-Botulinum toxin telemedicine visit for Cervical Dystonia (mentor, Cindy Comella, MD) -Completed the Master of Science in Clinical Research program, Rush University Graduate College (MS 2018)
Meagan Bailey, MD, MS	<i>Physician, New Hanover Regional Medical Center, Wilmington, NC</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fellowship 2015-2017 - Assistant Professor of Neurological Sciences, Movement Disorders, Rush University Medical Center, Chicago, IL, 2017-2021 - While at Rush she was involved in research examining stigma from impulse control disorders in Parkinson's disease and health disparities in the African American community with Parkinson's disease (mentor Deborah Hall, MD, PhD) - Taught Neuroscience block at the Rush medical school - Completed the Master of Science in Clinical Research program, Rush University Graduate College (MS 2017)
Ian Owen Bledsoe, MD, MS	<i>Associate Professor, University of California, San Francisco, San Francisco, CA</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fellowship 2014-16 - Research Interests: Neuroimaging and focal dystonia, special interest in musician's dystonia - While a fellow at Rush, he completed research on callosal volume and DTI changes in Parkinson's disease (mentors Dr. Jennifer G. Goldman, MD, MS, Glenn Stebbins, PhD). Manuscripts published in Neurology

Padmaja Vittal, MD, MS	<i>Northwestern Health System Clinician, Neurology/ Movement Disorders, Central Dupage Hospital, Winfield, IL</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fellowship 2013-2015 - Received the AAN Clinical Research Training Fellowship in 2015 to investigate the role of antisense fragile X mental retardation (ASFMR) gene to allow clinicians to determine who will ultimately develop FXTAS (mentor Deborah Hall, MD, PhD)
Gian Pal, MD, MS	<i>Assistant Professor of Neurology, Movement Disorders, Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson, New Brunswick, NJ</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fellowship 2012-2014 - Research interests: Deep Brain Stimulation (DBS) in PD: awarded an NIH K23 award to use genetic testing to identify subgroups of PD subjects at risk for cognitive decline after DBS (mentors Chris Goetz, MD, Deborah Hall, MD, PhD) - Received a Rush University Neurology Departmental grant as a fellow to examine biomarkers related to the gastrointestinal tract in parkinsonism (2012-2014) - Publications on movement disorder treatments and gut inflammation in PD - Completed the Master of Science in Clinical Research program, Rush University Graduate College (MS 2014)
Sheila Eichenseer, MD, MS	<i>Assistant Professor of Neurology, Medical College of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, WI</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fellowship 2011-2013 - Received a grant from the Dystonia coalition, 2012-2013 (mentor, Cynthia Comella, MD) - Publications in peer-reviewed journals on sleep quality in patients with Cervical Dystonia and new genetic mutations causing NBIA (mentors, Cynthia Comella, MD, Jennifer G. Goldman, MD, MS) - Completed the Master of Science in Clinical Research program, Rush University Graduate College (MS 2013)
Christina Vaughan, MD, MS	<i>Associate Professor of Neurology, University of Colorado, Denver, Colorado</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fellowship 2010-2012 - Interested in palliative care and management of symptoms in advanced patients with movement disorders; integration of tele-medicine as a means of outreach for advanced neurologic disease. - Completed fellowship training in Movement Disorders and in Hospice/Palliative Medicine - Division chief, head of Neuropalliative care, Department of Neurology, University of Colorado - Completed the Master of Science in Clinical Research program, Rush University Graduate College (MS 2012)
Houman Houmayoun, MD, PhD	<i>Associate Professor of Neurology, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fellowship 2011-2012 - Medical Director of the Deep Brain Stimulation program, University of Pittsburgh
Sachin Kapur, MD	<i>Chicago Movement Specialists, Bolingbrook, IL</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fellowship 2009-2011 - Currently in private practice with major focus in movement disorders - Developed studies on vibration therapy for PD and varenicline for PD gait during his fellowship (mentor, Chris Goetz, MD)
Brandon R Barton, MD, MS	<i>Associate Professor of Neurological Sciences, Rush University Medical Center & Neurology Attending, Jesse Brown VA Medical</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fellowship 2007-2009 - Research has focused on: exploring causes and risks for PD dementia in veteran populations; effects of TBI on non-motor symptoms - Has co-created a large VA PD patient database to study risks of cognitive impairment and health care services utilization, as well as diagnostic accuracy in the VA system - Publications in peer-reviewed journals on PD dementia and Evidence Based Medicine

	<i>Center, Chicago, IL</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Education and administrative coordination for Movement Disorders patients in the VA Parkinson's Disease, Research, and Clinical Care Centers (PADRECC) - Website educational development for the Movement Disorders Society - Completed the Master of Science in Clinical Research program, Rush University Graduate College (MS 2009)
S. Elizabeth Zauber, MD, MS	<i>Associate Professor of Neurology, Indiana University School of Medicine, Indianapolis,</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fellowship 2007-2009 - Research interests: DBS and the clinical and neurophysiological elements of DBS, including modeling of abnormal neuronal firing in movement disorder patients - Impact of medical and surgical therapies on communication in PD - Collaborator on NIH-funded research investigating MRS biomarkers in a cohort of welders with parkinsonism and PD - Completed the Master of Science in Clinical Research program, Rush University Graduate College (MS 2009)
Nidhi Watson, MD	<i>Deceased (2007)</i>	
Aleksandar Videnovic, MD, MS	<i>Associate Professor of Neurology, Massachusetts General Hospital and Harvard Medical School</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fellowship 2005-2007 - Research interests: sleep, circadian biology and movement disorders - Received the clinician scientist AAN Foundation/PDF award to study Circadian rhythms and sleep-wake cycle in PD (2008) and NIH K23 to study sleep and PD, Currently RO1 funded to examine bright light modulation of non-motor symptoms in PD - His research has been supported by NIH/NINDS, Michael J Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research, National Parkinson Foundation, American Brain Foundation and Parkinson's Foundation. - Director of the Division of Sleep medicine at MGH and director of the MGH program on Sleep, Circadian Biology and Neurodegeneration at Massachusetts General Hospital - Completed the Master of Science in Clinical Research program, Rush University Graduate College (MS 2007)
Ilia Itin, MD	<i>Assistant Professor of Neurology, Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland OH</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fellowship 2004-2006 - Clinical care of patients with movement disorders at the Center for Neurological Restoration, Cleveland Clinic - Publications in peer-reviewed journals on the clinical characteristics of movement disorders, dystonia, and DBS in FXTAS
Jennifer G. Goldman, MD, MS	<i>Professor, Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation and Neurology, Northwestern Feinberg Medical School, Chicago, IL</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fellowship 2002-2004 - Section Chief for PD and Movement Disorders Rehabilitation at the Shirley Ryan Ability Lab. - Previously at Rush University, Director of Neuropsychiatry program in Movement Disorders section; Co-director of Rush Movement Disorders Brain Bank - Has been chair of IPMDS Pan-American Section Education Committee; Member of the IPMDS Leadership Task Force - Has worked on PD and neuropsychiatric complications; Biomarkers and therapeutics; Focal hand dystonia/musicians dystonia; Education and mentorship - Completed the Master of Science in Clinical Research program, Rush University Graduate College (MS 2009)
Vanessa Hinson, MD, PhD	<i>Professor of Neurology, Medical University of South Carolina and chief of neurology at the</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fellowship 2002-2004 - Movement Disorders Program Director at MUSC and Chief of Neurology, Ralph H. Johnson VA Medical Center, Charleston, SC - Funded by MJFF to investigate the use of atomoxetine in PD cognitive dysfunction

	<i>Ralph H. Johnson VA Medical Center</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Collaborator with basic scientists and neuroimaging researchers on noradrenergic systems in PD - Publications in peer-reviewed journals on PD, dystonia, functional movement disorders
Stacy Horn, DO	<i>Retired</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fellowship 2000-2002 - Clinical care of patients with movement disorders and clinical trials - Former Assistant Clinical Professor of Neurology, University of Pennsylvania from 2002-2013 - While at Penn, was director of the clinical trials program and was awarded the excellence in teaching award by the residents in 2007 - Associate Research Professor, Department of Pathology and Cell Biology, Jefferson University, Philadelphia PA 2014-2016
Esther Cubo, MD	<i>Associate Professor of Neurology, University of Burgos, Burgos, Spain</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fellowship 1998-2000 - Research interests: epidemiology of Tic disorders in Spain, movement disorders and neurological diseases in Cameroon - Has been chair of the Telemedicine Task Force of the International Parkinson and Movement Disorder Society (IPMDS), implemented an IPMDS-funded tele-education program for health care providers and later for medical students in Cameroon - Awarded the Presidential Lecture Award in the IPMDS in 2014 - Has led several projects analyzing clinimetric aspects of new rating scales in PD; Member of the IPMDS Rating Scales task force and the Neuroepidemiology Department, at Instituto of Health Carlos III, Spain. - Awarded grants to study the prevalence of tic disorders and their association with school impairment - Involved in the European Huntington's Disease Network, the PD longitudinal network in Spain, and several task forces in the IPMDS
Kathy Kujawa, MD, PhD	<i>Assistant Professor, Medical College of Wisconsin/ Froedert Hospital, Milwaukee, WI</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fellowship 1998-2000 - Currently at Loyola University, dedicated practice in Movement Disorders - Received AAN Clinical Research Training Fellowship (2000)
Katie Kompoliti, MD	<i>Professor of Neurological Sciences, Rush University Medical Center, Chicago, IL</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fellowship 1995-1997 - Special interests include Tourette Syndrome (TS), functional movement disorders, and education - Director of the Movement Disorder Fellowship Program - Past member of the National Medical Advisory Board for the Tourette Syndrome Association - Currently directing a Center of Excellence for Tourette Syndrome and Tic Disorders
Tarif Bakdash, MD, MS	<i>Pediatric Neurologist, Royal Oak, Michigan</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fellowship 1995-1997 - Pediatric neurologist with fellowships in movement disorders, epilepsy and sleep - Formerly, Associate Professor of Neurology, University of Mississippi - Formerly, Associate Professor and Director of Pediatric movement disorders at the Medical College of Wisconsin, 2014-2016 - Formerly, Assistant Professor of Child Neurology at Case Western Reserve University, 1998-2002 - Completed a Masters in Health Sciences Bioethics, at the University of Toronto, funded by a grant from the United Nations

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Created the first Bioethics curriculum, using WHO guidelines, at Damascus University, Syria - Academic Coordinator for the World Health Organization of the United Nations in Damascus, Services Director and later the National Plan Director for the Syrian Organization for the Disabled (AAMAL), appointed the first Secretary General for the Disabled; ran the National Plan for the Disabled while collaborating with the United Nations - Has received grant awards from the Gates Foundation, Ford Foundation, and the Wellcome Trust in the UK - Continues to do humanitarian work as a doctor in Syria
Eric J. Pappert, MD	<i>Physician, Neurology Associates, San Antonio, TX (private practice)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fellowship 1994-1996 - Movement disorders clinical practice, medical affairs for pharmaceutical companies - Has served as Assistant Professor at Rush University Medical Center and at the University of San Antonio, TX - Has been medical director of Solstice Neuroscience, Merz, and currently medical director for Sunovion, pharmaceutical - Runs private practice with a personal focus in movement disorders - Publications in peer-reviewed journals on PD, hallucinations, dystonia and co-editor of Textbook of Neurology (with Chris Goetz, MD)
Mitchell Grobman, MD	<i>Locum Tenens Neurology, Kansas City, Kansas</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fellowship 1993-1995 - Formerly in private practice for neurological disorders, Libertyville, IL
Melanie Brandabur, MD	<i>Medical Director, Ultragenyx Pharmaceuticals</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fellowship 1992-1994 - Movement disorders clinical practice and research trials - Has served as Assistant Professor at Rush University Medical Center and the University of Illinois in Chicago, and as the Clinical Director at the Parkinson's Institute, Sunnyvale, CA involved in clinical practice, education and clinical trials in PD - Since 2014 she has become the Medical Director of Ultragenyx Pharmaceuticals
Nico Diederich, MD	<i>Professor of Neurology, Cologne, Germany</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Research interests: PD, hallucinations, visual system, REM behavior disorder - Neurologist and Senior Clinical Researcher, Luxembourg Center for Systems Biomedicine, University of Luxembourg, Professor of Neurology, University of Cologne, Cologne, Germany. - Has served in the editorial board of Movement Disorders and the Journal of Neurological Science. - Research has focused on (including collaborations with Drs. Comella, Goetz, Goldman, and Stebbins): i) changes in different aspects of lower and upper level vision in PD; ii) hallucinations in PD and other Parkinsonian syndromes and conceptual frameworks for etiological factors of visual hallucinations in PD; iii) REM sleep behavior disorder and sleep apnea in PD and has showed reduced sympathetic heart rate variability in REM and NREM sleep in PD; iv) phylogenetic aspects and mitochondrial dysfunction in PD - Currently co-principal investigator for the National Centre of Excellence in PD Research, funded by the National Foundation for Research in Luxembourg
Susan Ditter	<i>Physician, Psychiatry, Forensic Psychiatry,</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Currently in Neurology private practice.

	<i>Neurology, San Jose, CA (Private Practice)</i>	
James Sutton, MD	<i>Pacific Neuroscience Medical Group (Private Practice), Oxnard, CA</i>	- Currently in Neurology private practice.
Cynthia L. Comella, MD	<i>Professor Emeritus of Neurological Sciences, Rush University Medical Center, Chicago, IL</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fellowship 1987-1989 - Recently retired from clinical practice - Research interests: dystonia and botulinum toxin; PD, sleep, and exercise; clinical trials; mentorship and education - Current chair of the PAS of the IPMDS - Has been Chair of the Leadership Task force for the IPMDS and Mentor for the Emerging Leaders Forum program for the AAN; past chair of the mentorship committee for the Parkinson Study Group; past chair of the Dystonia Study group
Kathleen M. Shannon, MD	<i>Professor of Neurology and Chairperson of the Department of Neurology, University of Wisconsin, Maddison, WI</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fellowship 1985-1987 - Research interests: Huntington's disease (HD), gut biomarkers of PD, and clinical trials - Currently Chairperson of the Department of Neurology, University of Wisconsin, Maddison, WI - Director, Center of Excellence for HD, funded by the HD Society of America (HDSA). - Recipient of HDSA honors on 2 separate occasions
Joseph McDermott, MD	<i>Private Practice, Puerto Rico, PR</i>	- Fellowship 1983-1985
Charles Oates, MD	<i>Private Practice, Louisville, KY</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fellowship 1981-1983 - Retired
Caroline (Carlie) Tanner, MD, PhD	<i>Professor, Department of Neurological Sciences, University of California San Francisco</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Research interests: Neuroepidemiology, PD, and clinical trials - Professor, Department of Neurology, UCSF School of Medicine, - Previously medical director at the Parkinson's Institute, Sunnyvale, CA - One of the founding members of the Parkinson Study Group; Chair or Member of multiple committees and working groups at NINDS, NIH and other national and international organizations - Received the Movement Disorders research award from the AAN and multiple other awards and honors, including being named one of the White House Champions for change in PD - Conducted seminal research including: i) the world's largest study on PD concordance in monozygotic vs. dizygotic twin pairs; ii) study of environmental factors associated with PD risk, influence of genetic variants on the individual susceptibility to environmental agents in PD, iii) identification of Biomarkers and "at risk" populations in PD; iv) development and conduct of clinical trials in PD - Very well funded with both federal and foundation grants