## LUCENT Scholar Bios FY 17-18



Zainab Abdul-Rahim is currently a second year resident in the combined Pediatric-Internal Medicine program. She is originally from Massachusetts and has lived in Jamaica and Trinidad & Tobago. She graduated from Harvard University in 2007 with an Honors Degree in History of Science. During her years off she worked in women's health clinical research, tutoring and mentorship. She also participated and organized several global health mission trips to Central America. She went on to get her medical degree at University of Massachusetts where she unearthed a passion for urban community health. She was so happy to come to Chicago for residency and is looking forward to pursuing a career in combined pediatric and internal medicine primary care!



Sarada Abraham is a Chicago native, having been born on the South Side and living in virtually every part of the city at some point in time. She received her B.S. in elementary education with a concentration in psychology from DePaul University. While teaching for Chicago Public Schools on the city's West Side, she witnessed many healthcare disparities and the need for increased health literacy and access to quality primary care, particularly in underserved communities. This inspired her to pursue a career in medicine. She received her medical degree from the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry and is currently a family medicine resident at the University of Chicago. Aside from

preventative healthcare, her interests include obstetrics, obesity, and integrative medicine. She is excited to be a part of the LUCENT program and hopes it can help her to become a quality leader in primary care.



Mike Cheng was born in Kowloon, Hong Kong and moved to San Francisco, CA at the age of 4. He spent most of this life in the Bay Area and majored in Molecular and Cellular Biology as well as minored in English at the University of California, Berkeley. He then spent two years as a meningitis vaccine development researcher at the Children's Hospital Oakland Research Institute and traveled to Liberia on a medical missions trip. He went to medical school at Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine and graduated in 2016. He is currently part of the Internal Medicine Residency Program and looks forward to starting the LUCENT Program. What excites him the most about primary care is the depth and meaning of the patient-doctor relationship seen in primary care, the challenge of the diversity of patients and diseases seen, and the opportunity to empower and educate patients to be their own best health advocate. He is interested in medical education,

high-value care, administration, as well as patient communication. In his free time Mike enjoys exploring Chicago's sites and restaurants with friends and his twin brother who is a resident in the Anesthesiology Department, traveling, and being involved in his church.



Becca Chohlas-Wood is a second year resident in the Internal Medicine - Pediatrics residency at the University of Chicago. She was born and raised in Seattle, WA and attended medical school at the University of Washington. There, she was a coordinator at a student-run clinic in serving primary Spanish-speaking laborers and helped them navigate the complex medical system to attend clinic appointments. She has also spent time in Kenya working as a community health worker and, on a different trip, in a public hospital. In Nicaragua she worked doing primary care field assessments. She is interested in global health and urban underserved primary care, particularly of non-English adults and children (immigrants, refugees, and first generation Americans) as

well as pain management and substance abuse.



Elizabeth Freeman is a pediatrics resident originally from a small town outside of Wilmington, North Carolina. After completing a BS in Biology at UNC Wilmington at age 18, she developed an interest in improving access to care for underserved populations while working in the business office of a local free clinic. While in the MD program at UNC Chapel Hill, she directed one of the largest student-run free clinics in the nation, where her focus was on improving interdisciplinary communication to provide higher quality patient-centered care to individuals who were without a medical home.

Since the residency match brought her to Chicago, she has consistently found her own continuity clinic to be the most fulfilling part of training and plans to create a career that elevates the primary care experience for patients at a healthcare access disadvantage.



Nicole Hamp is a first year pediatric resident at the University of Chicago Comer Children's Hospital. She received her BS in Movement Science from the University of Michigan, and her MD from the University of Michigan Medical School. Nicole has long had an interest in working with children with special needs and hopes to make this passion a central part of her future career as a pediatrician. She currently sits on the board of an Ann Arbor, Michigan-based nonprofit called LightUp, an organization that works to better the

lives of children and adults with development disabilities through quality-of-life programming. She is also working with the Legal Council for Health Justice in their effort to make children with lead poisoning automatically eligible for Early Intervention services in the State of Illinois. In her free time, Nicole enjoys yoga and spending time with her husband.



Jennifer Rusiecki is a general internist, with additional training in women's health and medical education. Her research interests include the integration of women's health into primary care, as well as the use of decision aids and decisional support tools in that environment. She currently leads the women's health curriculum for the internal medicine residents at the University of Chicago. Which includes developing an innovative curriculum on contraception counseling using shared decision making for residents and integration of long acting reversible contraception access into primary care. Rusiecki earned a BS in chemistry from Emory

University and an MD from the Medical College of Georgia. She completed her residency in the Division of General Internal Medicine of the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, as well as a women's health fellowship in the Department of Medicine of the VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System. In addition, she obtained an MS in medical education from the University of Pittsburgh.



Stan Sonu is currently a second-year Fellow in the Cook County Preventive Medicine and Public Health Program, where part of his time is spent working towards an MPH at Northwestern University. He is originally from Atlanta, GA, and attended medical school at the Medical College of Georgia. Prior to beginning his current fellowship, he completed a combined internal medicine and pediatrics residency at Rush University Medical Center, then stayed on for another year as Pediatric Chief Resident. His professional interests include health equity, incorporating social determinants of health in clinical care, adverse childhood

experiences, and the intersection of public health and clinical medicine.