

**University of Michigan**  
**Interdisciplinary Research Training Center in Cancer Care Delivery**

2020-2022 Fellows



**Nina Jackson Levin MSW**

Pre-Doctoral Fellow, 2020-2022

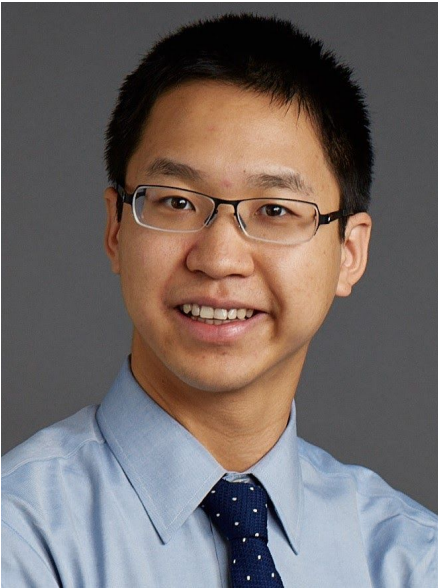
Nina is a doctoral candidate in the Joint PhD Program in Social Work and Anthropology. She received her Bachelors of Arts in Comparative Literature and her Masters of Social Work both from the University of Michigan.

Nina is interested in reproductive health and fertility preservation (i.e. oncofertility) for adolescent and young adult (AYA) cancer patients. In particular, her research attends to oncofertility service delivery for sexual and gender minority patients. Nina applies an anthropological lens to the AYA life stage. This lens enables critical inquiry into the assumed normative trajectory of the life course, and the ways in which the experience of AYA cancer may or may not “disrupt” this trajectory. Nina's dissertation research focuses on current efforts to develop AYA-focused psychosocial programming at Michigan Medicine.

Mentoring Committee: Dr. Megan Rist Haymart and Dr. Bradley Zebrack;

Dissertation Co-Chairs: Dr. Bradley Zebrack (Social Work) and Dr. Kelly Askew (Anthropology)

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**Christopher Su MD MPH**

Post-Doctoral Fellow, 2020-2022

Chris is an adult hematology/oncology fellow in the Department of Medicine at Michigan Medicine. He completed his MD/MPH at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai and his internal medicine residency at Albert Einstein/Montefiore Medical Center in Bronx, New York.

Chris is interested in studying financial barriers to cancer care and examining how this exacerbates existing socioeconomic disparities of treatment outcomes. Clinically, Chris is planning on specializing in malignant hematology, and will be studying patient access barriers to novel antineoplastic drugs.

Mentoring Committee: (primary mentor TBD), Dr. Susan Goold, Dr. Christine Veenstra, Dr. Dale Bixby.



**Megan Mullins, PhD, MPH**

Post-Doctoral Fellow, 2020-2022

Megan completed her MPH and PhD at the University of Michigan School of Public Health in the Department of Epidemiology. Her dissertation work focused on racial disparities in ovarian cancer care.

Megan is interested in understanding barriers to the receipt of quality cancer care including patient characteristics, structural barriers and the comparative effectiveness of treatment modalities. Her postdoctoral work will focus on generating evidence to identify gaps in the quality of cancer care among cognitively impaired older adults and understanding functional aging trajectories among cancer patients. More broadly, Megan is passionate about care for gynecologic cancers and focusing on disparities among racial and sexual/gender minorities.

Mentoring Committee: Dr. Lauren Wallner and Dr. Lindsay Kobayashi



**Nate Nessel, DO**

Post-Doctoral Fellow, 2020-2022

Nate is a pediatric hematology/oncology fellow at CS Mott Children's Hospital in the Department of Pediatrics at the University of Michigan. He obtained his medical degree at Rocky Vista University in Colorado and completed his pediatric residency at the University of Louisville in Kentucky before practicing as a general pediatrician in 2018.

Nate is interested in studying fever and neutropenia episodes in pediatric oncology patients by developing an outpatient treatment model for those at low risk for complications. Nate plans on specializing in oncology, possibly bone marrow transplant, and has specific interests in global medicine.

Mentoring Committee: Dr. Sung Choi, Dr. Vineet Chopra, and Dr. Rajen Mody



**Ariel Washington, PhD, MSSW**

Post-Doctoral Fellow, 2020-2022

Ariel completed her MSSW and PhD at the University of Louisville Kent School of Social Work. Her dissertation focused on cervical cancer screening and prevention in African American women using mobile health (mHealth) technology. Using a community-based participatory approach she delivered tailored text messages to African American women through their mobile phones.

She is interested in continuing to explore cancer disparities in African Americans during her time with the program. Focusing on innovative community based approaches to reach marginalized populations, especially during this time of social distancing, across the cancer care continuum. She looks forward to collaborating with fellow researchers on ways to improve the cancer care experience for African Americans, from prevention to survivorship care.

Mentoring Committee: Primary mentor (TBD), Dr. Bradley Zebrack, and Dr. Katrina Ellis