



METRIC News and Updates, July 2020

- **Congratulations and best wishes to our fellows who have completed the program!**



Kasra Moazzami, MD (mentors: Quyyumi, Vaccarino, Bremner and Shah), and **An Young, MD, MPH** (mentors: Vaccarino, Quyyumi), have completed their two years of research on the METRIC T32 and as of July 1st have gone on to complete their clinical fellowship training in the Cardiology Fellowship program. Both have worked on multiple projects. We are very proud of their achievements and wish them all the best!

- **METRIC Funding**

The **METRIC T32 Application renewal** received a priority score of 19 at the NIH study section, which is an excellent score well within the pay line. Therefore, we anticipate that the METRIC program will be funded for the next funding period, from 2021 to 2026. Thanks to our fantastic fellows and faculty for your excellent work!

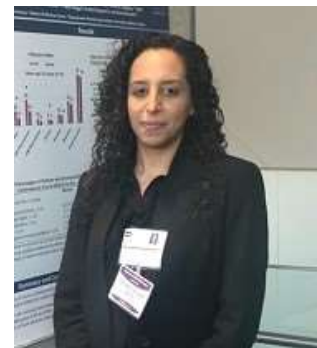
- **Fellows Funding and Award Updates**

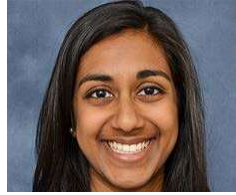
Congratulations to several METRIC fellows or alumni who have received or submitted grants!

- **Meghan Angley**, PhD student in Epidemiology, current METRIC predoc, received a fundable score on her NIH F32 application, entitled "*Cardiovascular Risks Associated with Pregnancy Among African American Women with Systemic Lupus Erythematosus.*" Her mentor is Penny Howards.



- **Ryan Saelee**, PhD student in Epidemiology, who finished the METRIC program as a predoc in 2018, received a fundable score on his NIH F31 application entitled "*Lifecourse Approach to Racial Disparities in Sleep and implications on Cardiometabolic Risk during Adulthood.*" His mentor is Shakira Suglia.
- **Samaah Sullivan, PhD**, instructor in Epidemiology, who finished the METRIC program as postdoc in 2018, received a fundable score on her NIH K01 application, entitled "*Stress, Vascular Function and Inflammation as Mechanisms of Sex Differences in Cardiovascular Risk.*" This past year Samaah also received an Emory SCORE pilot grant award entitled "The Influence of Stress and Ovarian Aging on Cardiovascular Risk." Her mentor is Viola Vaccarino.





- **Zerleen Quader**, PhD student in Epidemiology, current METRIC predoc, has successfully submitted a NIH F31 entitled “*Examining the Role of School Characteristics in Childhood Obesity, Physical Activity and Health Promotion.*” Her mentor is Julie Gazmararian.

Congratulations to **Mariana Garcia, MD**, who was awarded the Best Clinical Research Oral Presentation at the SOM Cardiology Research Day, June 12, 2020, for her presentation entitled “*Racial Disparities in Adverse Cardiovascular Outcomes After Myocardial Infarction.*”



- **Other Program Updates**

- **METRIC T32 Orientation:** Sept 9, 12 pm. All trainees and mentors are required to attend.
 - **Career Development Conversation series** will continue throughout summer. Next session: 8/19 at noon, led by Lisa Elon, who will talk about “Setting up a database and data quality assurance.” Please provide suggestions for topics here: https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Qu_-RFc60I4WZDEF66W6ULMeoO6uh3H4mpx_w03buE/edit#gid=0
 - **Research in Progress series** will resume in the Fall. All current METRIC trainees are required to sign up in box: <https://emory.app.box.com/file/485753046311>
 - **METRIC Seminars** will resume in the Fall.
- **METRIC related publications for the past year:** see attached.
 - **Notices of other upcoming seminars and programs** that are relevant for our program: see attached.