

MODALE FELLOWSHIP SUMMARY
From 2008 to Present

KUMC MODALE FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEES

2019-2020

Kimberly Connelly, Senior International Officer, KUMC Office of International Programs, Modale Program Director

Representing the School of Medicine:

Dr. Sarah Kessler, PhD

Dr. Sufi Thomas, PhD

Representing the School of Nursing:

Dean Maliski, PhD, RN, FAAN

Prof. Gina Johnson, MSN, RN

Representing the school of Health Profession:

Dean Akinwuntan, PhD, MPH, MBA

Dr. Lisa Stehno-Bittel, PhD

Dr. Yvonne Colgrove, PhD

2017-2018

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Representing the School of Medicine:

Dr. Sarah Kessler, PhD.

Dr. Sufi Thomas, PhD

Representing the School of Nursing:

Dr. Martha Baird, PhD, MSN, RN

Prof. Vicki Hicks, RN, MS, APRN-CNS

Representing the school of Health Profession:

Dr. Lisa Stehno-Bittel, PhD

Dr. Yvonne Colgrove, PhD

2008-2016

Dr. Lisa Stehno Bittel PT PhD -- Modale Program Director

CMC REPRESENTATIVES

Dr. Sunil Chandy MD. Director

Dr. Deepak Abraham Thomas MD. Associate Director HR

Dr. Anna Pulimood MD. Principal

Dr. Selva Chacko RN PhD. Dean School of Nursing

Dr. Biju George MD Vice Principal for Research

MODALE FELLOWS from 2008 to PRESENT:

- 2008 Thomas Ram MD
Deepa Sundareswaran OT (left CMC)
Andrew Babu PT
- 2009 Pamela Christudoss PhD
- 2010 Saikat Das MD
Nirmala Emmanuel RN
- 2012 Justin Arockiaraj MD
Baby Saroja RN
- 2013 Mercy Jesudoss RN
Naina Picardo MD
- 2014 Sam Kirubakaran PT
Roselin John RT
- 2015 Shubhanker Mitra MD. (Passed away)
Asha Solomon RN
- 2016 Anita Jayakumar RN.
Ebenezer Babu MSc.
- 2017 Ruby Angeline Pricilla, MD
Ms. S. Anita Rebecca, RN
- 2018 Heber Bright, Pharmacy
Reena George
- 2019 Ms. Naomi Nancy, RN
Ms. Priya Ranjani

HISTORY FROM DR. MANI:

The system that was originally put into place in 2007/2008 was under the leadership of Dr. Prathap Tharyan who was the Associate Director then. Since then it went through the tenure of Dr. D J Christopher and Dr. Deepak Thomas.

CMC sent the names and interests of the candidates for the Fellowship to KUMC in April of each year. The Fellowship program started in August (the fall semester) at KUMC. There was a time issue and *KUMC requests that the list of potential Fellows be received here by February 15th, each year.* This is one of the changes suggested by KUMC.

The list of names was sent to Dr. Lisa Stehno Bittel who reviewed the applications and found mentors to suit the needs of the Fellows. KUMC rated the candidate to the mentor and this information was sent back to CMC. *This is the second change that we request. Instead of sending the names to Dr. Stehno Bittel, we request that the information be sent to the Director of International Programs at KUMC.* The Associate Director and the Committee at CMC made the final determination and selected two Fellows each year. *The final selection of these two Fellows be sent to the Office of International Programs. This is the third change.*

From 2008 to 2014, Dr. Stehno Bittel and her associate Jeannette Williams arranged the accommodation, visa application, local transport, setting up a bank account, debit cards and all the details for the two Fellows. From 2014, the Office of International Programs took over all these details. This was a great relief for Dr. Stehno Bittel and Jeannette. The system has worked very well in 2014, 2015 and 2016.

From 2008 to 2016, Dr. Stehno Bittel was the program director and arranged setting up mentors, meetings with the Fellows and lab assignments. *This is the next change that we suggested.* When KUMC receives the applications from CMC at the Office of International Programs, we have the committee from our three schools meet to find mentors who will guide the Fellows during their stay in Kansas. We find the match

of mentors and send that information back to CMC by the end of March. We request CMC to let us know the two Fellows selected by CMC by the end of April of each year.

This gives the Office of International Programs time to secure accommodation, start the process of visa applications, securing funds for the year and working to make the program move forward smoothly.

From 2008 till 2016, Dr. Stehno Bittel had been arranging the mentors for the Fellows. She wanted to step back from this role. I applaud the work that Dr. Bittel has done for the past 9 years, and with this the director of OIP will be the director of the Modale Program. Dr. Lisa Stehno Bittel remains the most knowledgeable of the Modale Fellowship Program besides Dr. Mani Mani. She has all the historical knowledge as well as the most overall contact with the Modale Fellows. Dr. Lisa Stehno Bittel continues to serve on the committee, to speak at the Modale presentations, as well as instruct the Modales in her grant writing course. Additionally, she offers her best hospitality to all of the Modale Fellows.

PRESENT ORGANIZATION AND BASIC TIMELINE FOR APPLICATIONS/SELECTION OF FELLOWS:

1. CMC will call for applications for the Fellowship in January of each year.
2. CMC will do the interviews and send their selection to the Office of International Programs, by February each year.
3. Kimberly Connelly and the office of International programs will receive this data and ask the assistance of designated people from the School of Medicine, School of Nursing and School of Health Professions to select mentors.
4. The Modale Fellowship Committee will arrange to find mentors for the Modale Fellowship applicants.
5. Once the Modale Fellowship committee has identified the 2 Fellows for the year with the mentors, the information will be sent back to CMC for appropriate action.
6. CMC will confirm the 2 candidates by April 1st.
7. All the decisions, after the selection process, will go through the Office of International Programs at KUMC and the Office of the Associate Director (HR) at CMC.
8. The Office of International Programs is in charge of the facilitation of visa, funding, bank account, debit card, telephone and all the other logistical details.
9. The faculty is in charge of the academic experience. There should be one person assigned to guide the fellows and their research throughout their experience at KUMC.
 - a. A mentoring orientation meeting will be arranged by OIP with the KUMC mentors.
 - b. A Pre-arrival email of introduction between the Modale Fellows and the mentor will be arranged by OIP.

Modale Fellows and Mentors

| Number | Year | Department at CMC | Mentors at KUMC | Current Position/Remarks |
|--------|------|-------------------------------|---|--|
| 1. | 2009 | Dr. Thomas Samuel Ram | Dr. Fen Wang Dr. Rajeev Badkul Dr. Lisa Lawson | Professor Head of the Department |
| 2. | 2009 | Andrew Babu PT | Dr. Yvonne Colgrove | Head of Physical Therapy |
| 3. | 2009 | Deepa Sundareswaran OT | Dr. Winnie Dunn | Resigned from CMC |
| 4. | 2010 | Pamela Christudoss | Dr. Partha Kasturi | Head of Clinical Biochemistry |
| 5. | 2011 | Nirmala Emmanuel | Dr. Catherine Siengsukon Dr. Neena Sharma | Associate Professor Nursing |
| 6. | 2011 | Dr. Saikat Das | Dr. Parvesh Kumar | Resigned from CMC |
| 7. | 2012 | Baby Saroja | Dr. Ann Davis | Assistant Professor |
| 8. | 2012 | Dr. Justin Arockiaraj | Dr. Souman Paul | Assistant Professor |
| 9. | 2013 | Dr. Naina Picardo | Dr. Jeff Searls Dr. Bruggeman Dr. Pamela Nickalaus | Assistant Professor |
| 10. | 2013 | Mercy Jesudoss | Dr. Patricia Kluding | Associate Professor |
| 11. | 2014 | Roselin John | Dr. Catherine Siengsukon | Lecturer |
| 12. | 2014 | Sam Kirubakaran | Dr. Wen Liu | Lecturer |
| 13. | 2015 | Asha Solomon | Dr. Neena Sharma | Assistant Professor |
| 14. | 2015 | Dr. Shubhanker Mitra | Dr. Sarah Kessler | Expired |
| 15. | 2016 | Anita Kiruba Jeyakumar | Dr. Neena Sharma Dr. Marjorie Bott | Lecturer |
| 16. | 2016 | Ebenezer Suman Babu | Dr. Rajiv Badkul | Lecturer |
| 17. | 2017 | Dr. Ruby Angeline Pricilla | Dr. Sarah Kessler | Assistant Professor |
| 18. | 2017 | Anita Rebecca | Dr. Neena Sharma | Resigned from CMC |
| 19. | 2018 | Reena Rachel George | Dr. Sally Maliski | Assistant Professor |
| 20. | 2018 | Heber Rew Bright | Dr. Russ Waitman | Lecturer |
| 21. | 2019 | Priya Chandru | Dr. Amy Garcia Dr. Joseph LeMaster | Lecturer |
| 22. | 2019 | Naomi Nancy | Dr. Kevin Sykes Dr. Sufi Thomas | Lecturer |

