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Victoria Scaccia is Family Nurse Practitioner–Doctor of Nursing Practice (FNP-DNP) candidate, expected to graduate in 2026. Victoria has a strong clinical foundation in hematology and oncology research and nursing, with experience spanning both pediatric and adult populations since 2014. Her work has focused on delivering compassionate, evidence-based care to patients navigating complex diagnoses, including those undergoing chemotherapy, stem cell transplantation, and supportive therapies. With a commitment to advancing patient outcomes and health equity, she is passionate about integrating research, clinical practice, and education. Victoria’s current doctoral work explores how clinical algorithms, bias in diagnostic tools, and structural inequities affect patient outcomes. She aims to advance models of care that are both inclusive and patient-centered, contributing to a healthcare system that recognizes and addresses the social and racial determinants of health.



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Stephanie Crane is the Director of the Office of Global Health and Chief of the Division of Community and Global Health Equity in the DOIM at Rush. She is also the founding President of Community Empowerment NFP, an NGO that works in partnerships in the Dominican Republic and Haiti on sustainable primary care and the delivery of surgical services to the most vulnerable. She is the co-Director of the Education Sub-Committee of the Rush BMO Institute for Health Equity. Stephanie has devoted her career to the elimination of health care disparities and works with many other Rush faculty and trainees in various capacities to further this mission.



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Amanda Bradke has a dual appointment in the Division of Hospital Medicine and Community and Global Health Equity at Rush University Medical Center. She has built her career around her passion for health equity and social justice. At Rush, she serves as the Adult Medicine Medical Director of the Center to Transform Health and Housing where she provides clinical care in multiple organizations that serve people experiencing homelessness and housing insecurity, and assists in running the FranRu Medical Respite. Outside of her work with the Center, Dr. Bradke engages in additional health equity work through her role as assistant director of Global and Community Health Programs in the Department of Internal Medicine, where she directs the Internal Medicine (IM) Resident Global Health elective and codirects the IM Global Health fellowship. She also chairs the Health Equity Anti-Racism Transforming (HEART) Clinical Care subcommittee, and has founded and co-chairs the Chicago Coalition for Anti-Racism and Equity in Health, both which work to dismantle race-based medicine and its harm.



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