

# The Johns Hopkins University/National Human Genome Research Institute Genetic Counseling Training Program

## GCTP Clinical Supervisor Bios

### Natalie Beck



**Natalie Beck** is a certified genetic counselor at the Institute of Genetic Medicine at Johns Hopkins. She provides genetic counseling to pediatric and adult patients and their families in the Greenberg Skeletal Dysplasia Clinic as well as in the multidisciplinary Cleft and Craniofacial Clinics. As part of her role in the Skeletal Dysplasia Clinic she helps to coordinate and execute the medical clinics at the annual Little People of America meetings. She also sees a variety of patients for genetic counseling visits outside of these specialty clinics and will be coordinating an IRB approved observational prospective long-term registry of patients with Hypophosphatasia (HPP). She has a particular interest in the area of patient advocacy. She teaches and supervises genetic counseling students, fellows, residents, medical students and undergraduate students interested in the field of genetic counseling. Prior to coming to Johns Hopkins, she worked for three years as a pediatric and adult clinical genetic counselor at Rhode Island Hospital and also coordinated the RI State Metabolic Newborn Screening Program. She completed her Masters in Genetic Counseling at the University of Maryland School of Medicine in Baltimore, MD. She is a diplomate and member of the American Board of Genetic Counseling, a member of the National Society of Genetic Counselors and is a member of the American Cleft Palate-Craniofacial Association.

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### Delphine Blain



**Delphine Blain** has been a certified genetic counselor at the National Eye Institute (NEI), National Institutes of Health (NIH) since 2004. As part of a team of four doctors and two counselors, she provides genetic counseling to patients with a wide range of ophthalmic diagnoses, ranging from developmental eye issues to retinal degenerations. She has been assisting Dr. Brian Brooks with his study of uveal coloboma, with the goals of better characterizing overall clinical findings associated with coloboma and discovering genes responsible for the condition. She also acts as the genetic counselor for the eyeGENE® research project, whose purpose is to facilitate research related to inherited ophthalmic disease. Ms. Blain received her Scientific Master in Genetic Counseling from Hopkins University and her MBA from Cornell University. Prior to becoming a genetic counselor, Ms. Blain was a management consultant with a consulting firm specialized in public health programs.

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### Alyssa Blesson



**Alyssa Blesson** is a genetic counselor at the Kennedy Krieger Institute in Baltimore. She provides genetic counseling to pediatric and adult patients and their families at the Center for Autism and Related Disorders (CARD), Neurogenetics clinic, Bone disorders and Osteogenesis Imperfecta Clinic, Tuberous Sclerosis Complex clinic, and the SYNGAP1 clinic. Her research interests include utilization of exome sequencing and single gene disorders such as OI, TSC, and SYNGAP1 related disorder. Prior to KKI, she worked as a pediatric genetic counselor at Nemours/A.I. duPont Hospital for Children and as an exome genetic counseling assistant at GeneDx. Alyssa received her Master's in Genetic Counseling from the University of Maryland

School of Medicine in 2016.

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## Julie Cohen



**Julie Cohen** is a genetic counselor at the Kennedy Krieger Institute in the Department of Neurology and Developmental Medicine. She provides genetic counseling to children and adult patients and their families in the Neurogenetics, Muscle Disorders, Leukodystrophy, and developmental pediatrics clinics. Julie and her KKI colleagues were early adopters of clinical exome sequencing and now incorporate this testing into routine practice for patients with undiagnosed neurological disorders. Prior to coming to KKI, Julie worked as a prenatal genetic counselor at Franklin Square Hospital, Johns Hopkins, and a private maternal-fetal medicine

practice. Julie's research interests include quality of life among individuals with genetic conditions and clinical applications of new genomic technologies. A native Baltimorean, Julie received her Master's degree from the Johns Hopkins/NHGRI Genetic Counseling Training Program in 2009.

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## Virginia (Ginny) Corson



**Virginia (Ginny) Corson** is a prenatal genetic counselor at Johns Hopkins Hospital. She has worked at JHH since 1975, when she completed her training at Sarah Lawrence College. Ginny has been active in both the NSGC and ABGC, serving in a variety of roles in both organizations.

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## Tiffani DeMarco



**Tiffani DeMarco** is a certified genetic counselor and co-supervisor at Inova Fairfax Hospital. She became a member of the Inova Translational Medicine Institute (ITMI) in April of 2014 bringing with her over 17 years of clinical experience counseling patients and their families at risk for hereditary cancer. She will also soon be providing counseling to patients who are pursuing clinical whole genome sequencing. Tiffani has extensive experience with genetic counseling students, having supervised numerous individuals from all of the local area genetic counseling programs and other programs across the US. Tiffani's prior areas of research have focused on alternative models

of delivery of genetic counseling and family communication of BRCA1/2 genetic test results to adolescent children. She has published extensively on these topics in peer-reviewed journals and has given numerous lectures as an expert in the field of cancer genetic counseling. She also has almost ten years of experience facilitating a support group for BRCA1/2 carriers which provided long-term psychological and educational follow-up for patients. Tiffani is an active member of NSCG, participating in the Practice Guidelines Committee and the Cancer and Personalized Medicine special interest groups.

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## Callie Diamonstein



**Callie J. Diamonstein** is a certified genetic counselor at the Inova Translational Medicine Institute (ITMI). She joined Inova in 2015 as ITMI's first pediatric genetic counselor and is dedicated to the inpatient genetics service at Inova Children's Hospital. Callie also provides genetic counseling support to families in the Fetal Care Center, sees adult neurogenetics patients at ITMI and supervises pediatric residents. She received her Bachelor of Arts in Psychology with a minor in Bioethics from the University of Virginia and earned her Master of Science in Genetic Counseling from the University of Texas Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences. She is interested in the bioethics surrounding genetic testing and diagnosis.

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## Grace-Ann Fasaye



**Grace-Ann Fasaye** is a genetic counselor at the National Cancer Institute (NCI), in the Genetics Branch of the Center for Cancer Research (CCR). She provides genetic counseling to families enrolled on protocols that investigate gastric, lung and mesothelioma hereditary cancer syndromes. She also is involved in developing cascade genetic testing processes for CCR protocols and provides genomics training for clinical research providers. Prior to joining the NCI, Grace-Ann was a program manager or research coordinator for genetic counseling projects at various community and academic hospitals in the Washington, DC metropolitan area. Grace-

Ann received her master's degree from the joint Johns Hopkins School of Public Health and National Human Genome Research Institute's Genetic Counseling Training Program and is an alumna of the City of Hope Intensive Course in Cancer Risk Assessment.

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## Katie Fiallos



**Katie Fiallos** is a certified genetic counselor at the Johns Hopkins Kimmel Cancer Center where she is a member of an interdisciplinary team and offers genetic counseling, risk assessment and testing for patients with hereditary cancer syndromes. She is fluent in Spanish and has a particular interest in providing genetic counseling services to Latino patients, an interest she hopes to pursue in both the research and patient access fields. Katie received her Master's degree from the Johns Hopkins/NHGRI Genetic Counseling Training Program in 2017. Prior to becoming a genetic counselor, Katie spent four years living in Ecuador where she taught English

as a foreign language.

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## Megan Frone



**Megan Frone, MS, CGC**, is a board certified genetic counselor with the Clinical Genetics Branch of the National Cancer Institute in the Division of Cancer Epidemiology and Genetics (DCEG). She received her Bachelor of Science in Biology (Concentration in Cell & Molecular Biology) from SUNY Binghamton University in 2008 and her Masters in Genetic Counseling from Virginia Commonwealth University in 2010 where she also graduated the Virginia Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental Disabilities (Va-LEND) program. Prior to joining

the Clinical Genetics Branch, Megan worked as an Adult and Pediatric Cancer Genetics Counselor at UT Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas, TX, and in the Inborn Errors of Metabolism; Down Syndrome Specialty; and

General Pediatrics Genetics Clinics at Childrens Health, Dallas. Megan is the lead Genetic Counselor for the NCI Li Fraumeni Syndrome Study. Outside of the clinic, her primary role is the development and implementation of gene variant annotation and classification for various DCEG clinical and research initiatives. She is a member of the ClinGen TP53 Variant Curation Expert Panel. Megan is the lead genetic counselor for evaluation of whole exome data on the Childhood Cancer Survivor Study, a study of several thousand long-term childhood cancer survivors to identify common and rare genetic variants that influence risk of second cancers as well as variants that modify the effects of radiotherapy and chemotherapy and subsequent cancer risk. Megan's primary interest and focus for the last several years has centered on pediatric cancers, secondary cancer risks in childhood cancer survivors, and bioinformatics and variant curation. Megan served as the Co-Chair of the Pediatric Subcommittee of the Cancer Special Interest Group of the National Society of Genetic Counselors from 2014-2016 and is currently the Co-Chair of the Cancer Special Interest Group Executive Board. Megan's other primary interest is the intersection of health information technology and genetics, specifically family health history; risk assessment tools; and the optimization of genomics within electronic medical records for research and clinical care. She is an active member of the National Family Health History Group, a member of the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network Electronic Medical Records Working Group Steering Committee, and served as the Co-Chair of the NSGC Health IT Special Interest Group of the National Society of Genetic Counselors from 2015 to 2017.

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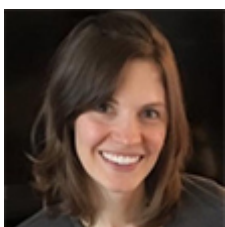
## **Kelsey Stauff Guthrie**



**Kelsey Stauff Guthrie** is a genetic counselor who works in the Institute of Genetic Medicine. She sees pediatric and adult patients in general genetics clinic with geneticists. She also sees patients for genetic counseling visits without a geneticist. She graduated from University of Maryland Baltimore in May 2017 with a Masters in Genetic Counseling, and went to the University of Maryland for her undergraduate degree, majoring in secondary education and biology. Her interests include education of students as well as community outreach. She had a brief prior career as a high school biology teacher before entering the field of genetics.

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## **Jennifer Hair**



**Jennifer Hair** is a Senior Cardiovascular Genetic Counselor at GeneDx. She has an expertise in cardiovascular genetic testing for inherited arrhythmias, cardiomyopathies, and connective tissue disorders. In addition to variant interpretation and report-writing responsibilities, Jennifer provides customer service to ordering clients, and is involved in the education of rotating genetic counseling graduate students and genetics fellows. Prior to joining GeneDx, Jennifer worked as a general genetic counselor at Kaiser Permanente (Mid-Atlantic States region), where she helped to establish a formal Genetics department, including the development of telegenetic counseling services and web-based genetics education classes, and also served as a prenatal genetic counselor at a private maternal-fetal medicine practice. Jennifer received her Master's degree from the Boston University Genetic Counseling Program in 2009. She is a diplomat of the American Board of Genetic Counseling and a member of the National Society of Genetic Counselors (NSGC), NSGC's cardiac special interest group, and NSGC's industry special interest group.

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## **Tara Hart**



**Tara Hart** is the Assistant Director of Postgraduate Education and Lead Cardiovascular Genetic Counselor at GeneDx. Tara has an expertise in cardiovascular testing for inherited arrhythmias, cardiomyopathies, and thoracic aortic aneurism and dissection. She has a particular interest in the genetic autopsy following a sudden cardiac death. Tara also serves as a faculty member of the medical genetics residency and fellowship training at the NIH/NHGRI program and has established a remote genetic counseling course through GeneDx focusing on laboratory-based genetic counseling. She graduated from the genetic counseling program at Boston University. Prior to working at GeneDx, Tara was a prenatal genetic counselor at Women and Infants Hospital in Rhode Island. While at Women and Infants Hospital, Tara was involved in recruiting patients for a study investigating and validating the use of noninvasive prenatal testing. She is a diplomat of the American Board of Genetic Counseling and a member of the National Society of Genetic Counselors (NSGC), NSGC's cardiac special interest group, and NSGC's education special interest group.

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## **Sarah Hash**



**Sarah Hash** is a certified genetic counselor who provides preconception and prenatal genetic counseling services for Maternal Fetal Medicine Associates of Maryland, a private perinatology office in Rockville, Maryland. Sarah meets with both average-risk and high-risk patients to discuss and coordinate testing options such as: non-invasive prenatal screening, preeclampsia screening, and expanded carrier screening. Other common indications for a genetic counseling session include: teratogen exposure, recurrent pregnancy loss, positive screening results, and ultrasound anomalies.

Prior to joining the team at MFMA of MD, Sarah worked as a prenatal genetic counselor at Eastern Virginia Medical School in Norfolk, VA. She received her Masters of Science degree in Genetic Counseling from the University of South Carolina, School of Medicine. She is a member of both the American Board of Genetic Counseling and the National Society of Genetic Counselors.

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## **Lydia Hellwig**



**Lydia Hellwig** is a certified genetic counselor working at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center and the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences through the Henry M. Jackson Foundation for the Advancement of Military Medicine. As part of a multidisciplinary team, she provides cardiovascular genetic counseling for patients and families with suspected hereditary cardiovascular conditions. In addition, she is a co-investigator and counselor for many military research projects that use genome sequencing, including projects that seek to better understand cancer and sudden cardiac death. Her clinical practice and research seeks to improve the way in which genomic technologies are used to maximize both health and psychosocial benefits.

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## **Cindy James**



**Cindy James** is a genetic counselor and Research Associate at the Johns Hopkins ARVD/C program in the Division of Cardiology. She primarily conducts clinical psychosocial, and genetic research on this rare inherited cardiomyopathy as well as other inherited cardiac conditions including Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy and Barth Syndrome. Cindy received a masters' degree from the Johns Hopkins/NIH genetic counseling program and a PhD in Human Genetics from Johns Hopkins. In addition to her work with the ARVD/C program, Cindy is actively involved in developing interdepartmental research-studies to investigate psychosocial and policy implications of evolving genetic technologies. She welcomes students interested in the intersection of research and clinical care.

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## Barbara Karczeski



**Barbara Karczeski** is a genetic counselor with the Johns Hopkins University DNA Diagnostic Laboratory in Baltimore, Maryland. She provides pre- and post-test consultation to referrers and performs variant assessment and classification for clinical reports. Prior to joining the laboratory, she was a prenatal genetic counselor with the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences. She completed a Bachelor of Arts in Biology at Goucher College in Baltimore, Maryland, and a Master of Science in Human Genetics at Virginia Commonwealth University / Medical College of Virginia in Richmond, VA. She also holds a Master of Arts in English from Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff, Arizona. She is a member of the National Society of Genetic Counselors and the American College of Genetics and Genomics.

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## Jessica King



**Jessica King** is a licensed certified genetic counselor at Greater Washington Maternal Fetal Medicine & Genetics. She provides preconception and prenatal genetic counseling services to patients in both the Fairfax, VA and Rockville, MD offices. She earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Biology at the University of Virginia and her Master in Genetic Counseling from the University of Maryland School of Medicine in Baltimore, MD. After graduating with her Master in Genetic Counseling, Jessica worked as a prenatal genetic counselor at Genetics & IVF in Fairfax, VA where she also counseled patients about in vitro fertilization and preimplantation genetic testing. Prior to obtaining her degree in genetic counseling, Jessica worked as a clinical research assistant in the neurology department at Children's National Medical Center in Washington, DC and also had the opportunity to work at the Genetic Alliance and the Genetic and Rare Diseases Information Center. Jessica also has unique background having obtained a Master of Teaching degree in Elementary Education at the University of Virginia. She has special interest in the area of patient education and advocacy.

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## Alyson Krokosky



**Alyson Krokosky** is a genetic counselor in the Pediatric Subspecialty Clinic at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center where she sees children and adults in the General Genetics Clinic. In this setting, she is able to work with patients and families who are currently serving or have served in the United States Military. Prior to coming to Walter Reed, she worked at a community hospital in Appleton, Wisconsin and at Genetic Alliance, a non-profit health advocacy organization, in Washington, D.C. She trained at the University of Michigan.

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## Cathleen Lawson



**Cathleen Lawson** is a certified genetic counselor at the Johns Hopkins Prenatal Diagnosis and Treatment Center. She has been providing genetic counseling in the Department of GYN/OB for over 25 years and has participated in the education of medical students, OB residents, maternal fetal medicine fellow, genetics fellows and genetic counseling graduate students. Ms. Lawson has a particular interest in the genetics of infertility and has served on the Johns Hopkins Assisted Reproductive Technologies Oversight Committee for the past 15 years. She has also served on the Johns Hopkins Preimplantation Genetic Diagnosis Task Force through the Division of Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility, assisting in the development of PGD services at Johns Hopkins. She completed her undergraduate training at Wilson College in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania with a Bachelor of Science in Psychobiology and her Master of Science in genetic counseling at the University of Pittsburgh. She is a diplomate and member of the American Board of Genetic Counseling and a member of the National Society of Genetic Counselors.

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## Kristen Leppert



**Kristen Leppert** is a board-certified genetic counselor at the Prenatal Diagnosis and Treatment Center at Johns Hopkins Hospital. She completed a Bachelor of Science in Cellular and Molecular Biology at Towson University and attended the University of Maryland School of Medicine for her Master's in Genetic Counseling. In addition to her clinical roles, Kristen also engages in the education of genetic counseling students, medical genetics residents, maternal-fetal-medicine fellows, and medical students. She is a member of the National Society Genetic Counselors and is very involved in the Prenatal Special Interest Group, where she is currently serving as the Communications Chair.

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## Katie Lewis



**Katie Lewis** is a genetic counselor and protocol coordinator at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) in the National Human Genome Research Institute (NHGRI). She provides counseling to participants who take part in the ClinSeq™ project, which is piloting the implementation of large-scale medical sequencing. Prior to coming to the NIH, she worked at the Kennedy Krieger Institute's Center for Autism and Related Disorders (CARD) as a genetic counselor and research coordinator. Katie received her training at the Johns Hopkins University/NHGRI genetic counseling training program.

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## Gretchen Oswald MacCarrick



**Gretchen MacCarrick** is a genetic counselor at the Johns Hopkins University. She provides genetic counseling primarily in the Cardiovascular connective tissue clinic. Prior to coming to Johns Hopkins, she trained at Virginia Commonwealth University-Medical College of Virginia. In addition to her work, she is also Co-founder and Board member of the Loeys-Dietz Syndrome Foundation.

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## Rebecca Miller



**Rebecca Miller** is a licensed and board-certified genetic counselor at Inova Fairfax Hospital, specializing in cardiovascular genetics. Rebecca received her Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and her Master of Science in Human Genetics and Genetic Counseling from the University of Cincinnati. She was a genetic counselor at the University of California - Los Angeles before returning home to the Northern Virginia area in 2015. At Inova, Rebecca is co-founder of the Inova Cardiovascular Genomics Center that was established in 2016. As a genetic counselor, Rebecca is dedicated to educating patients and their families regarding complex inherited cardiovascular genetic conditions. Rebecca is committed to being an advocate for her patients and their families. Rebecca is a member of the education committee of the Pediatric & Congenital Electrophysiology Society (PACES) and education committee of the cardiovascular group of the National Society of Genetic Counselors.

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## **Weiyi Mu**



**Weiyi Mu** is a clinical genetic counselor at the Institute of Genetic Medicine at Johns Hopkins University. She currently staffs the General Genetics Clinic as well as disease-specialty clinics, including the Neurogenetics Clinic, Ataxia Clinic, ALS Clinic, Huntington Disease Clinic and Dementia Clinics. She received her Master of Science in Genetic Counseling from the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health in 2013 and is certified by the American Board of Genetic Counseling. She has a special interest in neurodegenerative disorders, illness as a metaphor, and international development of the genetic counseling field.

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## **Brittney Murray**



**Brittney Murray** is a genetic counselor Johns Hopkins Hospital in cardiology in the ARVD/C Program and Center for Inherited Heart Disease. She provides genetic counseling to patients from around the world with arrhythmogenic right ventricular cardiomyopathy (ARVC): a rare inherited cardiomyopathy predisposing to arrhythmias and sudden death and also other patients with histories of cardiomyopathy, arrhythmias, and sudden death. Prior to coming to Johns Hopkins, she trained at the University of Michigan. In addition to her direct clinical care of cardiac patients, she is actively involved in the ARVD/C Program's many research projects, advocacy, and is an active member of the NSGC Cardiac SIG.

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## **Beth Peshkin**

**Beth N. Peshkin, MS, CGC** is a Professor of Oncology and the Director of Genetic Counseling at Georgetown Lombardi Comprehensive Cancer Center, where she has been a faculty member since 1995. She is also the Education Director for the Jess and Mildred Fisher Center for Hereditary Cancer and Clinical Genomics Research and an Associate Faculty Member at the Pellegrino Center for Clinical Bioethics at Georgetown.





## June Peters



**June Peters** is the senior genetic counselor at the National Cancer Institute (NCI), in the Clinical Genetics Branch (CGB) of the Division of Cancer Epidemiology and Genetics (DCEG) . She provides cancer genetic counseling primarily for the NCI Li-Fraumeni Syndrome (LFS) Study. In addition she conducts psychosocial research using the Colored Eco-Genetic Relationship Map (CEGRM), pioneered by this group. Prior to coming to NIH, June has worked in a variety of settings including tertiary care medical institutions, a

breast center, private genetic testing laboratory, county and state health departments.

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## Katie Sagaser



**Katie Sagaser** is a certified genetic counselor at the Prenatal Diagnosis and Treatment Center at Johns Hopkins Hospital. She received her undergraduate degree in Biopsychology from Messiah College in Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania, and received her Masters degree in genetic counseling from the University of Texas Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences in Houston, Texas. Katie has a particular interest in the impact of religiosity and spirituality in genetic counseling. She is a member of the National Society of Genetic Counselors.

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## Julie Sapp



**Julie Sapp** is a genetic counselor at NHGRI where she works as part of a multi-disciplinary research team focusing on determining the etiologies of a number of rare genetic disorders and capitalizing on that understanding to enhance treatment options for affected individuals. Her clinical research interests include advancing understanding of the phenotypic delineation, underlying pathogenesis, and clinical management of overgrowth and other rare disorders and expanding therapeutic options including targeted drug therapies. She is also engaged in a number of social and behavioral science efforts aimed at understanding how individuals make

complex medical decisions and ways to enhance informed choice.

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## Morgan Similuk



**Morgan Similuk** is a genetic counselor at the NIH, serving as principal investigator for NIAID's Centralized Sequencing Initiative and providing education and counseling for hereditary disorders of the immune system affecting patients across the lifespan. She is particularly interested in the integration of genetics in medicine, adolescent transitions and adaptation in chronic illness. Much of her work involves the clinical implementation of exome sequencing within NIAID, and the subsequent delivery of information from whole exome sequencing and other new technologies.

Additionally, she serves as faculty at the Johns Hopkins/NIH genetic counseling training program, teaching a 16-week course on Facilitating Family Adaptation to Loss and Disability. Together, her clinical practice and research further efforts to improve the use of new genetic technologies and patient psychosocial outcomes.

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## Krista Sondergard Schatz



**Krista Sondergaard Schatz** is a board certified genetic counselor at the Johns Hopkins University McKusick-Nathans Institute of Genetic Medicine. She provides genetic counseling in a variety of clinical settings, including pediatric and adult general genetics, lysosomal storage disorders, mitochondrial disease, and hearing loss. She is also the primary genetic counselor in the Johns Hopkins Comprehensive Neurofibromatosis Center (JHCNC). Prior to coming to Johns Hopkins, she worked for three years as a preconception and prenatal genetic counselor at a maternal-fetal-medicine practice in Maryland. She received her Master of Science degree in Genetic Counseling from Case Western Reserve University. She is a diplomate and member of the American Board of Genetic Counseling and is a member of the National Society of Genetic Counselors Pediatric SIG.

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## Jennifer Sloan



**Jennifer Sloan** is a certified genetic counselor and protocol coordinator at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) in the National Human Genome Research Institute (NHGRI). She provides genetic counseling for participants in a natural history studies for methylmalonic acidemia and cobalamin disorders and propionic acidemia, a group of inborn errors of organic acid metabolism and in the past also worked on a natural history study for neurofibromatosis type 1 at NHGRI. Prior to coming to the NIH, she trained Northwestern University in genetic counseling and completed her Ph.D. in neurobiology at the University of North Carolina. Jennifer has a special interest in translational research including identifying new genes involved in inborn errors metabolism and using animal models to study the metabolic disorders she studies in the clinic.

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## Christy Smith



**Christy Smith** is a board certified genetic counselor at the Johns Hopkins Institute of Genetic Medicine in Baltimore, MD. She sees pediatric and adult general genetics patients, including patients with inherited forms of neuromuscular disease, retinal disorders, pediatric cancers, Ehlers-Danlos syndrome, and mitochondrial disorders. Prior to coming to Johns Hopkins, she worked at Greater Baltimore Medical Center (GBMC) seeing patients with Ehlers-Danlos syndrome and also adults for cancer risk assessment. Prior to this, she worked at the Genetic and Rare Diseases (GARD) Information Center in Rockville, MD as an Information Specialist. She received her Masters of Science degree in Genetic Counseling from the Johns Hopkins/National Human Genome Research Institute (NHGRI) genetic counseling program. In addition to her clinical work, she is a member of the National Society of Genetic Counselors Pediatric and Cancer SIG as well as a diplomate and member of the American Board of Genetic Counseling. She also teaches and supervises genetic counseling students, fellows, residents, medical students and undergraduate students interested in the field of genetic counseling.

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## Erin Tanner

**Erin Tanner** is a prenatal genetic counselor who earned her Bachelor of Science in Biological Sciences & Microbiology at Virginia Tech. She went on to complete her Masters of Science in Genetic Counseling from the Virginia Commonwealth University School of Medicine. Erin has special interest in patient education and

volunteering within the communities she serves. She is also an active member of the National Society of Genetic Counselors.

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## Crystal Tichnell



**Crystal Tichnell** is a genetic counselor and program coordinator at the Johns Hopkins ARVD/C Program in the Division of Cardiology. She is the first point of contact for patients and families seeking information about Arrhythmogenic Right Ventricular Dysplasia/Cardiomyopathy. She is primarily involved in coordinating and conducting various research projects on this rare inherited cardiomyopathy. In addition, she provides genetic counseling, coordinates the annual ARVD/C Patient and Family Seminar and maintains the program website, [www.arvd.com](http://www.arvd.com). Crystal received her Masters in Genetic Counseling from the University of Maryland School of Medicine in Baltimore. She is also an active member of the NSGC Cardiac SIG.

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## Joyce Turner



**Joyce Turner** graduated Suma Claude from Syracuse University where she earned her Bachelor of Science in Biology. She went on to receive her Masters of Science in Medical Genetics at the University of Cincinnati. Joyce is ABGC board certified and completed her advanced training in cancer risk assessment from the City of Hope. She worked at the National Human Genome Research Institute at the National Institutes of Health as a co-investigator, genetic counselor, and study coordinator for several clinical research studies before taking a position at the Children's National Medical Center in the Department of Genetics where she is now the Director of the Cancer Genetic Counseling Program, a program which she helped establish. Joyce also works in the Department of Oncology at CNMC where she is assisting with a study focusing on precision medicine for pediatric oncology patients. She has a special interest in cancer screening and prevention, and provides long-term surveillance for children with cancer predisposition syndromes. Joyce is an Assistant Professor of Pediatrics at the George Washington University Medical Center and serves as a supervisor for genetic counseling graduate students. Joyce lives in Arlington, VA with her husband and two sons.

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## Amy Turriff



**Amy Turriff** is a genetic counselor at the National Eye Institute. She provides genetic counseling to clinical research participants with Usher syndrome, X-linked retinoschisis, and achromatopsia. She also provides counseling to children and adults with other inherited retinal degenerations. Prior to joining the National Eye Institute, she trained at the JHU/NHGRI genetic counseling training program. In addition to her clinical work, she is actively involved with an advocacy organization for individuals with sex chromosome conditions.

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