

Council on Academic Affairs Nominee Statements

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Amritha Bhat, M.D., Assistant Professor, Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences

I am a perinatal psychiatrist, educator and health services researcher. In addition to supervising psychiatry residents, I also provide education to medical students, residents and physicians from other specialties, and interdisciplinary education to nurses, nurse practitioners, midwives and social workers.

Scott Brakenridge, M.D., Associate Professor, Surgery

I am a surgeon-scientist with an NIH-funded research program with a focus on immune and catabolic dysfunction after hemorrhagic/septic shock. My research administrative experience prior to recently joining UW includes serving as an NIH-funded research center core leader and co-chairing/serving on several institutional research committees.

Alson Burke, M.D., Assistant Professor, Obstetrics and Gynecology

I am an Assistant Professor based at Harborview Ob/Gyn clinic and have also provided care at community partners, including SeaMar, King County Public Health and NeighborCare, where I helped create and run the nation's first Somali-language group prenatal care as well as a Gyn curriculum for ARNP residents. I have served in the role of College Faculty since 2019 and enjoy supporting students throughout their time as medical students, and have gained a better understanding of how to create effective learning environments for students. As a WWAMI graduate myself, I am excited by this opportunity to support the mission and growth of the UW School of Medicine across the institution.

Hamid Chalian, M.D., Associate Professor, Radiology

I am an associate professor of radiology with high interest in research and development of new programs, policies, and procedures to improve academic standards, well-being, and satisfaction. I moved from Duke university with interest to share my experience with UW. I believe there are a lot we can do to improve our already fantastic academic society at UW. I would consider serving on the Council for Academic Affairs an honor and privilege to give back to UW academic society.

Aria Jafari, M.D., Assistant Professor, Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery

I am a rhinologist and endoscopic skull base surgeon with an interest in education and outcomes research, looking to become involved on the Council of Academic Affairs at the SOM. I hope to build upcoming previous experiences in leadership positions within sub-specialty specific committees and my department and extend my involvement to the SOM level in this capacity. I am a relatively new faculty, and recently trained at different intuitions. I hope to bring a new perspective and look to positively contribute to the mission of the Council and SOM, if selected.

Max Louzon, M.S., Assistant Teaching Professor, Laboratory Medicine and Pathology

I am the MLS program director at the University of Washington. There I oversee the development and functioning of the undergraduate program including admission, curriculum, and student progress while also teaching several courses. I look forward to using this experience with the UW SOM Council on Academic Affairs.

Tracy Mroz, M.D., Associate Professor, Rehabilitation Medicine

I am a health services researcher in the Department of Rehab Med and an educator in the MOT program, one of the SOM's five programs for allied health professions. I am seeking a second term on the FCAA to continue to share the perspective of educators within these programs.