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A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

*IN THE MIDST OF CHAOS, THERE
IS ALSO OPPORTUNITY.*

—SUN TZU

Dear Robert Graham Center Family and Friends,

It's hard to think of a more fitting sentiment for this moment in Washington, D.C. The early days of a new administration have brought with them significant turbulence, with rhetoric and actions that threaten to undermine the value of research and data-driven decision-making. Yet, amid this uncertainty, our work continues with purpose and momentum.

At the Robert Graham Center, we've leaned into the chaos with clarity, publishing impactful work and driving national conversations on the future of primary care. One of our biggest milestones this quarter was the release of the **third annual Milbank Scorecard and Dashboard**, *The Health of US Primary Care 2025: The Cost of Neglect*. The response was overwhelmingly positive. We saw strong media pickup and an energizing turnout at our launch webinar. The scorecard continues to be a critical tool for policymakers, advocates, and health system leaders to understand the state of primary care and where urgent investments are needed. If you haven't had a chance to explore it, I highly encourage you to dig into the data: [Milbank Scorecard 2025](#).

Meanwhile, the team continues to publish at an impressive pace. Our recent work spans the pipeline and practice of primary care from medical student specialty choice to the trajectory of career decisions through residency, and even an in-depth analysis of the ongoing decline in primary care visits. Each of these papers adds to our understanding of the challenges facing the discipline and how we might address them with evidence, innovation, and resolve.

We're also thrilled to announce that we've selected our next health policy fellow, who will be joining us this August, Josh Smith. Dr. Smith comes to us from University of Cincinnati where he is completing his dual residency in Family Medicine and Psychiatry. More to come on Dr. Smith soon. And we are incredibly proud of **Dr. Diana Rubio**, our current fellow, who will continue her policy journey with a prestigious Commonwealth Fund Fellowship in Minority Health Policy at Harvard University. She'll be seeing patients, too, at BUMC. Diana has been an outstanding contributor to our work and Harvard is lucky to have her.

In a time when the value of primary care, and research itself, is under pressure, our mission remains clear: to produce rigorous, relevant work that defends and advances primary care as the foundation of a healthy society. Thank you for your continued partnership and support.

Yalda Jabbarpour, MD

THE VISITING SCHOLARS & FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMS CORNER

About the Visiting Scholars Program

The Robert Graham Center hosts a month-long visiting scholars program in health policy. This program is supported by a generous grant from the Pisacano Leadership Foundation, the philanthropic foundation of the American Board of Family Medicine. Visiting scholars work directly with staff on original research projects developed by the scholar on a topic of interest to them with the goal of a national publication and dissemination.

About the Fellowship Program

The Robert Graham Center in collaboration with Georgetown University co-sponsor a one-year fellowship in health policy and faculty development. Fellows work with Graham Center staff to address primary care health policy questions of interest. At the end of the year, fellows have completed a project of their choosing with dissemination on the national level.

SCHOLAR OF THE MONTH FEATURE



Alexander (Sandy) Blount, EdD

Alexander (Sandy) Blount, EdD, is Professor Emeritus of Family Medicine and Community Health at the University of Massachusetts Medical School where he founded the Center for Integrated Primary Care. His books include *Integrated Primary Care: The Future of Medical and Mental Health Collaboration* (1998, Norton) and *Patient-Centered Primary Care: Getting from Good to Great*, (2019, Springer). He is past Editor of *Families, Systems and Health*, the *Journal of Collaborative Healthcare*, and past President of the Collaborative Family Healthcare Association (CFHA). He is a member and Past Chair of the AHRQ National Integration Academy Council. He is President of Integrated Primary Care, Inc., a firm that provides training and consultation in behavioral health integration, patient-centered care, and team telemedicine.

www.IntegratedPrimaryCare.com.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS

- [2025 Scorecard Report: The Cost of Neglect: How Chronic Underinvestment in Primary Care Is Failing US Patients](#)
 - [2025 Primary Care Scorecard Data Dashboard](#)
- [An Evaluation of the Decline in Primary Care Physician Visits, 2010 to 2021](#)
- [Exploring Community-Based Residency Programs in High-Need Black Counties](#)
- [An Evaluation of STFM's Academic Family Medicine Antiracism Learning Collaborative](#)
- [Family Medicine Specialty Choice at Matriculation and Graduation](#)

RGC In the News

- [Primary care 'reaching a breaking point,' experts say](#)
- [Fewer clinicians entering primary care: 5 report card findings](#)
- ['Underfunded and undervalued' — primary care dwindles as chronic disease booms](#)
- [Fewer clinicians entering primary care, data shows](#)
- ['This hurts': Third annual primary care scorecard details field's systemic underinvestment](#)
- [Are Primary Care Physician Visits Declining in the US Healthcare System?](#)
- [Diagnosing primary care in America: 'We need to fix it'](#)
- [Gen Z Doctor Shortage](#)

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR PAST SCHOLARS FOR MATCHING!



Prasanna Vankina – UMN matched FM and Santa Rosa Fam Med



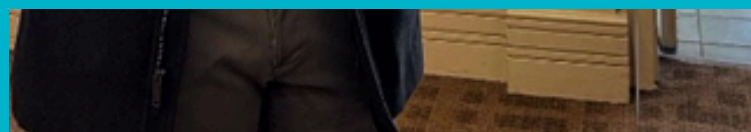
Kaitlyn Frick – SIU matched Psych at Emory



Stephen Lencioni – UNR matched FM at Cleveland Clinic



Peter Manfredonia – Med/Peds at Georgetown





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