Yale school of medicine Alumni



2023 AYAM Elected Members

LINDA M. ARMSTRONG, MD '88

MEMBER AT LARGE

Linda Armstrong is a pulmonologist by training whose career in the biopharmaceutical industry has spanned more than 20 years. She is currently the US Novartis Foundation President and leads US Corporate Responsibility team at Novartis Pharmaceutical Corporation.

Previously, Linda held executive roles in several pharmaceutical research and development organizations including most recently Head of Global Development for Respiratory and Allergy at Novartis. In this position, she supported the development and approval of innovative therapies to address unmet medical needs in disease areas such as asthma, COPD, and cystic fibrosis.

Linda received an AB degree from Harvard University and an MD degree from Yale University (class of 1988). She completed medical training at Columbia Presbyterian Hospital in New York and completed pulmonology training and served as a faculty member at New York University School of medicine prior to joining the pharmaceutical industry.

Linda is passionate about mentoring the next generation of drug developers and scientists. She is on the board of the non-profit organization Students 2 Science that encourages children from underserved communities to pursue careers in STEM fields. Linda lives in Manhattan with her husband Gregory. She has two daughters Courtney and Zoe.

MARYAM M. ASGARI, MD '97, MPH MEMBER AT LARGE – 2nd Term

Dr. Asgari is the University of Colorado Medicine Endowed Chair of the Department of Dermatology. Previously she was a professor of Dermatology and Population Medicine at Harvard Medical School specializing in patient-oriented research and Mohs micrographic surgery. She has had nearly two decades of strategic leadership experience with diverse health care delivery systems. Her research discoveries have led to seminal contributions

in the areas of skin cancer risk and etiology. She completed her medicine internship at the Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, dermatology residency at the University of Washington, and Mohs Micrographic Surgery Fellowship at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center.

Asgari has been independently funded since 2002, including as principal investigator of over two dozen NIH, foundation, and industry-sponsored grants. She has published over 150 papers in high-impact journals. She has served on the Board of Directors for the Society for Investigative Dermatology and as an Associate Editor for their journal and the British Journal of Dermatology. Her academic achievements in research, scholarly, and educational pursuits were recognized at the national level by her induction to the American Dermatologic Association and by election to the American Society for Clinical Investigation. At Harvard, she served on and led institutional committees including Chair of the Joint Commission of the Status of Women, the Executive Committee on Research, and the Graduate Student Division and Postdoctoral Division Advisory Council. Her contribution to national service was recognized with the President's Volunteer Service Award, bestowed by Barack Obama.

ELIZABETH QUATTROCKI KNIGHT, MD, PHD '94 MEMBER AT LARGE

Lisa earned her BA from Stanford University and then graduated from Yale in 1994 with a joint MD/PhD degree. Professor Len Kaczmarek directed her PhD

thesis in the Neuroscience Department. After Yale, Lisa completed a medical internship at Massachusetts General Hospital and then transitioned to psychiatry at McLean Hospital, where she stayed to finish a fellowship in Neuroimaging. She has remained affiliated with McLean and Harvard Medical School since that time, although she spent one year at the University College of London as a visiting scientist. Her expertise focuses on the integration of the neurohormone oxytocin with behavior. Although part-time since she began raising her family, she has been affiliated with Harvard Medical School for the past 29 years and collaborates with scientists from both the University College of London and Yonsei University in South Korea.

Lisa has interests that extend beyond psychiatry and medicine. She had a brief career as a commodities trader prior to attending medical school. She held a seat on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange and traded Live Hog Options. Early in her medical career, Lisa, co-founded Veritas Medicine, a web-based clinical trials matching service, with her classmate from YSM and now husband, Stephen Knight. Lisa authored two patents and founded Olive Therapeutics, LLC, a nascent company devoted to women's health. Most recently, Lisa established Green Oceans, a non-profit organization devoted to combatting climate change while preserving the health of the ocean.

Lisa also serves on the advisory board of Yale School of Management, the American Repertory Theatre (A.R.T.) in Cambridge, MA, and the Parents Advisory Board at Stanford University. Her oldest daughter, Elianna, just began her medical journey as a first-year student at YSM this past fall. Yale's unique philosophy of medical education fostered Lisa's diverse interests and has

instilled in her an appreciation for the impact that an educational institution, devoted to excellence yet flexible, can have on the hearts and minds of its students.

AMEYA R. KULKARNI, MD '06 MEMBER AT LARGE – 2ND Term

After graduating from Yale School of Medicine, Dr. Ameya Kulkarni completed his internal medicine residency at Columbia University Medical School, his fellowship in cardiology at UCSF, and a second fellowship in interventional cardiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. After completing his training, he joined the Mid Atlantic Permanente Medical Group in Washington DC, where he currently serves as the Associate Medical Director for medical specialties and Emerging Market Enterprises. Dr Kulkarni has been passionate about identifying meaningful ways that Yale Alumni can help support the needs of our current students and faculty.

He currently lives in Arlington, Virginia with his wife, Aliya Jiwani, MPH '04 and his two daughters.



Jill Silverman ('79 MD) was born in the Bronx, NY and grew up on Long Island After graduating from Brown in 1975 Jill attended Yale University School of

Medicine graduating in 1979. This was followed by a residency in internal medicine at Yale and then fellowship training in rheumatology at the National Institutes of Health and George Washington University.

After fellowship Jill moved to San Diego where she joined a rheumatology practice and then later a internal medicine /geriatric practice. After leaving San Diego in 1992 she joined the faculty at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in the division of internal medicine. She was a clinician educator there from 1992-2003. In addition to her clinical work and teaching she was medical director of the Beacon Program, a domestic violence intervention program. In 2003 she returned to New York and joined the faculty in the division of general internal medicine at the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Columbia University. At the same time, she began working in a private practice, New York Physicians, eventually transitioning to full time private practice.

After retirement at the end of 2021, she has been involved in several volunteer activities including the MAVEN Project which provides consultative and mentoring services to practitioners working in safety net clinics, the Weill Cornell Center for Human Rights where she

performs forensic examinations for clients petitioning for asylum and Sanctuary for Families, a community based organization providing support for survivors of domestic violence.

JENNIFER H. NAM CHOI, MD '03 YAA DELEGATE

Dr. Jennifer Choi is the Chief of the Division of Oncodermatology at Robert H. Lurie Comprehensive Cancer Center and Chief of the Division of Medical Dermatology within the Department of Dermatology at Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine. She specializes in providing skin care for patients undergoing cancer treatment. Her expertise includes knowledge in recognizing and managing side effects from chemotherapy, radiation, infections in immunosuppressed patients, and toxicities that may arise as a result of stem cell or solid organ transplantation. She directs several clinical research trials investigating the prevention and treatment of cancer therapy-related side effects. Dr. Choi also specializes in treating patients with skin cancer and is an integral member of the Northwestern Melanoma Unit and the Melanoma Tumor Board. Dr. Choi also runs a full medical and surgical dermatology practice and is experienced with the use of complex dermatologic therapy, including biologic therapy, immunosuppressive medications, intralesional therapies, and phototherapy.

Dr. Choi received her BA degree from Harvard University and her MD degree from Yale University School of Medicine. She completed internship in Internal Medicine at Brigham and Women's Hospital/Harvard Medical School and residency in Dermatology at Yale, where she served as Chief Resident. For 8 years, she served as Assistant Professor of Dermatology in the Department of Dermatology at Yale. In 2015, she moved to Chicago to join the Department of Dermatology at Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine as Associate Professor of Dermatology and is now Professor of Dermatology. Outside of work, she enjoys reading, hiking, and spending time with her husband, 3 beautiful daughters, and adorable puppy.

WILHELMINA C. KOREVAAR, MD '77 YAA DELEGATE

Dr. Korevaar has been fortunate to serve the next generation of physicians as a volunteer faculty member and philanthropist since 2018. She is an Associate Professor of Anesthesiology at University of Central Florida College of Medicine (UCF COM) serving in Admissions, Advising, and teaching in the Anatomy Lab. Dr. Korevaar has established endowed scholarships for students at UCF COM (Peppler) and at Yale School of Medicine (Konigsberg) to honor colleagues. She hopes to inspire other physician alumni to share their good fortune, knowledge, and experience.

After training as an anesthesiologist with fellowships in pain management and pediatric anesthesiology and intensive care, Dr. Korevaar worked for 37 years in jobs spanning academic medicine (Temple and University of Pennsylvania), municipal government (City of Philadelphia),

and business. She directed the first successful Anesthesia pain management clinic in the Delaware Valley region and was known for her opposition to long term and long-acting opioids in chronic pain, choosing instead to focus on physical and psychological resilience. In 1999, she earned a Masters of Medical Management from Carnegie Mellon University. Dr. Korevaar raised two children, a daughter who is an attorney, and a son who is presently a Resident in Neurology at Yale. She is a proud grandmother to seven grandchildren, ages 2 to 19. She enjoys walking, reading, needle crafts, occasional drawing, and frequent motorhome camping trips with her husband.