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Faculty Profile - Interview with Amy Caggiula, Assistant Professor of Emergency Medicine

Himmelfarb Library continues this feature in our newsletter that lets us become better acquainted with our friends and colleagues at the George Washington University. In this issue we learn more about Amy Caggiula.

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It has been a busy spring. Highlights include the following. The Scholarly Communications Committee has created 15 new short videos on topics such as collaboration and identifying journals for publication to support your research and publishing needs. Click here to see the whole list. Each video is less than 5 minutes but packed with important information! The Library also launched the Researcher Profile Audit Service to help researchers differentiate themselves from others with similar names and demonstrate impact. The Resources for Early Researchers guide provides information on resources to support the entire research lifecycle. BodyViz software is now available on the third floor of Himmelfarb Library. It combines digitized MRIs and CT scans to create 3D renderings of human anatomy. Enhance your learning experience by exploring 360° anatomical views of the human body. Matlab has also been installed for student use on select third-floor computers.
To our faculty, residents and, students who will be at work over the summer, remember that the Himmelfarb librarians and staff remain available and ready to help you as you prepare for the summer and fall semesters. Call (202-994-2850), email (himmelfarb@gwu.edu), or chat with us from our homepage with your questions, suggestions, and ideas. We are always happy to set up an online consultation. New faculty can also check here for a library resources overview or here for a guide to linking full-text articles to your courses. Newly arriving residents have a tool designed specifically for their needs. Click here and select your specialty to locate core resources in your field. Incoming PA students can access information resources for their program here and incoming public health students can start here. We hope you have a wonderful and productive summer.

I would like to close by wishing all of you who graduated on May 16 hearty congratulations! It has been a pleasure to work with you over the last year on your research, systematic reviews and culminating experiences. We are proud of your accomplishments and happy to be able to document many of them in our institutional repository, the Health Sciences Research Commons. Projects conducted by graduates in the School of Nursing DNP (Doctor of Nursing Practice) program can be found here. Posters and abstracts presented at GW Research Showcase 2021 are housed here. Check here for refereed publications of students in the School of Medicine and Health Sciences. By depositing posters, papers, and presentations in the Health Sciences Research Commons, students easily share work with colleagues, make it searchable and discoverable via Google Scholar and other search engines, and permanently preserve their scholarship. We wish all of our graduates the very best as they move onto the next stage of their careers and studies.

Take care!

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If you or your patients need to schedule a vaccination appointment, there are numerous resources to help individuals source appointments. From the official CDC VaccineFinder site to social media-driven Vaccine Hunter groups there are many avenues of access. If you’re not able to find an appointment, you can sign up for alerts and notifications from your specific state’s Department of Health. Closer to home, the GW MFA just announced non-DC residents are also able to visit their walk-up vaccination clinic.

While there are encouraging vaccination rates, we all might still have patients, friends, and family members who are hesitant to get the vaccine. We want to make sure the GW health sciences community is fully capable of navigating these difficult conversations and answering their questions. Our new Correcting Misinformation with Patients Research Guide has a host of resources, and includes an entire page specific to vaccine hesitancy. We recently featured a conversation with Drs. Emily Smith and Heather Young on their work combating COVID-19 misinformation via COVID-101.org. They made a number of useful recommendations we could all keep in mind when addressing vaccine hesitancy and other forms of
Stay safe and healthy everyone, and we look forward to seeing you in the Fall!
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- **Archiving Scholarship in an Institutional Repository (IR):**
  What is an Institutional Repository (IR) and how can it be used to help promote the visibility of your research? In this brief session, we’ll discuss how to archive items in Health Sciences Research Commons (HSRC), the institutional repository for The George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences, the Milken Institute School of Public Health, and the School of Nursing.

- **Tracking Pending Publications:**
  You’ve compiled your manuscript, filled out the required fields and successfully submitted it to the journal of your choice. What happens next? In this video we offer guidance on how to track submitted publications.

- **Screening: What do Editors Look For?:**
  Don't get rejected at the editor's desk! Journal editors
look for a few key things when considering papers for publication. In five minutes, Reference and Instruction librarian Stacy Brody breaks down the key criteria editors use, including novelty, significance, relevance, ethics and reporting, transparency and openness, and technical guidelines.

- **How to Include Article Processing Charges (APCs) in Funding Proposals:**
  You don't have to pay for article processing charges (APCs) out of pocket - request grant funding to cover these fees. Learn how to include APCs in your funding proposals with just a few easy steps!

- **Basics of Collaboration Tools in the Research Process:**
  Do you know how to easily find collaborators in your department, university, and across institutions? There are a number of tools available to help you build new research partnerships. In this session, learn how to find collaborators who can bring a fresh perspective and expand the impact of your research.

- **Compliance with NIH Data Policies:**
  A brief tutorial designed to introduce you to NIH data policies and provide you with an overview of their impact on the research lifecycle.

- **Getting Help with Systematic Reviews:**
  What resources are available to help you with a systematic review of medical literature? In this session we discuss what tools can help you to streamline the process of putting together a systematic review.

You can also explore our first installment of the short video series that we released during the Fall 2020 semester:

- **Setting up Your Google Scholar Profile**
- **From AMA to APA: Quickly Changing Citation Styles**
- **Tracking Citations with Scopus**
- **The Researcher Profile Audit Service at Himmelfarb Library**
- **The Clarivate Manuscript Matcher**
- **Preprint Servers: Balancing the Pros and Cons**
- **How to Spot a Predatory Journal**

If you have ideas about additional subjects you’d like to add to this short video series, we’d love to hear from you! Let us know what you’d like us to cover in future videos through our short [suggestion survey](https://himmelfarb.gwu.edu/headlines/2021/02/scholarlyVideos.html).
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Telemed Insights
Have you heard of our new database? TelemedInsights is available to GW users to help you make the right choices in regards to technology so that you can make good and informative connections with your patients, even from a distance.

Make sure you are either on campus or connected to the GW VPN to obtain access to Telemed. Do not hesitate to contact us at himmelfarb@gwu.edu if you have any questions or are unable to connect to this database!

Interlibrary Loans: About our “free 15” policy!
Just a reminder! All GW Medical Faculty, Staff and students are entitled to 15 requests throughout the period of January to the end of June. This amount resets July 1st, and will continue through the end of the calendar year. Please see our Interlibrary Loan LibGuide for further information.
Staff Spotlight - Introducing Andrea "Andy" Puro, ILL/Document Delivery Specialist

Share your path to Himmelfarb Library.
I found the Himmelfarb library when I was looking to explore further paths into the field of library work. I previously had experience working in public and art based libraries. Himmelfarb stood out to me as a location of learning that not only was focused on the field of medicine, but had a staff that went out of their way to integrate themselves with their users. The passion I saw in the staff, and their desire to see GW students succeed matched my own interest in contributing to the field of medicine, from a library standpoint.

Tell us about your position at Himmelfarb and what you do.
I am the Interlibrary Loan Specialist (ILL)! It is my job to help find medical articles and books for our GW students, staff and faculty members that are not available in our collection. What this means is that when a student places a request for something we do not have, I scour the country to find libraries that have access to said title(s), and make requests so that we can borrow the items. In addition, I also am in charge of lending our own materials to other universities in need throughout the country. On rare occasions, we do provide articles to libraries overseas too!

What do you enjoy most about your position?
Hands down, the one thing that I enjoy the most about ILL is knowing that somewhere, every article that I provide, will give
someone the knowledge, the information that is needed to save lives. It may be a small thread in a very complicated field, but I take pride in knowing that our work is ultimately something that guides students towards a path of helping those who suffer from illness or injury.

**What’s been the biggest challenge?**
The biggest challenge for me has been learning to accept that all libraries work in different time zones and have different protocols when it comes to fulfilling Interlibrary Loan requests. As much as I want to provide articles as quickly as I can to our GW users, sometimes it might take a while for me to receive an article or a book. Believe me, sometimes it actually takes 30 libraries to fill one request!

**What has been the best part of working at Himmelfarb?**
The library staff. Working alongside such a dedicated team not only keeps me inspired to continue to do the best work that I can, but also makes me feel like I am a part of the “Farb” family. The library staff has always been completely genuine and kind, and not afraid to roll up their sleeves to get work done. Everyday they go out of their way to show me what it means to be a part of a team.

**What jobs have you held previously that prepared you for your work at Himmelfarb?**
The first library based job I held was actually at the university I was attending. At the time I had been focused on pursuing a career in art, but actually fell in love with the supportive research and reference side of library based work! I consider myself blessed to have the opportunity to continue in this line of work.

**What do you like to do in your time away from work?**
Outside of work I can be found writing, drawing, or cleaning my growing mineral collection. I can also be found listening to Dungeons and Dragons based podcasts. If the weather permits, I like to occasionally visit the local park to go for a walk on their two mile loop trail!
Tell us a little bit about yourself, your current position, and why you decided to pursue a career in your field.
I am an assistant professor of emergency medicine here at GW, and my route to my current position was honestly a bit circuitous! I majored in international relations and economics in college, briefly worked on the Enron case, and somehow found myself in medical school. It’s a much longer story than you want to read here, but I’m happy to share it if anyone asks me (long story short – I went to medical school on a dare). BUT! It was the best impetuous decision I ever made, and I couldn’t be happier in this career!

How did you become interested in your field?
I really enjoyed a lot of different specialties when I was in medical school, and I met amazing faculty and mentors in a number of fields. I briefly considered ENT, general surgery, radiology, and some of the IM subspecialties (my POM students will tell you that I get SUPER excited about GI and nephrology), but ultimately I realized that EM allowed me to dabble in all the things I liked. I’ve also come to realize that my life outside clinical practice is very important to me – I love teaching and activism and the “extra-clinical” parts of my job just as much as I enjoy taking care of patients. EM and the flexibility it offers have allowed me to explore those things more than a lot of other specialties would.

What brought you to GW?
Well, I’m basically a GW lifer. I went to undergrad and medical school here. I did residency in NYC and was faculty at Mt. Sinai for a few years before I came back, but I always knew GW was home. I’m about 75% through my Master’s in Education here at GW, as well. I can’t seem to stop getting GW degrees...

What has been your most memorable moment and biggest professional challenge?
My white coat ceremony when I first came to GW was very memorable for me, because my path to medical school still felt so surreal at that point. Jim Scott gave me my first white coat, and when I returned to GW, one of my first faculty shifts was alongside Jim. I couldn’t stop calling him Dr. Scott – he had been my dean! Still feels a little weird honestly.

As for my biggest professional challenge... too many to name. Medicine is hard. The healthcare landscape is changing. That said, I feel grateful every single day that I get to do this job. My parents never graduated from college – I’ve been given opportunities that they didn’t have, and I feel extremely privileged.

What library resources or services have you found to be the most useful?
Help with literature reviews!! The librarians are so helpful, and I think a lot of medical students and junior faculty do not utilize them to the fullest. Also, having access to as many journals and databases as we do is extremely helpful for anyone doing research and scholarly projects.

Whom do you admire?
My spouse. She puts up with me. Enough said.

How do you spend your free time? (or What do you do to relax?)
Pretty much
anything outdoors. I love to hike and backpack. I’m newly into cycling (indoor and outdoor). During the pandemic my spouse and I actually sold our house and moved to be “closer to nature”. Being home so much really showed us what our priorities are and what makes us happiest.

What advice would you give to a new faculty member just starting at GW?

Be discerning about how you choose to focus your extra-clinical time, but also be open to any and all opportunities that present themselves. I have a hard time saying no to projects (which does put some limits on my free time!), but I’m really gratified by the things I do outside of clinical practice, and I’m very happy with the career I’ve crafted for myself so far.
Student Spotlight - Meet Aalap Herur-Raman, MS, MD Candidate Class of 2024

What brought you to GW and SMHS?
I originally moved from Chicago to DC in 2017 to work in the GW Department of Neurosurgery. I was a biomedical engineer working for a medical device startup called Surgical Theater. In my role, I used Surgical Theater's technology to create virtual reality reconstructions of MRI and CT scans for surgical planning and preoperative patient education. After three years of working in the MFA and GW Hospital and meeting a lot of incredible mentors and friends in healthcare, I realized I enjoyed the clinical side of medicine more than the technological side and began the process of applying to medical school. I received my acceptance to the GW SMHS MD program just as lockdowns were beginning around the world at the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Have you participated in any memorable research or special projects at GW?
I really enjoyed falling in love with medicine through my biomedical engineering role prior to starting medical school. I was involved in early research in using virtual reality to verify and quantify the effectiveness of new neurosurgical approaches. Those early projects made me appreciate the endless the pursuit for medical knowledge and made me consider practicing medicine as a future career option.

What's been your most unexpected, surprising or challenging experience as a GW student?
As cliché as it may be, I think adapting to the educational changes forced by the COVID-19 pandemic was the most unexpected, surprising, and challenging experience as a GW student. I did not expect my first year of medical school to be mostly virtual. I was hired as one of the AV support technicians for the MS1 class and was responsible for a lot of the logistics and troubleshooting associated with running a virtual curriculum. Although, I had lots of experience in tech prior to school I found it quite challenging yet also extremely rewarding.

As you reflect on your time at GW so far, can you share a favorite Himmelfarb memory, or an experience you found to be most useful?
I think my favorite Himmelfarb memory is a recent one where 2 other medical students and I spent 2 intense hours quickly learning how to model 3D files on my laptop so we could submit a project for 3D printing at the library. I really enjoy discovering all the amazing resources available for students at Himmelfarb.

You took on a unique role at Himmelfarb Library this year. Could you tell us a little bit about that?
This year I got involved with Himmelfarb’s effort to implement and increase use of the BodyViz 3D Anatomy Learning Platform in the Bloedorn Technology Center on the library’s 3rd floor. The BodyViz system takes MRI and CT scans and creates a virtual 3D reconstruction of the scans that allows the user to visualize and learn the patient-specific anatomy from any angle. Thanks to my prior work with medical virtual reality, I was familiar with the features of the BodyViz system and helped the library create user guides and tutorials for the platform. I also worked on increasing student use of BodyViz, which was especially challenging during the pandemic when distancing and masking requirements were still in full force. I am hoping that next year my classmates will be able to better make use of this and other resources available at Himmelfarb.

When you are not studying, what are your hobbies, interests, or special things you like to do?
I practice Capoeira, an afro-brazilian martial art, and Bollywood Dancing, and like to destress by training those arts and going on bike rides around DC. I also love cooking and am a regular at the Dupont Farmers Market.

What are your plans after GW?
I will go wherever residency takes me! I am thinking of some sort of surgical or interventional specialty and currently do not have any deep ties to any geographic region, so wherever I match is where I will be next.

Is there anything else you’d like us to know?
I am always looking to meet fellow classmates and get involved in new projects. If you see me in Himmelfarb come say hi!