

Meeting Faculty

Michael S. Brooks, MD

Michael S. Brooks, MD, FACP, FACR attended medical school at Loyola University St. Louis School of Medicine and completed his internship and residency at Loyola University Affiliated Hospitals. He completed his fellowship in rheumatology at Indiana University School of Medicine.

Tricia L. Hoffman-Simanek

Tricia L. Hoffman-Simanek is an attorney and senior vice president at Shuttleworth & Ingersoll, P.L.C. Shuttleworth & Ingersoll has locations in Cedar Rapids, Coralville, and Waterloo; she is located in the Cedar Rapids office.

Her legal work focuses on medical malpractice defense and providing health law advice. Utilizing the knowledge she has gained in defending health care providers and entities over her almost 25-year career, Tricia provides advice and representation on a variety of healthcare topics, including HIPAA compliance and training, policies/procedures, and investigations; responding to professional licensure inquiries like the Board of Medicine; risk management advice; and deposition preparation.

Tricia attended Mount Mercy College for her undergraduate degree and then studied law at the University of Notre Dame. She is active in her community and currently serves on the School Board for Xavier Catholic Schools. Tricia resides in Cedar Rapids with her husband, their three children, and three rescue beagles.

Mark P. A. Hudson

Mark Hudson is an attorney and senior vice president at Shuttleworth & Ingersoll, P.L.C. Mark's work focuses on a multitude of labor and employment services like compliance and counseling (including employment contract drafting and development, personnel policies and decisions, workplace investigations, affirmative action program compliance, wage and hour advice, and general employment counseling) and labor and employment litigation (including equal opportunity, wrongful discharge, discrimination, sexual harassment and defense of employment-related claims). In addition, Mark does workplace training (including sexual harassment, workplace civility, bystander intervention, and other training topics for supervisor, employee, and human resource professionals). He also works with clients on privacy and data security compliance and litigation, along with fair housing litigation and compliance.

Alfred H. Kim, MD, PhD

I am an Associate Professor of Medicine at Washington University School of Medicine, where I direct the Lupus Center that I founded in 2013. I also direct the Biobanking and Phenotyping Core within the NIH/NIAMS P30-funded Rheumatic Diseases Research Resource-based Center, am a Faculty Scholar at the Institute of Public Health and serve as the Associate Program Director for the Rheumatology Fellowship Program all at Washington University. Additionally, I am Chief Medical Officer at Kypha, Inc., an innate immune diagnostics company.

I currently run a research group that focuses on translational and clinical questions surrounding human systemic lupus erythematosus, including 1) examining the utility of complement activation products as both biomarkers of SLE disease activity and their involvement in driving disease activity in SLE, 2) testing state-of-the-art noninvasive imaging platforms such as photoacoustics to detect lupus nephritis without the need of biopsy, and 3) understanding the

etiologies of health care disparities in patients with SLE and how to mitigate its negative effects on outcomes. I also started the COVID-19 Vaccine Responses in Patients with Autoimmune Diseases (COVaRiPAD) study, which seeks to elucidate the strength, quality, durability, evolution, and safety of COVID-19 vaccine responses in patients who take immunosuppressives for autoimmune diseases. I am a Co-Investigator for the Lupus Research Alliance’s Lupus Nexus study, a multicenter, international effort to collect clinical data and biospecimens from over 3000 patients with SLE.

I serve as Chair of the Impact Advisory Council and a member of the Executive Council and Board of Directors at the Rheumatology Research Foundation, a member of the Scientific Advisory Board at the Lupus Research Alliance, OMERACT SLE Working Group, Lupus Nephritis Trials Network (LNTN), Lupus Clinical Investigator Network (LuCIN), and Clinical and Scientific Committee of the COVID-19 Global Rheumatology Alliance. I served on the Strategic Planning Task Force for the American College of Rheumatology, Scientific Advisory Council at the Rheumatology Research Foundation, and Early Career Investigators Subcommittee within the Committee of Research of the American College of Rheumatology.

Joseph M. Miller

Joseph represents companies and individuals in matters relating to business and healthcare. Joseph draws on his experience as a federal judicial clerk, in-house counsel, and an attorney at a large law firm in Phoenix, Arizona, to provide enduring and practical solutions to his clients. Joseph is admitted to practice in both Iowa and Arizona. Joseph is also fluent in Spanish.

Jennifer Strouse, MD

Jennifer Strouse, MD is a Clinical Assistant Professor in the Division of Immunology at the University of Iowa as well as a member of the Holden Comprehensive Cancer Center. She attended medical school at the Medical College of Wisconsin. She completed her residency and fellowship in rheumatology at the University of Iowa. Her clinical research focuses on rheumatologic immune related adverse events of checkpoint inhibitors. She is working with a team to create the ACR/EULAR classification criteria related to inflammatory arthritis from checkpoint inhibitors. She also has a specialized clinic seeing patients who have rheumatologic adverse events from checkpoint inhibitors.

Hanna Zembrzuska, MD, MME

Dr. Zembrzuska is a Clinical Assistant Professor at the University of Iowa in the Division of Immunology-Rheumatology. She received her undergraduate degree from Loyola University at Chicago and her M.D. from Rush Medical College. She completed her residency in internal medicine and psychiatry at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, and performed a fellowship in rheumatology at the University of Iowa. Her research focuses on bringing new treatment options to rheumatology patients through industry sponsored clinical trials.