

**UMASS FITCHBURG FAMILY MEDICINE RESIDENCY PROGRAM
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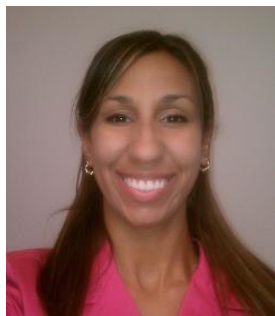
Crystal Benjamin, MD is a graduate of St. George's University and New York University. She completed her MPH in Public Health in December, 2006. She was born in Staten Island, NY and has volunteered in the NYC Free Clinic for several years. Crystal chose to enter family medicine, recognizing the crucial role of providing continuity of care and guiding patients through a fragmented system. She looks forward to applying her skills in community health promotion and disease prevention.



Kavita Deshpande, MD is a graduate of Ross University and the New York Institute of Technology. She was born in New York, NY and grew up watching and helping her father in his community pharmacy in a depressed lower east side neighborhood of Manhattan. Kavita has volunteered as a tutor, tennis instructor and as a member of Friends of Espwa Dominique to raise money for local families in Dominica. She is moderately proficient in medical Spanish.



Edward Jackman, MD is a graduate of the American University of the Caribbean. He has a B.S. degree from the United States Military Academy at West Point, NY and an M.B.A. degree in Business Administration from Wake Forest University. Edward served in the U. S. Military as a Combat Arms Officer for 14 years. His birthplace was Natick, MA and he now resides in Dudley, MA. Ed was inspired to derail his notable military career after an experience escorting a medical mission to a remote Afghan village. After years of preparation and exceptional leadership in his school and community, he is happy to complete his training close to home.



Jennifer Smith, MD will graduate from St. George's University and is a graduate of Eastern Nazarene College in Quincy, MA. Jennifer has done extensive volunteer work with the underserved populations in the Boston area. Her goal for training couldn't be more consistent with that of her chosen program: to be a family physician delivering culturally competent care to communities of all socio-economic backgrounds. She is a member of the Physician for Human Rights, American Academy of Family Physicians and enjoys playing soccer and dancing.



Christine Wang, DO will graduate from New York College of Osteopathic Medicine and has a M.S. in Biomedical Sciences from Mount Sinai School of Medicine and a B.S. in Biology and English from Duke University. Her birthplace was Taipei, Taiwan. Christine participated in a Community Outreach Program working on a medical van in the economically disadvantaged neighborhoods in Far Rockaway, NY. She loved the arts, nature and writing – hoping to someday write a health column.



Jeff Wang, MD is a graduate of St. George's University and has an M.P.H. in Public Health from Boston University and a B.A. in Integrative Biology and also Environmental Sciences from the University of California at Berkeley. Prior to medical school he worked as a systems engineer with the SAS Institute. He worked closely with incoming faculty member, Margarita Castro-Zarraga and collaborated on her project and its presentation, *Student Education in Family Medicine Patient-Centered Medical Home*. Jeff is fluent in Chinese (Mandarin, Cantonese, Taiwanese) and actively learning Spanish and Korean. Interests are scuba diving, Taekwondo, travel and sketching.