



# MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



## An Introduction to EMGLEX

Emergency Medicine Global Learning Exchange (EMGLEX) is a not-for-profit organization whose purpose is to support international educational exchange programming for Emergency Medicine residents and educators. We focus on higher income countries with well developed healthcare systems, but no, or new Emergency Medicine specialty status. It was founded with hard work and partnership built between colleagues in the United States and Italy, and we are now expanding to collaborate with many exciting new countries.

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## ***A Welcome Message from Our Founder and Director***

I would like to extend my warmest welcome to all of you to EMGLEX, and our first newsletter! We are so excited to be working with such an impressive and diverse group of physicians and educators, both old and new to the program. We can't wait to see all the amazing things we will do together!

Sincerely,  
*Alexandra Asrow*



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## EMGLEX Announces Innovative New Virtual Conference Series

EMGLEX is pleased to announce the launch of a curated lecture series intended to provide further education specifically focused on EM topics, taught by EM specialists. The conference will be offered on the **first Thursday of each month at 11 AM CST**, and our first session will kick off on **August 4th, 2022**. Participants will have the opportunity to learn from renowned experts from around the world, and will include physicians from such prestigious institutions as Harvard University, Brown University, University of Chicago, Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, and many more.

The three-hour series will include topic based talks, a presentation from a highlighted "country of the month," and both demonstrative and interactive virtual simulation with our fellowship trained SIM experts. Since it is where it all began, we will be highlighting Italy as our first country of the month this August! Each session will conclude with a "keynote lecture," followed by a Q&A session.

*We look forward to seeing you at our inaugural lecture on August 4th!!! [LINK HERE](#).*

## Applications for Flagship Exchange Program Now Open!!!



After a hiatus due to COVID-19, EMGLEX is proud to announce that our flagship exchange program will be returning in-person January, 2023! Our application is attached [HERE](#) with rolling admissions into the program. We encourage residents interested in learning more about emergency medicine around the world to apply for this valuable opportunity!

## Exchange Program Locations

### Chicago, Illinois

The one-month rotation in Chicago for the visiting residents will consist of the below elements (Please note that all shifts will be observation-only due to US licensing regulations):

**9 clinical shifts distributed between the following hospitals:**

NorthShore University HealthSystem Evanston Hospital (Level 1 trauma center)  
University of Illinois at Chicago Hospital  
John H. Stroger Junior Cook County Hospital (Level 1 trauma center)

**3 clinical overnight shifts working directly with Dr. Asrow, one at each of the following hospitals:**

NorthShore University HealthSystem Skokie Hospital  
NorthShore University HealthSystem Glenbrook Hospital  
NorthShore University HealthSystem Highland Park Hospital

There is also the possibility of dedicated trauma shifts, ICU shifts, EMS shifts, and more.

Participants are also invited to weekly didactic conferences with EM residents from University of Chicago, UIC, Stroger/Cook County, Amita/Resurrection, and more!

Participants will also attend one-on-one SIM lab procedure training sessions, special SIM sessions depending on academic calendar, toxicology conferences, citywide resident conferences, the Illinois College of Emergency Medicine Annual Conference, the American College of Emergency Physicians Annual National Scientific Assembly, and more based on availability.



*Finally, participants will enjoy meals, concerts and social events, as well as some time off to explore the city and travel!*

### Gainesville, Florida

We are excited to announce the addition of the University of Florida Gainesville Shands Hospital as our first satellite location of the EMGLEX flagship exchange program! The one-month rotation at the University of Florida will be comprised of the following (Please note that all shifts will be observation-only due to US licensing regulations):

- 6 shifts in the main ED
- 1-2 shifts at a freestanding ED
- 4 shifts dedicated to the trauma/resuscitation area
- 3 days or nights with an EM-Intensivist in an ICU
- 3 shifts with a physician response vehicle

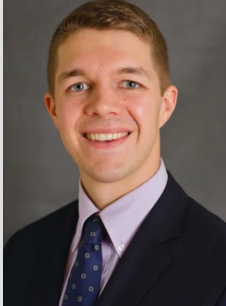
The rotation includes a training session in the simulation center, as well as participation in resident conferences and fellowship lectures. Moreover, participants will join the medical director group providing care in the football stadium, based on availability.



*The rotation will also include social activities for faculty, fellows, and residents, as well as guaranteed days off during which participants can pursue local culture, events, and local travel (e.g., Orlando, Miami). We are excited to welcome all exchange participants visiting the University of Florida!*



## Meet the EMGLEX Board



### **Dr. William Weber, MD/MPH - Advisory Board Member**

Dr. Weber is an Emergency Physician at the University of Chicago focusing on Global Emergency Medicine Education. He has completed a fellowship in International Emergency Medicine at the University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine. He serves on the executive committee for the Global Emergency Medicine Academy (GEMA) of the Society for Academic Emergency Medicine, serves on the Public Health and Injury Prevention Committee of the American College of Emergency Physicians, and has worked as a consultant for the World Health Organization. Dr. Weber has been involved in organizing and running our Flagship Exchange Program since his days as a resident, and has been instrumental in its success.



### **Dr. Stefano Gabriele, MD - Advisory Board Member**

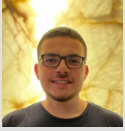
Dr. Gabriele is an Emergency Medicine resident currently completing his second residency in Emergency Medicine in Warwick, Rhode Island. Dr. Gabriele was born in Pescara, Italy, completed high school in the US, and received his degree in Medicine from the "University G. D'Annunzio" School of Medicine and Health Sciences in Pescara, Italy. He has completed rotations in Emergency Medicine in multiple cities in Italy, the US, and Ireland as part of his first residency in Emergency Medicine Sassari, Sardinia, Italy. After participating in the EMGLEX Flagship Exchange Program in February 2019, Dr. Gabriele applied to attend Emergency Medicine residency in the US and successfully matched. He has an unparalleled knowledge of our exchange program as a participant, and now organizer, the healthcare systems in the US, Italy, and around Europe, and is an indispensable member of our team!

## Meet EMGLEX Founder/Director Alexandra Asrow, MD FACEP



Dr. Asrow is a board certified Emergency Physician, and Fellow of the American College of Emergency Physicians from Chicago, IL. She currently works as an Emergency Physician in Chicago and surrounding suburbs. She received her ScB Degree with honors from Brown University. She studied at the University of Bologna as an Erasmus student, and received a Fulbright Scholarship to Italy which she conducted at the University of Torino. She attended the University of Illinois at Chicago College of Medicine for her MD, during which time she also arranged an international elective rotation at Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem. She completed her residency training in Emergency Medicine at Amita Health Resurrection in Chicago, IL. During this time she completed her residency elective rotation at Umberto Primo Hospital in Rome, Italy where the idea for EMGLEX was inspired. She is a Clinical Assistant Professor at the University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine, as well as at the University of Illinois College of Medicine. She is the American College of Emergency Physicians Lead Ambassador to Italy. Her own personal experiences with international exchanges inspired her to create the EMGLEX Flagship Exchange Program. She believes that the best way to learn something is to experience it for oneself. In her free time, Dr. Asrow enjoys playing music, drawing, travel, learning languages, trying new foods, and spending time with her adopted cats.

## Meet Our Summer Interns!!!



**Hazam Abdel-Megid** is a rising sophomore studying neuroscience at Brown University. He is interested in medicine and Islamic bioethics.



**Alyscia Batista** is fourth year student at Brown University studying Immunobiology and Public Health. She has worked as a medical interpreter and clinical volunteer. Originally from Peru, she is interested in pursuing a career in medicine, and enjoys spending her free time in nature.



**Emily Faulhaber** is a rising junior at Brown University. She is concentrating in Public Health, writes for the Brown Daily Herald, and is also on the Women's Cross Country/Track and Field teams. She is interested in pursuing a career in Healthcare Policy.



**Valentina Grether** is a rising junior studying biomedical engineering at Brown University. She was born and raised in Buenos Aires, Argentina, and she now lives in Connecticut. She is interested in studying the intersection of medicine and technology, specifically related to the application of data science to biotechnology.



**Will Forsy** is a rising junior at Brown University concentrating in Biology and International & Public Affairs. Originally from Northern Virginia, he's passionate about expanding quality healthcare access and the comparative development of global health systems.



**Stephanie Kriss** is a rising junior at Brown University majoring in biology. Originally from Highland Park, IL, she has the intention of pursuing a career in medicine upon graduation.



**Katherine Kupsaw** is a sophomore at Brown University planning on concentrating in Neuroscience and is PR manager for Brown Alzheimer's Activists, an advocate for Connect for Health, and an instructor for the Brown Brain Bee. Katherine enjoys snorkeling, wakeboarding, and exploring the beaches in her hometown of Sanibel, FL.



**Mikaela Lies** is a 4th-year student at Loyola University Chicago studying Public Health, Biostatistics, and Spanish. She plans to graduate with her Master's in Public health in 2024 to begin a career focused on global health research..



**Jelynn Tatad** is a rising junior at Brown University studying Biochemistry and Molecular Biology from Southern California. Stemming from a life spent moving and traveling to many different places, she joined EMGLEX as a way to combine her love for learning about other cultures with a potential career in science/medicine.

## Fundraising Efforts

EMGLEX fully relies on donations in order to continue and support our work. Promotion and education of the specialty of Emergency Medicine will aid in saving lives, and create better health care systems globally for hundreds of millions. EMGLEX greatly appreciates all donation to further our mission. Donations go directly to aid program participants, and as we are a 501C3 organization, are tax deductible! Please [click here](#) to show your support for international Emergency Medicine education.



**Thanks so much for your time and attention! We can't wait to see you in 2023!!!**



**Sincerely,**  
***The EMGLEX team***