

2024 MMCGME Annual Conference Speaker Bios

Bob Miner, MD

Dr. Robert Miner graduated from the University of Minnesota Medical School and completed his Internal Medicine Residency at Abbott Northwestern Hospital. He served as the Associate Program Director for 4 years, and then IM Program Director from 2005-2016. He is currently the Director of Graduate Medical Education at Abbott Northwestern and the DIO for Allina Health. His clinical work has primarily been as a hospitalist, and he also helps out in the faculty clinic. He is the current MMCGME Board Vice-Chair.

Ryan Jelinek, DO

Dr. Ryan Jelinek is a dedicated Internal Medicine physician and a board-certified Clinical Informatician at Hennepin Healthcare in Minneapolis, MN. He earned his medical degree from the Arizona College of Osteopathic Medicine and subsequently completed both his Internal Medicine residency and a Fellowship in Clinical Informatics at Hennepin Healthcare.

Dr. Jelinek practices as an Internist across the hospital and clinics at HCMC, where he integrates his clinical expertise with his passion for medical informatics. He holds the position of Medical Director for Telehealth and Access at Hennepin Healthcare and serves as the Program Director for the Clinical Informatics Fellowship.

His professional interests focus on designing equitable virtual care systems, exploring the impact of virtual care on vulnerable populations, and advancing self-service analytics, artificial intelligence in healthcare, and electronic health record (EHR) optimization. Dr. Jelinek is committed to enhancing healthcare delivery through technology and innovation.

Taj Mustapha, MD

Dr. Mustapha received her MD from the University of California San Francisco, and completed her combined internal medicine and pediatrics residency training at the University of Minnesota. She is the Chief of Equity Strategy for M Health Fairview – the Joint Clinical Enterprise between University of Minnesota and Fairview Health Services, and an Associate Professor in Internal Medicine and Pediatrics at the University of Minnesota. She is also a Fellow in the American College of Physicians and the American Academy of Pediatrics, and a faculty member for the Institute for Healthcare Improvement. Her research focus is on equity and inclusion in assessments – from the way we assess learners and educators in the clinical learning environment, to the way we assess care systems. She has presented internationally on a broad array of topics related to the advancement of Health Equity, and has been the recipient of numerous awards including the Sickle Cell Foundation Health Equity Champion award, the University of Minnesota Distinguished Mentoring award, and the Mullen-Spector-Tuax Women's Leadership award.

Ryan Aga, MSN

Ryan Aga is the system-wide director for clinical simulation for HealthPartners. Ryan has been in his current role leading simulation for 3 years. Ryan leads a team of situationists that covers over 10,000 sq. feet of collective simulation center space across HealthPartners and a fully mobile simulation program that canvases our surrounding communities and states. Ryan holds a master's degree in nursing leadership and management and spent his entire 21-year nursing career in emergency medicine, 17 of those at Regions Hospital, with over a decade in nursing leadership. Ryan also holds a certificate in Simulation from Drexel University in Philadelphia.

Ryan is a futurist thinker, a collaborator/connector/motivator, and is deeply passionate about healthcare simulation, innovation and rebuilding the future of healthcare training, education with a laser focus on the quadruple aim in healthcare.

Carolyn Hildebrandt, MA LP

Carolyn Hildebrandt is the Organizational Development Manager in the Graduate Medical Education office at the University of Minnesota, focusing on support for both trainees and programs. She is also a licensed psychologist at the master's level in Minnesota. Carolyn has a rich background in coaching and assessment, in addition to expertise in change management, employee engagement, performance management, career counseling, and process improvement. She had worked in healthcare for almost 20 years helping physicians, managers, and staff grow and develop in their roles in the HealthPartners and HealthEast systems before coming to the University in 2019.

Briar Duffy, MD

Dr. Duffy has been the University of Minnesota Internal Medicine residency program director since 2015. She earned her medical degree from the Medical College of Wisconsin and completed her residency in Internal Medicine at the University of Wisconsin. She completed a joint fellowship in General Internal Medicine--Medical Education and Women's Health at the University of Pittsburgh, where she earned her Master's of Science in Medical Education. She is finishing her service as PD to the Internal Medicine Residency program this fall. She is board-certified in Internal Medicine and practices outpatient medicine in the Primary Care Center and inpatient medicine at the University of Minnesota Medical Center Fairview.

Maren Olson, MD

Dr. Olson is a pediatric hospitalist at the University of Minnesota Medical Center, an associate program director for the Pediatric Residency at the University of Minnesota, and a faculty advisor for medical students. She is passionate about the power of storytelling to build connection, foster empathy and promote resilience.

Read "[Muscle Memory](#)" by Dr. Olson (Academic Pediatrics: In the Moment, 2021)

Ben Trappey, MD

Dr. Trappey is a Med-Peds hospitalist at the University of Minnesota Medical Center. He is passionate about helping other providers become more effective storytellers through programs and events like story slams, storytelling workshops and electives.

Read "[Running on Fumes](#)" by Dr. Trappey (JAMA: A Piece of My Mind, 2020)

Susan Culican, MD PhD

Susan Culican, MD, PhD, is the Senior Associate Dean of Graduate Medical Education (GME), and Co-Leader Office of Medical Education. Dr. Culican is also a Professor in the Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Neurosciences. She comes from the Washington University School of Medicine where she was an Associate Professor in the Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences, Director of Medical Education and Director for Residency Training for Ophthalmology. She is a Diplomate of the American Board of Ophthalmology and a Fellow of the American Academy of Ophthalmology. Dr. Culican served on the Graduate Medical Education Committee at Washington University for 15 years with service on the Resident Wellness subcommittee. Her educational work includes development of Ophthalmology milestones and data-driven residency assessment. Her practice centers on eye conditions in children, and she also treats adults for strabismus. She has been consistently recognized on "The Best Doctors in America" list.

Tori Bahr, MD

Dr. Bahr's passion for transition started prior to medical school when she answered an ad to be a personal care attendant for a young adult with muscular atrophy. Through this relationship and additional patient experiences during medical school led her to pursue MedPeds residency through the UMN. She now works at Gillette Children's as a MedPeds Complex Care Doctor and Pediatric Section Chief. She believes strongly that the care of adults with childhood onset disease cannot be the work of one institution, one clinic or one provider. Instead, she devotes her career to creating a culture in medicine which supports systems change to provide patients and families as well as providers and healthcare organizations the tools to thrive and radically transform the transition from pediatric to adult care.

Kate Jirik, PhD

Dr. Katrina Jirik received her PhD from the Program in the History of Science, Technology, and Medicine at the University of Minnesota. As a disability historian, she has several publications related to disability in a historical context, along with current issues faced by the disability community. She has given oral presentations around disability to college students, medical staff, the Minnesota Department of Health, Gillette Complex Care staff, and other medical organizations. She is also the author of a poetry book, *Living in the Abyss*, which is a reflection on living with Complex Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. Her current work focuses on issues faced by the disability community.