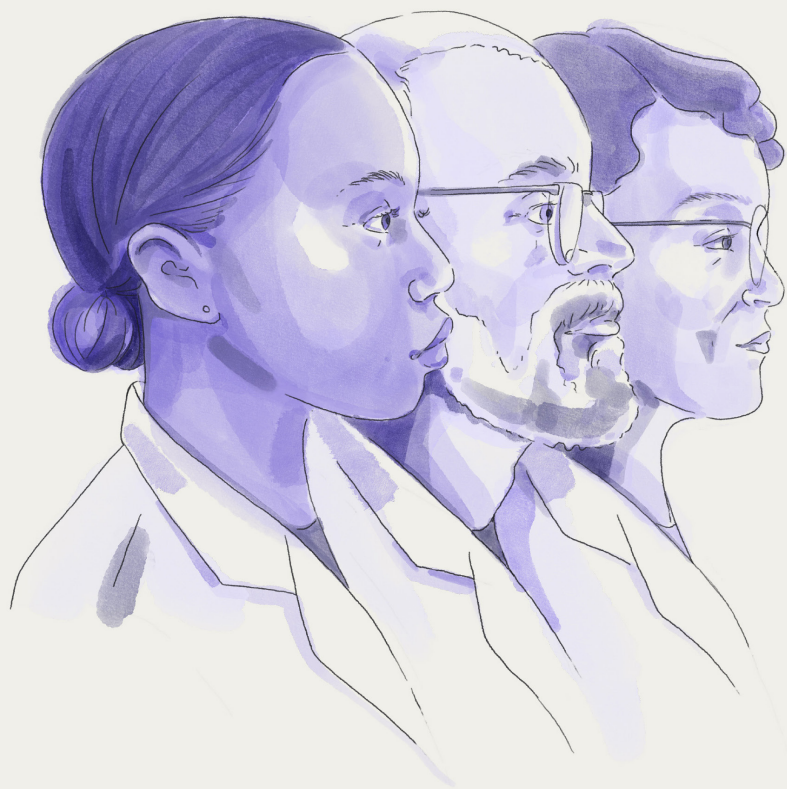




HIVMA Elections

Biographical Sketches and
Personal Statements

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HIVMA 2026 election ballot

Vice chair
(4-year term)

Nada A. Fadul, MD, FIDSA
Omaha, NE

Director
(3-year term)

Bismarck S. Bisoño Garcia, MD
Rochester, MN

Christopher (Chris) Bositis, MD
San Francisco, CA

Philip A. Chan, MD, MS
Providence, RI

Philana Liang, PA-C, MPH
St. Louis, MO

Carlos S. Saldana, MD
Atlanta, GA



Vice chair

Nada A. Fadul, MD, FIDSA

Professor of medicine, University of Nebraska
Medical Center
Omaha, Nebraska

Education

- MD: University of Khartoum Faculty of Medicine

Current professional appointments

- Professor of medicine, associate dean of faculty affairs, University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Medicine

IDSA/HIVMA participation

- HIVMA Board of Directors, member, 2024-present
- HIVMA Awards Committee, chair, 2021-2024
- HIVMA Leadership Development Committee, member, 2021
- HIVMA and IDSA advocacy initiatives, participant
- HIV workforce, policy, and leadership development efforts, contributor
- IDSA Governance Task Force, member, 2022-2023
- IDSA Quality Improvement Committee, member, 2020-2023

Other relevant activities

- UNMC College of Medicine, associate dean for faculty affairs
- Nebraska's largest HIV clinic serving urban and rural populations, medical director, 2019-2025
- Ryan White Parts C&D grants, principal investigator and director, 2013-present
- Principal investigator and leader of multiple HIV implementation science initiatives, including telehealth, long-acting ART implementation, street medicine and emergency department HIV testing
- UNMC Sudan ECHO Global Health Program, director and co-lead
- National and international advocate for immigrant, refugee and underserved populations
- IDSA Leadership Institute, graduate
- Executive Leadership in Academic Medicine program, Drexel University College of Medicine, graduate

Personal statement

I am an infectious diseases physician, implementation scientist, educator and health care leader committed to advancing equitable access to HIV care. As medical director of Nebraska's largest HIV clinic, I focused on developing innovative care models that improve engagement, retention and viral suppression, particularly for rural populations, immigrants, refugees and individuals experiencing homelessness.



Throughout my career, I have worked at the intersection of clinical care, implementation science, advocacy, health equity and workforce development. My research work has included telehealth expansion, long-acting antiretroviral therapy implementation, emergency department HIV testing, behavioral health integration and street medicine programs designed to reach people where they are. These experiences have reinforced the importance of translating evidence into practical solutions that improve outcomes for patients and communities.

Within HIVMA, I have served on the Board of Directors, chaired the Awards Committee and contributed to leadership development and governance initiatives. These experiences have deepened my appreciation for HIVMA's role in supporting clinicians, advocating for patients and shaping the future of HIV care.

At a time of unprecedented challenges facing the HIV workforce and HIV care infrastructure, I believe HIVMA's voice is more important than ever. I would bring a collaborative, resilient and focused leadership style; experience in building partnerships across sectors; and a commitment to ensuring that the perspectives of front-line providers and underserved communities inform our work. I remain dedicated to advancing innovative, patient-centered HIV care and prevention and supporting HIVMA's mission for years to come.



Director

Bismarck S. Bisoño Garcia, MD

Infectious diseases physician, Mayo Clinic HIV clinic
Rochester, Minnesota

Education

- Medical education: Pontificia Universidad Catolica Madre y Maestra, Santiago, Dominican Republic
- Residency: SBH Health System, Bronx, NY
- Fellowship: Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN

Current professional appointments

- Assistant professor of medicine, Mayo Clinic College of Medicine & Science
- Internal medicine physician, Mayo Clinic

IDSA/HIVMA participation

- Early-Career Community, member, 2025-present
- IDSA Advocacy Captains Subcommittee, member, 2025-present
- IDSA Coordinating Council, member, 2024-2025
- IDSA Fellows Community of Practice, chair, 2024-2025; vice chair, 2023-2024
- HIVMA/IDSA Advocacy Capitol Hill Day, advocate for HIV-associated appropriations in Congress, 2025

Other relevant activities

- IDSA Advocacy Day Capitol, advocate, 2026

Personal statement

I am an infectious diseases physician with a solid foundation of clinical medicine, complemented by my passion for advocacy and improvement of care for minorities and underserved communities, especially people with HIV. I am particularly motivated by HIVMA's mission to end the HIV pandemic through advocacy, education and culturally competent care. I bring energy, charisma and a systems-based perspective to HIV care, recognizing that optimal outcomes depend not only on clinical expertise but also on addressing structural barriers to improve the care delivery process. With HIVMA, advocacy is our day-to-day work, making sure the highest standards of patient-centered care are available to everyone across the United States, and regardless of their racial background. I am eager to contribute to the HIVMA Board supporting the policies and programs that expand access to care and strengthen the health care system and our workforce. I value a collaborative environment and inclusive leadership and seek to amplify the voices of both patients and providers in shaping sustainable, equitable HIV care. Through Board service, I hope to contribute to HIVMA's strategic priorities, advancing HIV prevention and care, to continue expanding HIVMA's national impact as a leader in the goal of ending the HIV epidemic.



Director

Christopher (Chris) Bositis, MD

HIV primary care clinician
University of California-San Francisco
San Francisco, California

Education

- AB, French : Dartmouth College
- MD: Yale University School of Medicine

Current professional appointments

- Professor, family and community medicine, UCSF
- Clinical director, National Clinician Consultation Center

IDSA/HIVMA participation

- HIVMA Ryan White Medical Providers Coalition Committee, chair, 2023-2025; co-chair, 2020-2023

Other relevant activities

- Greater Lawrence Family Health Center HIV/viral hepatitis program, former clinical director
- Lawrence Family Medicine Program, core faculty
- Society of Teachers in Family Medicine's HIV and viral hepatitis collaborative, member, 2011-current; co-chair, 2015-2018
- University of Maryland's PEPFAR program in Zambia, team member, 2006-2011
- Helped start the postgraduate HIV training program for Zambian physicians (now a full-fledged MMed ID program)

Personal statement

It would be a privilege for me to serve HIVMA on the Board of Directors. As a member of the Ryan White Medical Providers Coalition, I have seen (and learned tremendously from) the amazing work that HIVMA does to promote and advocate for access to quality HIV care for everyone in the U.S., including those who have historically been most marginalized. My experience in a variety of settings (global health, CHCs/FQHCs, academic medical centers) has given me a unique perspective on the complexities of the systems in which health care happens; and my clinical work at the intersection of the SUD and ID syndemic in particular has made me an impassioned advocate for policies and priorities (such as PrEP for all; robust and sustainable funding for Ryan White clinics/programs; and a strengthened workforce) that enable us to respond to the needs of our communities compassionately and effectively. I believe that many of these policies and programs, and support for the research out of which they have been borne, are currently under threat — and there is no time more critical than now for HIVMA to advocate for the funding to support this work. I believe my extensive leadership and advocacy experience has prepared me to support HIVMA in doing so during this pivotal time.



Director

Philip A. Chan, MD, MS

Professor of medicine, Brown University
Providence, Rhode Island

Education

- Undergraduate, graduate and medical school: University of Vermont
- Internal medicine residency, infectious diseases fellowship: Brown University

Current professional appointments

- Chief medical officer, Open Door Health
- Consultant medical director, Rhode Island Department of Health

IDSA/HIVMA participation

- IDSA/HIVMA member, 2025-present

Other relevant activities

- Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS
- AIDS Education and Training Center, state lead
- Ryan White-funded clinic, supervisor
- HIV/STI Center, Rhode Island State Department of Health, medical director
- CDC 2020 STI Treatment Guidelines, author
- CDC 2024 Doxy PEP Guidelines, author

Personal statement

For over a decade, I have worked collaboratively across public health, clinical, research and community sectors to improve HIV care and prevention both locally and nationally. I lead and have led numerous clinical, research and programmatic initiatives related to HIV care and prevention, including as the lead investigator on multiple NIH, CDC, SAMHSA and other grants with approximately 300 peer-reviewed articles. In 2020, I helped start Open Door Health, a Ryan White-funded, community-based clinic to address unmet need in providing HIV care and prevention in urban Providence. I have been a standing member of NIH grant review panels and regularly present at regional and national conferences and other forums. I have significant experience in policy and communications. I have helped oversee the public health response in the state of Rhode Island to address HIV/STIs, COVID-19 and substance use. I am regularly involved in HIV-related communications efforts, including communications to high-level government officials, national organizations, nongovernmental groups, communities and the public. I have given a congressional briefing and worked with the Rhode Island delegation to promote HIV/STI funding in Congress. I work closely with multiple community groups providing guidance and recommendations on aspects of sexual health and HIV care and prevention. I firmly believe in the need for relationship building with organizations and entities, and especially affected communities, in order



to most effectively promote HIV care and prevention. In 2018, I was awarded the “Community Service Award” by the HIV/STI Prevention Coalition of the state for my involvement in the community.



Director

Philana Liang, PA-C, MPH

Physician assistant, Washington University in St. Louis
St. Louis, Missouri

Education

- BA: Washington University in St. Louis
- MSHS, PA-C: George Washington University Physician Assistant Program
- MPH: University of Michigan School of Public Health

Current professional appointments

- Physician assistant, Washington University Infectious Disease Clinic
- Program manager, St. Louis Prevention Training Center

IDSA/HIVMA participation

- HIVMA Workforce Advisory Group, member, 2025-present

Other relevant activities

- National Consortium of Advanced Practice Providers in Sexual Health, co-founder
- ASTDA Membership Committee
- PEP/PrEP implementation
- Sexual assault forensic examiner

Personal statement

My hope is to work on a team innovating improved access to HIV care/prevention and elevating the workforce. Being on the HIV Workforce Advisory Group has been inspirational because I witness a multidisciplinary group engaging with their communities to overcome limits to HIV services in creative ways. I continue to develop relationships with other specialties ideally situated for HIV care consolidation, such as OB-GYN and the emergency department. Networking and building relationships are critical to my work. I have a close relationship with the hospital system Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners to facilitate management of STI/HIV exposures, testing and PEP access. I am intentional about reaching out to local universities to set up PEP in student health. I am now co-director of a first-of-its-kind public health response service that connects patients in the hospital and ED to STI/HIV care and prevention. This is an innovation that I hope to scale up and demonstrate its effectiveness so that it can be replicated at other institutions. I am passionate about demonstrating how public health and the infectious diseases specialty can be profitable in addition to being altruistic. I would especially like to promote APPs, positioning us for successful careers and leadership in HIV care. To this end, I co-founded a national consortium of APPs in sexual health. I would like to help HIVMA determine how best to increase APP membership and participation and meet the needs of members in tangible ways.



Director

Carlos S. Saldana, MD

Assistant professor of medicine, Emory
University School of Medicine
Atlanta, Georgia

Education

- MD: Universidad de Cuenca School of Medicine, Ecuador
- Internal medicine residency: Cleveland Clinic Foundation
- Fellowship in infectious diseases: Emory University School of Medicine

Current professional appointments

- HIV clinician, Ponce de Leon Center, Atlanta

IDSA/HIVMA participation

- Early-Career Community, member, 2023-current
- HIVMA/IDSA Foundation G.E.R.M. Committee, member, 2023

Other relevant activities

- Georgia Department of Public Health, former HIV medical advisor, 2023
- Georgia HIV C-CORE Program (CDC), site principal investigator
- Southeast AIDS Education and Training Center (HRSA), site principal investigator
- SALUD MÓVIL (CDC U01), a bilingual telemedicine and mobile HIV care initiative for Latino/x communities, principal investigator
- Georgia HIV Surveillance Guidance and Community Workgroup, co-chair
- Emory Infectious Diseases Research Seminar, co-director
- U.S. Conference on HIV/AIDS (2026), chair, organizing committee member
- Jornada de Salud, a faith-based community health initiative serving Latino communities in Atlanta, co-director
- Georgia Department of Public Health HIV Molecular Surveillance Program, consultant

Personal statement

As an infectious diseases physician, HIV clinician and public health researcher, I dedicate my career to advancing equitable HIV prevention and care for Latino and immigrant communities in the U.S. South. Despite overall progress in HIV prevention, Latino populations remain among the few groups experiencing rising HIV diagnoses, underscoring the need for innovative, culturally responsive approaches that address persistent barriers to care.

My work bridges clinical medicine, public health, implementation science and community partnerships. As a former HIV medical advisor for the Georgia Department of Public Health and current principal investigator of multiple federally funded initiatives, I have led efforts to expand access to HIV prevention, care and treatment through bilingual peer navigation, telemedicine, mobile health services and community-engaged interventions. These experiences have reinforced the importance of



translating evidence into practical solutions that can be implemented and sustained in real-world settings.

I am also committed to preparing the next generation of HIV leaders through clinical teaching, mentorship and workforce development activities, including my work with the Southeast AIDS Education and Training Center. Looking ahead, I am particularly interested in the responsible application of predictive modeling and machine learning to strengthen HIV prevention efforts, improve public health decision-making, and ensure that emerging technologies are developed with transparency, fairness and community engagement at their core.

I would be honored to bring these perspectives to the HIVMA Board and help advance HIVMA's mission of improving the lives of people affected by HIV through advocacy, education, research and health equity.