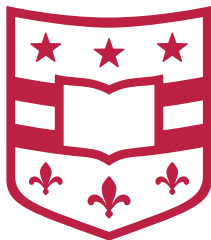


*Joint Master's Programs  
Commencement &  
Recognition Ceremony*

May 9, 2025 | 4 p.m.

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JOINT COMMENCEMENT

Saint Louis, Missouri • May 9, 2025

"Pomp and Circumstance" processional . . . . . Class of 2025 with faculty & staff

Welcome and introduction of Dr. Eva Aagaard. . . . . Philip Payne, PhD  
Janet and Bernard Becker Professor  
Associate Dean for Health Information and Data Science  
Director, Institute for Informatics, Data Science and Biostatistics (I<sup>2</sup>DB)

Opening remarks . . . . . Eva Aagaard, MD  
Senior Associate Dean  
Vice Chancellor for Medical Education

Introduction Dr. Kerri Morgan . . . . . Philip Payne, PhD

Keynote speaker . . . . . Kerri Morgan, PhD, OTR/L, ATP  
Associate Professor of  
Occupational Therapy and Neurology  
Director, Division of Research

Introduction student remarks . . . . . Philip Payne, PhD

Student remarks. . . . . Emerine Cummings  
Applied Health Behavior Research

Introduction student remarks . . . . . Philip Payne, PhD

Student remarks. . . . . Jessica Glunt  
Genetic Counseling

Conferral of degrees . . . . . Eva Aagaard, MD

AHBR program opening remarks, conferral of degrees . . . . . Amy McQueen, PhD  
Professor of Medicine  
Director, Graduate Programs  
Applied Health Behavior Research  
and Clinical Investigation

MSBMI/MSIBS/MSBDS program opening remarks . . . . . Philip Payne, PhD

MSBMI program conferral of degrees ..... Po-Yin Yen, PhD  
 Associate Professor of Medicine  
 Co-Director, Biomedical Informatics Education Programs

MSCI and MTPCI program opening remarks, conferral of degrees ..... Dominic Reeds, MD,  
 Professor of Medicine  
 Associate Director, Postdoctoral Mentored  
 Training Program in Clinical Investigation

TL1 program opening remarks, conferral of degrees..... Jay Piccirillo, MD, FACS, CPI  
 Professor of Otolaryngology  
 Director, TL1 Predoctoral and Postdoctoral Program

MSGC program opening remarks, conferral of degrees..... Rachael Bradshaw, MS, CGC  
 Program Director

MPHS program opening remarks ..... Yikyung Park, ScD  
 Professor of Surgery, Public Health Sciences

MPHS program conferral of degrees ..... Graham Colditz, MD, DrPH  
 Deputy Director, Public Health Sciences  
 Director, Master of Population Health Sciences

MSMP program opening remarks, conferral of degrees..... Michael Altman, PhD  
 Associate Professor, Radiation Oncology  
 Director of Education

Presentation of course instructors, mentor & student awards..... Philip Payne, PhD

Closing remarks ..... Philip Payne, PhD

“Pomp and Circumstance” recessional ..... Class of 2025 with faculty and staff

*Keynote speaker*

## **Kerri Morgan, PhD, OTR/L, ATP**

Dr. Kerri Morgan, PhD, OTR/L, ATP, is an esteemed researcher, academic, and practitioner in occupational therapy and adaptive technology. She serves as an Associate Professor at the Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis, where she has significantly contributed to the fields of rehabilitation and assistive technology.



Dr. Morgan earned her doctoral degree in occupational therapy from Washington University School of Medicine. She completed her Master of Science in Occupational Therapy also from Washington University. Dr. Morgan's dedication to enhancing the lives of individuals with disabilities led her to specialize in assistive technology, and she holds an ATP (Assistive Technology Professional) certification.

Dr. Morgan is also a celebrated athlete and has represented Team USA in the Paralympics. She competed in the 2008 Beijing Paralympic Games and the 2012 London Paralympic Games, securing a bronze medal in the 100 meters and 200 meters wheelchair racing events in London. Her achievements on the global stage highlight her extraordinary dedication and resilience.

Prior to her current role, Dr. Morgan has served in various capacities at Washington University including as a Clinical Instructor, and has been actively involved in research focused on mobility and participation in individuals with spinal cord injuries and other disabilities.

Recent highlights of Dr. Morgan's contributions and impact include:

- Leading innovative research projects funded by the NIH focused on mobility-related outcomes and interventions

- Serving as Principal Investigator on studies improving quality of life through assistive technology and community-based interventions

- Helping establish collaborative programs aimed at increasing accessibility and inclusion for individuals with disabilities in public spaces and workplaces

Dr. Morgan's achievements have been recognized through numerous awards and honors. She has been an invited speaker at national and international conferences, sharing her expertise on rehabilitation, adaptive technology, and disability advocacy. Her work has been published in a variety of prestigious peer-reviewed journals.

*Presentation of degrees*

# Master of Science in Applied Health Behavior Research

Health Behavior Research is a multidisciplinary field that applies psychology, public health, behavioral medicine, communication science, and statistics to promote health and prevent disease.

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## **Fall 2024 Graduates**

Angie Trammel

Obed Usenbor

Kimberly VanLoon

## **Spring 2025 Graduates**

Emerine Cummings

Leonard Imbula

Latrece Walker

## **Summer 2025 Graduate**

Hamza Zamir

Sa'eedat Idris

Zezheng (Ashley) Wang

# Master of Science in Biomedical Informatics

The interdisciplinary Master of Science and certificate programs in Biomedical Informatics provide students with a competency-based training in core biomedical informatics theories and methods to address the fundamental shift health and life sciences are experiencing toward transdisciplinary, integrative, and data-intensive approaches to research.

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## **December 2024 Graduates**

Sean Brown

Derek Harford

Elvisa Mehinovic

Mei Xia

## **Spring 2025 Graduates**

Patrick Donohue

Isuru Gamlath

Sukruth Kadaba

Hania Nuraini

Neel Shah

Xiuyuan (Jeff) Zhang

## **Summer 2025 Graduates**

Lauren Seidler

## **Spring 2025 Graduate Certificate in Biomedical Informatics**

Jenny Gurney

Alex Plattner

Christopher Zarbock

# Master of Science in Clinical Investigation

The Master of Science and certificate programs in Clinical Investigation provides scholars with the core competencies in clinical research and investigation, including study design, research implementation, statistical analysis, scientific communication, literature critique, leadership, Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR) and rigor and reproducibility, as well as opportunities for community engagement relevant to MDs, PhDs, and doctoral students from diverse disciplines. Many graduates also participate in the Mentored Training Program in Clinical Investigation (MTPCI) which includes additional mentorship and specific training program for individuals who are interested in pursuing careers in Clinical and Translational Science.

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## Spring 2025 Certificate in Clinical Investigation

Olivia Aranha

Jacqui Benson

Keisha White-Makinde

## Fall 2024 Graduate

Joel Arackal

Julia Burd

Nongnooch Poowanawittayakom

Whitney Ross

Matthew Shew\*

\*Also participating in MTPCI program

\*\*Also participating in TLI program

# Master of Science in Clinical Investigation continued

## Spring 2025 Graduates

Monica Abd El Nour

Melanie Bryan\*\*

Amrita Hari-Raj\*

Ihab Hassanieh

Daniel Hong\*

Jenny Ji\*\*

Carol Kao\*

Sasidhar Karuparti\*\*

Amanda Kolmar\*

Farrell Landwehr\*\*

Kristen Mueller\*

Adeesh Parvathaneni\*\*

Matthew Shew\*

Jacob Strelnikov\*\*

Najjuwah Walden\*\*

Tyler Wilson\*\*

Samuel Windham\*

Harrison Windham\*

Harrison Yoon\*

Felicia Zhang\*

\*Also participating in MTPCI program

\*\*Also participating in TLI program



# TL1 Predoctoral and Postdoctoral Clinical Research Program

The TL1 Predoctoral and Postdoctoral Clinical Research Program at Washington University provides career development for medical and allied healthcare students through didactic coursework, mentored training, work-in-progress research discussions, journal clubs, and conferences.

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## **Spring 2025 Graduates**

Melanie Bryan

Jenny Ji

Sasidhar Karuparti

Farrell Landwehr

Adeesh Parvathaneni

Jacob Strelnikov

Tyler Wilson

## **Summer 2025 Graduates**

Allison Haussler

Najjuwah Walden

# Master of Science in Genetic Counseling

The Program in Genetic Counseling is an innovative, 21-month Master of Science program that will prepare graduates to become certified genetic counselors. The program is composed of medical genetic- and counseling-focused curriculum, clinical rotations, and a research project.

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## **Spring 2025 Graduates**

Hannah Aaron

Margaret Erpelding

Jessica Glunt

Tessa Holtkamp

# Master of Population Health Sciences

The Master of Population Health Sciences program provides students with a strong foundation and hands-on experience in designing and conducting research in clinical outcomes and population health and moving clinical research findings to applications that will improve patient care and treatment. The program also offers a Certificate in Health Equity and Disparities and a Certificate in Clinical Effectiveness.

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## **Spring 2025 Graduates**

Abdurrahman Abdelzaher

Riadh Cheddadi

Emily Podany

Zachary Randall

Nikki Rossetti

Omolade Sogade

## **Certificate in Health Equity and Disparities**

Huda Muhammad

# Master of Science in Medical Physics

This CAMPEP-accredited program provides for students to learn fundamental concepts and techniques in the field of medical physics. Students are exposed to a wide array of diagnostic medical imaging, radiation therapy, nuclear medicine, and radiation safety approaches and techniques.

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## **Spring 2025 Graduates**

Sarah Cradick

Shuxin (Sean) Fan

Haleem Azmy

## **Spring 2025 Post PhD Certificate in Medical Physics**

Zhihua Liu

# AHBR Awards

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*Mentor of the Year*

*Course Instructor of the Year*

*Outstanding Citizenship Award*

## Biostatistics & Biomedical Informatics Awards

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*Mentors of the Year*

*Course Instructor of the Year*

*Outstanding Citizenship Award*

# MSCI Awards

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*Mentor of the Year*

*Course Director of the Year*

*Outstanding Citizenship Award*

# Medical Physics Awards

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*Educator of the Year*



