

# 2024 HIVMA ELECTIONS

## Biographical Sketches and Personal Statements





# HIVMA 2024 ELECTION BALLOT

**Chair  
(4-Year Term):**

Philip Bolduc, MD  
Worcester, MA

**Director  
(3-Year Term):**

Ellen Eaton, MD, FIDSA  
Birmingham, AL

Nwora Lance Okeke, MD, MPH  
Durham, NC

Hussein Safa, MD  
Philadelphia, PA

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Philip Bolduc, MD

**Education:** Brown University, BS (electrical engineering), 1991; University of Massachusetts Medical School, MD, 2000; Lawrence Family Medicine, Lawrence, MA, residency, 2003; University of California, San Diego, fellowship in HIV medicine, 2004; board-certified in family medicine, 2003; American Academy of HIV Medicine, HIV specialist, 2004.

**Primary Current Professional Activity:** Associate professor of family medicine and community health, University of Massachusetts Chan Medical School; director for special populations, Family Health Center of Worcester; director, UMass/NEAETC/FHCW community-based HIV and viral hepatitis fellowship; principal investigator, New England AIDS Education and Training Center.

**Other Relevant Activities/Appointments:** HIVMA Board of Directors, 2021 to present; American Academy of HIV Medicine Fundamentals of HIV Medicine textbook co-editor, 2021 to present; principal investigator, National HIV Residency Pathway Consortium, 2023 to present; UMass Medical School HIV population health clerkship director, 2018 to present; UMass infectious disease fellowship lecturer, 2017 to present; UMass OB/GYN residency lecturer on HIV, HBV and HCV, 2016 to present; UMass family medicine residency core teaching faculty, 2016 to present; UMass Medical School HIV and viral hepatitis capstone advisor, 2018 to present; medical director, HRSA/DHHS Part C Early Intervention Services Grant, Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program, 2011 to present; Gold Humanism Society, 2018; AOA inductee, 2016.

**Personal Statement:** I left a career in solar/electrical engineering to pursue community health center-based family medicine, embracing longitudinal, relationship-based care of diverse and disadvantaged urban populations. As a resident, I was drawn to HIV medicine by its unique combination of medical, social and psychological challenges as well as a calling to reduce HIV-related stigma in society and in medicine. With its understanding of family units and the integration of biopsychosocial approaches to health care, I believe that family medicine must play a key role in providing HIV care to vulnerable populations. With this animating my career in medicine, I have focused my academic work on innovations in education and health care delivery in primary care-based HIV and hepatitis care. At the University of Massachusetts and the Family Health Center of Worcester, I have fostered collaborations between infectious diseases, family medicine, nursing, pharmacy and behavioral health that lie at the heart of successful interdisciplinary care. As principal investigator of NEAETC and the National HIV Residency Pathway Consortium, I work to promote these approaches regionally and nationally. Serving on the HIVMA Board of Directors has been an exciting opportunity to collaborate with others who are passionate about HIV medicine, pushing to advance HIV research, care, prevention and advocacy to continuously improve the lives of people living with or at risk for HIV and end the HIV epidemic. As vice chair, I will be thrilled to continue pursuing these goals as part of HIVMA's outstanding leadership team.

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Ellen Eaton, MD, FIDSA

**Medical Education:** University of Alabama at Birmingham, MD, 2007; Stanford University Hospital and Clinics, internal medicine residency, 2010; University of Alabama at Birmingham, infectious diseases fellowship, 2015; University of Alabama at Birmingham, Division of Infectious Diseases, faculty, 2015 to present.

**Primary Current Professional Activity:** Associate professor of medicine, Division of Infectious Diseases, University of Alabama at Birmingham; director, Outpatient-Based Opioid Treatment Clinic, UAB 1917 HIV Clinic; director, UAB Center for AIDS Research Substance Use Scientific Working Group.

**Other Relevant Activities/Appointments:** Member, International Antiviral Society-USA Scientific Leadership Board; member, IDSA Advocacy Subcommittee.

**Personal Statement:** I am interested in serving on the HIVMA Board to advance clinical care, policy and advocacy initiatives to end HIV. As an infectious diseases physician and addiction provider in Alabama, I see firsthand how social determinants of health, substance use, stigma and mass incarceration have stalled progress toward eliminating HIV in the Deep South and rural America. By joining this esteemed group of HIV experts, I will have the opportunity to collaborate with national leaders to address these disparities and advance policy and patient care. In addition to my clinical skills, my public health experience as the branch director for special populations for the Jefferson County Department of Health COVID Incident Command Unit will allow me to contribute to areas around syndemics, health inequities and social justice that affect poor, rural communities. Further, as a native Southerner, raised in Dothan, Alabama, I am uniquely prepared to identify training needs for a culturally competent, diverse workforce to address HIV in priority areas like Alabama.

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Nwora Lance Okeke, MD, MPH

**Education:** Stanford University School of Medicine, MD, 2007; internal medicine residency, Duke University Medical Center, 2010; infectious diseases fellowship, Duke University Medical Center, 2015; University of North Carolina, MPH (epidemiology), 2015.

**Primary Current Professional Activity:** Associate professor of medicine, Division of Infectious Diseases, Duke University School of Medicine; associate professor, Department of Population Health Sciences, Duke University School of Medicine.

**Other Relevant Activities/Appointments:** Associate director, Duke Center for AIDS Research; director, Duke HIV Center of Excellence; vice chief for diversity, equity and inclusion, Duke Infectious Diseases; director, Duke CFAR Health Services Research Scientific Working Group; director, Evidence2Practice HBCU HIV Prevention Outreach Initiative; past member, AIDS Clinical Trials Group Comorbidities Transformative Science Working Group.

**Personal Statement:** My interest in HIVMA originates from the organization's strategic priorities of increasing health care access to persons at risk or with HIV and diversifying the HIV workforce. Over the last 12 years, these priorities have been my career's guiding objectives. As a researcher, my program focuses on developing and evaluating innovative strategies to promote equitable access to PrEP in the South. Our work has taken us from urgent care clinics in New Orleans to community pharmacies in rural South Carolina, engaging health care professionals and community members on context-specific ways to make PrEP more accessible in their communities. As an HIV clinician, I practice in both urban and rural clinics in North Carolina and have gained insights on barriers and facilitators of HIV care delivery in both settings. As a member of the HIV scientific community, I believe that our primary objective of ending the epidemic benefits immeasurably from having a diverse HIV workforce representative of populations most affected by the epidemic. To this end, I established Evidence2Practice, an on-campus initiative introducing HBCU students to HIV epidemiology, HIV prevention strategies and implementation science to promote careers in HIV. Over the last 20 years, HIVMA has built a legacy of advocacy, promoting equity in health care access for persons with HIV and diversity in the community of clinicians and researchers that care for them. Given my fundamental belief in the organization's mission, I would be honored to contribute my experience and insights to HIVMA as a member of the Board of Directors.

## HIVMA Elections Biographical Sketch and Personal Statement

Hussein Safa, MD (he/him)

**Education:** Creighton University School of Medicine, MD, 2013-2017; Montefiore Medical Center, family and social medicine residency, comprehensive HIV care track, 2017-2022.

**Primary Current Professional Activity:** Medical director, Immunodeficiency Clinic (Ryan White HIV Clinic), Albert Einstein Medical Center Philadelphia; medical director, Pride Program, Albert Einstein Medical Center Philadelphia; medical director, TelePrEP Program, Albert Einstein Medical Center.

**Other Relevant Activities/Appointments:** Faculty, family medicine residency, Albert Einstein Medical Center Philadelphia; faculty, New York City homeless health care fellowship, Department of Family and Social Medicine, Montefiore Medical Center; primary care faculty chair, American Academy of HIV Medicine.

**Personal Statement:** I am interested in serving on the HIVMA Board of Directors to learn from the perspectives of other Board members about their approaches to addressing HIV issues in their own communities and to offer my own perspective and approaches as well, in the hopes of developing policies and strategies that can be translated and implemented across various settings. I am passionate about providing holistic care that combines HIV treatment/prevention and primary care that centers harm reduction principles, trauma-informed care and patient choice. I am interested in fighting for health equity among racial (BIPOC), gender (TG and GD) and sexually diverse (LGBQIA+) groups to ensure improved HIV treatment and prevention outcomes and ensuring that all policies, innovation and strategy both center and at least include the perspective of these marginalized groups. I hope to bring this dedication to the Board if chosen and offer an advocacy perspective influenced by experiences in providing care in the Bronx and North Philadelphia.