

## Meeting Faculty

### Joseph Cantrell, JD

Joseph Cantrell is the Director of State Affairs and Community Relations for the American College of Rheumatology. The ACR represents over 9,500 rheumatologists and rheumatology health professionals in the United States and across the world. As a leading advocate for rheumatology, the ACR works with decision makers in Washington, D.C. and in states around the nation to improve policy outcomes. The ACR's advocacy focuses on improving access to rheumatologists and rheumatologic care, improving the practice climate for rheumatologists, enhancing patient access to treatments, and increasing public funding for medical research. RheumPAC, the ACR's non-partisan political action committee, helps support and elect pro-rheumatology candidates to Congress.

In his current role, Joseph ensures that the interests of ACR members and their patients are represented in state legislation and policy. Prior to coming to the ACR he served as the Director of Advocacy and Policy for Mental Health America of Georgia, where he managed state advocacy efforts. He also served as a legal aid to Georgia Senate Judiciary Committee and worked in the office of Georgia Senate Minority Leader. He received a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science from the University of West Georgia and his JD from the Georgia State University College of Law.

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### Gary L. Crump, MD

A native of Louisville, Dr. Crump attended Indiana University where he received his undergraduate degree with a Bachelor of Sciences in Microbiology in 1979. He then returned home to attend medical school at the University of Louisville, graduating with his MD in 1983.

He did a residency in Internal Medicine, and a fellowship in Rheumatology/Immunology at the University of Cincinnati, which he completed in 1988. Dr. Crump is board certified in Internal Medicine and Rheumatology. He is also certified in Bone Densitometry.

Dr. Crump joined Dr. Paul Schneider to form Rheumatology Associates, PLLC, in 1988. He has served as Laboratory Director of our COLA-certified lab for twenty years. His practice interests include Rheumatoid Arthritis, Psoriatic Arthritis, SLE, and Gout. He is currently involved in a nation-wide pilot project on population-based disease management of RA. Dr. Crump has published several articles in medical journals and co-authored chapters in medical textbooks. He has been an invited lecturer both in the US and abroad. He is an educator to other physicians on new treatments and serves as a consultant to several pharmaceutical companies.

Dr. Crump is the father of two grown sons, Robert and Matthew, and an adopted son, Edmond. Outside of work, he and his wife Nancy enjoy cooking and travel. His hobbies are golf, and riding and showing American Saddlebred horses.

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## **Anisha Dua, MD, MPH**

Anisha B. Dua MD, MPH is an Associate Professor of Medicine in the Division of Rheumatology, Rheumatology Fellowship Program Director and Director of the Northwestern Vasculitis Center at Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine.

Dr. Dua interests are in rheumatology education and vasculitis. She completed her Rheumatology fellowship at Rush University as well as fellowships in Medical Education at The University of Chicago and Integrative Medicine at Northwestern. She is a former member of the Committee on Training and Workforce for the American College of Rheumatology, worked with the ACGME to develop the new subspecialty milestones for Rheumatology, and is currently the Chair of the ACR In-Training-Exam committee.

Dr. Dua currently leads a multidisciplinary team in the clinical management of vasculitis patients. She recently assisted in the development of the American College of Rheumatology (ACR) Guideline for the Treatment and Management of Vasculitis, is on the Board of Directors for the Vasculitis Foundation and a member of the Scientific Advisory Council for the Rheumatology Research Foundation. She has served in leadership capacities both locally and nationally through the American College of Rheumatology, the Vasculitis Foundation, and the ACGME in the areas of education as well as vasculitis.

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## **Cody Hunt**

Cody Hunt is the Health Policy Manager at the Kentucky Medical Association. Hunt joined KMA in December 2021 and since that time has been responsible for managing the Association's health policy research and assisting with the Association's legislative advocacy efforts. He also serves as a resource to the Kentucky Physicians TAC, as well as serves as a representative of KMA to several joint advocacy coalition partnerships. Prior to joining KMA, Hunt served in the Office of the Kentucky Speaker of the House for three years as a health care policy analyst, where he staffed the House Health and Family Services Committee. A native of Campbellsville, Kentucky, Hunt earned an undergraduate political science degree from the University of Kentucky and a master's degree from the University of the Cumberland's.

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## **Timothy A. Lonesky, DO**

Dr. Lonesky began his education at Juniata College in Huntingdon, PA where he played basketball and football along with meeting his wife Trudy. Afterward, in 2000 he began his medical school training at the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine. From 2004-2007, he was an internal medicine resident at Mercy Hospital of Pittsburgh. This was followed by his fellowship in rheumatology at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon, NH. Dr. Lonesky enjoys being active with his 4 children and wife along with being involved in his local church. Dr. Timothy Lonesky is President of Kentuckiana Rheumatology Alliance.

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## **Julie Paik, MD, MHS**

Dr. Julie Paik is an Associate Professor of Medicine in the Division of Rheumatology at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. She is also the Director of Clinical Trials at the Johns Hopkins Myositis Center and active clinical investigator at the Johns Hopkins Scleroderma Center. The focus of Dr. Paik's current research efforts are in novel therapeutics in refractory dermatomyositis and overlap myositis in particular at the intersection of scleroderma and myositis.

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## **Michael Saitta, MD, MBA**

Dr. Saitta is a board-certified rheumatologist in Fayetteville, Arkansas and is also a Fellow of the American College of Rheumatology. He has participated on numerous committees, councils and advisory bodies related to rheumatology practice, government regulation, health care payment models and advocacy for patients' rights. Currently, he serves on the board of the Arkansas Rheumatology Association and on the executive committee of the Coalition of State Rheumatology Organizations, a national advocacy and education resource dedicated to improving access to quality care for rheumatology patients.

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## **Elizabeth R. Volkman, MD**

Dr. Elizabeth Volkman is the Director of the UCLA Scleroderma Program and the founder and Co-Director of the UCLA Connective Tissue Disease-Related Interstitial Lung Disease (CTD-ILD) Program. Dr. Volkman received her undergraduate degree from Pomona College (Neuroscience, Dance) and subsequently completed all of her medical training at UCLA. Board-certified in both Internal Medicine and Rheumatology, Dr. Volkman is an active clinical and translational researcher in systemic sclerosis and interstitial lung disease (ILD). Her research focuses on developing personalized treatment approaches for patients with ILD through the discovery of novel biomarkers and outcome measures. She pioneered the first study to investigate the gut microbiome in patients with systemic sclerosis and now leads an international consortium of investigators dedicated to understanding how the gut microbiome contributes to inflammation and clinical symptoms in patients with systemic sclerosis.