

# UCSF GeriNews

A multi-campus division

September 20th, 2024



Corrections to Drs. Shreya Kapoor and Christine Cassel's geri spotlights included below.



Please join us in welcoming Laura Scoville, MSc, Research Assistant, to our Division of Geriatrics!

Laura started this past Monday morning and will work with [Dr. Theresa Allison](#), Morgan Nguyen, and Livia Umeda to support the Music and Dementia Research Lab. Laura graduated from Truman State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Anthropology/Sociology with a Biology minor. She earned her Master of Science degree with Distinction in Human Osteoarcheology from the University of Edinburgh.

[Learn more](#)



Congratulations to **Sarah Ngo, MLIS**, on her promotion to Data Infrastructure Specialist!

In her new role as Data Infrastructure Specialist, Sarah will continue to support various data infrastructure projects and initiatives across multiple teams. As a knowledge expert, she will support and maintain established data warehouse platforms, create new data infrastructure and workflows, manage data integration from various sources, as well as oversee privacy and security controls to protect sensitive data and comply with relevant UCSF policy and regulations. She will also serve as our Division's AI Champion to support the development of our AI climate, develop new tools and resources to share with other members of the team, provide training and support and participate in workgroups and committees representing the Division.

[Learn more](#)



[Ashwin Kotwal, MD](#) was the keynote speaker at the 6th Annual Village Movement of California statewide conference held in San Diego where he discussed the importance of grassroots efforts to build social connection among older adults. Learn more about the [Village Movement](#) here.

[Ashwin Kotwal, MD, MS](#) was also quoted in an article "[How to Find Streaming TV Shows for Older Adults With Cognitive Challenges](#)" published in AARP.



Jessica Eng, MD, On Lok Medical Director, hosts UCSF medical students at the Openhouse-On Lok adult day center as they learn about Geriatrics Models of Care during their Life Stages course.

## GERIPAL BLOG

# Geripal

Geriatrics & Palliative Care for  
All Healthcare Professionals



### [Stepped Palliative Care: A Podcast with Jennifer Temel, Chris Jones, and Pallavi Kumar](#)

[Visit the GeriPal Blog](#)

## GERIATRICS SPOTLIGHT

The Geriatrics Spotlight initiative fosters community building within the Division, especially during this age of hybrid/remote work where it can be challenging to find ways to interact with colleagues outside of your immediate teams. This is a way for Division members to learn more about all the wonderful work we're doing!

This week, we get to know our division members, **Shreya Kapoor** and **Christine Cassel**.



**Shreya Kapoor**

**Title:** Medical Director CLC

**Joined Division:** 2023

**Work site(s):** SFVAMC

**Email:** shreya.kapoor@va.gov

**What is a professional goal you would like to accomplish by the end of this year?**

Shreya's main professional goal this year is to build strong team dynamics both within and outside the CLC.

***What else would you like us to know about you?***

Shreya is still new to San Francisco - and looking forward to calling this my home.

[Learn more about Shreya](#)



**Christine Cassel**

**Title:** Adjunct Professor, Senior Advisor for Strategy and Policy

**Joined Division:** 2018

**Work site(s):** Parnassus and from home in New Mexico

**Email:** [chriskcassel@gmail.com](mailto:chriskcassel@gmail.com)

**What is a professional goal you would like to accomplish by the end of this year?**

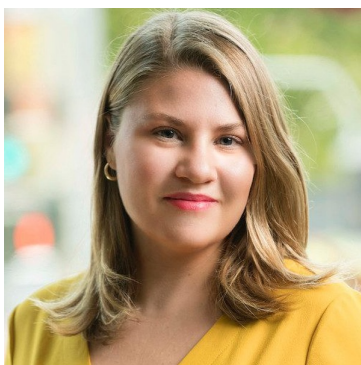
Christine's main professional goal this year is to raise greater awareness for the Bridging Divides project.

***What's one "fun fact" about you that not many people know? (e.g., hidden talent)***

Christine contributed to the first Kaiser Medical School in Pasadena, California. She also has a passion for modern art!

[Learn more about Christine](#)

**GERIATRIC & PALLIATIVE MEDICINE GRAND ROUNDS**



**[Sarah Hooper, JD](#)**, Professor of Practice and Executive Director of the UCSF/UC Law SF Consortium on Law, Science & Health Policy, University of California Law

**Conservatorship in Older Adults: Practice and Systems Change for Health Justice**

Weds, September 25th, 2024

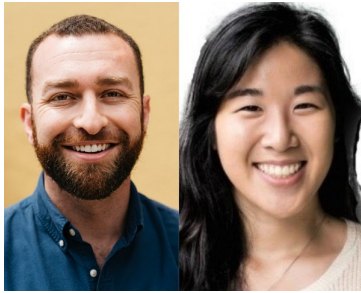
4:00 - 5:00 PM

Location: Clinical Sciences Building, 521 Parnassus Ave, Room 1113 & 1114

[Zoom Registration Link](#) (remote)

[View Past Grand Rounds Recordings](#)

This Gratitude section is an opportunity for us to post thank-you/gratitude messages to each other. Please email your gratitude posts to [Caroline.Ziesmer@ucsf.edu](mailto:Caroline.Ziesmer@ucsf.edu) to include in future newsletters.



Dear Robbie and Monica,

Thank you both for making today's demonstration home visit for the medical students such a success! Robbie, the visit was fantastic and very compelling, and we appreciate you sharing your work with the students. Monica, your videography skills with Zoom allowed the students to get a real glimpse into the world of home-based medical care. Thank you both for your contributions!

Thank you!  
Rebecca Conant



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Thank you for going above and beyond this week to help onboard new faculty in consult clinic work. I really appreciate your extra time as I know you have a lot on your plate! Thank you again!

- Stephanie Rogers



Just finished our first day of Geriatric Consults at LA General. I'm so excited to finally be able to bring Inpatient Geriatric Consults to our patients!  
[@EstefaniaMaurer](#) and I are officially ready to answer all your geriatric questions!  
[#geriatrics](#) [@LAGenHospMed](#)

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- [Analiese DiConti-Gibbs, MD @DiContiGibbs](#)  
UCSF Geriatrics Clinical Fellow 2019-2020

**LEARNING & DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES**



October 5-12 | San Francisco

## SFPL Tech Week

Building new skills or just getting started with technology? Tech Week is here to help with more than 40 free programs and one-on-one tech support! A collaborative effort between SFPL and many community partners, Tech Week has something for everyone, featuring sessions on everything from AI education and robotics to basic tech help and music workshops.

[Learn more](#)

### GERI COMMUNITY RESOURCE

Welcome to UCSF  
Geriatrics Community  
Resources



This week's Geri Community Resource is: [NEXT Village SF](#).

[NEXT Village SF](#) provides a broad array of services to support older adults in San Francisco's northeast neighborhoods, helping them stay connected, active, and cared for as they age. Beyond offering transportation, friendly visitor programs, home repairs, and social events, NEXT Village helps individuals recently discharged from the hospital by arranging for apartment clean-ups, assistance with online grocery and meal delivery services, and transportation to follow-up medical appointments. Volunteers are also coordinated to conduct well-being checks and assist with other necessary tasks. Contact NEXT Village SF for their valuable services, volunteer opportunities, and efforts to support aging-in-place: 415-888-2868!

**NEXTVillageSF**  
At home, right where you are.

[Find Geriatrics  
Community  
Resources here](#)

### UPCOMING EVENTS



**September 25:**

Geriatrics Grand Rounds

4:00-5:00PM

Speaker: [Sarah Hooper, JD](#)

Location: Clinical

Sciences Building, 521

Parnassus Ave, Room

1113 &amp; 1114

[Zoom Registration Link](#)**October 23:** Geriatrics

Grand Rounds

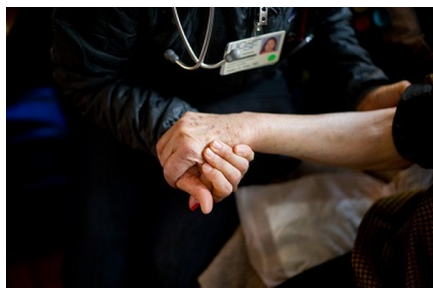
4:00-5:00PM

Speaker: Sharon Brangman MD

Location: TBD

[Zoom Registration Link](#)**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES****UCSF Division of****Geriatrics is****Recruiting!**[Click here for more details>>](#)**Current Career Opportunities:**

- [Clinician Educator \(JPF05152\)](#)
- [Research Scientist \(JPF04741\)](#)
- [Harris Fishbon Distinguished Professor for Clinical Translational Research in Aging \(JPF04285\)](#)
- [Program Manager \(80838BR\)](#)
- [GUIDE Program & Operations Manager \(81132BR\)](#)

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