

## 2024 PDOC Election Slate (Faculty Senate Seat) Candidate Statements and Bios

### **Ajjai Alva**

*Maisel Research Professor of Translational/Clinical Oncology and Clinical Professor of Internal Medicine, Medical School*

**Biographical Statement:** Ajjai Alva received his medical training in India and then performed laboratory research on cancer cell death at the University of Maryland in College Park and at the NIH, obtaining a MS degree in Cell Biology and Molecular Genetics. His thesis research on non-canonical forms of cell death and their potential use in cancer therapeutics was published in the journal Science. He went on to complete his Internal Medicine residency in Maryland as well before joining the University of Michigan for a Hematology and Oncology fellowship which he completed in 2010. During his fellowship, he conducted laboratory work in the lab of Dr Kenneth Pienta on mechanisms of prostate cancer metastases to bone and clinical research in urologic cancers under the guidance of Dr Maha Hussain.

As faculty, I am a clinical investigator and translational researcher with expertise in medical oncology clinical trials with a particular focus on translating breakthrough laboratory advances in genomics into precision therapeutics. I am an Associate Professor of Internal Medicine, specializing in urologic cancers and pan- cancer trials. I also have a weekly prostate cancer clinic at the Ann Arbor Veterans Affairs hospital where I am Principal Investigator of a Prostate Cancer Foundation Center of Excellence Award to implement precision oncology for prostate cancer.

I am a recipient of a NCI Cancer Clinical Investigator Team Leadership Award and past Co-Chair of the Big Ten Cancer Research Consortium's GU Group. I am a Principal Investigator on 15 active clinical trials including several investigator-initiated precision oncology clinical trials in genomically-defined cancer subsets including a national immunotherapy trial for cancers with loss of the CDK12 gene (NCT03570619). I also serve as site Principal Investigator on several pan-cancer trials such as ASCO TAPUR and NCI MATCH.

Additionally, I serve as the University of Michigan Sponsor Principal Investigator for the P30 Supplement for Access to Experimental Therapeutics Clinical Trials Network (ETCTN) Agents at University of Michigan. I have leadership positions in multi-site organizations such as SWOG (GU committee member), ASCO TAPUR (Steering Committee and Molecular Tumor Board member) and the NCCN Oncology Research Program Investigator Steering Committee.



**Candidate Statement:** I am a medical oncologist doctor at the cancer center. Having lived in Ann Arbor for more than 15 years now, I love the city and the University. My children have grown up going to UM games and now take classes at UM. I wish to give back to the campus community that has given me and my family so much thank you

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**Nick Camp**

*Assistant Professor of Organizational Studies, Assistant Professor of Psychology, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts and Faculty Associate, Research Center for Group Dynamics, Institute for Social Research*

**Biographical Statement:** Nick Camp studies the social psychology of racial inequality, focusing on where institutions and individuals come into contact. His main program of research examines the role routine police-citizen encounters play in undermining police-community trust, and how these disparities can be addressed, combining analyses of officer-worn body camera footage with community surveys. In other research, he examines the psychological consequences of racial inequities for how individuals consider people, places, and policies.

Prior to coming to Michigan, Nick was a postdoctoral scholar at Stanford University, where he received his PhD in Social Psychology in 2018. He graduated from Columbia University with a B.A. in Psychology in 2009.

**Candidate Statement:** I am standing for PDOC because I believe in policing that is fair, accountable, and built on trust. I am passionate about these issues both personally and professionally in my work analyzing police-community interactions, and have worked with stakeholders in law enforcement, citizen/federal oversight, and local communities. I would be well-equipped to adjudicate complaints against UM DPSS and individual officers, the primary role of the PDOC, and to support the aims of the 2021 Public Safety Task Force in considering DPSS practice more expansively. I am particularly motivated to make DPSS data transparent while respecting individuals' privacy.

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**Erica Campagnaro**

*Clinical Associate Professor of Internal Medicine, Medical School*

**Biographical Statement:** Dr. Erica Leigh Campagnaro is a Clinical Associate Professor specializing in Hematology, Medical Oncology, and Internal Medicine at the University of Michigan's Rogel Cancer Center. Her primary areas of practice include myeloma, plasma cell dyscrasias, and both Hodgkin's and Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma.

Dr. Campagnaro completed her medical training at Louisiana State University School of Medicine in 2000, followed by a residency in Internal Medicine at the University of Texas Medical Branch in 2003. She pursued a fellowship in Hematology/Medical

Oncology at the M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, University of Texas, which she completed in 2007.

She is an active member of several professional organizations, including the American Society of Clinical Oncology, American Society of Hematology, Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group, and SWOG. Dr. Campagnaro's research focuses on clinical investigation in multiple myeloma and lymphoma.

**Candidate Statement:** The impact of police presence, response, and reporting on student, staff, and faculty actions cannot be understated. I'd be honored to provide external oversight and input on this impact from the standpoint of the faculty of University of Michigan.

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**Michael Robert Hickok**

*Lecturer I in History, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts*

**Biographical Statement:**

Dr. Michael Robert Hickok is a Lecturer in the Department of History at the University of Michigan, specializing in regions of the Ottoman Empire and the modern history of political violence, terrorism, and military affairs. In addition to his specialized seminars, he teaches the survey course "The World Before 1492."

Dr. Hickok's extensive career spans two decades with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). His roles included Special Agent in the Detroit Division, where he focused on identifying and disrupting politically motivated threats, such as those related to the January 6 Capitol attack and the plot to kidnap the governor of Michigan. As Assistant Special Agent in Charge of the Las Vegas Division, he directed crisis management efforts and managed federal cyber and counterintelligence programs, establishing security protocols for events like Burning Man.

Internationally, Dr. Hickok served as Legal Attaché in Ankara and Istanbul, Turkey. In Ankara, he worked on criminal and national security liaison efforts and was pivotal in joint operations that led to the arrest of the 2013 American Embassy bomber. His crisis response during the 2016 attempted coup in Turkey involved securing Americans and providing situational awareness to U.S. corporations.

Before his FBI career, Dr. Hickok was an Associate Professor of Turkish & Central Asian Studies at the US Air War College and held research positions in Tokyo, Japan, and Ankara, Turkey. He earned his Ph.D. in Middle Eastern and Balkan History from the University of Michigan and holds a Certificate in Advanced Turkish Language from Boğaziçi University. Dr. Hickok is proficient in English, Turkish, French, Arabic, and Serbo-Croatian. His awards include the Attorney General's Distinguished Service Award and the Department of State's Superior Honors Award.

**Candidate Statement:** As a graduate of the University of Michigan, resident of Ann Arbor, and retired federal law enforcement officer, I have come home to teach at the university. I believe my experience both as a senior leader in the Federal Bureau of Investigation and as an academic would help me in an oversight role where understanding the functions of a university public safety department as well as the special nature of a university community would help facilitate communication and understanding between the different parties.

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**Victor Hong**

*Clinical Associate Professor, Medical Director of Psychiatry Emergency Services (PES), Associate Director of Adult Psychiatry Hospital Services*

**Biographical Statement:** Dr. Victor Hong is a Clinical Associate Professor and the Medical Director of Psychiatric Emergency Services (PES) in the Department of Psychiatry at the University of Michigan. He also is the psychiatric lead for the University of Michigan Athletic Department. His areas of clinical and scholarly interest are emergency psychiatry, suicidology, college mental health, and personality disorders.

**Candidate Statement:** My name is Victor Hong, and I am an associate professor of psychiatry at Michigan Medicine, where I have been faculty since 2014. My major administrative role has been as the medical director of the psychiatric emergency services. In that role, I have regular collaboration with law enforcement regarding policies and procedures and how best to manage violence risk. I feel that with my background and clinical experience, I would be a good fit for the Police Department Oversight Committee.

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**Nancy Khalil**

*Assistant Professor of American Culture, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts*

**Biographical Statement:**

Dr. Khalil's recent large research project studied the politics of American Islam through in-depth research on Islamic higher education institutes and religious clerics, or imams, in the US. Her project argued and ethnographically depicted how bureaucratic policies, such as visa offerings and approval, and state-led higher education degree-granting authority, can shape how decentralized religions regulate, credential, and recognize their religious leaders and institutions in the United States. Ultimately, it calls for a closer look at bureaucracy as a localizer and definer of religion.

**Candidate Statement:**

Anyone who has worked with me knows I am a strong believer in accountability as a



mechanism for justice and excellence. Without it, we're vulnerable to individual biases, weaknesses, and personal interests. Even in our daily duties. An oversight committee serves as a critical accountability mechanism for our university police. A committee composed of members pursuing their position in good-faith, who work well together, and create a culture that encourages reporting concerning incidents, and also assures police that all reports will be assessed with care and justice is paramount for progress and is what I commit to pursue.

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**Kathleen Kruse**

*Clinical Assistant Professor of Psychiatry and Medical Director of Nyman Unit, Medical School*

**Biographical Statement:** Dr. Kathleen Kruse is a Clinical Assistant Professor with specialized expertise in forensic psychiatry and child and adolescent psychiatry. Her clinical interests focus on system-involved youth, including those in the juvenile justice and child welfare systems, as well as the diversion of mental health and substance use disorders from jails and the justice system. Additionally, Dr. Kruse is dedicated to health justice, criminal justice reform, and providing trauma-informed care for PTSD and trauma.

Dr. Kruse completed her medical degree at the University of Michigan Medical School. She furthered her training with a residency in General Psychiatry and a fellowship in Child and Adolescent Psychiatry at the University of Michigan. She also completed a fellowship in Forensic Psychiatry at Case Western Reserve University/University Hospitals of Cleveland.

Through her work, Dr. Kruse aims to address and reform the intersection of mental health and the criminal justice system, ensuring that individuals receive appropriate care and support. Her contributions in these areas have been vital for advancing trauma-informed care practices and advocating for systemic change.

**Candidate Statement:** I serve as the Medical Director of the inpatient child and adolescent psychiatry unit at Mott Children's Hospital where I work with our DPSS team in managing behavioral complexity including aggression and agitation. I am also a forensic psychiatrist and have worked with police in a number of settings, including jails, state psychiatric hospitals, courthouses (for court-ordered evaluations), and jail diversion/mental health treatment centers. It is important to respect our security and police officers but also balance that with maintaining the highest standards in their interactions with the community. Given my experiences, I would provide important contributions to the PDOC.

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**Pamela Smock**

*Professor of Sociology, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts and Research  
Professor, Population Studies Center, Institute for Social Research*

**Biographical Statement:** Professor Smock is a demographer and sociologist (A.B. and A.M., University of Chicago; Ph.D., University of Wisconsin-Madison). Her expertise is in family demography and social inequality; her scholarship traces the ways in which social inequalities are shaped, and shaped by, family trends and patterns. She has published in leading sociology and demography journals including *American Sociological Review*, *Annual Review of Sociology*, *Demography*, *Journal of Marriage and Family* and *Social Forces*. Currently, Professor Smock is examining the intersection of relationship biographies, including older life-long single adults, and late-life economic well-being - and the role of the structure of Social Security benefits in maintaining economic disparities.

Smock served as Editor-in-Chief of *Demography*, the flagship journal of the Population Association of America; Deputy Editor of *Journal of Marriage and Family*; editorial board member of peer-reviewed journals; and Chair or member of numerous review panels for the National Institutes of Health and the National Science Foundation. She is an elected member of the honorary society Sociological Research Association, a former President of the Association of Population Centers and has held other elected positions in the Population Association of America and the American Sociological Association. At the University of Michigan, Professor Smock has served in many capacities across various units (e.g., Director, Population Studies Center; Member, LSA Divisional Evaluation Committee). In addition, she was an elected member of the Senate Assembly and recently served on the General Counsel's Advisory Committee.

Professor Smock also thoroughly enjoys classroom teaching. She regularly teaches an undergraduate seminar on gender and paid and unpaid labor, a class on population studies, and a first-year undergraduate seminar on social inequalities and families.

**Candidate Statement:** I am well qualified to serve on the Police Department Oversight Committee. Over the thirty years I have been at the University, I have gained extensive experience in addressing a variety of nuanced issues in my roles as colleague, committee member, teacher, mentor and administrator, all of which serve as a solid foundation for the judgment needed as a member of this Committee. If elected, I am deeply committed to educating myself on all relevant information, procedures, and policies. During a time of tension on campus, I believe I possess the courage and accountability needed for this post.

**David Tindle**

*Clinical Associate Professor of Dentistry, Department of Periodontics and Oral Medicine, School of Dentistry*

**Biographical Statement:** Dr. David Tindle received his dental education at Baylor College of Dentistry in Dallas, Texas. He completed his residency in oral medicine at the Naval Postgraduate Dental School in Bethesda, Maryland and is a Diplomate of the American Board of Oral Medicine. Currently, Dr. Tindle is a clinical associate professor and the academic discipline coordinator for oral medicine and oral pathology at the University of Michigan, School of Dentistry.

**Candidate Statement:** After careful consideration, I am requesting you to support my candidacy for the Police Department Oversight Committee. As the son of a police officer and a former naval officer with 22 years of service, I have firsthand experience with both exemplary and problematic public servants. I understand the critical role of civilian oversight in maintaining community safety and trust. Since joining the University faculty in 2010, I have been committed to upholding these principles. My combined personal and professional background uniquely qualifies me to contribute effectively to this committee. I appreciate your consideration of my candidacy.

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**Golfo Tzilos Wernette**

*Associate Professor of Family Medicine and Associate Professor of Psychiatry, Medical School*

**Biographical Statement:** Golfo Tzilos Wernette, Ph.D. is an Associate Professor in the Department of Family Medicine and the Department of Psychiatry. She is also a licensed clinical psychologist at the Ypsilanti Health Center where she provides short-term psychological intervention to adults in the community seeking primary care services. She received a B.S. in Biopsychology and Cognitive Science from the University of Michigan, and a Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology from Wayne State University. She completed a postdoctoral fellowship at the Center for Alcohol and Addiction Studies at Brown University, where she was also a research faculty member.

Her clinical research interests include technology-delivered approaches for health promotion and the reduction of health risk behaviors (e.g., alcohol/drug use, STIs/HIV risk behaviors) among vulnerable populations. Her current NIH-funded work is focused on screening and brief motivational interventions that target these health risks in pregnant/perinatal women and in emerging adults. Her research efforts include designing interventions to reduce health risk behaviors among vulnerable groups including low-income perinatal women.

Golfo is a member of the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee in the Department of Family Medicine. She speaks Greek fluently.

**Candidate Statement:** Thank you for considering my nomination to serve on the Police Oversight Committee. I am a clinical psychologist and associate professor in the Departments of Family Medicine (DFM) and Psychiatry. I also serve on the DEI Committee in the DFM. I believe that I have the skill set and diligence necessary to successfully serve in this role. I would be honored for the opportunity and would strive to foster a culture of thoughtfulness and transparency in working alongside and supporting the work of this committee