



MAD-ID News

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Message from the Board

We just returned from a Board of Directors retreat in Rhode Island discussing MAD-ID's future growth and planning for our 25th Annual MAD-ID Meeting taking place on May 10-13, 2023, at the Hyatt Regency Orlando in Orlando, Florida.

Please save the date as 2023 will be MAD-ID's 25th Year!

We reaffirmed our vision to Make a Difference in Infectious Diseases – a world where knowledge for the prevention and treatment of infections is accessible and ubiquitous.

We will accomplish this through leading-edge and innovative education, and skills training while expanding partnerships, trainee education, and global outreach.

We aim to bring together all partnering organizations to achieve our vision and mission, and we aim to educate one million health care professionals by 2030.

We are pleased to announce that our 2022 live meeting was a hit! MAD-ID 2022 had 356 registrants, exceeding our cautious goals as we returned to an in-person event after 2020 was canceled due to COVID-19 and 2021 was held virtually. We were thrilled to receive the feedback from the attendees. They raved about the quality of the speakers, topics, and networking opportunities.

MAD-ID is Hiring a Part-Time Executive Coordinator

The Executive Coordinator (EC) will report to the corporation's Board of Directors. The EC is responsible for assisting the President and Vice-Presidents with efficiently coordinating the operations of the organization and implementing the strategic initiatives and policy decisions of the Board.

Specific duties include:

1. Coordinate content and operations of the MAD-ID Newsletter, the websites, and other written and electronic materials and publications. (Assist with creating and supervising graphic designs to support the organization's advertising, etc.)
2. Coordinate and implement MAD-ID social media platforms, and software decisions/vendors
3. Assist with coordination of the short and long-term fundraising initiatives, program priorities and activities of the Board.
4. Coordinate contracts and communications across inter-organizational collaborations.
5. Work with the Continuing Education Director to inform of update and review of MAD-ID websites including the training program website and social media platforms.
6. Coordinate communication between the corporation's Board and committees to

- ensure appropriate and timely reporting and decision-making.
7. Assist in the implementation of MAD-ID's organizational and administrative policies and procedures.
 8. Create/design organization's surveys for membership/scientific committee, meeting planners
 9. Assist with vendor bids/selection to support annual meeting and other MAD-ID programs
 10. Review and assist with document reviews (By-laws, reappointment contracts etc.)
 11. Serve as liaison between vendors, meeting management group

We are looking for someone who is passionate about Making a Difference in Infectious Diseases, proactive, organized with excellent communication skills.

This is a paid position for about 5 hours a week.

Interested persons should contact **Kerry LaPlante** at klaplante@mad-id.org or **Mike Rybak** at mrybak@mad-id.org

Teaser Trailer: MAD-ID 2023 Annual Meeting

Planning for the MAD-ID 2023 Annual Meeting is well under way! As we celebrate MAD-ID's 25th year, expect engaging speakers and exciting networking opportunities as well as innovative topics like...

- New antibiotic and immunotherapy developments
- Advances in the treatment of multi-drug resistant pathogens
- Building stewardship models in new settings like critical care, transitions of care, and outpatient
- Developments in diagnostic stewardship
- Highlights on gaps in infection treatment
- And much more!!!

Meet the MAD-ID Communications Committee!

We are excited to announce the establishment of the newly minted MAD-ID Communications Committee! This energetic team will be dedicated to the promotion of MAD-ID and our members as well as highlighting clinical 'hot' topics and research. Look for their work in upcoming MAD-ID newsletters, Social Media, and the [MAD-ID Website](#).

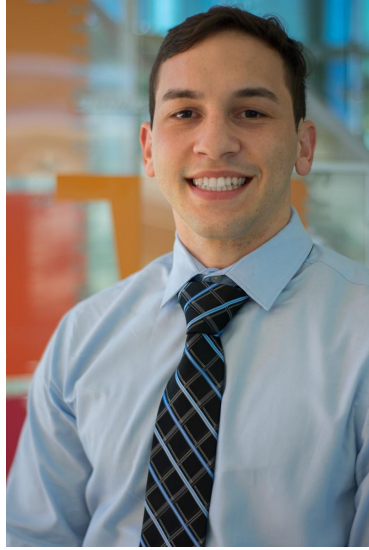
Take a moment to meet your MAD-ID Communications Committee!



Gustavo Alvira-Arill

What I'm doing now: Pediatric Infectious Diseases Pharmacy Fellow/University of Tennessee and Le Bonheur Children's Hospital

Why I joined the Comms Committee: To promote research and other notable academic endeavors by MAD-ID members that experience logistical challenges doing so.



Christopher Baladad



Where I trained: PharmD University of Florida, Orlando FL, PGY-1 Nicklaus Children's Hospital, Miami FL

My ID interests: Identifying risk factors for development of recalcitrant/resistant infections in pediatric patients and evaluating AKI prevalence based on antimicrobial utilization and presence of renal disorders. In addition to MAD-ID, member of ACCP and the Pediatric Pharmacy Association (PPA).

My Non-ID Hobbies: Taekwondo, Weightlifting

What I am doing now: Antimicrobial Stewardship Pharmacist at Alvarado Hospital in San Diego, CA

Why I joined the Comms Committee: I joined the Comms Committee to raise more awareness for MAD-ID and be able to generate content that is relevant to clinicians to advance practice.

Where I trained: PharmD from Keck Graduate Institute School of Pharmacy; PGY-1 pharmacy residency training at Penn State Health; PGY-2 Infectious Diseases pharmacy residency at University of Florida Health, Shands

My ID interests: Resistant gram negative infections, rapid diagnostics, and immunocompromised ID. I am currently part of the SIDP Pubs and Pods subcommittee and Contagion Live subcommittee

My non-ID interests: I am huge true crime/mystery genre fan. I enjoy listening to true crime podcasts. I am currently binging the new season of "Only Murders in the Building". I also enjoy finding new boba places and exploring the outdoors with my dog.

Madeline Belk



What I'm doing now: Infectious Diseases Clinical Pharmacy Specialist / Huntsville, AL

Why I joined the Comms Committee: I joined the MAD-ID Comms Committee to become involved in MAD-ID and work with others who are passionate about member promotion and creating helpful, timely content for ID clinicians

Where I trained: University of South Carolina (PharmD), Baptist Memorial Hospital- Memphis (PGY1), Huntsville Hospital (PGY2 ID)

My ID interests: Penicillin allergy de-labeling, shorter durations, HIV / Organizations: ACCP ID PRN, MAD-ID

My Non-ID Hobbies: yoga, cycling, and spending time with my husband and daughters

Anne Blackwell



What I'm doing now: Clinical Telepharmacist for PipelineRX - We are a part of CarePathRX that provides telepharmacy services such as order verification, dosing services, and availability for provider/nursing questions to hospitals and other organizations nationwide. Most of our clients are small, rural, or critical access hospitals with 100 beds or less that do not have twenty-four hour onsite pharmacy coverage. PipelineRX also provides some specialized services for clients such as antimicrobial stewardship program management, patient medication reconciliation, and pharmacogenomic counseling, just to name a few.

Why I joined the Comms Committee: I joined the communications committee because I wanted to be more involved with MAD-ID. Since the first meeting I attended in 2015 I have referred to the meeting as my favorite four days in pharmacy. I have been told that I write well, and thought that this would be an awesome way that I could contribute to the organization.

Where I Trained: Drake University College of Pharmacy

My ID interests: member of MAD-ID, ASHP, ICHP (Illinois Council of Health System Pharmacists); I ended up in ID by a happy accident. I worked with a pharmacist who had the ASP Certificate from MAD-ID, and when he left the organization I volunteered to go to the conference to get the certificate so that we would have someone in the department with it. Thanks to that meeting I have become very passionate about ID and antimicrobial stewardship. For four years I was the head of my hospital's Stewardship Program with the ID MD on staff. I'm not specialized in ID in my current position, but I am able to use the knowledge I've cultivated through MAD-ID to benefit all of my clients.

My Non-ID Hobbies: My dogs are my life, and I work hard so they can have the best lives. I'm an avid reader and movie/TV buff. Horror, science fiction, and fantasy are my favorite genres. My husband and I are also very active gamers. I play a lot of survival and horror games, with the Resident Evil and Doom franchises being my favorites.

Callan Bleick

What I am doing now: Research Associate, Anti-Infective Research Laboratory at Wayne State University



Why I joined the Comms Committee: I joined the Comms Committee to utilize various social networking platforms to engage others interested in infectious diseases! I attended the MAD-ID conference in person this year and absolutely loved it. I am very excited to recommend new ways for the committee to communicate with its members and other interested parties through strategic content production

Where I trained: PharmD from the University of Rhode Island College of Pharmacy (2022) Master of Science Candidate in Molecular Biology and Biochemistry, Wayne State School of Medicine

My ID Interests: PK/PD antimicrobial research, HIV, antibiotic strategies to combat biofilm resistance in a simulated prosthetic joint infection. Organizations: ACCP ID PRN, SIDP, MAD-ID

Hobbies/Non-work Interests: Golfing, surfing, snowboarding, and cooking

Ashlan J. Kunz Coyne



What I'm doing now: PK/PD and Health Outcomes Postdoctoral Research Fellow/Anti-Infective Research Laboratory Wayne State University

Why I joined the Comms Committee: After two years of online MAD-ID meetings, I was thrilled to finally experience one in-person this year (definitely didn't disappoint)! Mike put a bug in my ear about Comms Committee prior to the meeting and once I spoke with David in Orlando, I knew it would be a great experience! As a somewhat newbie to the ID community, I'm always grateful for opportunities to branch out in the field

Where I trained: B.S. Molecular and Cellular Biology - Western Washington University; Pharm.D. - University of Florida; PGY1 in Acute Care and PGY2 in Infectious Diseases - UF Health Jacksonville

My ID interests: All things antimicrobial PK/PD, antibiotic therapy in the critically ill and morbidly obese, bacteriophage-antibiotic combinations, molecular rapid diagnostics

My Non-ID Hobbies: Spending time with my pup Miles Marshall, working on my green thumb in my little city yard, beach volleyball, Crossfit, all wine (and beer)

Caleb Rux

What I'm doing now: Infectious Diseases Clinical Pharmacist at Yale New Haven Hospital



Why I joined the Comms Committee: I attended my first MAD-ID conference this last spring and really enjoyed the content and the organization as a whole. It felt like a great way to stay involved and stay connected while serving an organization that matches my professional interests.

Where I trained: PharmD from the University of Iowa (2020), PGY1 at the University of Illinois Chicago (2021), and PGY2 at Michigan Medicine / University of Michigan (2022)

My ID interests: Antimicrobial stewardship, immunocompromised ID, and treatment of multi-drug resistant Gram-negative infections

My Non-ID Hobbies: Cooking, golfing, and watching sports (especially Iowa athletics and Cubs baseball)



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