Women In AMIA (WIA) Newsletter

2026 mid-year

WIA organizational structure

WIA Steering Committee

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Awards and Leadership Subcommittee

- Donghua Tao (dtao@uic.edu)
- Nicole Guevara (nicoleguevara001@gmail.com)

Career Advancement Subcommittee

- Tania Tajirian (tania.tajirian@camh.ca)

Networking, Mentoring, and Life Cycle Subcommittee

- Navya Martin Kollapally (navya.martin.kollapally@kean.edu)
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- Polina Kukhareva (polina.kukhareva@utah.edu)

First Look Program (formerly Pathways)

- Sripriya (Priya) Rajamani (sripriya@umn.edu)
- Karmen Williams (karmen.williams@sph.cuny.edu)

Updates about WIA

- WIA is ten years old in 2026!!!
- WIA has been approved to be an AMIA working group in 2026
- Sincere thanks to our board liaison: Dr. Tiffany I. Leung for her wholehearted services on behalf of WIA in the past
- WIA organized a watch webinar to celebrate the International Women's Day (2026-03-08 with 48 registrations) about: Rising While Falling Mid-Career Invisibility as a Career Advancement and Retention Barrier for Women in Clinical Informatics with Drs **Rebecca Mishuris**, **William Hersh**, **Victoria Tiase**, **Deepti Pandita** and moderated by Dr. **Tiffany I. Leung**
- WIA had a warm gathering at Amplify Conference in Denver in 2026 May---the photos caught some of the joyful moments
- WIA community has productive submissions to AMIA 2026 with excellent acceptance and we look forward to sharing more detailed program information in the coming months
- WIA partners with E2R to contribute a consolidated mentoring effort within AMIA



WIA co-chair: Ece Uzun, PhD, FAMIA

Dr. **Ece Uzun** is an Associate Professor of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, and Founding Director of Clinical Bioinformatics at Brown University Health. She is the Deputy Director of Brown Center for Clinical Cancer Informatics and Data Science (CCIDS). She is also a member of Brown University Center for Computational Molecular Biology (CCMB), Brown University Data Science Institute and Brown University Center for Biomedical Informatics (BCBI). She serves as the co-Director of Graduate Studies for Computational Biology at Brown University. She is the inaugural Editor-in-Chief in JMIR Bioinformatics and Biotechnology journal. She is the Chair of the American Medical Informatics Association (AMIA) Genomics and Translational Bioinformatics Working Group and co-Chair of the Women in AMIA (WIA) Steering Committee.

She received B.S in Chemical Engineering at Istanbul Technical University and M.S. in Biological Sciences and Bioengineering at Sabanci University in Istanbul, Turkey. She completed her PhD in Chemical Engineering at Northeastern University, Boston, MA. During her PhD, she studied mathematical modeling of drug delivery systems. During her postdoctoral studies at Brown University, she worked on bioinformatics and computational genetics focusing on neurodevelopmental disorders and autism.

As Director of Clinical Bioinformatics at Molecular Pathology, Dr. Uzun oversees the analysis of next-generation sequencing-based molecular diagnostic testing and the integration of test results into the electronic health records to support patient care. In addition to her clinical bioinformatics work, Dr. Uzun leads a research group focusing on development of multi-modal deep learning based predictive models in cancer and complex disorders using clinical, genomic and whole-slide image data from patients. She also studies protein-protein interaction networks in cancer for drug repurposing using genomic and spatial transcriptomics data. Her research group has also developed novel genomic variation detection algorithms.

WIA co-chair: Xia Jing, PhD

Dr. **Xia Jing** is a health informatics scholar, a professor, and the graduate program coordinator in the Department of Public Health Sciences at Clemson University, and a professor in the Clemson-MUSC joint biomedical data science and informatics PhD program (https://www.clemson.edu/cecas/departments/computing/academics/graduates/degrees/phd-bdsi.html). She conducts studies in health informatics and digital health to assist clinicians, clinical researchers, and healthcare administrators in making better and more informed decisions through evidence, standards, and interoperability. She primarily serves communities through the American Medical Informatics Association (AMIA), the American Heart Association (AHA), and the National Institutes of Health (NIH) study sections. She is a co-chair of Women in AMIA in 2026-2027.



Awards and Leadership subcommittee: Donghua Tao, PhD, FAMIA



Donghua Tao, PhD, MA, MS, FAMIA, is the Associate Dean and Associate University Librarian for the Library of the Health Sciences at the University of Illinois Chicago (UIC).

Donghua has more than 30 years of experience in health sciences librarianship and informatics, with expertise in administration, reference and information services, instructional program development and teaching, and research. Her research and publications focus on library practice, consumer health informatics, information system/service evaluation and usability, and personal health information management.

Dr. Tao is actively engaged in professional networking and collaborations at the local, regional, national, and international levels. She has led and participated in panels and delivered presentations at numerous national and international conferences. She has provided professional service to the American Medical Informatics Association (AMIA), serving on several Board-appointed committees and in various leadership roles within the Women in AMIA Working Group, and to the Association of Academic Health Sciences Libraries (AAHSL) New and Interim Director Committee.



Awards and Leadership subcommittee: Nicole Guevara, MD, FAMIA

Nicole Guevara, MD, MSHI, FAMIA, CPHIMS, ACHIP, is a healthcare executive, clinical informaticist, and consultant with more than 12 years of experience in healthcare operations, clinical informatics, digital health, and technology-enabled transformation. She holds a Doctor of Medicine degree and a Master of Science in Health Informatics and is recognized as a Fellow of the American Medical Informatics Association (FAMIA).

Dr. Guevara serves as Co-Chair of the Women in AMIA Awards and Leadership Subcommittee (2026–2027) and previously served as Co-Chair of the Women in AMIA Networking, Mentorship, and Life Cycle (NML) Subcommittee (2024–2025). As an Independent Healthcare Consultant, she partners with healthcare organizations to optimize operations, enhance clinical workflows, and implement innovative technology solutions that improve patient care and organizational performance.

Awards and Leadership subcommittee: Ashley Griffin, PhD

Ashley Griffin, PhD, MSPH is an Instructor at Stanford University Division of Computational Medicine and Investigator at VA Palo Alto Health Care System Center for Innovation to Implementation.

Her work centers upon empowering patients to understand and leverage their personal health data to improve their health and shared decision-making with care teams. She works with various data sources, including patient portals, EHRs, and patient-generated health data (PGHD).

Dr. Griffin received her PhD in Health Informatics from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 2021 and completed postdoctoral training at Stanford and VA Palo Alto Health Care System Center for Innovation to Implementation in 2023.



Awards and Leadership subcommittee: Sullafa Kadura, MD, MBA



Sullafa Kadura, MD, MBA is an Associate Professor of Medicine at the University of Pittsburgh and Associate Director of Medical Informatics at UPMC. She is board certified in Internal Medicine and Sleep Medicine and has additional training in clinical informatics and healthcare leadership.

As Associate Director of Medical Informatics, she provides physician leadership for enterprise EHR optimization and clinical decision support initiatives, including UPMC's Bridges transformation. Her research focuses on leveraging technology to improve sleep and recovery in hospitalized patients.

Dr. Kadura previously served as Chair of the Awards and Leadership Subcommittee for Women in AMIA (2024 - 2026).

Career Advancement Subcommittee: Tania Tajirian, MD, MHI, FAMIA, CCFP, FCFP



Tania Tajirian, MD, MHI, FAMIA, CCFP, FCFP is an Associate Professor in the Department of Family and Community Medicine at the University of Toronto, and Chief Health Information Officer, Chief of the Hospital Medicine Division, and Associate Scientist at the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH) in Toronto, Canada. She holds a Master of Health Informatics from the University of Waterloo, with additional training in healthcare leadership.

In her CHIO role, she provides physician leadership for enterprise EHR optimization and clinical AI adoption, including CAMH's enterprise-integrated deployment of ambient AI documentation across outpatient psychiatry. Her research focuses on physician engagement, EHR burden reduction, and the real-world evaluation of AI in mental health settings.

Dr. Tajirian serves as Co-Chair of the Career Advancement Subcommittee for Women in AMIA. She also co-chairs Digital Health Canada's CHIEF Executive Forum and Equally Well Canada, and co-led the development of the DHC Clinical AI Toolkit.

Networking/Mentoring and Life Cycle Subcommittee:
Navya Martin Kollapally, PhD



Navya Martin Kollapally, PhD is an Assistant Professor of Computer Science at Kean University in Union, New Jersey. She holds a Ph.D. in Computer Science from the New Jersey Institute of Technology, with prior internship experience at Nokia Bell Labs and the U.S. Department of Defense.

Her research spans ethical AI, clinical informatics, and ontology engineering, focused on integrating large language models into health data systems to improve fairness and transparency in clinical decision-making. Her current work develops multimodal graph-embedding models for automated aphasia assessment, jointly representing acoustic features and transcribed speech to predict Western Aphasia Battery–Revised (WAB-R) scores from patient language samples. She is Co-PI on an NSF-funded project building academic pathways for the CyberAI workforce.

Dr. Martin Kollapally serves as an elected Member-at-Large of the AMIA Knowledge Discovery and Data Mining Working Group and Co-Chair of the AMIA NML Subcommittee.

First Look Program: Sripriya Rajamani, PhD



Sripriya Rajamani is an Associate Professor in the Informatics Program at the University of Minnesota School of Nursing at the University of Minnesota. Her research interests are in public health informatics, the impact of information technology in public health practice and population health, adoption and use of standards and trying to measure and understand the impact of interoperability. She has been part of the AMIA First Look Program since its inception in 2017 and currently leads this Initiative along with a stellar team.

First Look Program: Karmen S. Williams, DrPH, MBA



Dr. **Karmen S. Williams** is an Assistant Professor at the City University of New York's Graduate School of Public Health and Health Policy, in the Population Health Informatics Program and Health Policy and Management Department. Her work focuses on population health informatics, responsible AI, reproductive health informatics, and technology equity for underserved populations. Dr. Williams also serves as Director of the American Medical Informatics Association "For Your Informatics" podcast, advisor in the Women in AMIA's First Look Program, and co-lead in the Empowerment, Engagement, and Representation (E2R) Retention and Advancement Subcommittee.



Outstanding AMIA support:
Angie Claypool, CAE, Vice President, AMIA

Angie Claypool, Certified Association Executive, brings nearly 20 years of experience in the healthcare industry. Her career spans work with providers, electronic health record developers, government agencies, and payers, offering a well-rounded perspective on the healthcare ecosystem.

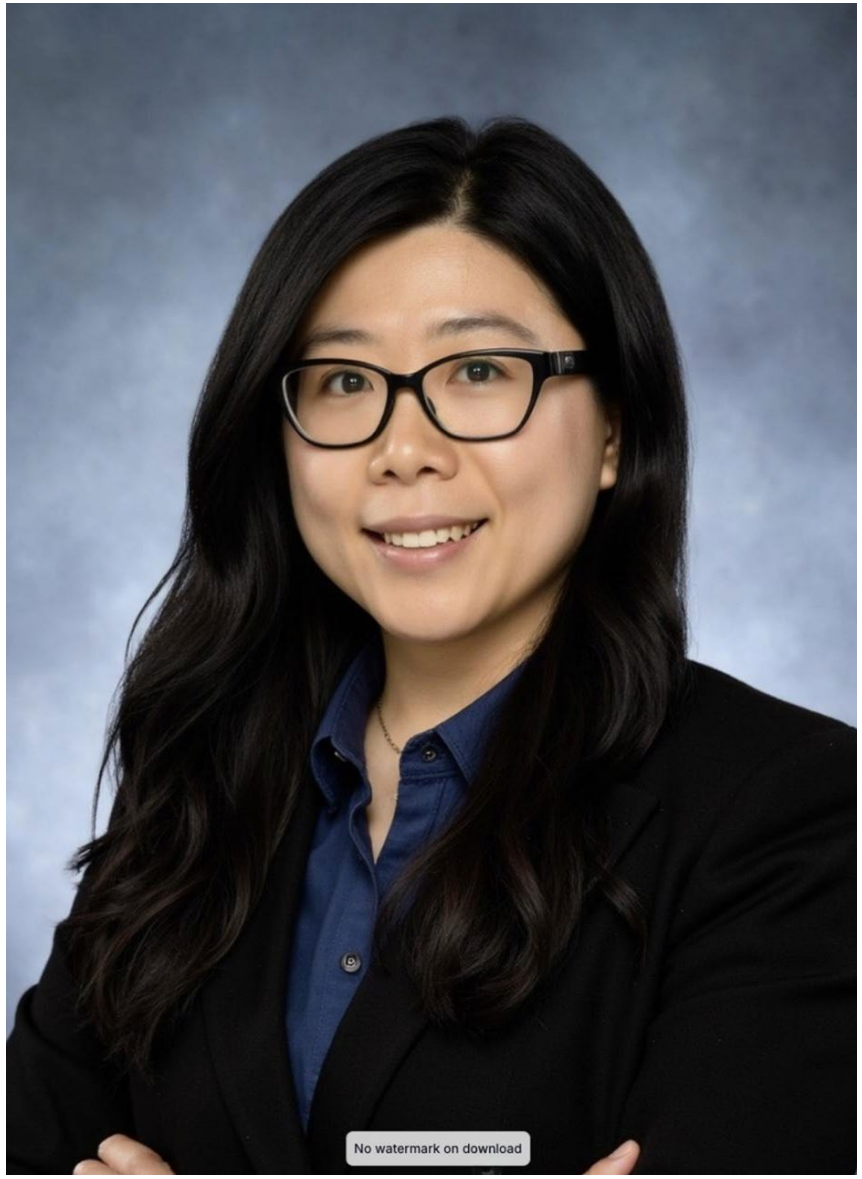
Through her extensive experience in the association sector, Angie has collaborated with organizations dedicated to advancing health and wellness.

Prior to joining AMIA, Angie oversaw operations for HIMSS chapters and led individual member engagement initiatives. Today, she serves on the AMIA leadership team as the voice of the member experience, guiding strategies that strengthen engagement and deliver value to members.

Angie holds a bachelor's degree from Ball State University's nationally ranked Entrepreneurship and Small Business Management program and is a recipient of the Association Forum's Forty Under 40 award. She lives in Grapevine, Texas, with her husband, their son, and two dogs.

E2R liaison for WIA: Helen Wei, PhD, FAMIA

Duo (Helen) Wei is a Professor of Computer Science and Faculty Associate for Stockton Center on Successful Aging (SCOSA) at Stockton University. She has been a visiting professor at Columbia University and visiting research fellow at the National Library of Medicine. Her research focuses on knowledge discovery & representation, medical terminologies, and ontology-based data analytics. At Stockton, Dr. Wei served as a vice chair for the Faculty Senate Information Technology and Media Services (ITMS) committee. For her professional organization, Dr. Wei has proudly been a member of the American Medical Informatics Association (AMIA) for 17 years. Currently, Dr. Wei serves as an advisor of the Women in AMIA (WIA) Mentoring, Networking, and Lifecycle Committee and a member of WIA Steering Committee. Dr. Wei has been elected as the Fellow of American Medical Informatics Association (FAMIA) in 2026.










We look forward to hearing from you

- WIA is preparing tenth anniversary celebrations in AMIA 2026 in Dallas (2026 Nov)---tell us your ideas or suggestions about how we can celebrate this critical milestone to better engage our members, build stronger community, sponsor our peers warmly, and stride proudly and productively for future decades to come. We may actually be able to turn them into reality ☺
- We look forward to meeting you all at AMIA 2026 in Dallas this Nov; please join our WIA general meeting, other social activities, events, sessions, and more focused task forces through subcommittees







Amplify memories (2026, May)









Amplify moments (2026, May)









Amplify joys (2026, May)











Amplify gatherings (2026, May)