



Hometown: Mt. Juliet, TN

Undergraduate: The University of Tennessee

Medical School: The University of Tennessee Health Science Center

Residency: University of Utah

What are your career goals?

I would like to become a clinician investigator with a focus on advanced kidney and prostate cancers. More specifically, I hope to develop novel therapeutics through rational clinical trial design and by improving the therapeutic index of pre-existing therapies with personalized biomarkers of response and toxicity to treatment.

Why did you choose MD Anderson?

Two factors drew me to MD Anderson over other fellowships. First, the program is supportive of all career paths within hematology/oncology, as long as you are passionate and intentional. Second, the genitourinary medical oncology faculty had a strong reputation for clinical/translation research and mentorship.

How has MD Anderson helped you in achieving your goals?

Through mentorship and educational opportunities. My mentors quickly identified my research strengths and weaknesses, and they involved me in research projects that have addressed those limitations.

What do you like best about MD Anderson's fellowship program?

The balance between research, education, and clinical service. At MD Anderson, I am able to tailor my clinical rotations and research to help me achieve my career goals, without becoming overwhelmed.

What do you like about living in Houston?

I had never been to Houston before fellowship, so the city has been a pleasant surprise. The food and drink are better than anywhere else that I have lived. In addition, I have found a group of co-fellows that I explore the city with on a weekly basis.

What has surprised you most about living in Houston?

The road running options in Houston. There are crushed rock greenways throughout the city, which you can connect to make longer, shaded routes.

What do you like to do outside of medicine?

Road and trail running, cycling, and spending time with family and friends.