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Education

M.D., Ph.D., Johns Hopkins School of Medicine
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A.B., Biochemical Sciences, Harvard College

Scientific Interests

- Cancer genetics and epigenetics
- Stem cell biology
- Genitourinary cancers
- Immune checkpoint inhibitors
- Bioinformatics

I applied to iCURE because...

I applied to iCURE as a part of my path to becoming an independent clinician-scientist in clinical and translational oncology, particularly given the emphasis on the development of a strong network of mentors. The iCURE program also provides insight and background among fellow clinicians and researchers into tackling health care disparities within the field of oncology.

My favorite traditions/holidays...

I am African American and my wife is Colombian, so many shared holidays (e.g., Christmas) become a blend of traditions from both cultures. And emphasizing the importance of family time (both nuclear and extended family) is essential (even though the COVID19 pandemic has hampered the ability to spend time together in person).

My hometown is...

I was born in Rochester NY, but raised just outside Philadelphia (Elkins Park, PA).

In my spare time, I enjoy...

Spending time with family—my wife and 3-yr-old daughter; this includes being outdoors as much as possible (hiking as appropriate for 3-yr-old daughter). Our daughter also loves reading, jigsaw puzzles, and ballet dancing, so we spend lots of time with these activities together. As she gets older, we look forward to spending more days at the beach!

A few of my favorite things...

- Favorite foods: Latin/Colombian (Sushi is a close second!)
- Favorite travel: tie—Del Ray and St. Petersburg beaches in Florida
- Favorite movie: Coming to America



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Words to live by...

*Work hard and be determined.
Aim high, don't settle for what you know you can achieve, and challenge yourself.
Stay inspired; remember why you do what you do.*

What is your favorite thing about working at NCI?

- The people you work with
- Intellectual freedom

In my spare time, I enjoy...

- Spending time with family; favorite activities include hiking, bicycling, and playing board games
- Running
- Gardening
- Cooking

My favorite traditions/holidays...

- Cooking Thanksgiving dinner for the whole family
- Baking for Valentine's Day

