

We are pleased to announce the selection of **Lynnea Mills, MD**, Assistant Professor of Medicine, and **David Sears, MD**, Assistant Professor of Medicine, as the new **Co-Directors of the Internal Medicine Subinternship and Electives**.



**Dr. Lynnea Mills** completed an internal medicine residency at the University of Washington in Seattle, where she also served as inpatient Chief Resident before joining the faculty at UCSF in the Division of Hospital Medicine in 2014. Clinically, she attends on the Medicine Wards teaching service, as well as the hospitalist primary service and consultative services at Moffitt-Long Hospital. She is a clinician-educator and will complete the Teaching Scholars Program and Teach for UCSF Certificate Program this year. She has developed multiple curricula for learners of different levels, including around code status discussions, conversations about adherence, serious illness communication, and systems-based practice skills for pre-clinical students. She coaches with the School of Medicine's Clinical Skills Guidance Program, in addition to leading workshops and coaching around communication for faculty; she has advanced training in facilitation and in teaching communication. Dr. Mills has

received grant funding for curriculum development and medical education research, including a current project investigating practices in remediation for struggling learners, and her awards include a 2016 UCSF Academy of Medical Educators Excellence in Teaching Award.



**Dr. David Sears** completed an internal medicine residency at Columbia University Medical Center and an infectious diseases fellowship at UCSF. Following fellowship, he joined the Division of HIV Medicine at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center where he was named the Associate Program Director of the infectious diseases fellowship. At Harbor-UCLA Dr. Sears oversaw the development of a new fellows curriculum and helped to redesign the elective experience for residents and students rotating on the HIV and infectious diseases consult services. Since returning to UCSF, Dr. Sears has directed a number of medical education initiatives in the 360 Positive Care Center where he precepts trainees and cares for HIV-positive patients. Dr. Sears also serves as the Associate Director of the Clinical and Translational Research (CTR) Pathway for GME at UCSF and as the faculty sponsor of the UCSF medical students' HIV Interest Group. He is a committee member of the HIV Medicine Association

(HIVMA) Medical Students Program. In addition to providing HIV primary care, Dr. Sears attends on the infectious diseases consult services at the Parnassus and Mission Bay campuses.

Dr. Mills and Dr. Sears will work closely with DOM's Student Programs leadership to lead the way in transforming education for UCSF's fourth-year medical students. Please join us in congratulating Dr. Mills and Dr. Sears on their new roles in the Department of Medicine.

**Cindy Lai, MD**

Director of Medical Student Clinical Education

**Patricia A. Cornett, MD**

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