



2024 American Pediatric Society Election Candidate

Position: Councilor

Candidate: James N. Jarvis, MD

Institution(s): University of Washington School of Medicine

Subspecialty: Rheumatology

Candidate Statement of Interest

Motivation and Interest – In our Mohawk culture, we believe that it is the responsibility of the elders to guide the next generation to preserve our culture and to improve the lives of our community members. I believe that the APS Council serves a similar purpose: to act as a body of experienced elders to provide guidance and direction to the field so that the children we serve can experience a brighter future.

I have an interest and experience in training individuals from under-represented communities. I have served, and continue to serve, as a mentor for many indigenous physicians (including pediatricians) and researchers. I am aware of the tension between the needs of one's community and the focus and commitment required for professional success. I am aware of the challenges of balancing the *ethos* of the academic community with our traditional values. This push-and-pull between one's cultural identity and one's professional persona is an ongoing challenge for indigenous academicians.

I've enjoyed my APS committee work (I just rotated off CODIE this year). I must admit that I sometimes despair that our nation, the richest in the world, is raising so many of its children in poverty. I hope that the next generation of pediatric leaders will remain committed to addressing this national scandal. I am also saddened that so much of the practice of medicine has been corporatized, and that many younger physicians feel that they must answer to business managers rather than their patients. We need a committed, creative, tough-minded cadre of future leaders to reverse or ameliorate the effects of this trend.

I also see an exciting future, where advances in the genetics of complex traits will allow us to develop the personalized medicine approaches that we have long been promising the public. I see a world where the application of machine learning to the information held in large data bases will allow us to understand disease course, treatment response, and outcomes as never before. I see a rising generation of medical students and residents committed to ending health inequities and the misuse of race-based data and algorithms. Finally, I will say that, at age 71, I still want to be useful to the children of this nation, my profession, and my community.

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Medical Education and Training

- 1975-1979: University of Vermont College of Medicine, M.D. awarded 05/1979 1979-1982:
Resident in Pediatrics, St. Louis Children's Hospital
- 1984-1989: Fellow in Rheumatology and Immunogenetics, Washington University School of
Medicine, St. Louis
- 1985-1986: Chief Resident in Pediatrics, St. Louis Children's Hospital

Faculty positions held (all Dept. of Pediatrics primary appointments)

- 1989-1997: Wayne State University, Detroit, MI
- 1997-2011: University of Oklahoma College of Medicine
- 2011-2012: Columbia University College of Physicians & Surgeons
- 2012-2023: University at Buffalo Jacobs School of Medicine & Biomedical Sciences

Current positions:

- 2024-present: Professor of Pediatrics, University of Washington School of Medicine Adjunct
Professor in Indigenous Peoples' Health, Dept of Family Medicine, University
of Washington
- 2024-present: Adjunct Professor, Department of Medicine/Rheumatology, University of
Washington School of Medicine

Society Memberships

American Pediatric Society
Society for Pediatric Research
American College of Rheumatology (elected Master, 2019)

Previous and current service with APS

- (1) Served on the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion committee 2017-2023.
- (2) Faculty mentor: APS-SPR Journeys (Group #5) – 2023-present

Areas of Research Interest – Our lab group is focused on identifying causal variants and target genes on autoimmune risk haplotypes. We also have a nascent partnership with Blackfeet Nation/Blackfeet Community College (Browning, Montana) to explore epigenetic alterations that occur in immune cells over the course of trauma-informed interventions in the care of (adult) rheumatoid arthritis.