



Employee Profiles



We recently asked our employees to tell us which HJF colleagues inspire them through their dedication and passion for the HJF mission. These five employees are just a few examples of staff who demonstrate outstanding work and are always faithful to our mission, vision and values.



Dr. Lynn Cary
HJF Senior Scientist
Armed Forces Radiobiology
Research Institute

“Dr. Lynn Cary is an HJF Senior Scientist at the Armed Forces Radiobiology Research Institute. She supervises personnel on research projects with integrity, patience, dedication and hard work. Lynn is an excellent leader that I wish others would take note of. She does what it takes to get the job done. Even if it takes away from some other agenda she has planned for the day.

A dedicated Principal Investigator, Lynn work alongside personnel on her projects, assisting them in achieving their goals with patience and forethought. I had to learn a lot of bench lab work, and she ALWAYS showed patience while teaching, answering questions—and I asked a lot of questions—and is willing to help. She does not have the ‘that’s not my job’ attitude,” and is an excellent role model not only at the lab but also while volunteering at her church and in the community.”—Melissa Alvarez, Veterinary Technician at the Armed Forces Radiobiology Research Institute

About Dr. Lynn Cary, Principal Investigator, Senior Scientist at the Armed Forces Radiobiology Research Institute

Years employed with HJF: 10
Years in current position: 3

What do you love most about the work you do? I love the opportunity to think about complicated scientific questions that are relevant to our service men and women and still pertinent to the civilian population. I have the heart of an experimentalist and this position allows me to continue to do bench science.

What’s the last book you read? The last book I read was “Not a Fan” by Kyle Idleman.

What are you passionate about? I am passionate about people and particularly about people knowing that they have tremendous value. Nothing thrills me more than to see people understand who they are, why they are here and to watch them use their talents and skills to fulfill their purpose.

Who would you most like to swap places with for a day? In the work environment, I would like to swap with the Vice President of Research at the Uniformed Service University. I am fascinated with all of the science that goes through USU/AFRRI, and would love to get a wider glimpse of this. Of course, I realize that this is an extremely difficult job, so one day would suit me just fine.

If you could visit anywhere in the world you’ve never been, where would you go? I’ve not been to Italy, and the geography, rich history and culture are very intriguing.

Is there anything else you’d like to share with your colleagues at HJF? Our laboratory at AFRRI is one of the few where the majority of the staff consists of HJF employees. This has become a strength to us and has created camaraderie and pride in HJF.



Kevin Galloway
Deputy Director
Strategic Communication and Policy for Defense
& Veterans Center for Integrative Pain Management

“Defense & Veterans Center for Integrative Pain Management (DVCIPM) was very lucky to hire Kevin Galloway, who is a retired U.S. Army Colonel and the previous Program Director for the Army Pain Management Program, Office of the Surgeon General. Initially Kevin was hired as a Project Manager working on two Joint Incentive Fund (JIF) projects that DVCIPM had been awarded. He inherited both the JIF Acupuncture project and Pain Education project from project managers who left the program. He successfully took both projects through completion and continues to oversee content of Pain Education curriculum.

Recognizing his knowledge and strengths as a leader, he was promoted to Deputy Director, Strategic Communication and Policy, after about a year of joining DVCIPM. With his expertise, he is able to serve as a liaison and advisor to the Defense Health Agency and other policy level agencies/departments with regard to pain management across the health care continuum and policy and scientific research for pain management, and he has great familiarity and knowledge of Department of Defense, Veterans Health Administration and civilian pain management practice.”—Kelly Kiser, Senior Program Manager, in support of DVCIPM

About Kevin Galloway, Deputy Director, Strategic Communication and Policy for Defense & Veterans Center for Integrative Pain Management

Years employed with HJF: 4

Years in current position: 3

What do you love most about the work you do? After serving in the Army for 27 years, I was very grateful to have an opportunity to continue supporting service members and their families in my new role at DVCIPM. Better yet, I still get to work with many of my old teammates who are still in uniform.

What’s the last book you read? “Dreamland: The True Tale of America’s Opiate Epidemic” by Sam Quinones.

What are you passionate about? I love being the father of two incredible adults and the grandfather (aka “Grumps”) to my two grandchildren. Life is good.

Who would you most like to swap places with for a day? An astronaut on the International Space Station.

If you could visit anywhere in the world you’ve never been, where would you go? The Great Wall of China.

Is there anything else you’d like to share with your colleagues at HJF? I have a fairly large telescope that I drag outside as often as possible to view the planets and stars. It puts everything down here on Earth in perspective.



Noelle Patterson
Program Manager
Naval Medical Research Center

"I would like to tell you why I believe Noelle Patterson deserves to be acknowledged publicly. She is an amazing human being! She is personable and funny, and I credit Noelle's sense of humor and tough outside the box thinking in helping our Malaria Department through some very difficult and confusing situations.

With a master's degree in biology and immunology from the University of Maryland, Noelle has parlayed her research experience in molecular and cell biology, immunology, assays and technical bench techniques into managing the preclinical immunology research lab, the Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP) project as well as being the Good Manufacturing Practice Quality Assurance (GMP QA)/technical oversight for vaccine manufacturing campaigns. In addition to her many duties as an HJF Program Manager, Noelle is the Malaria Department's Chemistry and Manufacturing Controls (CMC), nonclinical subject matter expert and also oversees IND submissions.

She is a woman of great integrity, honest opinions, with a solid-as-a-rock work ethic and a woman who year-after-year offers her continued and steadfast support of the malaria vaccine program. This program would be at a great loss without her!"—Santina Maiolatesi, Program Manager, Naval Medical Research Center, Malaria Department, NMRC Clinical Trials Center

About Noelle Patterson, Program Manager, Naval Medical Research Center, Malaria Department

Years employed with HJF: 24 (minus 2 years where the department I worked for was transitioned to an NIH program).
Years in current position: 16

What do you love most about the work you do? Working with our team to organize and move the projects forward to make an efficacious malaria vaccine.

What's the last book you read? I enjoy reading mystery novels. This Montgomery County Public Library librarian recommendation "Before the Fall" by Noah Hawkey, did not disappoint.

What are you passionate about? I do not consider myself very passionate about much, but absolutely have closely held opinions (sometimes not as closely held as might be best), thoughts, and mores. I do love my work, my family, and doing what I can to help others. I love the water—the beach, a mountain lake, river, and waterfall—whatever is nearby. I love puzzling, hiking (exploring on foot, really), and enjoying time with my family. We have some very interesting conversations at the family table (we are a multigenerational family full of debaters with a wide range of views and experiences; always interesting how the topics play out) ranging from women's rights, politics, protecting victims, social responsibilities, to major historical events and the things you didn't know about them.

Who would you most like to swap places with for a day?

That is a tough one; I am happy being me. But, it would be interesting to walk in Bill Gates' shoes for a day to explore all the charity work he does and how he prioritizes them. Maybe, I would even learn something useful about money management. Really, I have always admired an old teacher who ran Campus Ministry, and would love to swap places with her for a day. She is faith-filled and so generous with her heart, her time, and whatever she has. I could truly learn much from walking in her shoes for a day.

If you could visit anywhere in the world you've never been, where would you go? I would love to explore the Galapagos Islands. It seems such a beautiful and interesting place. I have also always wanted to visit Greece to explore the Greek ruins, their rich history, beautiful countryside, and perhaps sail the Greek isles.

Is there anything else you'd like to share with your colleagues at HJF? The work we all do is so important and has the potential to improve so many lives. I am proud of the work I do here, and that we all do to advance global and military medicine. We work with bright, interesting, and incredibly resourceful people here (both HJF and NMRC) and I am lucky to be a part of it.



Dr. AbdulwasIU Bolaji TiAmiyu
Clinical Research Center Lead
for Walter Reed Project

“Dr. AbdulwasIU Bolaji TiAmiyu demonstrated exceptional professional performance and excellent leadership skills at work during his transient role as the Clinical Research Center (CRC) Lead from December 2017 to March 2018. His commendable interpersonal skills were able to bring the CRC team together and bridge the prevailing gaps at the CRC.

Currently, in addition to his role as a research physician, he provides technical support to the Joint West African Group (JWARG) and is actively involved in RV 466 as the Point of Contact, working across five sites in Nigeria as well as providing mentoring and training across Africa, Liberia and Ghana sites specifically. The robust network pool and resources that he brings have helped facilitate the various research he is involved in.

Furthermore, he is also consistent with his work day in and day out, detail-oriented, organized, and full of energy. He communicates efficiently with his peers and is an excellent team player.

In a nutshell, Dr. TiAmiyu is an exceptional leader with immense experience and a great mentor. I recommend him in recognition for his commitment and extraordinary leadership skills.”— Samirah Mohammed, MPH, Research Coordinator/HJFMRI in support of MHPR/Walter Reed Army Institute of Research

About Dr. AbdulwasIU Bolaji TiAmiyu, Clinical Research Center Lead for Walter Reed Project

Years employed with HJF: 2
Years in current position: Less than 1

What do you love most about the work you do? What I love most in my work is collaborating with renowned colleagues and, together, building capacities in the prevention of infectious diseases and preparation for future infectious diseases outbreaks.

What’s the last book you read? “The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People” by Steven Covey

What are you passionate about? I am very passionate about acquiring and disseminating knowledge to people.

Who would you most like to swap places with for a day? I would like to swap place with Bill Gates. I cannot imagine how he combines reading so many books with his schedule. Also, I would swap with him because of his love for the underprivileged.

If you could visit anywhere in the world you’ve never been, where would you go? I would like to visit Kilimanjaro and Seychelles.



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Jennifer Shea
Senior E-Business Systems Manager
HJF Headquarters

Jennifer brings years of experience to her position as a Senior E-Business Systems Manager in the Training and Compliance Department. As the Oracle lead for sections of Oracle, she provides training for both individuals and groups, assists IT in conducting testing to improve the system, is the support for requisitions and purchase orders, provides training and assistance to programs to clear the open commitments in order to close out awards, and is an integral part of the year-end closeout team.

Over one weekend, Jennifer provided essential support coordinating activities, answering questions and addressing problems...and calming frayed nerves. On that Saturday, Jennifer immediately recognized there was a problem and contacted staff (who were busy with their Saturday chores) to get the assistance needed so that buyers could start to modify purchase orders (POs). After assessing the situation, Jennifer noted that there was an issue with the general ledger (GL) date for POs that needed to be modified. She coordinated the necessary personnel over the phone, created an action plan and communicated this to the other buyers, who were able to start their modification tasks.

After working all day Saturday, she followed up on Monday to determine the reason for the unexpected/unanticipated need to modify the GL date and communicated with the project manager and the other Oracle Module leads to schedule a lessons-learned meeting. She provided a summary of some of the issues and was a major contributor to the discussions and suggested solutions in the meeting.” --Harry Bullerdiek, MBA, CRA, Director of Training & Compliance, Research Administration

About Jennifer Shea, Senior E-Business Systems Manager

Years employed with HJF: 19
Years in current position: 1

What do you love most about the work you do? I enjoy connecting with our programs, so they feel comfortable asking questions and getting the help they need to advance their research.

What’s the last book you read? Currently reading “Total Cat Mojo: The Ultimate Guide to Life with your Cat” by Jackson Galaxy, since our family has recently adopted a cat who thinks she is in charge.

What are you passionate about? I am passionate about family, friends and making a difference every day.

Is there anything else you’d like to share with your colleagues at HJF? We should all be very proud of the work being done at HJF and cheer each other on as we continue to grow our HJF family.



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