

Thank you for agreeing to be profiled for the Alumni Newsletter and our website. Please complete the following questions. Should you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Patty Kehoe at [pkehoe@sarnofffoundation.org](mailto:pkehoe@sarnofffoundation.org)

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**1. What impact did the Sarnoff Fellowship year have on your career?**

While I had already been involved in research for several years prior to starting my Sarnoff year, the Sarnoff Fellowship and its focused dedication to research, truly launched my research career. It seems that the majority of people in the field of cardiology have interacted with or been involved with the Sarnoff foundation in some capacity. This tight community truly looks out for each other and has amazing opportunities for young investigators to discuss research proposals or grants with experts in the field.

**2. Why should medical students consider the Sarnoff Fellowship apart from other programs?**

As opposed to other research fellowships, the Sarnoff fellowship is truly a family. The dedication to prior fellows and ability to continue to return every year is extraordinary. Additionally, the ability to pursue research in any area of your choosing within the field of cardiovascular medicine is really cool. I continue to encourage medical students I know to pursue the Sarnoff fellowship.

**3. What are your professional aspirations?**

As an interventional cardiologist, I have chosen a non-traditional research pathway. My goal is to pursue translational research in which I pursue novel therapies for acute myocardial infarction and bring these same therapies to my patients. I also hope to foster interest in research and academics in the medical students, residents, and fellows I work with by making research interesting and practical.

**4. What is your greatest professional accomplishment?**

In truth, I guess this would be the completion of my PhD studying the role of a transcription factor Id3 and B lymphocytes in the development of atherosclerosis. However, I think the true challenge is being the best husband and father I can while juggling patient care, research, writing grants, papers, mentoring, etc.

**5. What is your most memorable Sarnoff moment?**

Interestingly, it had nothing to do with the Sarnoff organization. It was listening to my current mentor Stephen Epstein describe how as a cardiology fellow he cared for the great Stanley Sarnoff when he had his first heart attack. Really an amazing story.

**6. What are your hobbies?**

I love swimming with my family and playing games of any sort. I am an avid chess player.