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Tell us about yourself.
I am a native Louisianian, who found my way to Seattle for pulmonary and critical care fellowship after completing residency and chief residency at an amazing program (LSU Baton Rouge Internal Medicine). Since moving to Seattle in 2011, I’ve completed fellowship, joined the faculty at UW, gotten married, and now have a wonderful son.

Tell us about your research.
My research focuses on understanding and improving transitions of care for seriously ill, hospitalized adults and their family members. I am currently supported by an R01 from the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, aiming to understand the mechanisms underlying unplanned ICU admissions and then examine associations between those mechanisms and patient- and family-centered outcomes.

Where do you see yourself in 5 years?
In 5 years, I hope to be well on my way to developing a robust research program addressing transitions of care, as well as the provision of palliative and end-of-life care to critically ill patients and their family members. As a part of this process, I hope to further develop my skills as a mentor, helping trainees develop a passion for science as my mentor J. Randall Curtis did for me.

How has the Critical Care Assembly contributed to your career?
The Assembly has been a great resource for networking and developing collaborations. Also, as a previous member of the Critical Care Assembly Program Committee, I learned so much about ATS as an organization and all the hard work and dedication necessary to make the society thrive!

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