

Dr. Lin-Fan Wang

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She concluded her

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joined Physicians in



fellowship in July 2014. Dr. Wang is a graduate of the Family Planning Fellowship at Albert Einstein College of Medicine/Montefiore Medical Center, where she also completed her residency in family medicine and earned her MD. She has a Master's in Public Health from Columbia University. Dr. Wang has presented at national and regional medical conferences on a range of reproductive and sexual health topics. She is an alumna of our Leadership Training Academy, in which she participated in extensive media and advocacy training.

Dr. Wang sees her role at Physicians for Reproductive Health as an opportunity to build on the advocacy skills she gained during the Academy training, to foster physician-advocates for contraception and abortion access, and to work toward furthering sound reproductive health policy at the state and national levels: "This is an incredible and unique opportunity to become a stronger advocate for my patients and to work on expanding the community of physician-

- Douglas Laube, MD, MEd
- Dr. Lin-Fan Wang
- Kathleen Morrell, MD, **MPH**

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advocates for reproductive health."

DR. WANG IN THE NEWS:

March 25, 2014

Physicians at the Supreme Court!



"As a physician, I believe that birth control is a decision that should be made by women and eir health care oviders, not men and their es." Dr. Lin-Fan Wang, Reproductive

Contraception: #NotMyBossBusiness earn more at prh.org.

On Tuesday, March 25, reproductive health advocacy fellow Dr. Lin-Fan Wang stood on the steps of the Supreme Court and joined colleague organizations and supporters in speaking out on the importance of birth control coverage:

We are here because women are at risk of losing access to birth control. Not because it isn't safe. Not because it doesn't work. But because somebody's boss may not like it. That is bad policy and that is bad medicine.

Read the rest of her speech here. And share this graphic on Facebook and Twitter, using the hashtag **#NotMyBossBusiness**!

On Monday, Dr. Wang published an opinion piece on Talking Points Memo titled, "The Danger Of Giving Science And Religion Equal Weight On Birth Control Cases":

When reporting on medical issues, weighing a religious belief as equal to scientific and medical evidence is disingenuous and confusing to the reader. And often there is no opportunity to correct misinformation. As a women's health

care provider, this disappoints and frustrates me.

Update: Watch Dr. Wang's speech below.



On CNN.com, our **board chair Dr. Nancy Stanwood** coauthored an opinion piece with Dr. Jeanne A. Conry, president of the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists:



As physicians dedicated to improving the health of women, we ask: Why is contraception still seen as controversial in the face of overwhelming evidence about its benefits? Why is birth control questioned, in this day and age, despite its widespread acceptance and use? In the current debate, science and facts are being drowned out by highly vocal and misinformed voices; as physicians, we must set the record straight.

Read the entire piece here.

Current Leadership Training Academy fellow **Dr. Tania Basu** published a piece on RH Reality Check titled, "Five Reasons Contraceptive Coverage Is Essential":

As an OB-GYN and a patient advocate, I want to move the discussion out of the courts for a moment and into my clinic, to focus on the lives of women and their families. I feel an immense sense of responsibility to the women I care for, and part of that responsibility includes advocating for insurance coverage of birth control.

Another current fellow, **Dr. Antoinette Danvers**, published a letter to the editor in the *New York Times*:

Contraception is important for women's health, freedom and equality. We have to protect women's right to make their own decisions about contraception. I hope the Supreme Court agrees.

Yet another fellow, **Dr. Luu Ireland**, spoke to the *Orange County Register* (California) about the importance of contraception access for her own patients.

November 27, 2013

Our Advocacy Fellow: Plan B Efficacy and Weight



Our Reproductive Health Advocacy Fellow Dr. Lin-Fan Wang responds to the recent news reports on weight and its impact on emergency contraception efficacy: As doctors committed to improving access to reproductive health care, we support women in

having planned pregnancies. Working to make highly effective birth control methods (such as IUDs and implants) more widely accessible is an important step. However, there will always be a need for emergency contraception. Several news outlets this week have reported on recent research about emergency contraception efficacy. This research indicates that levonorgestrel-based emergency contraception, like Plan B, may be much less effective at preventing pregnancy in women whose BMI is 25 or higher or women who weigh over 176 pounds. This is concerning because many women fall into those categories.

October 8, 2013

Introducing Lin-Fan Wang, MD, MPH

Physicians for Reproductive Health welcomes Lin-Fan Wang, MD, MPH, who joined the organization this August as our first Reproductive Health Advocacy Fellow, a year-long position with organizational roles in policy, media, medical education, and



development activities. Dr. Wang is a graduate of the Family Planning Fellowship at Albert Einstein College of Medicine/Montefiore Medical Center, where she also completed her residency in family medicine and earned her MD. She has a Master's in Public Health from Columbia University. Dr. Wang has presented at national and regional medical conferences on a range of reproductive and sexual health topics. She is an alumna of our Leadership Training Academy, in which she participated in extensive media and advocacy training. In her first two months as Reproductive Health Advocacy Fellow, Dr. Wang has met with the offices of Senators Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY) and Mazie Hirono (D-HI) to discuss the proposed 20-week abortion ban as well as attending medical conferences on behalf of the organization. She has published two letters to the editor in the Albany Times Union and the New York Daily News. Recently, she participated in a Q&A panel after a showing of the documentary After Tiller in New York. She also raised money for Physicians at the New York Road Runners Fifth Avenue Mile. In the coming

weeks, Dr. Wang will help us welcome the Leadership Training Academy class of 2014 as a mentor and faculty member. Dr. Wang sees her role at Physicians for Reproductive Health as an opportunity to build on the advocacy skills she gained during the Academy training, to foster physician-advocates for contraception and abortion access, and to work toward furthering sound reproductive health policy at the state and national levels: "This is an incredible and unique opportunity to become a stronger advocate for my patients and to work on expanding the community of physician-advocates for reproductive health."

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