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# Currently Approved Women's Reproductive Health Research Scholars

Meet our current Women's Reproductive Health Research Career Development Center (WRHRCDC).

### Lori Gawron, MD

Dr. Lori Gawron received education and training from Northwestern University

Feinberg School of Medicine, finishing her MD in 2006 and her residency in 2010.

Following that, she completed a Fellowship in Family Planning through the McGaw

Medical Center of Northwestern University and is currently part of the full-time faculty of the Division of General Obstetrics and Gynecology. In 2012, she obtained her Masters in Public Health from the Northwestern University Graduate School, engaging in coursework that included biostatistics, epidemiology, medical writing, and clinical trial design. Through the Women's Reproductive Healthcare Research Career Development Center, Dr. Gawron will use her educational and professional experiences to further her contributions to women's healthcare and investigate the interaction between hormonal contraceptives and inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) symptoms. Her mentor is Dr. Laurie Keefer Levine.

# Erica Marsh, MD

Dr. Erica Marsh attended Harvard University for college where she graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology, *magna cum laude*. She continued at Harvard for her medical degree, where she graduated *cum laude* in 2001. Dr. Marsh completed her residency at the Integrated Program in Obstetrics and Gynecology at Brigham and Women's Hospital and Massachusetts General Hospital in 2005. Dr. Marsh then completed her Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility fellowship at the Feinberg School of Medicine at Northwestern University in 2008. She also received a Masters of Science in Clinical Investigation (MSCI) at that time. Dr. Marsh is in the second year of her WRHR fellowship. Dr. Serdar Bulun is her Mentor.

Dr. Marsh's primary research focus is uterine leiomyoma (fibroid) pathophysiology but

she has a broad interest in racial disparities in Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility. She has published numerous articles, reviews and book chapters in the areas of leiomyomas and reproductive endocrinology. She believes that leiomyomas require a 360 degree approach as a disease state and is hence involved in both clinical and basic science research initiatives on these prevalent tumors. Dr. Marsh is currently funded by the National Institutes of Health, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Friends of Prentice, Northwestern University and Northwestern Memorial Hospital. The best way to reach **Dr. Marsh is via e-mail**.

## Mary Ellen Pavone, MD, MSCI

Dr. Mary Ellen Pavone received her MD from Bost University School of Medicine in 2003, completed her residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology at Johns Hopkins in 2007, and a fellowship in Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility at Northwestern in 2010. During her fellowship, Dr. Pavone received Master of Science in Clinical Investigation. Dr. Pavone's research project focuses on theretinoic acid signaling cascade in endometrium and endometriosis. Her mentor is Dr. Serdar Bulun.



