

News at NYSIM

NYSIM Welcomes New Simulation Operations Associates to the Team!

NYSIM is pleased to announce that Shageda Shahid, Julius Persaud, and Lee Agudo have joined our Simulation Team as full time Simulation Operations Associates (SOAs)! NYSIM is thrilled to welcome them to our team and community. We can't wait to see how they grow and leverage their skills in this role. Please join us in extending a warm welcome to our newest SOAs!



Pictured: Shageda Shahid

Shageda Shahid joined NYSIM in 2024 as a per diem Simulation Operations Associate and transitioned to full time in 2025. Shageda recently earned her Master of Public Health (MPH) in Public Health Policy and Management from NYU's School of Global Public Health. She also holds a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from Brooklyn College. Before starting her MPH, Shageda worked as a Medical Scribe in urgent care from 2021 to 2023 and during that time, she saw how factors like insurance coverage and socioeconomic status can impact people's access to quality healthcare. That experience sparked her interest in health policy and led her to pursue graduate studies. Shageda joined NYSIM because she's passionate about helping train the next generation of healthcare providers and believes simulation is a powerful way to improve care and build confidence in clinical skills.



Pictured: Julius Persaud

Julius Persaud joined NYSIM in July 2025 as a Simulation Operations Associate. He received a Bachelor's degree in Filmmaking and Moving Image Arts from Sarah Lawrence College. Julius brings with him a strong creative background and a passion for visual storytelling, which he sees as closely connected to the work he now does in simulation-based education. Prior to joining NYSIM, Julius served as a part-time instructor for the SONYC after-school program, where he taught media production to middle school students. His experience in film and media has provided him with a unique perspective and a versatile skill set, both of which he is excited to apply and expand upon in his new role. Outside of work, Julius enjoys making films, drawing, and spending quality time with his family.



Pictured: Lee Agudo

Lee Agudo joined NYSIM in 2025 as a Simulation Operations Associate, and was formerly a FGP Intake Secretary with NYU Langone Health since 2016. Holding a degree in computer science from the University of Central Florida, Lee is particularly passionate about computer technology and electronics. With almost a decade of experience working under multiple medical specialists, he aims to merge his technical and administrative background into the medical simulation field at NYSIM and is eager to continue learning of the advancements in the space. Outside of NYSIM, he enjoys video games, writing, and handcrafted projects.

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NYSIM Welcomes New Standardized Participants (SPs)!

NYSIM employs 140+ per-diem Standardized Participants (SPs). Our SPs portray a wide variety of cases and roles, such as patients, family members, learners, and health professionals. They are trained to provide written and verbal feedback to learners at all levels.



Anissa Naji
(She/Her)

Anissa brings SP experience from Cologne, Germany, and has experience in verbal feedback.



Olivia Cull
(She/Her)

Olivia is an actor/singer and has a master's degree in public health, with focus in health equity and advocacy.



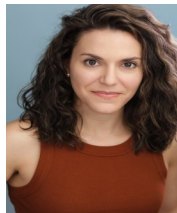
Lauren Jackson
(She/Her)

Lauren brings SP experience from John Hopkins, U of Maryland and George Washington University. She has checklist/verbal feedback experience.



Marquis Gibson
(He/Him)

Marquis brings SP experience from Einstein, Touro and Columbia. He has checklist/feedback experience as a teaching artist and writer.



Victoria Fragnito
(She/Her)

Victoria brings SP experience from UPenn, and is well-trained in portrayal/checklist/verbal feedback. She also published a playwright.



Yair Ben-Dor
(He/Him)

Yair is a professional actor/writer. He brings teaching and coaching experience.

NYSIM Scholarship Spotlight:

NYSIM Newsletter Scholarship
Submission



Have you presented or published scholarship related to simulation education? We're inviting faculty, scholars, and educators to submit their simulation-based research, presentations, and publications to be featured in an upcoming NYSIM Newsletter.

Share your contributions and inspire the educator community! Submit your work by completing the online form via the QR code to the left.

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Objective Structured Clinical Examinations (OSCEs) Spotlight:

We are excited to announce the publication of the 2nd edition of the book, **“Objective Structured Clinical Examinations (OSCEs), 10 steps to Planning and Implementing OSCEs and Other Standardized Patient Exercises,”** co-edited by **Sandy Zabar, MD**, the director of our Standardized Participant Program at NYSIM.

NYSIM Assistant Dean of Simulation Education, **Donna Phillips, MD**, is a co-author on Chapter 10, **“Supporting Transitions Across the Medical Training Continuum with Simulation and Performance-Based Assessment,”** which contains information on two important annual simulations that take place at NYSIM, Night-onCall (NOC) and First Night-onCall (FNOC).

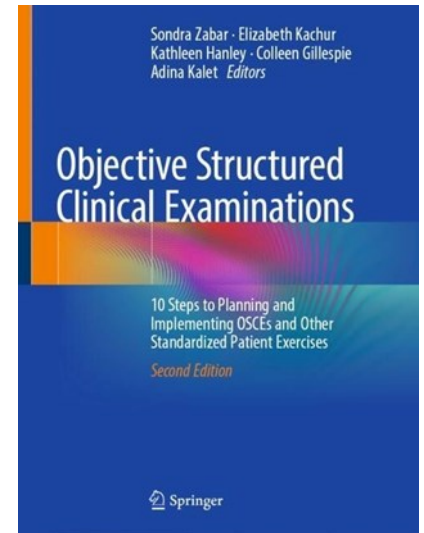
Our NYSIM colleagues **Brielle Blatt, Virginia Drda, Kathleen Allen, Gene Mamaril, Sean Overstreet, Willie Lombeida, and Katherine Tame** authored Chapter 12, **“How to Build and Manage an SP Program.”** This chapter is full of great tips for simulation center coordination and management.

This has been 5 years in the making and is a true collaboration, featuring 41 contributors from across NYU Langone Health and beyond the institution. OSCEs and other SP exercises are important teaching and assessment methodologies in health professions education, across disciplines and the continuum of training. The expanded edition includes 12 chapters with novel material and innovative best practices for OSCEs in every context:

1. Introduction: OSCEs: Past, Present and Future
2. Organizing OSCEs and Other SP Exercises in 10 Steps
3. Remediation of Learners Who Perform Poorly on an OSCE
4. Beyond the OSCE: Using Standardized Patients in the Clinical Setting
5. Post-Encounter Learning and Assessment of Clinical Reasoning: Patient Notes and Reflections
6. Data for Learning and Program Evaluation: Managing, Analyzing and Reporting OSCE Data
7. Scholarship and Education Research Registry
8. Performance-based Assessment in Practice
9. Simulating Virtual Care: Integrating Telemedicine into Objective Structured Clinical Training
10. Supporting Transitions Across the Medical Training Continuum with Simulation and Performance-Based Assessment
11. Objective Structured Teaching Exercises (OSTEs) from the Teacher’s Perspective: What, Why, When, and How?
12. How to Build and Manage an SP Program

We want to share this incredible accomplishment and help our medical education colleagues worldwide plan and implement *OSCEs in 10 steps!*

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NYSIM Annual Report—FY2024

The NYSIM Annual Report—FY2024 summarizes the accomplishments of our educational and faculty professional development programs, staff professional development achievements, engagement activities, and scholarships.

To view the current Annual Report, and past annual reports, visit <https://nysimcenter.org/annual-reports>.

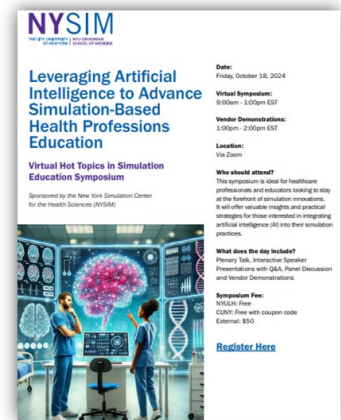
We're delighted to share that the **NYSIM Annual Report—FY2025** will be published soon!



NYSIM Virtual Hot Topics in Simulation Education Symposium

Video recordings from the Virtual Hot Topics in Simulation Education Symposium: Leveraging Artificial Intelligence to Advance Simulation-Based Health Professions Education are now available on our website.

Visit <https://nysimcenter.org/symposium/hot-topics> to view the recordings from the recent and past symposiums!



NYSIM Instructor & Program Coordinator Experience Survey

The new **NYSIM Instructor and Program Coordinator Experience Survey** provides us with valuable feedback that we can use to enhance our systems, operations, and technological advances. We invite you to complete it every time you complete a program at NYSIM. NYSIM is committed to providing you and your learners with an optimal education experience.

We look forward to hearing from you!

Scan the QR code below to be directed to the survey:



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Upcoming Events at NYSIM

NYSIM Fundamentals of Simulation Education (FUSE) Course 2026

The 3-day NYSIM FUSE Course is the ideal immersive experience for all levels of simulation instructors. The course focuses on simulation design, management, and debriefing. Logistically it functions as a workshop where participants will gain the tools to take a problem or issue germane to them, craft their own learning objectives for a simulation, write their own case scenario, create their own checklists of simulation performance, pilot their simulation, and engage in debriefing practice all while receiving feedback from a community of educators. Join us and help light the FUSE to spark your simulation-based education!

The course will continue to be held live and onsite at NYSIM.

<https://nysimcenter.org/content/instructor-courses>

2026 FUSE Registration is Open!

January 21-23, 2026: Wednesday - Friday

February 18-20, 2026: Wednesday - Friday

To register for an open seat or request a spot on the waitlist click the following link:

<https://redcap.link/u5218pj3>

You will be contacted by Porsche Scott (Porsche.Scott@nyulangone.org) to confirm your placement status. Please email Porsche Scott or nysim@nyulangone.org with any questions.

NYSIM Simulation-Based Education (SBE) Modules

NYSIM SBE Modules offers great opportunities to explore basic simulation-based education concepts, simulation modalities, simulation instructional design, and standards of best practices in simulation. To access the NYSIM SBE Modules, please visit: <https://nysimcenter.org/sbe>

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The New York Simulation Center (NYSIM) is committed to supporting safe operations for all learners, faculty & staff.

Food and drinks are not permitted at NYSIM. Please remind your learners to refrain from bringing food to NYSIM, and ask them to store food and drink in their backpack or a locker. Thank you for your help in maintaining a clean environment.

Masks are now optional at NYSIM. The new masking safety guidelines have been updated to align with NYU Langone Health policy and reflect Department of Health recommendations. We will continue to make masks available at the front desk. We ask that anyone with fever, cough, or other flu and COVID-like symptoms not come to NYSIM.

Programs may elect to require masks for SP's, learners and faculty. This will be at the discretion of the program, and the responsibility of the program to communicate and enforce mask-wearing with the participants.

If anyone has any questions/concerns they should contact NYSIM@nyulangone.org. Leadership at NYSIM will respond promptly to the email.

***Thank you,
NYSIM Team***

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