

# New Faces

## Staff

### Mariana Diaz Gomez

Hello everyone, my name is Mariana Diaz Gomez and I am very happy to be part of the HLI technician/staff team. I was born in Mexico but I have now lived in Canada for 12 years and I am currently a permanent resident. Looking forward to become a citizen in the near future. I will be working with Dr. Hogg's team under Dr. Vasilescu's guidance on a project that requires me to assist in lung tissue slide staining, analysis of such slides and data collection. During my free time I enjoy going for long walks, cooking and going to zumba or other dance classes. I am excited to get to know you all better, please come and say hi whenever you see me around.



### Hannah Peters



Hannah Peters is a Research Assistant working with Dr. Camp in the Pulmonary Rehabilitation Research Laboratory. She graduated from the University of the Fraser Valley with a Bachelors of Arts degree where she studied Biology, Kinesiology and Psychology. She aspires to become a physiotherapist. She is very interested in pursuing a career in Cardiovascular and Pulmonary disease rehabilitation. In her spare time, Hannah loves to run, hike and lift weights.

### Paloma Stanar

Hello! My name is Paloma and I am the new clinical research coordinator at the Centre of Excellence for the Prevention of Organ Failure (PROOF) here at SPH. I was born in Bosnia and have lived in Vancouver since I was 4 years old. I recently completed a Master of Science in Neuroscience at UBC and am interested in the development of therapies for human disease. I'm very excited to start researching biomarkers in heart transplantation here at HLI! Outside of science, my favorite things to do are bake (I consider myself a "weekend baker") and go camping in the great outdoors whenever I have a chance to. I look forward to meeting all of you - don't be afraid to say hi!



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## Postdoctoral Fellow

**Kohei Ikezoe**

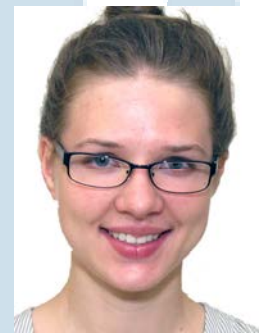


Hello everyone, my name is Kohei Ikezoe. I am a postdoctoral fellow in Dr. Hogg's lab. I had been involved in clinical and experimental research about interstitial lung disease and asthma in graduate school. I had worked as a respiratory physician in Japan, and had a difficult time managing patients with chronic incurable lung disease. So, now I am happy to work on the project about chronic lung disease. I am excited to work here, and am also excited about the life in Vancouver because I like to go hiking and see the beautiful nature. If you have any recommended places, please let me know. I am looking forward to working with all of you.

## Graduate Student

**Katrina Besler**

"Hi there! I'm Katrina, a UBC MD PhD student in Dr. Gordon Francis' lab. I graduated from SFU earlier this year with a BSc. Honours in Molecular Biology and Biochemistry (minor: Biomedical Physiology), and am a proud alumna, so you might see me in an SFU sweatshirt or with my SFU water bottle (when I'm not holding a coffee mug, or even better, a free cup of coffee!). I'll be around this summer and next summer, with some afternoons in between during FLEX time, then I start full-time research in April of 2020. My project will focus on the role of lysosomal acid lipase (LAL) and smooth muscle cell-derived foam cells in atherosclerosis. I'm looking forward to getting to know everyone and learning about the research that goes on at HLI!"



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