MEET THE COMPETITORS

**Allison L’Hotta**  
PhD Candidate ’22, School of Medicine, Program in Occupational Therapy  
*Connecting Cancer Survivors to Rehabilitation: Supporting their Fight for Life*  
Allison earned her Doctorate in Occupational Therapy from Washington University in St. Louis in 2012 and returned to WashU to pursue her PhD in 2018. Her overarching career goal is to help cancer survivors live fulfilling and productive lives.

**Meghan McDarby**  
PhD Candidate ’22, Psychological & Brain Sciences  
*The Effectiveness of Question Prompt List use During First-time Palliative Care Outpatient Appointments*  
Meghan is a 5th year graduate student in Dr. Brian Carpenter’s Clinical Geropsychology Laboratory. Her primary research interests include enhancing end of life (EOL) decision making among older adults and improving communication about end-of-life care preferences among older adults, their caregivers, and healthcare providers. She is broadly interested in ways to increase quality of EOL care by facilitating earlier access to palliative care services and by optimizing psychological care at EOL.

**Audrey Keleman**  
PhD Candidate ’24, School of Medicine, Program in Occupational Therapy  
*Falls: A Marker of Pre-clinical Alzheimer Disease*  
Audrey is an occupational therapist and PhD student in the Rehabilitation and Participation Science program. She is interested in aging in place and fall prevention, particularly among older adults with mild dementia.

**Bomin Kim**  
PhD Candidate, ’24, Sam Fox School of Design  
*Bridging Loneliness with Social Infrastructure*  
Bomin Kim is a doctoral candidate in Sustainable Urbanism at the Sam Fox School of Design. Her research aims to understand the dynamic relationship between sociality and the built environment by examining how the shift to e-commerce and the de-spatialization of social infrastructure affects incidental social ties and perceived isolation in older adults.

**Chengran Yang**  
PhD Candidate ’21, School of Medicine, Department of Psychiatry  
*Discovery of Biomarkers and Identification of Protein Quantitative Trait Loci (QTLs) for Alzheimer Disease*  
Chengran Yang is currently a graduate student of Human and Statistical Genetics PhD program from Division of Biology and Biomedical Sciences (DBBSS) at Washing University in St. Louis. Chengran is working with Dr. Carlos Cruchaga from Department of Psychiatry. Chengran’s thesis is to identify the protein quantitative trait loci (pQTLs) in multiple tissues from a cohort of Alzheimer disease (AD) patients and cognitive healthy controls.