



Office of Faculty Development

Pathology & Immunology

Dr. Ian Hagemann

Dr. Hagemann began life in Northern Virginia. His French-American father, an economist, had the dream to someday bring his family to France for an extended period. This dream became a reality in 1986 as Ian's family relocated to Paris for the first of several stints that would span the next fifteen years.

From an early age, Ian idolized his grandfather, Ed Shapiro, M.D., who worked for fifty years as a dermatologist in private practice in Pasadena, Texas. There was never any question that Ian would follow him in a medical career. Coming from an era where the physician's social standing was considerably greater than it is now, "Grandad" could do or fix anything, but is chiefly remembered for his tolerance, dignity, and love of learning.

Ian's family having returned to Virginia in the 1990s, he had the opportunity to attend Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology. At Princeton, Ian followed the pre-med track and majored in Chemistry, completing a thesis on geometrically frustrated magnets in the lab of Dr. Robert J. Cava—the mentor of a lifetime. As side interests, he studied French literature and Russian language. Feeling drawn to the lab environment, Ian applied to MD/PhD programs. Washington University stood out for its depth in biological research, but also for its humane treatment of its applicants and trainees. It was an easy choice and twenty years later, these observations still hold true.

Ian was drawn to a career in surgical pathology by the challenge of making a diagnosis as well as the elegance of a well-written report. He chose to serve his residency at UPenn, but always aimed to return to Wash U to complete the legendary general surgical pathology fellowship. Changing tides in pathology education will not soon erode the value of this program for those who have the resilience to complete it. Outside of work, Ian is a motivated home cook, plays bridge weekly, and maintains his French identity. He has taken an interest in cycling as a low-impact sport. He is a neighborhood Trustee and serves as Parish Clerk at the Church of St. Michael and St. George.

Ian is married to Dr. Andrea Hagemann, a Princeton and Washington U. classmate who is faculty in the Division of Gynecologic Oncology at Washington University. Pathology has been a good counterpart to the more immersive demands of OB/GYN. After living in Philadelphia, they have a renewed appreciation for the quality of life in St. Louis, and for Forest Park in particular. Their children are Sophie, age 12, who will be attending John Burroughs School in the fall, and Oliver, 9, a third grader at Forsyth School. Their entertaining dog Mabel (a gift from a patient) was recently revealed by DNA testing to be no more than half Labrador, and to have a surprising admixture of Chow Chow haplotypes.

