

## Al Charbonneau

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**From:** Jeffrey Borkan <jeffrey\_borkan@brown.edu>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 11, 2023 4:09 PM  
**To:** Al Charbonneau  
**Subject:** Re: Brief Bio

Dear Al,  
No problem:

Here is a short and long bio!

**SHORT:** Jeffrey Borkan, MD, PhD is a Professor and Assistant Dean for Primary Care and Population Health at the Alpert Medical School of Brown University. He is a family physician educator, researcher, clinician, and advocate whose career has bridged two fields (family medicine and medical anthropology), both in the US and abroad. Throughout his career, he has been active in health policy, family medicine research, as well as being a practicing family physician and resident/student trainer. He has been in Rhode Island since 2001, serving as Chair of Family Medicine until 2022. He has served as president of the national academic Family Medicine organization as well as RI organizations. He is currently a co-Lead of the Primary Care Provider Taskforce of the Care Transformation Collaborative of RI.

**LONG:** Dr. Borkan joined the Department of Family Medicine as Chair in 2001. He stepped down as chair in 2022, but still sees patients and precepts in the Family Care Center. He is a family physician educator, researcher, clinician, and advocate whose career has bridged two fields (family medicine and medical anthropology), both in the US and abroad. Throughout his career, he has been active in family medicine research, as well as being a practicing family physician and resident/student trainer. After medical school and graduate school at Case Western Reserve and residency at the University of Washington, he joined the faculty of UMass Medical Center, based at an intercity community health center and was a Fellow in Social Medicine at Harvard. Following this, he was a rural doctor for 10 years, providing the full range of medical services to an isolated desert region in southern Israel – from acute and preventive services to births to emergencies to community health. During this time, he was also the Director of Research for the Ben-Gurion Department of Family Medicine, and the founding coordinator of a national practice-based research network. Later he joined a model teaching practice in the Galilee and served as the Vice-Chair of Behavioral Science at Tel Aviv University. At Brown, Dr. Borkan has led the revitalization of the Department of Family Medicine, been active in Rhode Island health policy, and helped spearhead curriculum reform efforts at Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University. He is the past President of the Association of Departments of Family Medicine (ADFM) and past-Chair of the Council of Academic Family Medicine (CAFM – the national coordinating organization for academic FM). Since 2013, he has been the Assistant Dean for the Primary Care-Population Medicine Program that started at Brown in August, 2015. This innovative dual degree program (MD-ScM) program enrolls up to 24 medical students seeking training for careers as primary care

leaders. Dr. Borkan has frequently worked and conducted research among minorities and the underserved, both in the United States, Israel and the Pacific Island of Tonga, and writes medical stories.

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On Mon, Sep 11, 2023 at 3:24 PM Al Charbonneau <[alcharbonneau@verizon.net](mailto:alcharbonneau@verizon.net)> wrote:

Good Afternoon,

Hate to be a pest. Please send a brief bio for use with meeting materials.

Thank you

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