

Get to Know NYCPM's Faculty: **Johanna F. Godoy, DPM ('05)** *Assistant Professor of Surgical Sciences*



A member of the NYCPM Class of 2005, **Dr. Godoy** earned her BS in biology (with a minor in biochemistry) at Montclair State University in New Jersey and served her residency at Geisinger Community Medical Center in Scranton, PA, under residency director Guido Laporta. She started working full time at the College in 2008, and remained full time for eight years.

Right now, Dr. Godoy works in a private practice three days a week with her mother, also a podiatrist, who graduated in the same class at NYCPM (!); both of her parents had been medical professionals in Peru, and returned to medicine after immigrating to the U.S. Dr. Godoy's younger sister is the family's third podiatrist, and is a resident at the same residency program from which Dr. Godoy graduated.

Two days a week Dr. Godoy is an assistant professor, clinician, and performs surgery, primarily at Metropolitan Hospital. She likes her current niche (there), she said.

Dr. Godoy enjoys teaching and likes seeing patients with "a vast amount of pathology," she said. She currently specializes in charcot neuroarthropathy treated with external fixation, a condition that she was fortunate enough to have encountered frequently during her residency.

She also likes interesting pathology in children like clubfoot or talipes equinovarus. "In academics you always want to keep learning and with all of the great professors/colleagues here, I am fortunate to be able to do that," she said.

Thinking about how student life has changed since her own student days, she remembers that her classes were still recorded on video, and that students at that time still had to develop X-ray films, for example. Dr. Godoy thinks that advances made since then are for the good, but also feels that social media should be used with more discretion, especially when applying for jobs.