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Celebrating 48 Years of Family Medicine at West Virginia University

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Haggerty Receives Women in Science & Health Mid-Career Award

Treah Haggerty, MD, Associate Professor in the Department of Family Medicine, is the recipient of the Women in Science & Health (WISH) Mid-Career Award. This award is given to a female faculty

member who is recognized on a national and international level in her area of expertise, and who demonstrates sustained exceptional achievements in diversity and inclusion, education, mentorship, research and scholarship, leadership, and/or service to the state of WV while supporting the WVU HSC mission and WVU values.



Dr. Haggerty will be

presented with her award at the [virtual Vice President's Awards Ceremony](#) on Sept. 9, 2021 at 4:00 PM along with other outstanding faculty and staff who were nominated by their peers and selected by the awards committee.

Congratulations, Dr. Haggerty!

New Academic Medicine Track for DFM Residents



Courtney S. Pilkerton, MD, PhD, former WVU DFM resident and current faculty member is spearheading the development of a new track for Family Medicine residents hoping to practice in a college or university setting: Academic

Medicine. The new track is designed to provide experience with the components of academic medicine that a clinician in an academic setting needs, including teaching, scholarly activity, service, and leadership.

Residents specializing in Academic Medicine will gain experience and skills with topics such as medical education and curriculum development; effort allocation and RVUs; audits of clinical production; membership on committees and professional organizations; and networking and career development.



DFM in the News



Carl D. Shrader, MD, PhD Named Department Chair of Department of Family Medicine



Dr. Carl D. Shrader has transitioned into his new role as the Department Chair of Family Medicine. His leadership promises increased support for scholarly activity, including a new academic incentive package to be announced soon. Dr. Shrader continues to collaborate with HSC and WVUMedicine to further his vision for the DFM and primary care as leaders in promoting and maintaining the health of our patients and all West Virginians.

Laurie Theeke, PhD, MSN is a nurse practitioner who studies loneliness as a unique stressor that affects human health. On PBS NewsHour she gave her "[Brief But Spectacular](#)" take on combating loneliness on August 10, 2021.

Unger Named American Academy of Medical Acupuncture President

Kendra Unger, MD, Associate Professor in the Department of Family Medicine, has been named the new president of the American Academy of Medical Acupuncture (AAMA). The AAMA is the professional organization of allopathic and osteopathic physicians that advances the evidence-based integration of the practice of medicine and acupuncture to serve patients.



Congratulations, Dr. Unger!

New PGY1 Residents

DFM welcomes 7 PGY1 Residents during the 2021-2022 academic year:



Jonathan Cobb, MD



Matthew Epperly, MD



Brandon Glover, MD



Tyler Groves, MD



Joshua Moore, MD



Levi Snedegar, MD



Kolbi Tonkovich, MD

New Publications by DFM Faculty & Residents

Carlson SE, Smith TW, Parkhurst K, **Tinajero R**, Grove JL, Goans C, Hirai M, Ruiz JM. (In press). Moving toward, moving against, and moving away: An interpersonal approach to construct validation of the Horney-Coolidge Type Inventory. *Journal of Personality Assessment*.

Crocetti E, Assadzandi S, Pilkerton CS, Ashcraft AM, Shrader CD. (2021). Palliative opioids may be a bridge to care for rural residents in a long-term care facility with severe COVID-19 symptoms. *Journal of Primary Care & Community Health*.

Davisson L, Hernandez-Pachon M, **Haggerty T.** (2021, Mar). Rural Obesity Medical Education for Primary Care in West Virginia: A Needs Assessment. *WV Medical Journal*. 18-23.

Drabish K, **Theeke LA.** Health impact of stigma, discrimination, prejudice, and bias experienced by transgender persons: A systematic review of quantitative studies. (In press). *Issues in Mental Health Nursing*.

Ezeokonkwo FC, Sekula KL, **Theeke LA.** (2021). Loneliness in Homebound Older Adults: Integrative Literature Review. *Journal of Gerontological Nursing*, 47(8).

Fletcher J, Unger K. (2021). Appalachian Constellation: Type 3C Diabetes as the Link Between Diabetes and Chronic Pancreatitis. *WV Medical Journal*, 117(2),36-37.

King DE, Xiang J. (2021). A Relationship Between Mortality and Eating Breakfast and Fiber. *Journal of the American Board of Family Medicine*, 34(4), 678-687.

Moore JS, Groves T, Pilkerton CS, Ashcraft AM, Shrader CD. (2021). Geriatric antibody response to COVID-19. *Journal of the American Geriatrics Society*, 69(8), 2096-2098.

Silverberg B, Sharon MJ, Makati D, Mott M, Rose WD. (2021, Mar 24) Forget-me-not: Lemierre's syndrome, a case report, *Journal of American College Health*.

Silverberg B. Best Practices for LGBTQ-Friendly Care in Urgent Care. (In press). *Journal of Urgent Care Medicine*.

Turner T, **Haggerty T**, Dekeseredy P, Hare J, Sedney C. (In press). Using an Implementation Research Framework to Identify Facilitators and Barriers to Physical Activity and Weight Loss in Appalachia. *Southern Medical Journal*.



Presentations

Farjo S, Ashcraft AM. (2021, Jun). Overview of Emergency Contraception Methods and Access. Presentation at the virtual annual meeting of the American College Health Association.

Haggerty T, Stidham J. (2021, Jun). WV AHEC Rural Community Health Scholars: A Model for Training West Virginia's Health Professionals through Experiential Learning. Presented at 2021 NAO Biennial Conference.

Haggerty T, Davisson, L. (2021, Aug). Needs Assessment to inform Rural Obesity Medical Education for Primary Care in WV. Presented at WV PBRN Annual Retreat.

Haggerty T, Sedney C. Reducing Stigma amongst Pre-contemplative Non-adopters of MAT in Rural Primary Care. (2021, Aug). Presented at WV PBRN Annual Retreat.

Sedney C, Dekeseredy P, **Haggerty T.** (2021, Aug). Prescriber fear and unintended consequences of disciplinary actions and restrictive opioid legislation in West Virginia. Poster presentation WV PBRN Annual Retreat.

Silverberg B. (2021, Jun). Zebras Get Sore Throats, Too: Thinking Beyond Strep Pharyngitis. Presentation at the virtual annual meeting of the American College Health Association.

Silverberg B. (2021, Jun). The Ball's in Your Court: Addressing Men's Sexual Health Concerns in a College Health Setting. Presentation at the virtual annual meeting of the American College Health Association.

Upcoming Conferences

September 2021

13-5: STFM Conference on Practice and Quality Improvement (Virtual)

30: Charlotte Nath Research Symposium Morgantown, WV

30-Oct. 1: Hal Wanger Family Medicine Conference Morgantown, WV

28-Oct. 2: AAFP's Family Medicine Experience (Virtual)

November 2021

5-9: Association of American Medical Colleges San Antonio, TX

19-23: North American Primary Care Research Group (Virtual)

January 2022

15-19: International Meeting on Simulation in Healthcare Los Angeles, CA

27-30: STFM Conference on Medical Student Education San Antonio, TX

March 2022

9-12: Society for Adolescent Health & Medicine San Diego, CA

Scholarly Activity-Focused Job Openings

Research Assistant II Department of Family Medicine

This full-time, benefits-eligible staff position reports to the Director of Research and supports the scholarly efforts of faculty and residents. Master's degree, research experience, and multi-tasking ability required.

See [Job #14766](#) for details or contact Dr. Amie Ashcraft at amacraft@hsc.wvu.edu.

Program Coordinator Senior (Researcher) - Simulation Training and Education for Patient Safety (STEPS)

This full-time, benefits-eligible staff position provides direction and helps develop and support the mission and strategic goals of simulation and inter-professional education research. Master's degree required; PhD preferred.

See [Job #17121](#) for full description.

WVU IRB Updates

The WVU Institutional Review Board (IRB) has been implementing a number of changes to streamline their procedures and simplify navigation. Changes include:

- [Protocol Decision Tool](#)—to help users determine the type of protocol most appropriate for their work
- [Updates to protocol requirements](#)—amendments and renewals are no longer accepted for Exempt, NHR, and Flex protocols
- [Updates to study expiration and processing dates and deadlines](#)

Contact Dr. Ashcraft for navigation assistance.



Call for Abstracts—Deadline Extended

We are still accepting abstracts for the first annual [Charlotte Nath Research Symposium](#) (Sept. 30) being held in conjunction with the Hal Wanger Family Medicine Conference (Sept. 30—Oct. 1). Send your abstract to [Dr. Amie Ashcraft](#) by **Friday, Sept. 3, 2021**. DFM faculty and residents who gave presentations at the department's virtual Research Day in June can easily turn their slides into poster presentations. If you have questions or need assistance, Dr. Pilkerton and/or Dr. Ashcraft will be glad to help.