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UNGER RECEIVES PRESTIGIOUS APPOINTMENT

Dr. Kendra Unger started an acupuncture program in Family Medicine several years ago. She offers acupuncture services two days a week in the office, in addition to her providing primary care to a panel of patients. She is uniquely double-boarded in both family medicine and acupuncture, and has trained another faculty member and many students and residents in the technique in recent years.

This year, she has been named to a prestigious national office, incoming President of the American Academy of Medical Acupuncture (AAMA). Congratulations Dr. Unger!

The AAMA is the professional society of physicians (MDs and DOs) in North America who have incorporated acupuncture into their medical practices.

The Academy is a member driven organization. Members of the Academy, serving on the Board of Directors and on Committees advising the Board, make decisions regarding programs and activities that guide the work of the Academy and set the future for the organization. The organization is grateful for their dedication and volunteer service.

SPOTLIGHT



Carl D. Shrader, MD, PhD, was awarded the West Virginia Governor's Certificate of Recognition on March 9, 2021, for his unwavering dedication and courageous efforts through the COVID-19 pandemic.

Congratulations Dr. Shrader for your steadfast commitment and outstanding service! We are extremely proud of you!

NEW FACULTY



Joseph Capito, MD, completed his Family Medicine Residency with our department in December, and joined the department in January. He completed his undergrad and medical degree at WVU. Dr. Capito studied biochemistry and graduated magna cum laude.

"I'm a third generation primary care physician. I chose family

medicine because I've seen my whole life what impact a primary care physician can have on their community!"

Hannah Stillings, MD, joins the Family Medicine Team as an Assistant Professor. She received her BS in Biology at Cornell University and her medical degree at the University at Buffalo. Dr. Stillings completed a residency in Family Medicine with Mountain Area Health Education Center in Asheville, NC, and most recently completed a Fellowship in Obstetrics at the University of Utah.

During her international travels Dr. Stillings served as a medical volunteer, clinician and physician ambassador.

FACULTY PRESENT AT NATIONAL WEBINAR



Jason Oreskovich, DO, DABMA, and Kendra Unger, MD, FAAMA, presented a national American Academy of Medical Acupuncture (AAMA) Webinar on February 24, 2021.

"Acupuncture for the Knee: all the Information You Knee'd to be Able to Knee'dle it Right."

RESEARCH

This year Courtney Pilkerton, MD, PhD, joined the faculty and also became the Assistant Director of Research, and Caitlin Montgomery, MPH, joined the staff as Research Assistant II. Dr. Amie Ashcraft, Dr. Pilkerton, and Caitlin, have been working together to create the Department of Family Medicine Research Core that also includes Treah Haggerty, MD, Ruben Tinajero, PhD, Barbara Cubic, PhD, and Jun Xiang, MS. The members of the core meet regularly to discuss ways to support and enhance the scholarly activity of residents and faculty within the department as well as to increase collaboration with other departments and other institutions.

After the Sundale COVID-19 pop-up grant was funded by the CTSI last spring (PI: Shrader, Co-I's: Assadzandi, Pilkerton, Ashcraft) the group formed a Sundale COVID research team. At present, the team has published one paper and currently has five other manuscripts under review at geriatric, rural health, and immunology journals. Three teams were recently awarded a DFM Emerging Scholars Grant for up to \$5,000 to fund a pilot study or QI improvement project.

RESIDENCY

TEAM BEHIND THE SCENES



Carl Shrader, MD, PhD

Erika Bodkins, MD

Jason Peklinsky, MD

Guy Monteleone, MD

James Mersing, MD

The WVU Department of Family Medicine Residency Training Program is pleased to announce several exciting updates to its Residency Leadership Team in academic year 2021!

Joining Drs. Carl Shrader, Erika Bodkins, Jason Peklinsky, and Guy Monteleone as Residency Core Faculty, Assistant Professor, Dr. James Brooks Mersing, is excited and humbled to serve as a leader in the very program that launched his career when he was a resident from 2013-2016 in the Department of Family Medicine.

Furthermore, the program is pleased to announce that Idania Blankenship, MBA, passed the National Board for Certification of Training Administrators of GME in February of 2021, updating her role from program manager to program administrator, with the C-TAGME credential.

Additional key members of the Team include Program Coordinator, Ashley Higinbotham, and the AY21 Chief Residents, Drs. Mitchell Hoyson and Allen Rickards.

RETIREMENT



Dana E. King, MD, MS, Professor and Chair, has announced his retirement after 9 years of service to the WVU School of Medicine, University Health Associates, and WVU Medicine.

Under Dr. King's leadership, the clinic achieved recognition at the highest level by NCQA as a Patient Centered Medical Home in 2014. He was instrumental in

the implementation of innovative care approaches including nurse case management, nurse-performed wellness visits, and chronic disease management programs. He has been a successful champion of expansion of the practice's interdisciplinary team. During his tenure the department added nurse case managers, a dietitian, quality wellness nurses, ambulatory pharmacists, and behavioral health specialists.

Also under his leadership, In May 2015, the department moved to a state-of-the-art clinical facility at the University Town Centre (UTC). The residency and student programs have continued to provide quality education to learners in clinical and hospital settings as well as rural areas of West Virginia.

The Department has excelled in research and scholarly activities increasing grant funding, published articles and national presentations.

In addition to his academic endeavors, he has also provided care to clinic and hospital patients. Dr. King's last day was April 30th. He is moving to North Carolina to live near his children. Congratulations and best wishes to Dr. King as he begins this new chapter in his life!

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MEDICAL SCHOOL STUDENT PROGRAMS

FAMILY MEDICINE PREDOC TEAM CONTRIBUTORS TO SUCCESS



Several of our faculty are directors or advisors for specific student programs within our department and the WVU School of Medicine. These individuals are pictured along with the staff that keep these programs running smoothly.

We want to thank all our providers for continuing to provide these students with exceptional learning experiences!