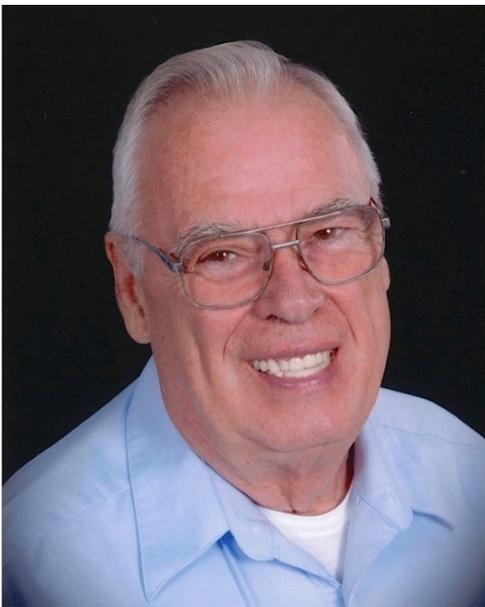


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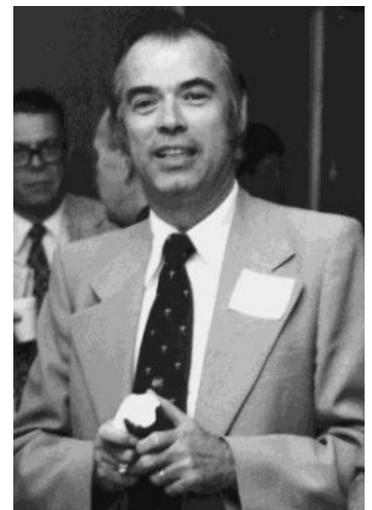
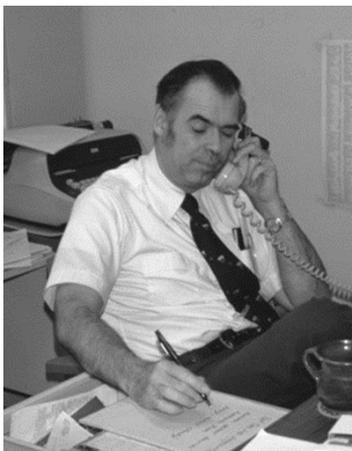
## Traubert's Legacy



**John W. Traubert, MD**

The passing of Dr. John W. Traubert marks the end of an extraordinary chapter in the history of Family Medicine at WVU and WV. As the founding chair of our department and its longest-serving leader, Dr. Traubert established not just an academic program, but a philosophy of care that continues to guide us today. His guiding principle—"being a physician is not just providing care to a patient, but also caring about the patient"—captured the essence of what it means to practice family medicine with compassion and integrity.

Dr. Traubert was a dedicated educator and mentor, shaping countless medical students, residents, and faculty members by instilling in each the importance of combining scientific excellence with genuine human compassion. The naming of WVU's White Coat Ceremony in his honor stands as a lasting testament to his commitment to humanistic medical education. His vision that family medicine combines the art and science of healing with caring for our communities continues to inspire the physicians he helped train and those who will follow.



(Dr. Traubert in the late 1970s and members of the Department of Family Medicine in 1977-78.)

## A Note from the Chair



**Carl D. Shrader, MD, PhD**  
Professor and Chair  
WVU Department of  
Family Medicine

This season marks a time of profound growth and reflection for our Family Medicine department. Our leadership team is proud to share the continued impact of our division, and the addition of new sites, a partnership with our eastern campus, and expansion of faculty that further strengthens our mission: Leading the way in providing compassionate, comprehensive care for patients and families through every stage of life.

During this time, we mourn the loss of our esteemed founding chair, Dr. John Traubert, whose vision and dedication laid the foundation for everything we are today. His legacy lives on in every patient we care for and every health professional we train. As we begin a new academic year, we recently celebrated the graduation of a remarkable new class of family physicians completing residency training. These graduates embody the compassion, excellence, and resilience that define our program. As they step into their careers, they carry forward the spirit of Dr. Traubert and the future of our specialty and this department. As we move ahead with gratitude for our past, we are filled with optimism for what lies ahead.

## A Growing Family Medicine Family



Our family has grown! Recently, WVU Medicine merged Family Medicine - Morgantown, Family Medicine - Eastern Division, and the community-based clinics that previously made up the Department of Community Practice.

Some of our clinic sites include (clockwise from top right): Fairmont Gateway, Cheat Lake, University Town Centre, Harper's Ferry, Shepherdstown, Ranson, and West Preston Primary Care.

## Featured Faculty: Katie Hill, MD



Amanda Kate Hill, MD

Dr. Amanda "Katie" Hill is experienced in delivering primary care in resource-limited environments both locally and internationally. As a board-certified family physician and medical acupuncturist practicing at the Fairmont Gateway Clinic, Dr. Hill has worked extensively in resource-limited settings around the world while serving as medical faculty leader of Project MUSHROOM, a multidisciplinary homeless outreach program she's supported since medical school. Locally she serves as Medical Officer for the Mountaineer Area Rescue Group (MARG) and volunteers with the Quick Response Team (QRT) to help individuals struggling with addiction access treatment. Through WVU's Global Health Faculty, she teaches residents and medical students how to deliver quality primary care to underserved populations.



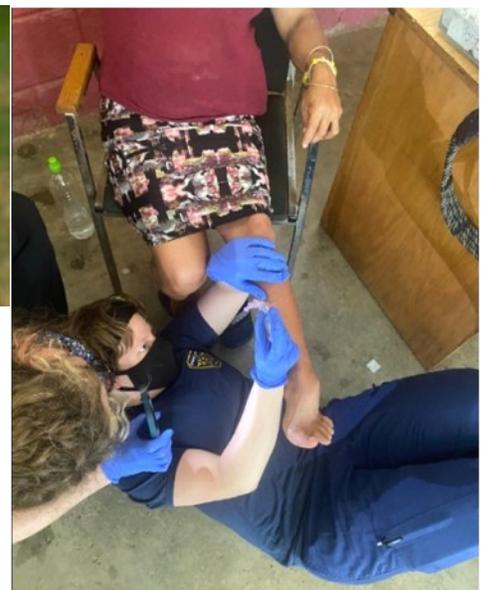
Giving a knee injection in a makeshift clinic in a community hall in a Garifuna village in Honduras



Carrying a curb while wearing a 40-lb pack during a rucking event



On top of the inactive San Pedro volcano in Guatemala



In a makeshift clinic in a schoolhouse in Honduras conducting a scar de-activation on a patient who had an extreme contracture after a water buffalo attack as a child

## Reflections on a Career in Family Medicine

Dr. Charlie Ponte was a faculty member in the Departments of Family Medicine and Clinical Pharmacy for 42 years. A distinguished educator and clinician, he holds numerous board certifications including advanced diabetes management and was a board-certified pharmacotherapy specialist for 28 years. Throughout his career, he received five outstanding teacher awards from the School of Pharmacy and was honored multiple times for excellence in resident teaching in Family Medicine. In an essay about his career in Family Medicine, he reflects, "You cannot pick your family but I am sure glad that I picked this family to share my career journey." [Read his full essay here.](#)



Charles D. Ponte, PharmD  
Professor Emeritus

## Residency Class of 2025



Fourteen residents graduated from WVU Family Medicine Residency programs in 2025. Pictured in the top photo left to right are the graduates (and their practice locations) from the Rural Family Medicine Residency in Harper's Ferry: Madelynn King, MD (WVU Medicine - Eastern); Brittany Galucki, DO (WVU Medicine - Inwood); Thomas Park, MD (WVU Medicine - Shepherdstown); Samantha Fleisher, MD (WVU Medicine - Harper's Ferry & Ranson); Brant Boucher, MD (VA Medical Center, Martinsburg). Not pictured: Yi An, MD (several small hospitals in western US).



Pictured in the bottom photo (left to right) are the graduates from the residency in Morgantown: Nathan Richmond, MD (practice StatCare at Parkwest Medical Center and Fort Sanders Regional Medical Center – Knoxville, TN); Jonathan Williamson, MD (Population Health Management in Primary Care Fellowship), WVU Medicine - Morgantown); Nathan Mauck, MD (Grand Junction, CO); Connor Levy, MD (Addiction Medicine Fellowship - WVU Behavioral Medicine & Psychiatry - Morgantown); Eric Bonar, MD (Hospice and Palliative Care Fellowship, WVU Medicine - Morgantown); Erin White, MD (Rural Maternal Child Health Fellowship — WVU Medicine - Harper's Ferry); Shayla Koerner, MD (Davis Medical Center, Elkins). Not pictured: Savannah Lusk, MD (Cabin Creek Health System, Charleston).

## New Faculty 2025-26

Two faculty joined Family Medicine this academic year. **Dr. Afra Gangi** completed residency training at St. Helens & Knowsley NHS Teaching Hospital in 2022, and Cornerstone Care Teaching Health Center in 2025. She will practice at the Fairmont Gateway Clinic. **Dr. Tyler Groves** completed residency training in 2024 and a PCMH Fellowship in 2025, both with WVU Family Medicine. He will practice at the Student Health Center.



**Afra Gangi, MD**



**Tyler Groves, MD**

# Faculty Promotions

As of July 1, 2025, eight faculty members earned a promotion in rank. Promoted to Full Professor are Carl Shrader, MD, PhD; and Kendra Unger, MD. Promoted to Associate Professor are Amy Brenwalt, MD; Angela Goodhart, PharmD; Jason Oreskovich, DO; Shaylee Peckens, MD; Courtney Pilkerton, MD, PhD; and Ruben Tinajero, PhD.



**Amy  
Brenwalt, MD**



**Angela  
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**Jason  
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**Shaylee  
Peckens, MD**



**Courtney  
Pilkerton, MD, PhD**



**Carl  
Shrader, MD, PhD**



**Ruben  
Tinajero, PhD**



**Kendra  
Unger, MD**

## Promotion & Tenure

Did you know that clinical faculty who achieve academic promotion report higher job satisfaction and better retention? There are pathways that recognize your clinical excellence and teaching contributions, and research opportunities that work even with 99% clinical time. Contact Dr. Trea Haggerty (Family Medicine P&T Committee Chair) or Dr. Courtney Pilkerton (Family Medicine Vice Chair of Research) to explore options and start planning your next career step. It's never too early (or too late)!

## Emerging Scholars

**Don't Forget!** DFM's Emerging Scholars pilot grant competition is now open, offering up to \$20,000 in total funding for faculty pilot projects in research or QI.

**Key Deadline: Dec 15, 2025 at 5:00 PM**

- Open to all WVU Family Medicine faculty (Morgantown, Eastern, community-based)
- Cross-campus collaborations prioritized
- Awards announced in January

Contact Dr. Amie Ashcraft for more info!

# Faculty Spotlight: Crocetti Pilot Grant Funded



**Emily Crocetti, MD**

Dr. Emily Crocetti, who joined the University Town Centre faculty in 2024, has been awarded a prestigious \$55,000 grant from the American Board of Family Medicine Foundation to study the use of Point-of-Care Ultrasound (POCUS) in managing heart failure patients. Her research project, titled "Evaluating POCUS in Continuity-Focused Primary Care," will investigate whether measuring inferior vena cava (IVC) diameter using ultrasound in outpatient settings can help predict hospital readmissions and mortality in heart failure patients. This research is particularly significant given that WV had the highest rate of heart disease in the nation in 2021, and 50% of heart failure patients are readmitted to the hospital within six months. Dr. Crocetti's proposal was selected as 1 of only 13 funded projects from a highly competitive national pool of applications.

*Dr. Crocetti developed her innovative idea into a pilot grant proposal with the support of the Family Medicine Research Division. If you have ideas you'd like to explore, please reach out to Dr. Courtney Pilkerton or Dr. Amie Ashcraft for help turning your clinical insights into funded research that can make a real difference in the health of West Virginians.*

## Announcement

### Tracy Hendershot Elected to AAFP Board of Directors



Dr. Tracy Hendershot, from Mineral Wells Primary Care, has been elected to serve on the American Academy of Family Physicians' Board of Directors. He was among 10 national candidates seeking election when the delegates met for the election on Oct. 6 in Anaheim, CA. The AAFP represents approximately 130,000 family physicians across the country, and Dr. Hendershot will help shape policy to improve access to care, advance preventative medicine, and support family physicians across practice settings.



## New APPs



**Logan Bower, PA-C**

Three new APPs have joined Family Medicine so far this year.

**Logan Bower** completed PA training at WVU in 2025. He will practice for 6 months at the UTC clinic before moving to the West Fairmont clinic.



**Mackenzie Waugh, APRN-CNP**

**Mackenzie Waugh** completed her MSN at WVU in 2025. She will be practicing at the West Preston Primary Care Clinic.

Not pictured: **Mary Buffington, NP**, is training for her DNP at WVU and will practice in Berkeley Springs.

# Recent Conference Presentations

In September, Family Medicine faculty and residents from both Morgantown and the Eastern campus presented posters and participated in panel discussions at the STFM Conference on Practice & Quality Improvement (Pittsburgh, PA), the International Street Medicine Symposium (Hilo, Hawaii), and the WV Chapter of the Society for Hospital Medicine (Canaan Valley Resort, Davis, WV). Conference attendees included: Robb Allison, Erika Bodkins, Amy Brenwalt, Joe Capito, Emily Crocetti, Riley Curtin, Samantha Deamer, Alyssa Eversmeyer, Tyler Groves, Ryan Hayes, Shaylee Peckens, Courtney Pilkerton, Allen Rickards, Kylie Rose-Newlon, Taylor Thompson, Ruben Tinajero, Ryan Wanstreet, Richard Ward, and Jonathan Williamson.





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## **UPCOMING LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES**

### **WITH WVU FAMILY MEDICINE**

- November 25** Residency Learning Network ECHO Presentation | 12:00 PM  
“Commonly Used Interventional Procedures for Non-Cancer Chronic Spine Pain: CPG” by Kendra Unger, MD
- January 9** Faculty Development/Grand Rounds | 8:00-9:00 am| Virtual/Hybrid  
“Travel Medicine” by Katie Hill, MD
- February 13** Faculty Development/Grand Rounds | 8:00-9:00 am| Virtual/Hybrid  
“Pediatric GI Illness” by Audra Rouster, MD
- February 24** Residency Learning Network ECHO Presentation | 12:00 PM  
“RLS Updates” by Amber Warren, DO

