

FAMILY MEDICINE

SCHOLARLY ACTIVITY

Celebrating 46 Years of Family Medicine at West Virginia University

Newsletter Issue #4

Summer 2019

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First Annual Department of Family Medicine Research Day

The WVU Department of Family Medicine held their first Research Day on June 28, 2019. The event included six

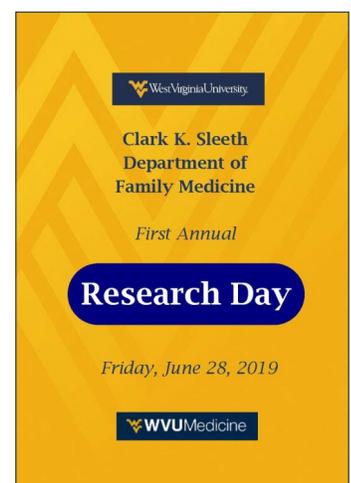


oral presentations, three project “workshops,” and 10 poster presentations. Drs. Nate Linger and Alyson Leo won for best oral presentation, “Managing Diabetes in Low Literacy, Rural Populations,” and

Dr. Cy Hajiran won for best poster presentation, “Cultural Competency Training for Third Year Medical

Students on the WVU School of Medicine Family Medicine Clerkship.”

There was an excellent turnout with great questions, shared ideas, and burgeoning collaborations. We are especially thankful to Robin Walls, Idania Blankenship, and Ashley Higinbotham for assisting with logistics to make this a great event.



Publications & Grants

Papers Accepted and/or Published

Burrell CN, Sharon MJ, Kessell M. (2019).

Unexpected Viral Illness in an Urgent Care Setting: The Re-Emergency of Mumps, Measles, and Varicella. *Journal of Urgent Care Medicine.*

Drs. **Ponte & Elavsky's** manuscript, "Two Heads Are Better Than One- Practical Smoking Cessation Tips for the Diabetes Educator," was accepted for publication in *American Association of Diabetes Educators In Practice.*

Jun Xiang was an author on the brief report, "Difficult Conversations: Training Medical Students to Assess, Educate, and Treat the Patient With Chronic Pain," that was published in *Academic Psychiatry.*

Grants Awarded

Cubic B. Training of Psychology Doctoral Students in the Assessment and Treatment of Opioid and Other Substance Use Disorders in an Integrated Primary Care Setting. Funded by a Health Resources & Services Administration Graduate Psychology in Education Grant; 2019 - 2022; \$710,308.

WVU IRB News

All research participants must now be paid exclusively with gift cards in order to best protect their confidentiality.

2019 - 2020

New Faculty

Three new faculty members joined the WVU Department of Family Medicine this summer. Welcome!



**Angela Goodhart,
PharmD**



Brooks Mersing, MD



Kylen Whipp, MD

Welcome to the PGY1 Family Medicine Residents

2019 - 2020



**Sylwia
Brooks, MD, PhD**



**Quintin
Brubaker, MD**



**Lauren
Howdershelt, MD**



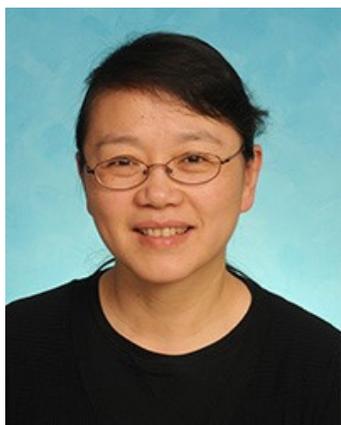
**Mary
Noonan, MD**



**Allen
Rickards, MD**



**Joseph
Watson, MD**



Need help analyzing data?

Jun Xiang is a biostatistician in the Department of Family Medicine. Jun has an MA in Technology Education, an MA in Early Childhood Studies, and an MS in Statistics from WVU. She has been with the department since 2012. Jun is skilled in a variety of multivariate analyses across diverse health topic areas and can assist with writing up study results for manuscripts as well. Though her office is in the Health Science Center in the Family Medicine hallway, Jun will gladly travel to the UTC clinic for meetings. You can reach her at 304-581-1648 or xiangj@wvumedicine.org.

Achievement & Recognition



Dr. Jason Oreskovich passed his acupuncture board exam and is now eligible for the status of Diplomate with the American Board of Medical Acupuncture (DABMA).



Dr. Ben Silverberg was elected as a Member constituency alternate to the AAFP Congress of Delegates and as a member constituency co-conveners. He

also passed the International Society of Travel Medicine Certificate of Knowledge exam and now has the Certificate in Travel Health designation.



Dr. Richard Dattola and Dr. Dorian Williams (picture below) Received the Dean's Award for Excellence in Education.

Interviews & Presentations



Dr. Dorian Williams' gave a presentation on "Difficult Simulation Situations: To Die or Not to Die" to the Simulation Alliance of Pennsylvania, Ohio, and West Virginia (SIMPOW). The presentation was mentioned in the *Pros and Cons of Running Unexpected Death Scenarios* blog.

Upcoming Conferences

September 2019

24-28: AAFP's Family Medicine Experience (FMX), Philadelphia, PA

October 2019

3-4: Hal Wanger Family Medicine Conference, Morgantown, WV
9-11: WV Rural Health Conference, Huntington, WV

November 2019

8-12: Association of American Medical Colleges Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C.
16-20: North American Primary Care Research Group (NAPCRG), Toronto, Ontario, Canada

December 2019

5-8: STFM Conference on Practice and Quality Improvement, Phoenix, AZ

January 2020

18-22: International Meeting for Simulation in Health Care (IMSH), San Diego, CA
30-Feb 2: STFM Conference on Medical Student Education, Portland, OR