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Promotions Announced for Family Medicine Faculty Members

Eight Morgantown faculty members in the WVU Department of Family Medicine have 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.

Congratulations!



Shrader



Unger



Brenwalt



Goodhart



Oreskovich



Peckens



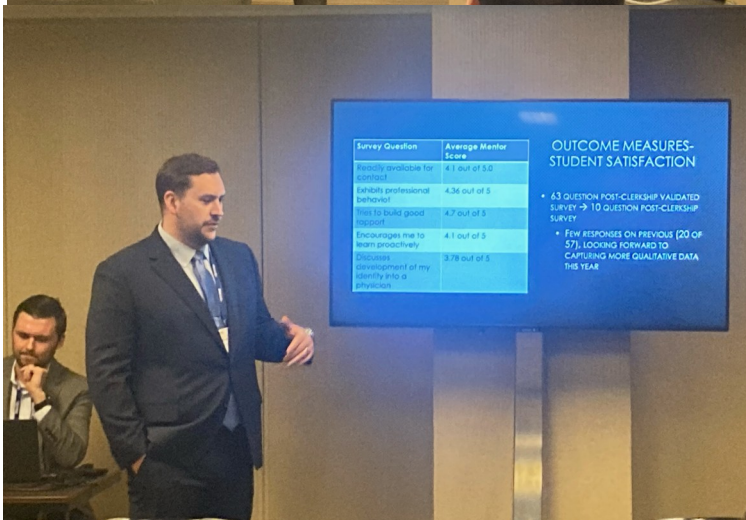
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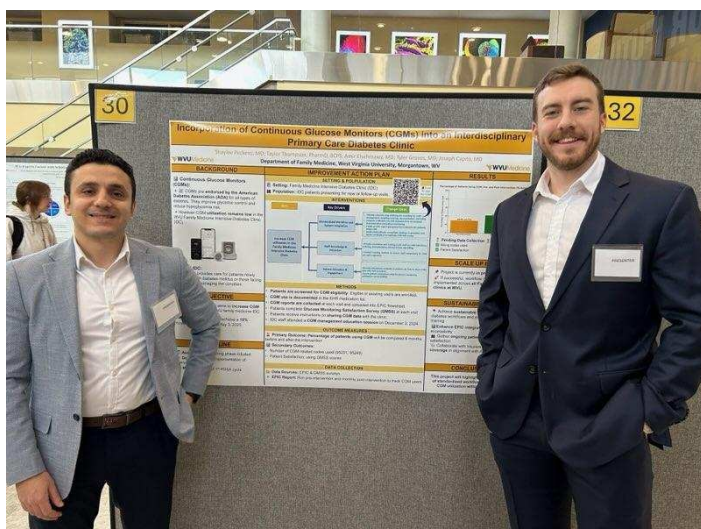
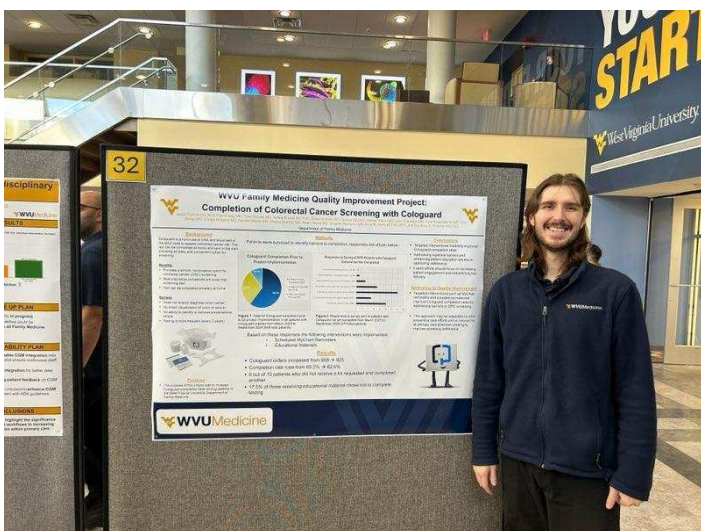
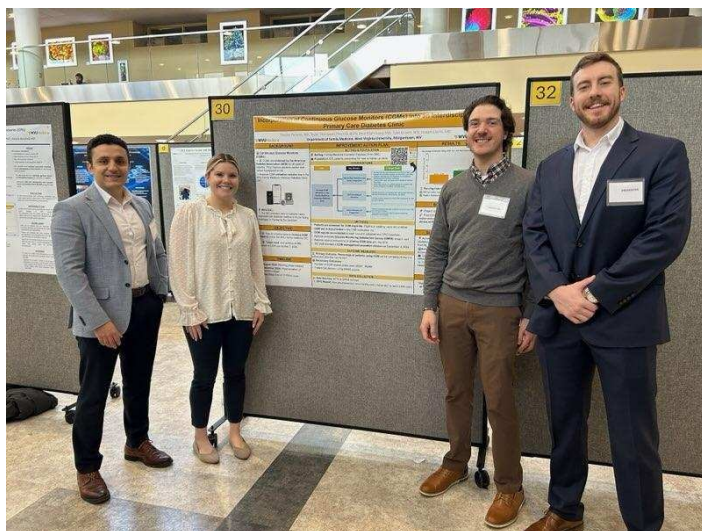
WVU DFM at STFM & AGS 2025

Faculty and residents from the WVU Department of Family Medicine traveled to San Antonio for the 2025 Society of Teachers of Family Medicine (STFM) Medical Education Conference (Jan 30-Feb 2) and to Chicago for the 2025 Annual Scientific Meeting of the American Geriatrics Society (AGS; May 8-10). Pictured below are conference attendees Robb Allison, Levi Snedegar, Jonathan Williamson, Jacob Tretinik, and DFM residency alumna Shauna Assadzandi.



DFM at Annual WV Health-care Safety, Quality, & Experience Improvement Research Day

On February 27, 2025, several Family Medicine faculty, fellows, and residents presented QI projects at the WV Health-care Safety, Quality and Experience Improvement Research Day (commonly known as the “QI Fair”) hosted by the School of Medicine, WVU Medicine, and WVU Health Sciences. Pictured below are attendees Amir Elsehmawy, Taylor Thompson, Joe Capito, Tyler Groves, Garrett Stoner, & Ryan Wanstreet.



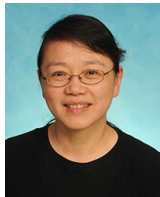
Meet the DFM Research Division



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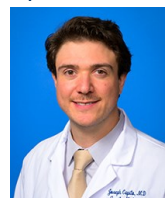
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The Research Division is located on the Morgantown campus and consists of four faculty and two staff members. We are available to support faculty, fellows, and residents on both the Morgantown and Eastern campuses and in Community Practice.

Ways we can support your scholarship:



Preparation: Idea generation, literature review, research question development, research team formation, resource identification



Research & QI: Study design, survey development & administration, project management, data collection & management, statistical analysis & interpretation



Presentations: Preparing poster and oral presentations for a variety of audiences from academic to community



Writing: Developing abstracts for submission, writing journal articles, developing grant proposals



EBM: Incorporating evidence-based medicine into clinical practice



Career Development: Promotion and tenure strategies and goal-setting

Conference Presentations by DFM Scholars

Boatman D, **Haggerty TS**, **Ashcraft AM**, Jarrett Z, Baltic R, Cromo M, Rogers M, Hauser L, Reiter PL, Katz ML, Shoben AB, Dignan M, Ferketich A, Anderson RT, Paskett ED, Kennedy-Rea S. (2024, Sept). Community co-design of health research intervention materials to reduce cervical cancer disparities in Appalachia. *Oral presentation for the Appalachian Translational Research Network Annual Health Summit, Abingdon, VA.*

Capito J, Zulkifl J, **Groves T**, **Peckens S**, **Pilkerton C**, **Bonafield V**. (2025, Feb). Enhancing quality of care in atrial fibrillation using Our Practice Advisories (OPA): One year review. *Poster presented at WVU SOM QI Fair, Morgantown, WV.*

Crocetti E, **Brenwalt A**, **Maroon M**, **Rickards A**, **Mauck N**, **Elsehmawy A**, **Allison R**, **Unger K**, **Curtain R**, **White E**, **Groves T**, **Phillips M**, **Levy C**, **Rahman A**, **Bonafield V**, **Reza E**, **Epperly M**, **Wanstreet R**, **Lusk S**, **Peckens S**, **Ashcraft AM**, **Capito J**, **Pilkerton CS**. Implementing HPV self-swabbing to improve cervical cancer screening in a large academic family medicine practice. *Poster to be presented at the annual STFM Conference on Practice & Quality Improvement in Sept 2025 in Pittsburgh, PA.*

Haggerty T. (2024, Aug). Medical Weight Management of the Adolescent Patient (2024, Aug). *Oral presentation at Virginia's Bariatric Society Annual Scientific Meeting, Charlottesville, WV.*

Haggerty T. (2025, May). Exploring Primary Care Utilization of Medical Cannabis for Chronic Pain. *Oral presentation at the WV Practice Based Research Network 12th Annual Retreat. Roanoke, WV.*

Haggerty T, Cochran J, Morgan E, Taylor, J. (2025, May). Research Roadmap: Innovating Together for Greater Impact. *Panel Presentation at the West Virginia Practice Based Research Network 12th Annual Retreat, Roanoke, WV.*

Haggerty T, Davisson L, Chavas E, O'hara V. (2025, Apr). Bridging the Gap: Building Seamless Multidisciplinary Obesity Care Across the Lifespan. *Oral presentation at Obesity Medicine 2025, the annual meeting of the Obesity Medical Association, National Harbor, MD.*

Haggerty T, Dekeseredy P, Davisson L, Bailey J. (2024, Nov). Exploring Patient Perceptions of Losing Insurance Coverage of Anti-obesity Medications. *Oral presentation for Obesity Week 2024 at The Obesity Society annual meeting, San Antonio, TX.*

Mauck N, **Levy C**, **Wanstreet R**, **Rahman A**, **Capito J**, **Allison R**, **Maroon M**, **Brenwalt A**, **Phillips M**, **Reza E**, **Rickards A**, **Ashcraft AM**, **Samek K**, **Unger K**, **Lusk S**, **Peckens S**. Improving osteoporosis screening in men older than 50 with risk factors. *Poster to be presented at the annual STFM Conference on Practice & Quality Improvement in Sept 2025 in Pittsburgh, PA.*

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Recent Conference Presentations (*cont'd*)

Mauck N, Levy C, Wanstreet R, Rahman A, Capito J, Allison R, Maroon M, Brenwalt A, Phillips M, Reza E, Rickards A, Ashcraft AM, Samek K, Unger K, Lusk S, Peckens S. (2025, Feb). Improving osteoporosis screening in men older than 50 with risk factors. *Poster presented at WVU SOM QI Fair in Morgantown, WV.*

Peckens S, Thompson T, Elsehmawy A, Groves T, Capito J. (2025, Feb). Incorporation of Continuous Glucose Monitors (CGMs) into an interdisciplinary primary care diabetes clinic. *Poster presented at WVU SOM QI Fair in Morgantown, WV.*

Peckens S, Thompson T, Elsehmawy A, Groves T, Capito J. (2025, Feb). Incorporation of Continuous Glucose Monitors (CGMs) into an interdisciplinary primary care diabetes clinic. *Poster presented at WVU SOM QI Fair in Morgantown, WV.*

Rahman A, Hayes R, Capito J, Pilkerton CS. (2024, Oct). Primary Care-Based Lifestyle Course Effective at Improving Glycemic Control and BMI. *Poster presented at the annual American College of Lifestyle Medicine meeting, Orlando, FL.*

Tonkovich K, Sisson S, Xiang J, Ashcraft AM, Pilkerton CS. (2024, Nov). Delivery and neonatal outcomes for women on buprenorphine therapy. *Poster presented at the NAPCRG annual meeting, Quebec City, Canada.*

Tretinik J, Elsehmawy A, Groves T, Brooks S, Khan S, Lilly T, Sisson S, Snedegar L, Rose-Newlon K, Bonar E, Williams D, Stoner G, Koerner S, Hayes R, Peckens S, Ashcraft AM, Pilkerton CS. (2025, Feb). WVU Family Medicine quality improvement project: Completion of colorectal cancer screening with Cologuard. *Poster presented at WVU SOM QI Fair in Morgantown, WV.*

Sisson S, Brenwalt A, Ashcraft AM, Rose-Newlon K, Xiang J, Pilkerton CS. (2024, Nov). Two steps forward, three steps back: women's reproductive freedom in West Virginia. *Poster presented at the NAPCRG annual meeting, Quebec City, Canada.*

White E, Mauck N, Levy C, Wanstreet R, Rahman A, Lusk S, Allison R, Maroon M, Brenwalt A, Phillips M, Reza E, Rickards A, Unger K, Ashcraft AM, Pilkerton CS, Peckens S, Shrader C, Samek K, Capito J. Improving osteoporosis screening in men older than 50 with risk factors. *Poster presented at the NAPCRG annual meeting, Quebec City, Canada.*

White E, Tonkovich K, Rose-Newlon K, Xiang J, Sisson S, Chervenick A, Seraly S, Ashcraft AM, Pilkerton CS. (2024, Nov). Group B streptococcus infections in healthcare workers. *Poster presented at the NAPCRG annual meeting, Quebec City, Canada.*

Coming Soon...

Emerging Scholars Grant Competition



An updated version of our pilot grant competition with step-by-step grant-writing support will be announced soon. Funding up to \$10,000 available. More details and call for proposals coming soon.

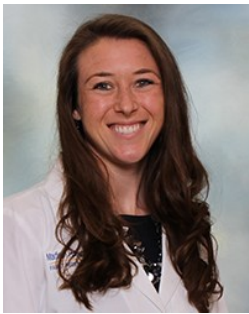
Collaborative Street Medicine Proposal Submitted to HRSA



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Dana Bechtold, DO
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Medicine—Eastern Campus

The WVU Department of Family Medicine recently submitted a collaborative HRSA proposal titled INSPIRE (Interdisciplinary Network for Street Primary-Care Integration into Residency Education) to Empower, developed jointly by faculty from the Morgantown and Eastern campuses and Community Practice. This innovative initiative aims to expand rural Street Medicine training for primary care residents, equipping them to provide trauma-informed care to people experiencing homelessness across Appalachia.

The project proposes a dedicated Street Medicine track, interdisciplinary training with behavioral health and community partners, and hands-on rotations in non-traditional care settings like mobile clinics and encampments.

The grant-writing team and proposal was coordinated by Dr. Courtney Pilkerton, and the proposal was written by Dr. Pilkerton and Dr. Ashcraft. Dr. Sylwia Brooks is the Principle Investigator with primary care faculty preceptors Dr. Katie Hill, Dr. Madison Humerick, and Dr. Dana Bechtold playing key roles in clinical education. Additional team members include Dr. Barbara Cubic and Dr. Angela Goodhart as interdisciplinary faculty preceptors, and Dr. Amie Ashcraft and Jun Xiang as members of the evaluation team.

Upcoming Conference Submission Deadlines

Society for Teachers of Family Medicine (STFM) Conference on Medical Student Education

Jan 29-Feb 1, 2026
Charlotte, NC

[Abstract submission information](#)

Due: June 10, 2025

North American Primary Care Research Group (NAPCRG) Annual Meeting

Nov 21-25, 2025
Atlanta, GA

[Abstract submission information](#)

Due: Jul 13, 2025

WV Rural Health Association Annual Conference

Nov 12-14
Huntington, WV

[Abstract submission information](#)

Due: Aug 4, 2025