



VCU EM Education News

June 2024

Congrats VCU EM Residency Class of 2024!



EM Residency Reunion September 14th!

VCU EM Residency and Fellowship Programs are holding our second reunion event Saturday, September 14, 2024 in Richmond at the McGlothlin Medical Education Center (School of Medicine) on MCVP campus.

Please RSVP!

5pm September 14, 2024



2024 EM RESIDENCY & FELLOWSHIPS MIXER

14 SEPT
2024
5 PM - 7:30 PM

MCGLOTHLIN MEDICAL
EDUCATION CENTER
1201 E. Marshall St. R7A, 28298

HOSTED BY:
DR. HARINDER DHINDSA

If you did not receive an invitation, please contact
Bonnie Watters Bonnie.Watters@vcuhealth.org

Welcome Incoming Residents!



Incoming residents were welcomed by education and department leaders and chief residents at the home of EM PD Pete Moffett. We are very excited to have you here!

Interns no more, call me Resident!



14 EM Interns and 2 EMIM Interns were recognized for completing their intern year. From now on they are known as resident. Congrats!

Graduation Awards



Sawyer Ornato Award *Craig Sweeney*

Awarded to a graduating resident for excellence in clinical care of patients.

Faculty Achievement Award *Diana Morales*

Awarded to a graduating resident for dedication to self development and resilience in training



Graduation Awards



Future Academician Award

Hannah Kissel Smith

Awarded to a graduating resident who has shown exceptional promise for a career in academic emergency medicine

Medical Student Teaching Award

Zach Deuell

Awarded to a graduating resident for dedication and skill shown in teaching medical students during their training



Graduation Awards

Anne Dean Humanism Award

Laura Barrera

Awarded to a graduating resident for exemplifying humanism in medicine, Named in honor of VCU EM Alum Anne Dean



Equity and Inclusion Advocate

Diana Morales



Awarded to a resident for dedication, advocacy, and efforts toward celebrating diversity, equity, and inclusion in emergency medicine. Award named for former residency PD and current Vice Chair of Education Joel Moll

Graduation Awards



Bo Paulson Award *Ben Williams*

Awarded to a graduating resident who attended residency conference the most during all three years of residency, Named after VCU EM residency Alum Bo Paulson.

Conference Attendance Awards



EM3 - Ben Williams

EM2 - Kristin Piwowarski

EM1 - Rebecca Pilkington

EMIM - Hillary Wiles-Lafayette

Josh Loyd InTraining Award *Craig Sweeney*



Awarded to the resident with the highest In-Training exam score in the program after VCU EM resident alum Josh Loyd

Class of 2024 Awards

Tim Evans Faculty Teaching Award
Shannon Walsh



Nurse Ally Award
Amelia Kirby



**The above awards were chosen by graduating residents in the class of 2024*

Graduation Award

Nicole Kielar EMS Award
Ben Williams



Awarded to a resident or fellow for dedication, advocacy, and efforts toward EMS, honoring the memory of VCU Flight Medic Nicole Kielar

Scribe of the Year Award
Emily Elmore



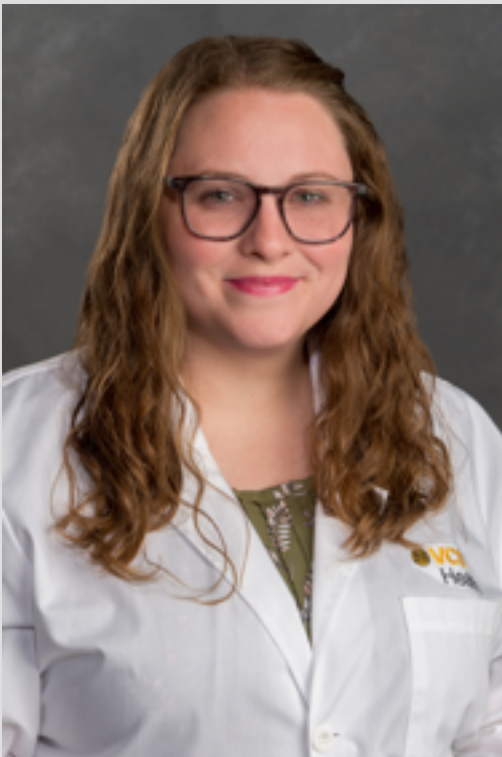
Graduation Awards

David Katzin Prize *Harrison Brookeman*



Established by the family and friends of Dr David Katzin in his memory. Dr Katzin was a graduate of VCU IM residency and Cardiology Fellowship, and a prominent cardiologist. His son is an emergency physician. It recognizes an EM2 who excels in cardiology and critical care.

PEM Intern of the Year *Shannon Pope*



Awarded by PEM Faculty

Community Resident Award *Kristin Piwowarski*



Awarded by Memorial Regional Faculty

New Faculty Advocate Award Honors Renee Reid



A newly established award celebrates the legacy of **Renee Reid**, long time faculty member and resident advocate at VCU EM. Although her contributions are many over her career at VCU, her steadfast advocacy and support for residents in the program were legendary. As such, the residency program in coordination with department leadership has established the Renee Reid Residency Advocate Award to recognize a faculty member with demonstrated commitment and accomplishment in advocacy for the EM residents. Renee is the first recipient of her namesake award.



Golden Apple Teaching Awards

Awarded to faculty in the top 10% of teaching evaluations from the EM residents



*Catherine Dong
Melissa Edwards
Jason Jennings
Nathan Lewis
Ashley Litchfield
Pete Moffett
Joel Moll
Corey Moore
Jordan Tozer
Shannon Walsh*

Graduation Scenes



2023 VCU EM Residency Graduates



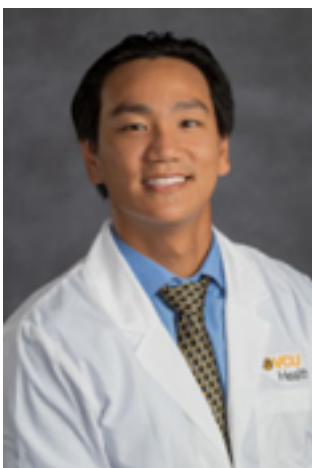
Laura Barrera, MD
Uniformed Services University

Moody Air Force Base
Valdosta, GA



Zach Deuel, MD
VCU School of Medicine

Memorial Regional
Mechanicsville, VA



Scott Huang, MD
VCU School of Medicine

Sentara Williamsburg
Williamsburg, VA



Katie McIver, MD
VCU School of Medicine

Chippenham Hospital
Richmond, VA



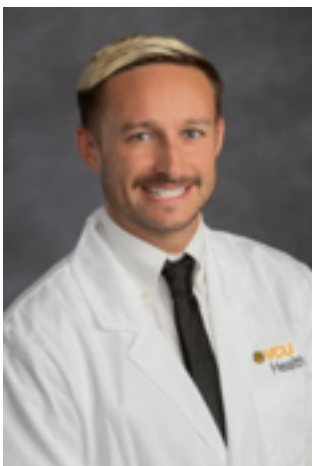
Rand Michael, DO
Rowan University

Canton Air Force Base
Clovis, NM



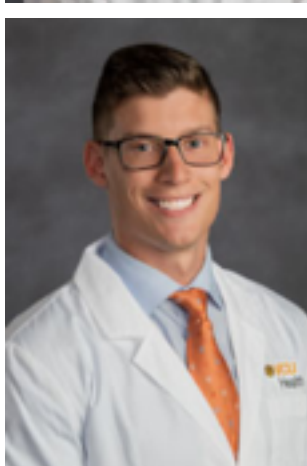
Diana Morales MD
VCU School of Medicine

Southside Regional Med Ctr
Petersburg, VA



Riley North, MD
VCU School of Medicine

Eden Medical Center
Castro Valley, CA



Ben Pastwik, MD
University of Buffalo

VCU Community Memorial
South Hill, VA

2023 VCU EM Residency Graduates



Alex Robinson, MD

VCU School of Medicine

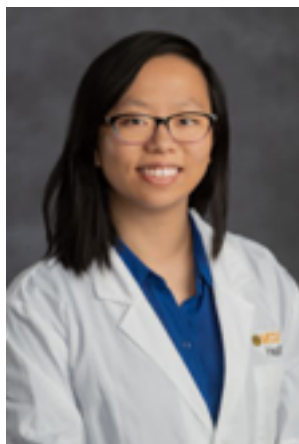
VCU Tappahannock
Tappahannock, VA



Craig Sweeney, MD

University of North Carolina SOM

Critical Care Fellowship
Washington Univ St Louis
St Louis, MO



Jen Wang, MD

University of Maryland SOM

Faculty Development
Fellowship
University of Maryland



Evan Ware, DO

VCOM

Centra Health
Lynchburg, VA



Ben Williams, DO

VCOM

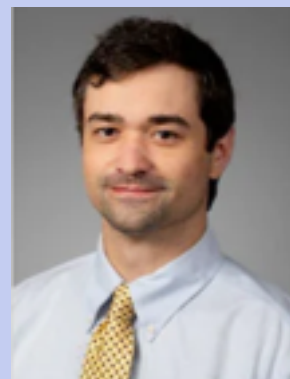
EMS Fellowship
University of Pittsburgh
Pittsburgh, PA

David Meehan, MD

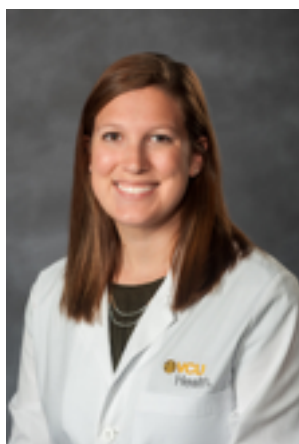
University of Tennessee

VCU Residency (2021-22)
ECU Residency (2022-24)

ECU Health North
Roanoke Rapids, NC



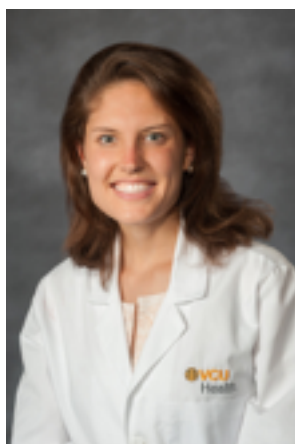
2023 VCU EMIM Residency Graduates



Hannah Kissel-Smith, MD

University of Toledo COM

Addiction Fellowship
VCU Health
Richmond, VA



Hilary Wiles-Lafayette, MD

Lake Erie College of Osteopathic

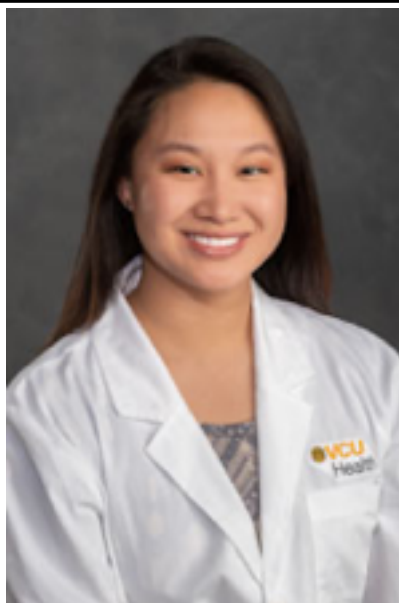
VCU Health
Richmond, VA

VCU 2024 Fellowship Graduates



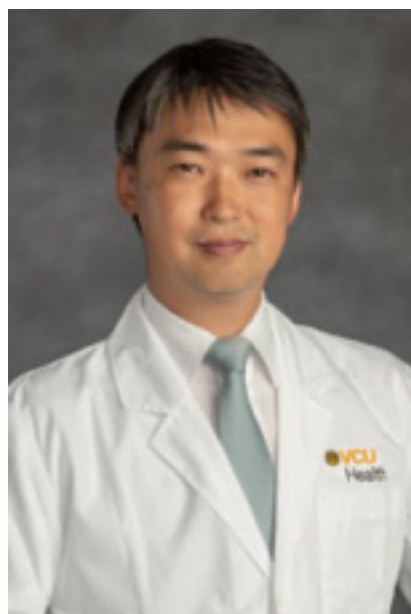
Ambika Anand, MD

Med Ed Fellowship
VCU New Kent ED
New Kent, VA



Catherine Dong, MD

Med Toxicology Fellowship
VCU Community Memorial Hospital
South Hill, VA



Motoki Yasuda, MD

Pediatric EM Fellowship
Chippenham Hospital
Richmond, VA



Corey Moore, MD

Ultrasound Fellowship
East Carolina University
Greenville, NC



Peter Vandersteenhoven, MD

EMS Fellowship
University of Virginia
Charlottesville, VA

Faculty Academic Promotions



Ramana Feeser
Professor

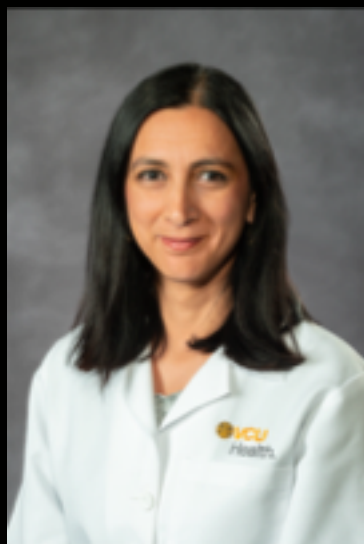
Jeff Ferguson
Professor

Angie Lindsay
Associate Professor

Amir Louka
Associate Professor

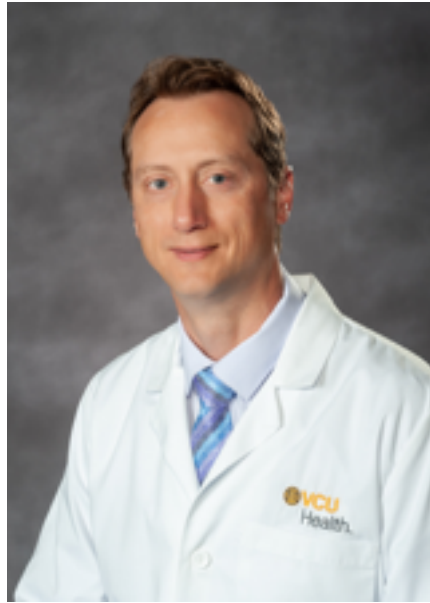
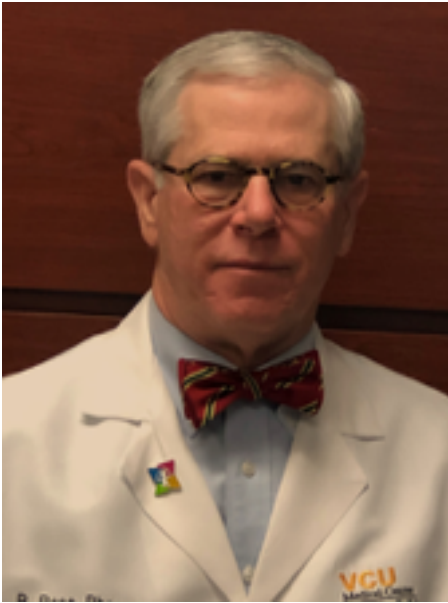
Ben Nicholson
Associate Professor

Faculty Achievements



Faculty Happenings! From Left to Right: **Lety Flores** (EMIM res '19, faculty) visited the White House and Capital Hill as part of the National Hispanic Medical Association. **Megan Donohoe** (faculty) became co-director of the VCU SOM M1 and M2 Population Health Course, and was accepted into the AAMC Early Career Women Development Seminar. **Taruna Aurora** (faculty) was named Director of Utilization Review for the VCU Health System. **Ben Nicholson** (faculty) was recognized by the Virginia governor for his EMS leadership.

Transitions



Above left, after a long and accomplished tenure at VCU, **Ruddy Rose** has announced he will retire as Virginia Poison Center Director and Toxicology Division Chief. Above center, **Kirk Cumpston** (faculty) will step down as Virginia Poison Center medical director. Kirk will continue to work clinically as a toxicologist and emergency physician at VCU. **Emily Kershner** (EM Res '20, Tox Fellow '22, faculty) will be interim medical director. Above right, **Jeff Ferguson** is transitioning to full time medical director for Henrico County EMS. **Amir Louka** (EM Res '17, EMS Fellowship '18, faculty) will become the EMS Fellowship Director.

EM Bound VCU School of Medicine Graduates



Left, graduating VCU SOM M4's finish up their time in Richmond by a capstone course to prepare them for their training in EM this summer. 8 medical students from VCU SOM matched into Emergency Medicine in 2023



SAEM24 was held in May in Phoenix. Top, VCU EM dinner at SAEM. Middle Left, **Laura Barrera EM3**, participated in a didactic on the EM Workforce. Mid Right **Melissa Edwards (EM Res '23, resusc fellow)** and **Joel Moll (faculty)** present with colleagues from Emory. Lower Left **Daniel Owens (EM1)** presented his medical school research. Lower Right, **Jared Berger (EM2)**, **Laura Barrera (EM3)**, and **Hannah Kissel-Smith (EMIM5)** participate in Sonogames with their ultrasound fellow coaches **Corey Moore** and **Melissa Edwards**



Top Left, VCU EM2's at SAEM. Top Right, Faculty attend opening ceremony. Middle Left, **Luan Lawson** (faculty) delivers one of her didactic presentations. Mid Middle, **Lacy Harkrader** (EM2) and **Harrison Brookeman** (EM2) recruit at the residency fair. Middle Right **Joel Moll** (faculty) among ADIEM current and past presidents. Low Left, **Grace Hickam** (EM Res '20, Med Ed Fellow '22, faculty) and Lower Right **Mike Jones** (US fellow '23, faculty) present their research at SAEM,

Women in EM Group

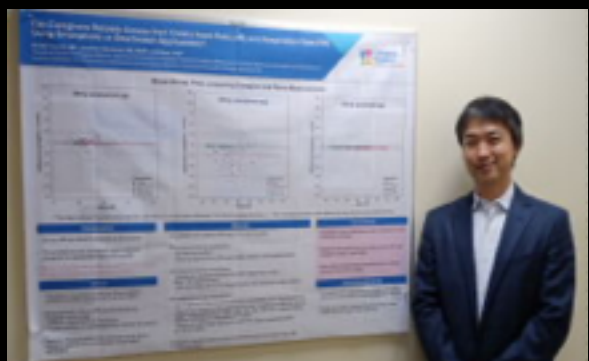


The VCU Women in EM group welcomed new residents and celebrating graduating ones along with faculty and fellows in June.

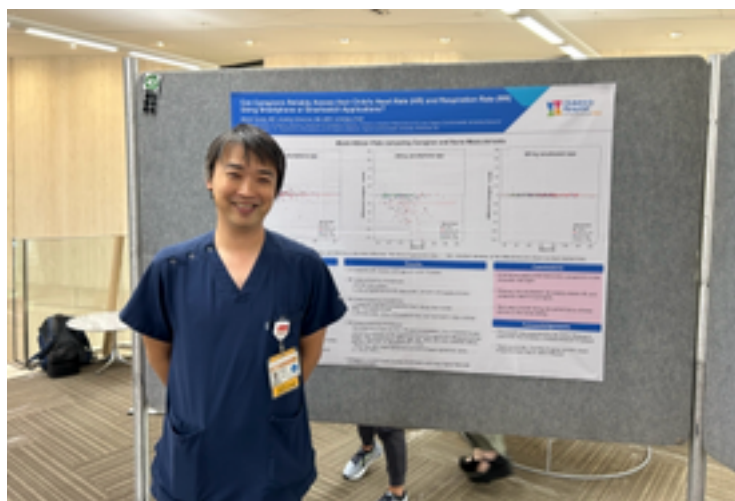
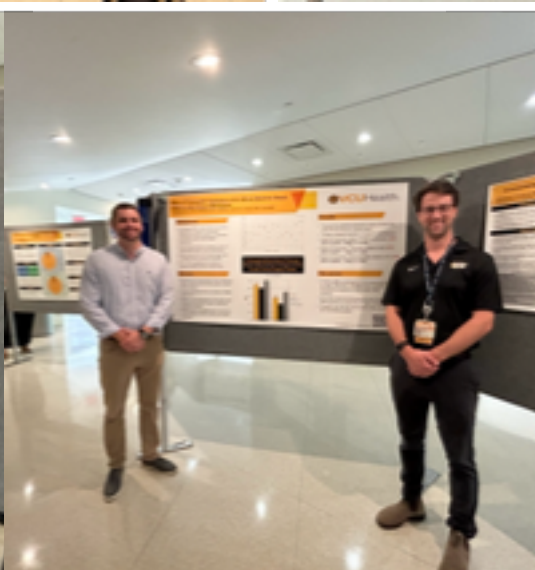
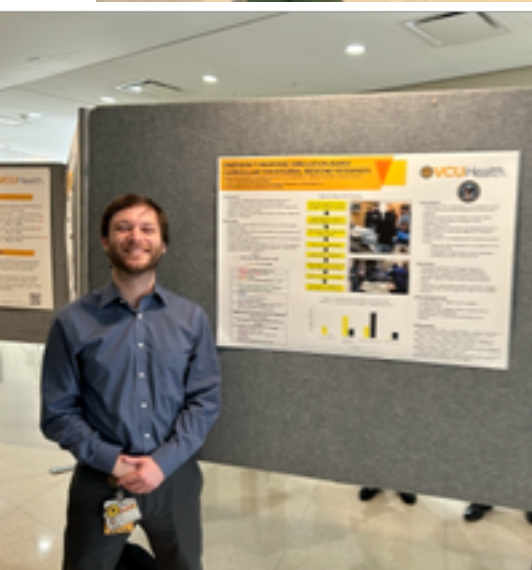
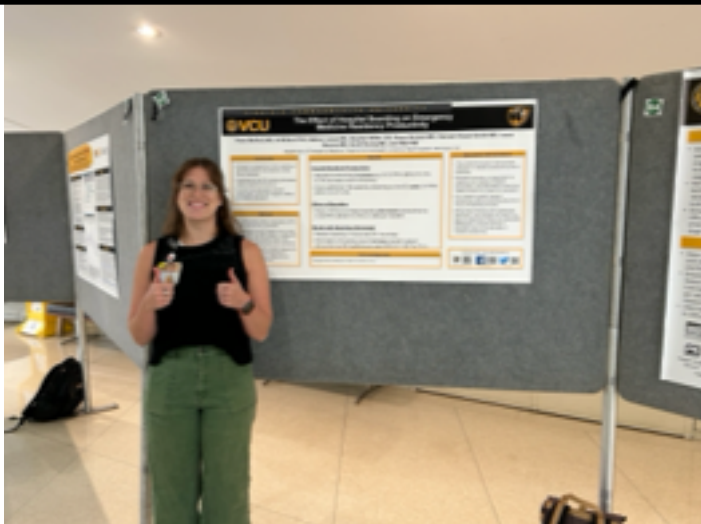
VCU Resident and Fellow Presentations



Above left, **Hannah Kissel Smith** EMIM5 presents at VCU Education Symposium. Above Middle/Right Catherine Dong (EM Res '22) 2nd year Tox Fellow and Oyeyimika Oyekanmi 1st Year Tox Fellow present at American College of Toxicology. Right, **Motoki Tasuda** 3rd year PEM Fellow's poster was presented at Pediatric Academic Society in Toronto.



VCUHS Resident and Fellow Research Day

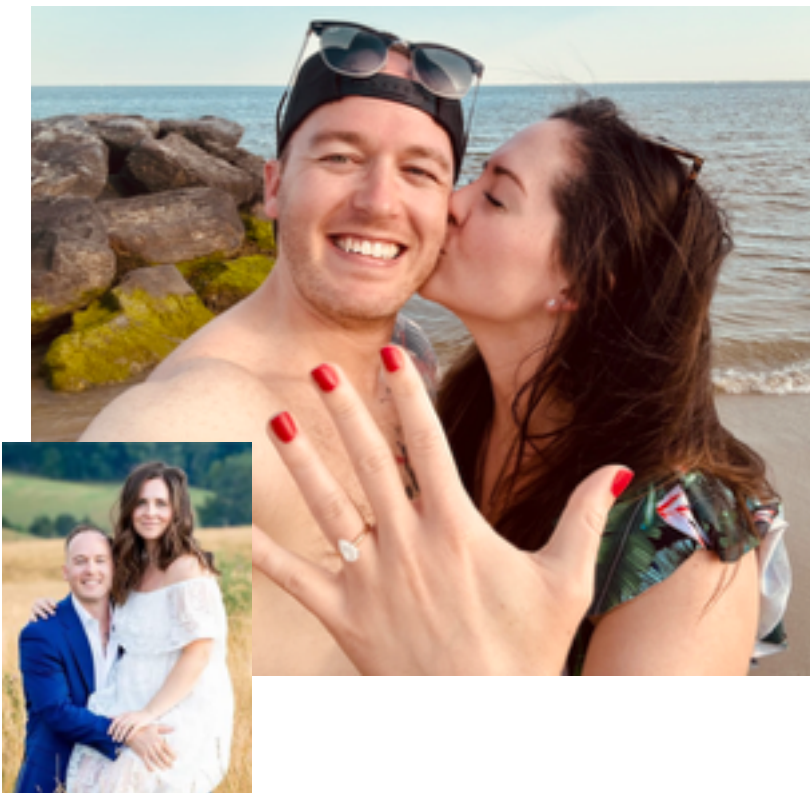


Several residents and fellows participated in the recent VCUHS GME resident and fellow research posters. Top Left, **Hannah Kissel-Smith** EMIM5 and Top Right, **Zach Deuell** EM3. Middle Left **Evan Vance** EMIM3, Middle Center **Peter Vandersteenhoven** EMS Fellow and **Harrison Brookman** EM2. Middle Right **Harrison Brookman** presented a 2nd poster. Lower Left **Motoki Yasuda** graduating Pediatric EM Fellow and Lower Right, **Ben Williams** EM3..

VCU EM Family Additions!



Congrats to the VCU EM dads! Above Left, **Ben Pastwik** EM3 and wife Kelly on the birth of Chloe Jane Pastwik. Above Right, **Craig Sweeney** EM3 and wife Rebecca add number 3, Jonathan Sweeney. Below Left, **Morgan Julian** (EM2) celebrates her engagement to her fiancé Zach Webb (VCU EM Medic), and then eloped! Below Right, **Jen Wang** EM3 married now husband Matt.



Upcoming VCU EM Grand Rounds



Kenneth Warren Foster, EdD

Senior Instructional Technologist
Associate Professor
VCU SOM Faculty Affairs and Development



Dayanjan S Wijesinghe, PhD

Associate Professor, Department of
Pharmacotherapy and Outcomes
Sciences Director
VCU School of Pharmacy

Generative Artificial Intelligence in Health
Professions Education

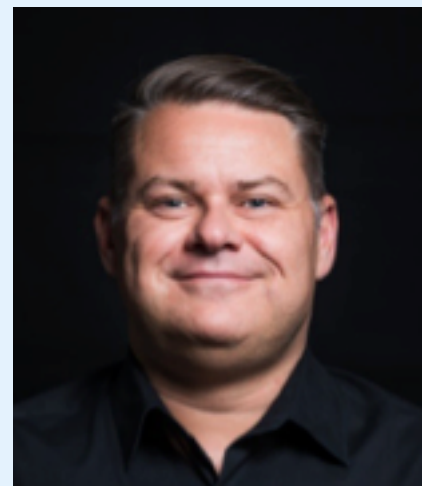
July 10, 2024 10am via Zoom



Emily Hirsh, MD

Associate Professor
Co-Chair, Team Member Well Being
Committee for Prisma Health
University of South Carolina Greenville

August 14, 2024 10 am



Mike Gisondi, MD

Vice Chair of Education, Emergency
Medicine
Associate Dean
Stanford University School of Medicine

Combating Health Misinformation

September 11, 2024 10am

Grand Rounds Live or Virtual



Location

Ben Johnson Auditorium, MCV Campus of VCU
305 N 12th Street, Richmond, Virginia

Zoom Link

<https://vcuhealth.zoom.us/j/757236839>





Please Support VCU EM Resident Education!

You can donate to support VCU EM residents through the MCV Foundation. We have established an ongoing fund to support the residents and residency for things that VCUHS does not fund. Please consider supporting the future of emergency medicine!

1. Go to <https://www.mcvfoundation.org/give>
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