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Voluntary Faculty Conference

Teaching Tomorrow's Leaders:
Adapting Health Professions Education in a
Changing Landscape

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AGENDA

Friday, March 6, 2026

6:00pm - 8:00pm

Reception (*Regency Ballroom*)

Saturday, March 7, 2026

8:00am - 9:00am

Registration (*breakfast provided*)

9:00am - 10:00am

Welcome

Jim Ballard, Ed.D.

*Director, Center for Interprofessional and Community Health Education
Associate Professor, Family and Community Medicine*

Keynote (*Thoroughbred Ballroom*)

***Empathy and Humility in the Digital Age: Sustaining
Humanism through AI and VR Innovation in Team-Based
Healthcare****

Barret Michalec, PhD

10:00am - 10:15am

Break

10:15am - 12:15pm

College/Department Specific Sessions

College of Dentistry (*Patterson Ballroom – C*)

- The Zirconia Paradox – is stronger better? (Stephen Sterlitz, DDS, MS)
- University of Kentucky Endodontics in the 21st Century (Al Weinman, DMD, MS and Mark Schachman, DMD, MS)

Dietetics Program (*Patterson Ballroom – B*)

- Managing Alpha-Gal Syndrome: A Comprehensive Review of Dietary and Medical Considerations (Heather Norman-Burgdorf, PhD and Anna Cason, MS, RD, LD)
- Navigating Difficult Precepting Situations: A Roundtable Workshop for Dietetic Preceptors (Elizabeth Combs, EdD, MS, RD, LD)
- Practices in Working with Today's Learners (Elizabeth Combs, EdD, MS, RD, LD)

College of Medicine (*Thoroughbred Ballroom*)

- M3 Core Clerkship Requirements (Rachel Saunders, MD)
- Assessing Students (John Ragsdale, MD)
- Match Trends Nationally and Locally (Berry Seelbach, MD)
- Family Medicine Award Presentation (Shannon Voogt, MD)

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College of Pharmacy (*Patterson Ballroom – D*)

- Welcome and College Updates (Frank Romanelli, PharmD, MPH, FCCP, FAPhA, BCPS, AAHIVP)
- Can You Trust Your Pharmacy Student? A Preceptor's Guide to Entrustable Professional Activities in Experiential Education* (Holly Divine, PharmD, BCACP, BCGP, CDE, FAPhA and Adrienne Matson, PharmD, BCPS)
- Dispensing Feedback with Confidence: The ARCH Approach* (Courtney Koogler, PharmD, BCPS, BCACP)

College of Public Health (*Patterson Ballroom – G*)

- College of Public Health Updates from the Dean
- Preceptor Support: Onboarding and Continuous Engagement
- Tomorrow's Leaders: Preparing Students for Workforce Readiness

Communication Sciences and Disorders Program (*Patterson Ballroom – H*)

- Clinical Teaching: Setting Expectations and Providing Feedback (Donna Morris, MA, CCC-SLP)

Physical Therapy Program (*Patterson Ballroom – A*)

- What can it mean to be a digital PT? (Kara Lee, PT, DPT, NCS and Mona Carper, PT, DPT)

Physician Assistant Program (*Patterson Ballroom – E*)

- Building Kentucky's PA Workforce: Practice Environment, Development Strategies and the Road Ahead (Misty Arrington, DMSc, PA-C, Ryan Hunton, DHSc, PA-C, CAQ-EM, and Shelley Irving, MSPAS, PA-C).

12:15pm - 12:30pm

Break

12:30pm - 1:30pm

Lunch and Networking (*Thoroughbred Ballroom*)

1:30pm - 2:30pm

Closing Plenary

From Disruption to Design: Reclaiming Telehealth Education for the Future Workforce

Joneen Lowman, Ph.D., CCC-SLIP, ASHA Fellow

2:30pm - 2:45pm

Closing and Adjourn

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Speaker Biographies

Misty Arrington, DMSc, PA-C - is an Assistant Professor and Clinical Coordinator for the UK Department of Physician Assistant Studies. She received a Doctor of Medical Science degree from the University of Lynchburg in 2020 and is a 2018 alum of the Morehead Campus location of UKPAS, returning to serve as faculty in 2024.

Dr. Arrington serves in the role of Clinical Coordinator for UKPAS where she administrates and oversees the implementation of the clinical curriculum. She directs select clinical and didactic courses, provides guest lectures, mentors student research groups, and facilitates problem-based learning activities. Additional UKPAS administrative responsibilities include faculty member roles in multiple committees across the program, university and regional affiliations.

She also continues her service work in urology at UK St Claire Medical Center providing care to rural underserved populations. She currently has nearly thirty years of healthcare experience in rural Kentucky with seven devoted to the current specialty she is in. Dr. Arrington is Board Certified through the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants and licensed by the Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure.

Ramona Carper, DPT, PT - Dr. Carper is an Associate Professor at the University of Kentucky College of Health Sciences and serves as the Associate Program Director for the Physical Therapy Department. She specializes in teaching physical therapy administration, ethics and foundational clinical skills. Before joining the college, Dr. Carper spent over 20 years practicing in a rural outpatient physical therapy clinic, gaining diverse experience across acute care, school-based pediatrics, skilled nursing facilities, home health, and onsite industrial therapy. She also held leadership roles as a clinic director and business co-owner. Active within the American Physical Therapy Association and in university service, Dr. Carper currently contributes her expertise as a member of the Kentucky Board of Physical Therapy.

Anna Cason, MS, RD, LD - holds a Bachelor of Arts in Molecular and Cellular Biology and Spanish Language and Literature from Transylvania University, as well as a Bachelor of Science in Dietetics and a Master of Science in Nutrition and Food Systems from the University of Kentucky. In her role as a Senior Extension Associate, she supports nutrition education programming through the Kentucky Cooperative Extension Services. She is the Lab Coordinator for The DHN Lab, managing undergraduate student workers, assessing body composition and resting metabolic rates in clients, and offering nutrition counseling to those interested.

Elizabeth Combs, EdD, MS, RD, LD - Dr. Liz Combs joined the Department of Dietetics and Human Nutrition in 2011. Liz currently serves as an assistant professor, the Director of the Accelerated Coordinated Program, and a Co-Director of the Undergraduate Certificate in Nutrition for Human Performance. She is also a registered dietitian as well as a licensed dietitian. Liz's background is in outpatient nutrition services, and she holds a national certification in childhood and adolescent weight management. Liz is an active member of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics and has regularly served on the board of both the Kentucky Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics and the Bluegrass Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics. Liz's research focuses on assessing the effect of high-impact teaching practices on student learning, most notably during education abroad courses. She hopes her findings will specifically aid in the creation of novel, evidence-based pedagogical approaches that could promote student success through the development and assessment of high-impact practices.

Holly Divine, PharmD, BCACP, BCGP, CDE, FAPhA - Holly Divine, Pharm.D., BCACP, BCGP, CDCES, FAPhA, is a Clinical Professor in the Department of Pharmacy Practice and Science. She oversees the College's experiential education curriculum as the Assistant Dean of External Studies and coordinates the Integrated Drugs & Diseases-Endocrinology course. She is a 2015 recipient of the UK Provost's Outstanding Teaching Award and a 2010 recipient of the American Pharmacists Association (APhA) Community Pharmacy Residency Excellence in Precepting Award.

Dr. Divine has practiced in ambulatory care for over 20 years and currently provides care at Bluegrass Community Health Center, a Federally-Qualified Health Center and an accredited Patient-Centered Medical Home, in Lexington, KY. Previously, she was the co-founder of the PharmacistCARE program, a recipient of the 2008 American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP) Best Practices Award and 2005 APhA Foundation Pinnacle Award. She was also the founding Residency Program Director for UK's PGY1 Community-Based Pharmacy Residency Program, serving in that role for 17 years.

Ryan Hunton, DHSc, PA-C - is an Assistant Professor for the UK Department of Physician Assistant Studies and the Program Director for the Academic Residency Program. He received a Doctor of Health Sciences degree from A.T. Still University in 2023 and completed an Advanced Practice Provider residency in the UK Department of Emergency Medicine in 2018. He has a Certificate of Added Qualifications in Emergency Medicine (CAQ-EM) and is a Certified Health Simulation Educator (CHSE).

Dr. Hunton's service over the last decade has included clinical, military, and academic roles. Clinically, he has worked in emergency medicine at Frankfort Regional Medical Center and as a volunteer clinician at the Refuge Clinic in Lexington. He continues to serve as a medical officer in the Kentucky Army National Guard and served as a medical provider in Poland for three years. In his academic role, Dr. Hunton currently serves as a course director for the Intro to Health and Disease (Pathophysiology) and the Internal Medicine Clerkship courses. Through his residency Program Director role, he builds and refines post-graduate clinical education opportunities for advanced practice providers through collaborative relationships with academic and community hospital partners.

Recent publications include original research defining and measuring benchmarks for differential diagnosis performance in learners, experienced clinicians, and large language models. Other research interests include outcomes of pre-clinical simulation training, outcomes and effectiveness of advanced practice provider clinical post-graduate training, and patient- and community-related factors associated with emergency department bouncebacks. His research has been presented at regional, national, and international venues.

Shelley Irving, MSPAS, PA-C - Shelley Irving, MSPAS, PA-C is an Assistant Professor and Site Director of the Morehead Campus for the UK Department of Physician Assistant Studies (UKPAS). A 2008 alum of the Morehead Campus location of UKPAS, Mrs. Irving proudly returned to the College of Health Sciences as faculty in 2016 where she serves in a variety of teaching and administrative roles.

Regionally, she serves on the St. Claire Healthcare Board of Directors, St. Claire Compliance Committee, St. Claire Medical Education Committee, the People's Clinic Board of Directors, and the Northeast Area Health Education Center's CME committee where she advocates for high-quality healthcare for the patients of Eastern Kentucky.

Nationally, Mrs. Irving serves on the Physician Assistant Education Association's Internal Medicine and Family Medicine End of Rotation National Standardized Examinations Board as a content expert and item writer. Mrs. Irving is Board Certified through the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants and licensed by the Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure. She has over 10 years of experience providing primary and charitable care services to patients in rural Eastern Kentucky.

Primary interests include interprofessional models of care, preparing students for rural practice, and patient and professional advocacy. In 2021, Ms. Irving completed the UK College of Health Sciences Graduate Certificate in Telehealth.

In 2019, Mrs. Irving earned the honor of being named an Interprofessional Faculty Fellow by the UK Center for Interprofessional and Community Health Education. She is also honored to be named a 2022 recipient of the William H. Marquardt Community Health Access Fellowship for her dedication to the promotion of accessible healthcare to underserved patient populations.

Courtney Koogler, PharmD, BCPS, BCACP - Dr. Koogler is originally from Louisville, Kentucky and received her Doctor of Pharmacy and Global Health Certificate from the University of Kentucky. She completed her PGY1 pharmacy practice residency at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center St. Margaret and stayed for a PGY2 in ambulatory care. She completed a two year interprofessional Faculty Development Fellowship with areas of concentration in teaching and

learning, professional development and leadership, research and scholarship, administration and management, and clinical care. Her passion for learners and teaching was recognized by the Excellence in Education residency award. She is board certified in pharmacotherapy and ambulatory care and has experience working interprofessionally to manage specialty diseases. She is currently the clinical pharmacist at the St. Elizabeth Healthcare Family Practice Center in Edgewood, KY and serves a faculty member in the St. Elizabeth Healthcare Family Medicine Residency Program. Her clinical interests include interprofessional education, chronic disease prevention and management, and global health.

Kara Lee, PT, DPT - Dr. Lee received both her B.S. in Health Sciences and her M.S. in Physical Therapy from the University of Kentucky in 1997. She completed her transitional clinical Doctorate in Physical Therapy in 2008 from the University of Kentucky. She practiced clinically with an emphasis on pediatrics for 3 years and neurologic rehabilitation for 14 years before joining the faculty at the University of Kentucky. Dr. Lee is a Board-Certified Specialist in Neurologic Physical Therapy.

***Joneen Lowman, PhD, CCC-SLP, ASHA Fellow** - is a Professor in the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders at the University of Kentucky. She is Director of the Center for Telehealth Education, Research and Outreach, which includes the interprofessional Telehealth Graduate Certificate. She has used telehealth with pediatric and adult populations in school, home, and correctional institution settings for the past decade. Her teaching, research, and publications focus on using technology for treating childhood language disorders, telehealth education, and telepresenter preparation. Her research portfolio includes NIH/NIDCD funding to investigate outcomes of behavioral parent training for families with deaf and hard-of-hearing children, including the use of telehealth; HRSA funding to identify practices, including telehealth, for increasing physician retention in rural regions, and multiple Dept of Education personnel training grants, including telehealth and interprofessional practice. She currently serves on the Advisory Board of the Mid-Atlantic Telehealth Resource Center.

Adrienne Matson, PharmD, BCPS - Dr. Matson received her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of Kentucky College of Pharmacy in 2005 and subsequently completed a Pharmacy Practice Residency at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Lexington, Kentucky in 2006. Following her residency training, she also completed an ACCP Heart Failure Traineeship with the University of North Carolina Heart Failure Program in Chapel Hill, North Carolina. Dr. Matson currently works with the Office of External Studies to facilitate preceptor development and quality improvement initiatives for the experiential program and in the Center for the Advancement of Pharmacy Practice (CAPP) to create continuing professional development programming for pharmacists throughout Kentucky. Additionally, she supports the Office of Practice and Residency Advancement by assisting with establishing and maintaining UK-affiliated residency programs across the state.

***Barret Michalec, PhD** - Barret Michalec is an associate professor in the Edson College of Nursing and Health Innovation, and the Associate Dean for Barrett, the Honors College Downtown Campus. He is also an associate professor of medical humanities with the Creighton University School of Medicine. A sociologist by training, Michalec's research examines socialization and professionalization processes and mechanisms nested within health professions education and practice – most notably those impacting socio-emotional and team-based skills and attributes.

Donna Morris, MA CCC-SLP - Donna Southerland Morris is an associate professor in the Division of Communication Sciences and Disorders at the University of Kentucky. She is the Director of Clinical Education and the Clinical Coordinator for Educational Experiences in Healthcare. Her research interests are in clinical supervision and interprofessional education.

Heather Norman-Burgdolf, PhD - received her doctoral degree in Nutritional Sciences within the University of Kentucky College of Medicine. Dr. Norman-Burgdolf is an Associate Extension Professor in the Department of Dietetics and Human Nutrition at the University of Kentucky, specializing in nutrition education, public health, and community engagement.

John Ragsdale, MD, MS - Dr. John Ragsdale is the Associate Dean for Curriculum for the University of Kentucky College of Medicine, overseeing the entire four-year curriculum for medical student education. He is chair-elect for the Southern Group on Educational Affairs (SGEA) and was previously the UME Cross-Continuum Consultant for the AAMC, assisting with projects and strategic initiatives across the continuum of medical education. Clinically, he practices as an internal medicine hospitalist.

He earned his medical degree from Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia and completed a combined Internal Medicine and Pediatrics residency at the University of Kentucky. Following residency, he completed a medical education fellowship, earning a Master of Science in Medical Education from the University of Pittsburgh. He returned to the University of Kentucky as a clinician-educator in 2013.

Frank Romanelli, PharmD, MPH, FCCP, FAPhA, BCPS, AAHIVP - Dr. Romanelli is originally from Waterbury, Connecticut. He received both his Bachelor of Science and Doctor of Pharmacy degrees from the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy in Boston. He completed both a Pharmacy Practice and Critical Care residency at the University of Kentucky Medical Center, where he also served as Chief Resident. Subsequently, he received a master's degree in Public Health from the University of Kentucky.

He is currently the Paul F. Parker Endowed Professor of Pharmacy with joint appointments as Associate Professor of Medicine and Associate Professor of Physician Assistant Studies. He also serves as Associate Dean for Academic Programs and Chief Academic Officer for the College of Pharmacy.

Dr. Romanelli has received several commendations from various groups for outstanding teaching. In 2003, he was selected by the University of Kentucky Alumni Association as a 'Great Teacher'; this is the oldest continuous award presented by UK. In 2004, he received the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy Innovations in Teaching Award, and in 2008, the UK Provosts Award for Outstanding Teaching by a Tenured Faculty Member. Dr. Romanelli has also been recognized as an Outstanding Professor of the Year by both the College of Pharmacy and College of Health Sciences at UK. From student nominations, Dr. Romanelli has been recognized by the UK College of Education as a "Teacher Who Made a Difference." In 2012, he was inducted as an honorary member of Pi Alpha, the National Physician Assistant Academic Honor Society, and in 2013, he was established into Delta Omega, the honorary society for Public Health. In 2018, he was named by the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy as a "Distinguished Teacher Scholar." In 2019, Dr. Romanelli was named an Academic Leadership Fellow by the Southeastern Athletic Conference, and he received the American College of Clinical Pharmacy Outstanding Educator Award.

Dr. Romanelli is board-certified in pharmacotherapy and recognized by the American Association of HIV Medicine as an HIV Pharmacist. In 2009, he was elected a Fellow of the American Pharmacists Association; in 2021, he was elected a Fellow of the American College of Clinical Pharmacy. Dr. Romanelli is Executive Associate Editor of the American Journal of Pharmaceutical Education. Additionally, he is the section editor for HIV/AIDS and Sexually Transmitted Infections for the Annals of Pharmacotherapy.

Rachel Saunders, MD – Dr. Saunders received her medical degree from the University of Kentucky College of Medicine. She continued her training at the University of Kentucky where she completed her residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology. Dr. Saunders currently serves as the Assistant Dean for Clinical Education at the University of Kentucky, where she also holds the position of Clerkship Director and Associate Professor.

Mark Schachman, DMD, MS - Dr. Mark Schachman earned his bachelor's degree from Rutgers College in New Brunswick, New Jersey and completed a master program in biochemistry at the Graduate School of Rutgers University in 1983. He attended dental school at Rutgers School of Dental Medicine (aka University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey) earning his DMD in 1987. Following completing a GPR residency at Newark Beth Israel Medical Center he earned a certificate in Endodontics from New York University in 1993. Dr. Schachman is a diplomate of the American Board of Endodontics and presently the Director of Graduate Endodontics at the University of Kentucky College of Dentistry in Lexington, Kentucky.

Berry Seelbach, MD - is the Assistant Dean for Career Advising for the UK College of Medicine. She is a UK College of Medicine alum from the class of 2002 and a practicing pediatric hospitalist at Golisano Children's Hospital at UK. She has

been part of the Office of Medical Education since 2018 and loves meeting with students to discuss their career goals and plan for the future. She works with regional campus deans to assure the career advising system works well for students across all campuses.

Steve Sterlitz, DDS, MS - Dr. Stephen Sterlitz joined the University of Kentucky College of Dentistry July 1, 2021 as the Division Chief in Restorative Dentistry. A Michigan native, Steve began a military career that spanned 4 decades when he entered the Naval Academy in 1988. At the Naval Academy Steve played football for 4-years and was honored as the top athlete in his company at graduation. Spending his first 7-years of Naval service as a surface warfare officer, his travels included an 8-month deployment to Somalia and a 6-month deployment to the Arabian Gulf.

While on active duty, Steve completed the pre-requisites to attend dental school and attended the University of Michigan School of Dentistry on a competitive Health Profession Scholarship Program (HPSP). The HPSP paid for 4-years of dental education, fees, and books in return for a minimum of 4-years of service as a Naval Dental Corps Officer. Graduating with honors in 2003, Steve spent the next 13-years serving in 6 different duty stations, 3 different countries, and 1 territory of the United States.

The highlight of Steve's active duty was serving as the 1st specialty advisor to the Navy Surgeon General on dental technology. In this role Steve planned and implemented a dental technology solution that made digital impressions, computer-aided-design, and computer-aided-manufacturing available to over 1,000 dentists who cared for more than 1,000,000 patients worldwide.

Retiring from active duty in 2017, Steve returned home to Michigan and joined the University of Michigan School of Dentistry faculty. Recruited from Michigan to join the University of Kentucky College of Dentistry, Steve jumped at the chance to move to Lexington and lend his expertise in implementation and sustainment of dental technology using the leadership experience he gained in the Navy.

Shannon Voogt, MD - received a BA in Psychology from Calvin University and an MD from the Michigan State University College of Human Medicine. She completed her Family Medicine training at UK. Her interests include women's health including procedural care and obstetrics, pediatrics and breastfeeding, geriatrics and end-of-life care. She currently serves as the Family Medicine clerkship director and a core faculty for the Family Medicine residency. She truly loves teaching.

Alfred Wiemann, DMD, MS - Graduated from the University of Kentucky in 1976 with a BA in Business Administration. I attended the University of Kentucky College of Dentistry (UKCD) from 1977-1981. Upon graduation I served in the United States Navy Dental Corps from 1981-1993. During this time, I received a certificate and MS in Endodontics from the University of Iowa. Upon leaving naval service I opened a private practice in Endodontics in Lexington KY for the next 20 years. While in private practice, I was a part-time endodontic faculty member at UKCD and served as president of the Blue Grass Dental Society. In 2013 I joined the faculty at UKCD full-time in the Division of Endodontics and have served as the Division Chief for the past 12 years. I currently am a member of the Board of Directors of the American Association of Endodontists and serve my college as its faculty senator.

*Denotes keynote speaker