S. Bruce Binder, M.D., Ph.D. is the new chair of the Department of Family Medicine, effective April 1, 2017. A faculty member since 1991, Binder is an associate professor of family medicine with the medical school.

Binder helped establish and directs the school’s Skills Assessment and Training Center, which serves medical students throughout all four years of medical school, in addition to students from multiple other health professional programs. He also directs the Introduction to Clinical Medicine courses, which help first- and second-year students hone clinical skills while building relationships with patients and providing effective, compassionate care. He serves as medical director and is a provider for a free clinic in Xenia, Ohio.

Binder has won the Teaching Excellence Award three times. He was one of four faculty members who helped bring the Healer’s Art program to the Boonshoft School of Medicine. For many years, he co-directed the Family Medicine Clerkship and was pre-doctoral director in the department. Binder chaired the Faculty Curriculum Committee for 18 years.

Binder earned his M.D. and Ph.D. degrees at the University of Virginia Medical School as part of the National Institutes of Health Medical Scientist Training Program and completed a residency in family practice at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Dayton.

FACULTY NEWS

Pete Reynolds, M.D., was promoted to the position of program director, Family Medicine Residency. Dr. Reynolds will provide oversight to residency faculty, 30 residents and ensure the program continues to meet all criteria to maintain full accreditation by the ACGME Family Medicine Residency Review Committee. He also maintains a clinical practice at the Wright State Physicians Family Medicine office.

F. Stuart Leeds, M.D., was promoted to the position of medical director of Wright State Physicians. Dr. Leeds will be working closely with the Wright State Physicians staff and providers to serve patients.

Mary Crane, M.B.A., was promoted from research coordinator to research program manager II this summer. She will provide support to the research team in grant proposal identification, preparation and submission. She works with awards from conception to closeout, including submission of research protocols, compliance implementation, budget and fiscal management, data collection, evaluation, and overall management of awarded projects.
New Hires

Juanita Griffin joined the Family Medicine Department this spring, as the medical education manager. Griffin will be coordinating and managing the medical education program, global health programs, and assisting in the expansion of the rural education program.

Tim Crawford, Ph.D., M.P.H., is joining the department as an assistant professor. Dr. Crawford will be working with the Boonshoft School of Medicine’s Department of Family Medicine faculty, residents, fellows and students in conducting research. He will be teaching within the context of collaboration as well as doing formal teaching.

2017 Graduates and where they are going

Erin Bates, M.D. – Greystone Family Care, Sugarcreek Township, Ohio
Nick Bellanco, M.D. – Greystone Family Care, Sugarcreek Township, Ohio
Aaron Block, M.D. – Franklin Family Practice, Franklin, Ohio
William Dailey, M.D. – Premier Health Hospitalist, Good Samaritan Hospital
Lila Gwin, M.D. – Primary Care – Far Hills, Dayton
Ariana Herbert, M.D. – Springboro Family Medicine, Springboro, Ohio
Paul Krebs, M.D. – Primary Care Sports Medicine Fellowship, Ohio State University
Leslie McElrath, M.D. – Healthy Steps, Silver Spring, Maryland
Alyssa Santos, M.D. – Skagit Regional Clinics, Mount Vernon, Washington
Jessica Woznick, M.D. – Centerville Family Medicine, Centerville, Ohio

Welcome new interns

Josiah Belzer, M.D. – Creighton University School of Medicine
Kelsey Bulvony, D.O. – Ohio University Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine
Ashley Franz, M.D. – USAF Aerospace Medicine
Sobie Maduka, M.D. – University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine
Kelsey Mayrand, M.D. – Wright State University Boonshoft School of Medicine
Matthew Negrey, M.D. – USAF Aerospace Medicine
Melissa Nelson, M.D. – Wright State University Boonshoft School of Medicine
Cassandra Olson, D.O. – Touro University California College of Osteopathic Medicine
Jaime Rojas, M.D. – USAF Aerospace Medicine
Elise Striebich, M.D. – Wright State University Boonshoft School of Medicine
Seth Wilson, M.D. – Wright State University Boonshoft School of Medicine

AWARDS

Paul Krebs, M.D. – Outstanding Resident Award – Academy of Medicine Awards
Jessica Woznick, M.D. – Arnold P. Gold Foundation Humanism & Excellence in Teaching Award – Academy of Medicine Awards
John Donnelly, M.D. – Teaching Excellence Award selected by the class of 2017 for displaying outstanding professional skills and pride in discharging his instructional duties
Kate Conway, M.D. – Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine Award for consistently demonstrating compassion and empathy in the delivery of care to patients
Nidhisha Anireddy – Walbroehl Award for excellence in Family Medicine
Seth Wilson – John Worthman, M.D., Award for entering into the Wright State University Family Medicine Residency

Suture Clinic

Throughout the year, residents have the opportunity to learn new skills and techniques during didactics. This year, Dr. Ratna Palakodeti guided them in a successful suture workshop.
COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Dr. Mark E. Clasen Endowed Scholarship Memorial Reception

On April 6, the Boonshoft School of Medicine sponsored an event to celebrate and remember the tremendous contributions of Dr. Mark Clasen to the Department of Family Medicine. An endowed scholarship has been established by Dr. Clasen’s wife, Carla, and Dr. John Donnelly, professor of family medicine, colleague and dear friend of Dr. Clasen.

Contributions to the scholarship will provide support for a medical student who is underrepresented in medicine, disadvantaged or has a need as determined by the Office of Financial Aid and Admissions, is in good standing and considering a primary care specialty.

An emeritus professor of family medicine and geriatrics, Dr. Clasen was passionate about the provision of health care for all people and had a special interest in cardiovascular risk reduction, geriatric medicine and mitigating the “burden of suffering” in vulnerable populations. He joined Wright State University School of Medicine in 1992 when he was appointed chair of the Department of Family Medicine.

GIVING BACK

Below is our fund list, please consider a tax-deductible contribution.

Endowed Chair in Family Medicine Established to support the position of chair in the Department of Family Medicine.

Boonshoft School of Medicine Family Medicine Enhancement Established to support outreach activities to encourage medical students to consider a career in family medicine, educational opportunities for family medicine residents, and faculty development activities.

Boonshoft School of Medicine Family Medicine Research Fund Established to support research in Family Medicine by faculty, residents and medical students.

Dr. Mark E. Clasen Endowed Scholarship Fund Established for medical students who are underrepresented in medicine, considering a primary care specialty, and reflect volunteer and leadership qualities.

Dr. Paul Harris Memorial Scholarship Established for minority medical students pursuing an interest in family medicine.

Dr. Mary & Richard Pryor Endowed Scholarship Established for fourth-year female medical students interested in specializing in family medicine.

P. George & Mary John Endowed Scholarship Established for fourth-year underrepresented minority medical students committed to family medicine.

Richard A. Falls, M.D., Endowed Scholarship Established for fourth-year medical students planning a career in family medicine, with preference given to Greene County residents.

Thomas E. Martin Jr. Memorial Scholarship Established for fourth-year medical students interested in family medicine.

P. George & Mary John Endowed Scholarship Established for fourth-year medical students interested in family medicine.

Contributions to the Department of Family Medicine may be mailed to Angela Clements, C.P.A., Office of Advancement, Boonshoft School of Medicine Wright State University, 3640 Col. Glenn Hwy., Dayton, Ohio 45435.

Please indicate the fund you wish to support. Visit medicine.wright.edu/family-medicine/giving-opportunities for more information.
**MEDICAL STUDENTS**

**Match Day**

Congratulations to the 17 fourth-year students who placed in family medicine throughout the country. To see where each student matched, visit medicine.wright.edu/match.

**Welcome new Family Medicine Interest Group Leaders**

Lilian Christina White
Emma Jonelle Dunn
Kristin Coleman-Woodson
Tate Roger Church
Stephanie Celeste Milne

**AHEC – Area Health Education Centers**

Ten students will be involved in AHEC this summer. This is a two- to four-week elective for students finishing their first year of medical school. They spend time in the offices of family physicians. Thanks to all of the physicians who will be working with students this year.

Gloria Robertson, Franklin
Tina Liu, Kettering
Lauren Wichman, Cleveland
Michelle Axe, Columbus
Sarah Royle, Beavercreek
Tate Church, Wapakoneta
Jude Khatib, Springboro
Andrew Drozd, Vandalia
Morgan Torcasio, Franklin
Logan Maag, New Carlisle

**INTERVIEW:**

**Practice Transformation**

Michelle Spurlock, LPN, M.S.L.D., has been with the Family Medicine Department as the program director health care transformation specialist since November 2016.

Have you ever wondered what “practice transformation” means? At a recent leadership conference, Spurlock was sharing with a book author and conference speaker that she works as a practice transformation specialist. Confused, he quickly asked, “What does this job title mean?” She replied, “It means that I teach others how to navigate change through process improvement and best practices.”

He again replied, “Yes I see, but what do you really do?” These are some common questions that she hears when talking about primary care practice transformation grant programs.

Some of the others include what is practice transformation; who is responsible for this; and how is progress measured? Primary care transformation consists of three grants at Wright State Family Medicine including Professionals Accelerating Clinical and Educational Redesign (PACER), Accelerating Primary Care Transformation at Wright State (APCT-Wright/HRSA), and Comprehensive Primary Care Plus (CPC+). Spurlock has been using these programs to promote the redesign of primary care through positive patient experiences, affordable health care and population health management.

**RESEARCH**

**Virginia C. Wood Research Forum**

**DAGMEC Awards**

Paul Krebs, M.D. – 2nd place Research poster
Nick Bellanco, M.D. – 3rd place Patient Safety/Quality Improvement poster
Aaron Block, M.D., M.P.H. – Staying on Point poster
Jessica Woznick, M.D. – Evaluating Compassion Fatigue
Lila Gwin, M.D. – “Attitudes in GME Programs Toward Opioid Prescribing in Chronic Pain & Use Disorders”

**Medical Student Research Symposium**

**STFM 50th Anniversary Annual Spring Conference**

George Matic, M.D., M.P.H., Angie Castle, M.A., Josephine Wilson, D.D.S., Ph.D., and Paul Hershberger, Ph.D., presented the poster: “Attitudes Toward Interdisciplinary Education Amongst Medical Students/Residents and Physician Assistant Students”

**NORTH AMERICAN REFUGEE HEALTH CONFERENCE**

Kate Conway, M.D., M.P.H., presented at the North American Refugee Health Conference in Toronto, Canada. She spoke on “Refugee Centered Medical home: Refugees as Our Patient Leaders.”

**SCHOLARLY ACTIVITY**

**Publications**
