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ALUMNI E-NEWS

September/October 2019



Konkle Appointed Wisconsin State Veterinarian

Last week, **Darlene Konkle DVM'93, MS'97** was named Wisconsin State Veterinarian, the state's chief animal health official. Konkle has served as acting State Veterinarian since June 2018, following the retirement of Paul McGraw DVM'88, and has been with the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection since 2005. "Dr. Konkle's understanding of national and international animal movement and her experience in animal disease response is vital to protecting Wisconsin agriculture," DATCP Secretary-designee Brad Pfaff said in an announcement.

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School News

The latest updates on research, faculty and staff, and other happenings at the school.

Karen Young, clinical professor of clinical pathology, has been named the 2019 recipient of the [American Society for Veterinary Clinical Pathology Lifetime Achievement Award](#), to be presented at the organization's annual meeting in November in San Antonio, Texas.

Twenty-two students from the School of Veterinary Medicine [presented their research at the 2019 National Veterinary Scholars Symposium](#) in July. In addition, two dual-degree trainees from the SVM attended a one-day pre-conference, the National Colloquium for Combined DVM/PhD Biomedical Scientists.

JP Cullen has been selected as the contractor for the new five-story parking garage to the north of the school in Lot 62, with work scheduled to begin in October and be completed in December 2020. We also continue to work with Flad Architects and Affiliated Engineers, Inc. to design [the school's new building](#) and the remodeling that will occur in our current facility. We hope to begin construction of the building expansion in the winter of 2021, with projected completion in 2023. Renovation of the current facility is expected to be completed in 2024.

Continuing Education

Upcoming courses to help advance your career.

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Career Exploration Fair

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Overview of the Nervous System

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November 3

Veterinary Forensics Seminar and Autopsy Lab

UW School of Veterinary Medicine & Wisconsin Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory

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Continuing Education via Distance Learning

On-demand courses on a wide variety of topics also are available through our [distance learning site](#) .

[Additional course details and registration information](#)

Alumni Updates

The latest news about your classmates and items of special interest to alumni.

Maria Arendt MS'15, DVM'17, PhD'19 [received the 2019 Alltech Student Research Manuscript Award](#) during the 108th annual Poultry Science Association meeting in Montreal in July.

Mike Aushwitz DVM'94 has [joined Wales Animal Clinic](#) in Wales, Wisconsin.

David Gasper PhD'15 returns to the UW School of Veterinary Medicine as clinical assistant professor in anatomic pathology, after having worked in a specialty pathology

practice in San Diego for the past three years.

Douglas Kratt DVM'98 was selected as **president-elect of the American Veterinary Medical Association** at the group's 2019 convention in August. Kratt is a small animal practitioner from La Crosse, Wisconsin, where he is owner of Central Animal Hospital.



Rodney Kuenzi DVM'87 and John Kuenzi of Kuenzi Family Targhees were inducted into the **U.S. Targhee Sheep Association Hall of Fame** at the 2019 National Targhee Show and Sale in Lodi, Wisconsin.

Michael Miesen DVM'07 of Whitewater Veterinary Hospital will serve as the **lead veterinarian at the 2019 World Dairy Expo**. "Going forward, the most challenging task is to keep the trust exhibitors have shown to my two predecessors in taking care of their animals. ... I feel humbled to follow in their footsteps," Miesen told *Hoard's Dairyman*.

Kathleen Puerling DVM'90 takes a preventative approach to good health with a focus on patients' entire well-being at Animal Wellness Clinic in Michigan City, Indiana, **she tells *The News-Dispatch***.

Jessica Quimby DVM'03, associate professor of small animal internal medicine at The Ohio State University, received the American Veterinary Medical Foundation/Winn Feline Foundation Research Award at the **2019 National Veterinary Scholars Symposium**.

Trust, bribes and darts from a long-barreled pistol -- that's what it takes to vaccinate the animals of the Milwaukee County Zoo, where **Christy Rettenmund DVM'08** serves as staff veterinarian. **Follow a day of medical exams and vaccines at the zoo** in the *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*.



Deanna Scheller DVM'19 has joined **Georgian Bay Equine Veterinary Services** in Thornbury, Ontario, and is completing her certification in veterinary acupuncture.

Can aquaculture make seafood sustainable? **Samantha Thammahong MS'19** explored the topic in a guest post with the digital magazine *Edge Effects*.

Mary Thurber DVM'14, most recently a staff veterinarian at the Oakland Zoo, joined the UW School of Veterinary Medicine in July as a clinical instructor in zoological medicine.

In Memoriam

The School of Veterinary Medicine regrets to announce the loss of alumnus **Craig Schley DVM'00**. Schley **passed away in July** as a result of a motorcycle accident. He is survived by his wife, Rachel Orvick DVM'00, and sons Oliver and Alexander.

Ongoing Clinical Trials

Dogs with Chronic GI Signs

The Small Animal Internal Medicine Service is recruiting patients with chronic vomiting, diarrhea, poor appetite and weight loss **to investigate whether or not dogs need to be fasted** for a commonly recommended test (gastrointestinal panel) in dogs with these symptoms.

Any adult medium-to-large breed dog affected by the above-noted symptoms is

Upcoming Events

September 28

SVM Tailgate and Continuing Education
Veterinary Medicine Building

8:30 a.m.

Continuing education seminar (or optional school tour for guests not attending CE)
"Genetic Testing for the Small Animal Practitioner: Understanding the Science, Success and Future of a Rapidly Developing Field"

eligible. All dogs must be willing to eat a normal meal in the hospital setting, be current patients of UW Veterinary Care, and be first evaluated by a veterinarian.

Routine blood sampling will occur throughout the day. Results will be given to the patient's primary veterinarian, who will relay the results to the owner.

[Learn about other clinical trials.](#)

9:30 a.m.
Tailgate / food and beverage available

11 a.m.
Kickoff: #8 Wisconsin vs. Northwestern

[Register Online](#)

*Guests must register by **September 24** .

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