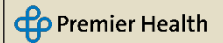


Speaker and Session Leader Biographies

Health Professions Day – Monday, February 17, 2025

Student Union Apollo Banquet Room – 9:00am to 3:00pm



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Keynote Speaker



Stacey Lawson

Chief Human Resources Officer, Premier Health

An innovative and transformational change leader with an extensive developing strategy and translating goals into results are trademarks of Stacey Lawson's career. Stacey is a seasoned Human Resources executive with 25+ years' experience and spearheaded the first comprehensive strategic diversity initiative for Premier Health. Two decades later, the program is recognized as a leading best practice and national standard of excellence.

Stacey is a TedX Speaker and most recently participated in Dayton Dancing with the Stars and established a record of raising the most amount of money to support A Special Wish Foundation. Stacey was inducted into the Dayton Business Journal Top 40 Under 40 Hall of Fame as well as, a Woman of Impact through the Women in Business Networking. She was recognized as a 2014 Woman of Influence as well as a previous Outstanding African American Alumni from Wright State University in Dayton, Ohio where she also earned both her B.S., in Human Resources Management and her M.S., in Business & Industrial Management Counseling. She received acknowledgement for her contributions to social justice, equality, and inclusion by the Ohio Diversity Conference as a DiversityFirsts and received the Rainbow Award for her community efforts in promoting racial harmony and reconciliation. In 2002, she was recognized as one of Dayton's Top 40 Under 40.

She is committed to building healthy communities through her investment of time and talent. She currently sits on the Boards for Wright State University Alumni Association, the Dayton Art Institute and Culture Works. She also has a passion for elevating others' potential and actively mentors and coaches emerging leaders.

Stacey has been with Premier Health for 21+ years with increasing scope and responsibility in Human Resources. She has held various Human Resources roles throughout Premier and currently serves as the Chief Human Resources Officer, where she has responsibility for developing and executing human resources strategy to support the strategic direction of the organization.

In addition to healthcare, she has worked in various industries including academia, banking and manufacturing.

Stacey has established a brand that is visionary and forward thinking while cultivating continuous growth. She challenges the norms, drives for excellence, and inspires others to lead with heart.

Session 1 (9:40–10:30 a.m.)



A Day in the Life of a Nursing Student

Presented by the Association of Student Nurses

The Association of Student Nurses (ASN) at Wright State University serves as a student organization with the goal to mentor, support, and empower nursing students within the School of Nursing. The organization strives to uphold the standards and ethics of the nursing profession, encourage community involvement, facilitate networking, and aid in the advancement of the whole person and his/her professional role as a future registered nurse. ASN operates at the local, regional, state and national levels to ensure high-quality professional development for nursing students.

ASN is a constituent of the National Student Nurses Association (NSNA).



From Neuroscience to Medical School: A Student's Perspective

Hannah Davidson, B.S.

Graduate Student, Wright State University

Hannah is currently completing her master's in neuroscience and physiology while conducting research at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. She began her master's studies while earning her undergraduate degree in the same field at Wright State. This summer, Hannah will begin medical school at the Boonshoft School of Medicine, where she plans to pursue neonatology—a specialty dedicated to caring for newborns, particularly those who are critically ill. Her journey toward this goal includes four years of medical school, followed by a three-year pediatric residency and a three-year neonatal-perinatal fellowship.

A Dayton native, Hannah is passionate about giving back to the community that shaped her. She aspires to support families navigating the challenges of having a sick child, with a particular focus on neonatal abstinence syndrome and substance use disorder care.



Careers in Mental Health: Counseling, Social Work, and Therapy

Barbara Marsh, DSW, MSW, LISW-S, LICDC-CS

Director of Counseling and Wellness at Wright State University

Dr. Barbara Marsh is a distinguished professional with over 25 years of experience in mental health, substance use disorders, and public health. She holds a bachelor's in psychology from Wright State University, a master's in social work from the University of Cincinnati, and a Doctorate in Social Work from the University of Southern California. Dr. Marsh has held key clinical and executive leadership roles, focusing on improving access to care for underserved populations, improving mental health outcomes, and combating the drug epidemic. Her dedication to diversity, equity, and inclusion drives her innovative solutions for enhancing community health outcomes.



Pathways in Speech & Language Therapy

Madison McGibbeny, MA, CCC-SLP

OhioHealth Neurological Rehabilitation Center

Madison McGibbeny is a certified Speech-Language Pathologist specializing in the evaluation and treatment of neurological disorders. She currently practices at OhioHealth's Neurological Rehabilitation Clinic in Columbus, OH, where she provides expert care to individuals with communication and cognitive impairments. Madison earned both her bachelor's and master's degrees in Speech-Language Pathology from the University of Toledo and has worked across diverse healthcare settings, including outpatient clinics, skilled nursing facilities, memory care units, assisted living facilities, and home health. With a passion for helping individuals regain their communication abilities and independence, she is dedicated to delivering patient-centered, evidence-based therapy to improve quality of life.



From Pre-Hospital to Emergency Department: Ask an EMS Medical Director

Kermit Huebner, MD, MPH, MSS

Director, Prehospital and Operational Emergency Medicine at Boonshoft School of Medicine

Dr. Kermit Huebner is a board-certified emergency medicine physician and military officer with more than two decades of clinical and operational experience. Initially enlisting in the Ohio Army National Guard, he earned his undergraduate degree on an ROTC scholarship and medical school through the Health Professions Scholarship Program (HPSP). Dr. Huebner served 11 years on active duty and as a member of the VW Army National Guard since 2011. His expertise spans emergency clinical care, aviation and operational medicine, disaster preparedness, and public health leadership. A passionate educator and mentor, Dr. Huebner remains committed to advancing emergency medicine best practices and improving healthcare outcomes in both civilian and military settings.



Finding Your Fit in Healthcare (Interactive Workshop)

Jonathan Lu, DBH, MPH, MCHES

Director, Center for Health Professions at Wright State University

Dr. Jonathan Lu is a retired U.S. Army Green Beret with 20+ years of medical experience, including serving as the Senior Enlisted Medical Advisor and Chief of Medical Operations for the Army's 1st Special Forces Group. With expertise in pre-hospital emergency medicine in combat, rural, wilderness, and resource-limited settings, he now focuses on empowering Pre-Health student success and strengthening the healthcare workforce pipeline through research, policy innovation, and strategic partnerships. A board member for SOFToSOM, a 501(c)(3) supporting special operations veterans and servicemembers pursuing medicine, he is passionate about developing flexible pathways into the health professions—including alternative and tiered progression models—to create a more accessible and equitable healthcare system for all.

Session 2 (10:40–11:30 a.m.)



Your Pathway to Nursing with Wright State University

Kim Ringo, MS, RN

Director of Intended/Pre-Nursing Advancement, College of Health Education and Human Services

Kim Ringo is the Director of Intended/Pre-Nursing Advancement School at Wright State University. A dedicated advocate for nursing education, she supports recruitment, retention, and advising for students pursuing the Bachelor of Science in Nursing. Drawing on her extensive clinical background and leadership experience, Kim focuses on creating a supportive environment where aspiring nurses can excel academically and develop the skills needed to thrive as healthcare professionals.



Neuroscience and Physiology Pathways

Patrick Sonner, PhD

Lecturer and Director of the Undergraduate Physiology and Neuroscience Program, College of Science and Mathematics

Dr. Sonner is the Director of the Undergraduate Neuroscience Program and a Lecturer at Wright State University. In this role, Dr. Sonner oversees curriculum development, student advising, and recruitment for the Physiology & Neuroscience BS Program, guiding students on their academic paths. Collaborating with colleagues, Dr. Sonner also contributes to an ongoing initiative that develops, refines, and explores real-world applications of core neuroscience concepts in higher education. Through dedicated mentorship and teaching, Dr. Sonner takes great joy in supporting students and helping them succeed.



Clinical Psychology: Pathways and Practice

Paul Hershberger, PhD, ABPP

Associate Dean for Research Affairs, Boonshoft School of Medicine

Paul J. Hershberger, Ph.D., professor and director of the division of behavioral health in the Department of Family Medicine, joined the faculty in 2001. He served as the director of behavioral science for the residency program from 2001-2017. A licensed psychologist, Dr. Hershberger is board certified in clinical health psychology by the American Board of Professional Psychology. In addition to his teaching responsibilities with the medical school, Dr. Hershberger maintains an active research program. Specific interests include health promotion, patient engagement, treatment adherence, and the professional development of physicians.

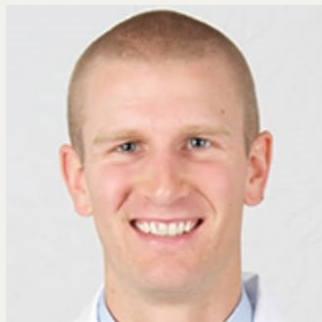


Have you Considered Exercise Science?

Karen Wonders, PhD, FACSM

Program Director, Sports Science, Wright State University

Dr. Karen Wonders is the Founder and Director of Maple Tree Cancer Alliance®, dedicated to improving the quality of life for individuals with cancer through evidence-based exercise and nutritional support. She became passionate about cancer exercise rehabilitation in 2003 while pursuing her doctorate in Exercise Physiology at the University of Northern Colorado. Since moving to Dayton in 2006, Dr. Wonders has served as a Professor of Exercise and currently directs the university's Sports Science program. She has delivered over 100 presentations and authored numerous publications examining exercise's role in mitigating cancer treatment-related pain and neuropathy. In addition to her scholarly work, she holds a master's degree in ministry from Cedarville University, which she uses to provide Christ-centered support and encouragement to those facing a cancer diagnosis.



Military Emergency Medicine and Critical Care

Major Adam Kruse, MD, MS, MPH

United States Air Force

Dr. Kruse is a board-certified emergency physician and the EMS Medical Director for Wright-Patterson Air Force Base Emergency Services. He earned his medical degree at the University of Iowa Carver College of Medicine through the U.S. Air Force Health Professions Scholarship Program, later completing a Military EMS and Disaster Response Fellowship at Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio, Texas. In addition, Dr. Kruse is trained as a Critical Care Air Transport Team (CCATT) member, providing advanced care for critically ill or wounded patients during air transport.

Session 3 (12:40–1:30 p.m.)



Careers in Medical Laboratory Science & Diagnostics

Mark Calabro, MS, MLS

Instructor and Clinical Coordinator MLS Program at Wright State University

Mark is dedicated to educating and mentoring future laboratory professionals. Mark earned his B.S. in Biology with a Chemistry minor from Ohio University in 2005, followed by his MLS certification from the Cleveland Clinic School of Medical Laboratory Science in 2012. He completed his M.S. in Microbiology and Immunology at Wright State University in 2021. With years of experience in clinical and academic settings, he is committed to preparing students for the critical role of laboratory professionals in healthcare.



From Nursing to Public Health: Making the Switch

Sara Baker, RN-BSN, MPH

Wellness and Health Program Manager, Wright State University

Sara Baker has been a registered nurse for 10 years, specializing in public health and health promotion since 2020. Her current role includes supporting student, staff, and faculty well-being through education, outreach, and connection.

Recognizing the systems and environments that impact well-being is critical to Sara's work. Sara loves collaborating on creative ideas to promote wellness, and she enjoys learning from others' experiences and expertise. Her door and inbox are always open for students, staff, or faculty with ideas on how we can best support wellness here at Wright State. Away from work, Sara enjoys spending

time with her daughter, family, dogs, and is always ready to learn a new craft.



Pathways in Athletic Training

Rebekah Bower, MS, AT, ATC

Program Co-Director, Sports Science/Sports Medicine Concentration, Wright State University

With over 25 years of experience as an athletic trainer, Rebekah Bower serves as the Athletic Training Program Director and a Senior Lecturer in the Department of Kinesiology & Health at Wright State University. She also co-directs the Sports Science/Sports Medicine Concentration, guiding curriculum

development and hands-on learning opportunities. Through her extensive clinical background and commitment to mentorship, Rebekah equips students with the practical skills and theoretical knowledge needed to excel in athletic training and sports medicine.



Careers in Paramedicine & EMS

Cory Agler, NRP, FP-C, CCP-C

Integrated Science Studies Major – Wright State University – Lake Campus

Cory Agler is a Board-Certified Flight and Critical Care Paramedic currently working as a Flight Paramedic in Northeast Indiana. He has a background in EMS, structural firefighting, technical rescue, heavy extrication, water rescue, and dive rescue, with a desire to further the fields of EMS and Critical Care Transport through leadership development, professional education, and research, while advocating for evidence-based medicine and patient safety, with special interests in airway management and Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI).

He is currently completing an undergraduate degree with a focus on pre-medical studies and aims to attend medical school after completing his degree.

Session 4 (1:40–2:30 p.m.)



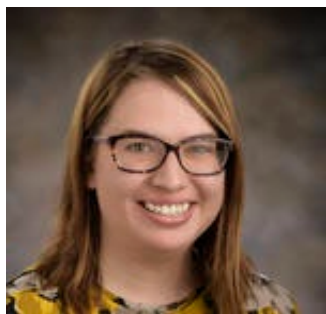
The Life of a Flight Nurse

Jessica Oakley BSN, RN, CEN, NRP

Outreach Coordinator, CareFlight Air and Mobile Services

Jessica Oakley is a registered nurse and EMS professional with over a decade of emergency and critical care experience. Currently serving as the Outreach Coordinator for CareFlight at Premier Health, she draws on her clinical expertise and pre-hospital background as an EMT to foster collaboration among healthcare providers, first responders, and the community. Flight nursing is

Jessica's calling—a passion she shares through educational programs and hands-on outreach.



Pathways in Public Health: From Research to Real-World Impact

Laura Marker, MBA

Undergraduate Education & Placement Coordinator, Boonshoft School of Medicine

Laura Marker is the Undergraduate Education & Placement Coordinator for the Department of Population & Public Health Sciences at Wright State University. Originally from Cincinnati, Ohio, she earned her Bachelor of Arts in Political

Science from the University of Cincinnati in 2010—an experience that sparked her passion for helping new students thrive. Following her work in New Student Orientation, she pursued and completed an MBA from Ohio University in 2016. In her current role, Laura works extensively with advising public health undergraduates, providing them with the academic support and career guidance needed to excel.



Psychology Specialties: Health, Rehabilitation, and Neuropsychology

Michelle Schultz, PsyD and Jeremy Schumm, PhD, ABPP

School of Professional Psychology, Wright State University

Dr. Michelle Schultz is a licensed psychologist and the Chair of the School of Professional Psychology at Wright State University, where she also serves as a Clinical Associate Professor. A graduate of Wright State's APA-accredited Doctor of Psychology program, Dr. Schultz has extensive experience in clinical training, having previously directed both the school's Office of Clinical Training and its General Practice Clinic. Her teaching and research interests span trauma-informed care, juvenile justice, diversity, and feminist frameworks in clinical practice. In addition to her administrative leadership, Dr. Schultz maintains active involvement in professional service at the state and national levels. She is committed to preparing future psychologists through evidence-based training, scholarship, and dedicated support of students' professional development.



Psychology Specialties: Health, Rehabilitation, and Neuropsychology

Michelle Schultz, PsyD and Jeremy Schumm, PhD, ABPP
School of Professional Psychology, Wright State University

Dr. Jeremy Schumm is a board-certified clinical psychologist who earned his Ph.D. from Kent State University and completed his internship at the Boston Consortium for Clinical Psychology. He served as Associate Director of the Trauma Recovery Center at the Cincinnati VA Medical Center and Associate Professor at the University of Cincinnati, receiving the 2016 Rising Star Research Award. A national master trainer in couple-based treatments for substance use and PTSD, Dr. Schumm developed the first integrated therapy for co-occurring substance use and PTSD, has published extensively, and serves as a Consulting Editor for the Journal of Consulting and Clinical Psychology.

Session 5 (2:40–3 p.m.)



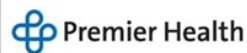
Marty Sexton, PhD, RN, FNAP
Acting Dean, College of Health Education and Human Services

Dr. Marty Sexton serves as the Acting Dean for the College of Health, Education, and Human Services and the Director of Interprofessional Education at Wright State University. A dedicated healthcare and academic leader, Dr. Sexton is committed to advancing academic excellence, fostering interdisciplinary collaboration, and strengthening the pipeline for the next generation of healthcare professionals. With extensive experience in nursing leadership and higher education, she plays a pivotal role in shaping the future of healthcare education at Wright State, ensuring that students are well-prepared to meet the evolving demands of the profession.

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