



# EdUpdate

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## Eva's Excerpt



*"Feeling gratitude and not expressing it is like wrapping a present and not giving it." - William Arthur Ward*

The holiday season is a time for gratitude. It is easy to become consumed by the tragedies unfolding around the world and closer to home, and it is important to remember that there remains much to be grateful for, even in dark times. [Full excerpt.](#)

## Announcements

### Call for Applications: GME Director, PS/QI



The Graduate Medical Education consortium is now accepting applications for a GME Director, PS/QI. The individual will work closely with the Designated Institutional Official (DIO) and Associate Dean for Graduate Medical Education as well as programmatic and hospital leadership as the institutional official responsible for patient safety and quality improvement education for the ACGME accredited training programs and trainees in the GME Consortium. Interested applicants should submit a CV and one-page letter of interest to [gme@wustl.edu](mailto:gme@wustl.edu) by Friday December 29, 2023. [Full job description.](#)

### English Language Programs Updates



Spring '24 ELP [registration](#) is open! Did you know shifting between your primary and secondary language(s) can lead to excessive cognitive load and increased stress? Join an ELP course this spring to gain new English skills and strategies to support your academic/professional career and life at WashU. Consider enrolling in [ELP 1200 Medical English](#) to sharpen your communication skills for clinical practice, [ELP 171 Interdisciplinary Communication and Presentation Skills](#) to work on communicating your science to a broader audience, or [ELP 115 Writing for Academic and Professional Communication](#) to strengthen your writing skills. We also offer a fully online and asynchronous course in research writing, [ELP 350 Advanced Research Writing Institute](#).

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## GME Welcomes Dr. Erin Kurtz



The Office of Education welcomes psychologist Dr. Erin Kurtz, PhD, to the Graduate Medical Education counseling team. Dr. Kurtz has over seven years of experience treating adults at the Veteran's Administration. She has experience working with individuals with a wide variety of issues, including anxiety and trauma and has been actively involved in education efforts as well. Dr. Kurtz will provide individual counseling, facilitated process groups, and educational workshops. Residents and fellows will be able to start scheduling with Erin by late December for appointments in mid to late January.

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## White House Fellows Application Deadline 1/5/24



The application for the 2024-25 White House Fellows Program is now open. Founded in 1964, the Fellowship offers exceptional Americans first-hand experience working at the highest levels of the Federal Government. Selected individuals spend one year in Washington, D.C., working as full-time paid government employees, aiding Cabinet Secretaries, senior White House staff, and other top-ranking government officials. The program is open to U.S. citizens who hold at least a bachelor's degree and are not currently employed by the Federal government unless they are career military personnel. Fellowships are awarded on a strictly non-partisan basis. WashU alum [Lauren Cherry](#) is a current White House Fellow, placed at the CIA. Learn

more and apply [here](#). Resources: [About the WHF Program Webinar](#) and [Demystifying the WHF Application Webinar](#).

## SGIM/ACLGIM Career Development Programs Deadline 12/15



The Society of General Internal Medicine has extended their deadline for 2024 Career Development Programs. Topics include medical education, health policy, or leadership. All career development programs except for MedEd Scholarship require attendance at the SGIM24 Annual Meeting in Boston, MA, May 15-18, 2024. You must be an SGIM member at time of appointment to participate. [Learn more.](#)

## Events

### CIPE Workshop Offerings

**How the Military Takes a Hit and Keeps on Going**

**Dates: Wednesday, December 5, 4-5pm (Happy Hour) or Monday, December 11, 12-1pm (BYO Lunch & Learn)**

**Location: Virtual, [Register here](#)**



Toughness defined: we can take a hit and keep going, tapping all sources of strength and resilience. This definition has spurred a Navy-wide conversation about toughness. Everyone, in every command, is looking for tougher sailors, but the question has always been, how do we create them? More information [here](#).

### EXPLORE Hosts Annual Symposium



**Date: December 7, 2023, 2:30-6:30pm**

**Location: Connor Auditorium and FLTC Atrium**

The EXPLORE Program invites you to attend our in-person Explore Symposium

celebrating the scholarly work of WUSM medical students. The Symposium will open with a welcome message from Dean Aagaard followed by a Keynote address from Dr. Leo Shmuylovich, Assistant Professor of Dermatology. Selected student oral presentations will complete the plenary session, which will be followed by a student poster session in the FLTC Atrium. Refreshments will be served! Please join us to celebrate the accomplishments of our medical students.

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## **AAMC Workplace Conflict Workshop**

**Transforming Conflict into Collaboration**

***Dates: January, March, or May 2024***

***Location: Virtual, [Select attendance dates and register here](#)***



No matter how you try to avoid it, conflict in the workplace is inevitable, and in emotionally charged times it can escalate quickly. When differing ideas, perceptions, and priorities lead to conflict with others, how you respond can affect whether the experience is ultimately positive or negative. Take advantage of the opportunity to build the critical skills you need to manage and resolve conflict with confidence from the comfort of your home or office, but don't delay. Workshops are limited to 40 participants to provide an intimate and interactive experience.

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## **National Women Physicians Day**



# National Women Physicians Day WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP STORY PANEL



*Every career path has a story.  
Join us for National Women Physicians Day  
as we celebrate and learn from the stories of women leaders  
at the Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis.*

**Friday, February 2, 2024**

**Panel Discussion | 3 – 4 p.m. CST**

**Networking & Refreshments | 4 – 5 p.m. CST**

**EPNEC Auditorium | 320 S. Euclid Ave. St.  
Louis, MO 63110**



## PANELISTS

### **Rakhee K. Bhayani, MD**

Professor of Medicine  
Vice Chair for Advancing Women's Careers, Division of General  
Medicine & Geriatrics, John T. Milliken Department of Medicine

### **Anna N. Miller, MD**

Jerome H. Gilden, MD, Distinguished Professor of Orthopaedic  
Surgery  
Vice Chair of Faculty Affairs, Department of Orthopedic Surgery

### **Cynthia Rogers, MD**

Blanche F. Ittleson Professor of Psychiatry and Pediatrics,  
Vice Chair of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry  
Director, Division of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry  
Psychiatrist-in-Chief, St. Louis Children's Hospital

### **Moderated by Renée Shellhaas, MD, MS**

Associate Dean for Faculty Promotions & Career Development

Washington University School of Medicine is committed to inclusion. If you require a reasonable accommodation to participate, please contact the Office of Faculty Promotion & Career Development at least 48 hours in advance at 314-362-4181 or [medfacultyoffice@wustl.edu](mailto:medfacultyoffice@wustl.edu).



**Date: Friday, February 2, 2024**

**Location: EPNEC Auditorium, 3-5pm, [Register Here](#)**

Join us for National Women Physicians Day. The day's events will include a panel discussion, networking, and refreshments.

**iTeach Conference Returns to Danforth Conference**

**Date: Wednesday, January 10, 2024**

**Location: Hillman Hall, Danforth Campus, [Register Here](#)**



The Center for Teaching and Learning and our partners from University Libraries, the Office of the Provost, and Arts & Sciences Computing are reviving the popular iTeach Conference. In 2018, this conference drew over 200 faculty and instructional staff from all schools at the University for cross-disciplinary discussions on teaching and teaching-related research. Join us and reconnect with colleagues and rediscover innovative approaches to teaching and learning!

## Academy Corner

### Connect with the Academy of Educators



The Academy of Educators welcomes the opportunity to speak with your faculty about the Academy or other mutually agreed upon topics. Please submit workshop/session requests [here](#) and program (topics/ideas) suggestions [here](#). **For additional Academy news please visit the [news](#) section.**

### Growth Opportunities with the Academy



#### **Mentorship Best Practices**

**Dates: Monday, December 11, 12:30-2pm (final session)**

**Location: Mid Campus Center, [Register Here](#)**

Discuss best practices, skill building, culturally responsive mentorship, and mentorship challenges. The series is geared towards clinical faculty who work with learners, and we welcome a diversity of experiences.

#### **Promotions for Educators Workshop**

**Date: Wednesday, January 17, 3:30-5pm**

**Location: Cori Active Learning Space, [Register Here](#)**

Gain insight from Dean Shellhaas regarding promotions criteria and a panel of faculty who've successfully navigated the promotions process. Panelists will share suggestions on how to best capture the impact of medical education scholarship, the importance of developing a niche, mentorship and sponsorship, skill building, and developing a robust educator portfolio.

## Essentials of Slide Design Workshop

**Date:** Tuesday, February 6, 12:30-2pm

**Location:** Farrell Learning & Teaching Center, [Register Here](#)

Participants will learn fundamentals of slide design and presentation. Discussion will include principles of multimedia learning and the basics of slide construction (PowerPoint and Keynote). Participants will practice slide construction and gain feedback. This will be a deeper, interactive version of the slide design roundtable session offered at Education Day 2023.

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## Network with the Academy



### Speed Mentoring & Networking

**Tuesday, February 27, 4pm-5:30pm**

**Location:** Cori Active Learning Space, [Register Here](#)

Participants will have the opportunity to network and ask questions related to professional development and careers in medical education. Academy mentors have vast educational expertise, including medical education research, leadership, curriculum development, and bedside teaching.

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## Thank You to Our 2023 Academy Council Chairs



The AoE wishes to extend tremendous gratitude to our 2023 Academy Council of Chairs. The Academy subcommittee chairs contribute their time, expertise, and leadership to execute the vision and mission of the Academy. They skillfully guide our subcommittees in selecting new members, determining awardees, planning events, hosting education day, facilitating mentorship activities, promoting

scholarship, and selecting small grant winners. Please join us in thanking our 2023 chairs and welcoming our 2024 AoE subcommittee chairs.

**Awards:** Chair Megan Wren, MD, Vice Chair Laura Hall, MD, Past Chair Suzie Thibodeaux, MD, PhD

**Education Day:** Chair Allyson Zazulia, MD, Vice Chair Eileen Lee, MD, Past Chairs Jen Monroy, MD and Tim Yau, MD

**Membership:** Chair Ian Hagemann, MD, PhD, Vice Chair Anup Shetty, MD, Past Chair Colleen Wallace, MD

**Mentorship:** Chair Joan Noelker, MD, Vice Chair Dennis Chang, MD, Past Chair Noor Riaz, MD

**Small Grants:** Chair Nickole Forget, MD, FACP, Vice Chair Nandini Raghuraman, MD, MSCI, Past Chair Jan Hanson, PhD

## Good News

### Spotlighting IM Clerkship and LSS Partnership



Older adults and medical students are learning a lot from each other thanks to a partnership between Lutheran Senior Services (LSS) and WashU Medicine. Every other month, these students present Health & Wellness sessions for the residents of Richmond Terrace, an LSS Assisted Living Community in Richmond Heights, Missouri. The partnership fosters collaboration and mutual growth as the residents of Richmond Terrace learn how to improve their health, while the students practice their patient education skills through community engagement in its truest form. [Full article.](#)

### Duncan Selected for APPD LEAD Council



Jennifer Duncan, MD, has been selected to be a faculty member for the APPD Leadership in Educational and Academic Development (LEAD) Council. LEAD is a nationally recognized leadership development program for GME program directors to learn from experienced pediatric educators and develop advanced skills in organizational leadership, curriculum development, program administration, faculty and career development, and educational scholarship. The LEAD Council faculty are responsible for developing, implementing and evaluating the curriculum. “I’m excited to contribute my skills



in a way that will have a broad impact on program director development nationally,” said Duncan.

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### **Bricker Earns Distinguished OTD Alumni Award**



Congratulations to Jessie Bricker, OTD, OTR/L, who received the Distinguished Post Professional OTD Alumni Award for Leadership Performance in Occupational Therapy from the Eastern Kentucky University (EKU) Department of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy. She was presented virtually with the award during their Annual Research Day on Nov. 17. Bricker earned her post-professional doctorate in occupational therapy from ECU in 2018.

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### **Wu Nominated to 40 Under 40**



**Linda Wu**, DO, MBA, has been included in St. Louis Business Journal's 40 under 40. Wu was acknowledged for her work as a physician, engineer, and entrepreneur. Wu is an Assistant Professor of Pediatrics and the EXPLORE Innovation Pathway Lead. Congratulations Dr. Wu!

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### **Villhard's Entrepreneurship Program Named World's Best**



For the fifth consecutive year, WashU Olin Business School has been named the World's Best MBA Program for Entrepreneurship awarded by Poets & Quants under the leadership of Doug Villhard, MBA, Olin's Academic Director for Entrepreneurship and WUSM's Innovation Pathway Co-lead and teacher of the successful Innovation Pathway curriculum. For more details about the ranking, as well as the journey of medical student and Olin MBA graduate Kai Skallerud [click here](#). Congratulations Professor Villhard!

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### **CIPE Presented at IPEC Poster Fair**



In November, the Center for Interprofessional Practice and Education presented two posters at the virtual IPEC Poster Fair. *Differential Impact of Facilitating Interprofessional Education by Profession and Master Interprofessional Educator Status* and *Use of a Standardized Patient Team Experience to Improve Learner Interprofessional Collaboration and Teamwork* were each presented by interprofessional teams. [View Posters Here](#)

## Good Reads

### Is Academic Freedom in Crisis?



Professors being disciplined for espousing their views in the classroom or online. State legislators pushing bills to restrict what college professors can teach. Academic freedom is increasingly under threat. AAMC staff writer Bridget Balch asks: what happens now? [Full Article](#)

## Publications

### Best Practices for Surgical In-Training Residency Exams



WashU Surgical Faculty have published an article on best practices in Surgical In-Training Exams for Residency Programs. Read the Abstract [here](#).



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