



Speaker Bios

Montana WWAMI

Faculty Development Conference

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Fairmont Hot Springs Resort



Renee Crichlow, MD,
FAAFP

Renee practiced full-spectrum Family Medicine with Obstetrics for more than 20 years and is now the Chief Medical Officer of Codman Square Health Center in Boston, a Vice-chair at the Boston University Medical School Department of Family Medicine, and is a Lecturer at the Harvard University Chan School of Public Health. Dr. Crichlow has lived and worked in both rural and urban environments. She and her family lived for six years in Red Lodge, when Dr. Crichlow was seeing patients and teaching Family Medicine at a federally qualified community health center in Billings. Dr. Crichlow was next at the University of Minnesota as the director of advocacy and policy in the Department of FM and Community Health and the inaugural holder of the Mac Baird Endowed Chair for Family Medicine Advocacy and Policy. Dr. Crichlow's fellowships include a Fellowship in Health Policy through the Dept of Health and Human Services. She is a Commissioner for Federal and State Policy for the American Academy of Family Physician, and is also on the national Board of Directors and the immediate past president of the Society of Teachers of Family Medicine and the founder of The Ladder, a mentorship program for kids interested in health careers.



Electra Enslow, Director,
Clinical Research
and Data Services

Electra Enslow, Director Clinical Research and Data Services at the University of Washington Health Sciences Library, is a medical librarian with extensive experience in providing research support to healthcare educators, researchers and students. Before working at UW she was Head of Library Research and Instruction at the WSU Spokane Health Sciences campus. Her love for sharing knowledge, makes her a trusted expert and advocate for evidence-based medicine. Her other interests include mycology, gardening and thrifting.



Jay Erickson MD

Jay grew up in rural Minnesota. He received his MD from the U of Minnesota SOM, having attended the UM Duluth School of Medicine primary care track the first two years. He completed a Family Residency in Spokane in 1990 and moved to Whitefish. Jay is a Clinical Professor in the Department of Family Medicine at the UWSOM and has served as the Assistant Dean for the Montana WWAMI Clinical Phase for over 20 years. In his dean position he oversees the clinical teaching opportunities for WWAMI students in Montana. This includes first year preceptorships, the Montana RUOP (Rural Underserved Opportunities Program) between the first and second year of medical school and over 45 required clerkship opportunities in nearly 20 communities in Montana. He also oversees third year clinical Tracks in Missoula, Bozeman and Billings where students can complete all of their third- year training in Montana. Starting in 2008, he developed and helped initiate Montana TRUST (Targeted Rural Underserved Track), a comprehensive four-year rural/underserved medical school curriculum. Annually, a select group of twelve Montana WWAMI students are admitted into TRUST. This program has received awards from both the AAMC and STFM. In 2024, Jay retired clinically after 35 years of practice.



Laura Goodell, MD

Laura is an associate professor in the Department of Family Medicine, UWSOM. A Montana State University Bobcat and a Montana WWAMI alumni (E03), she completed her residency at the Montana Family Medicine Residency Program in Billings and served as chief. After practicing rural medicine in Dillon, she moved to Bozeman to participate in academic medicine. As a medical educator, she is committed to excellence. She teaches medical students in the Foundations Phase and supports WWAMI faculty as the STERN Regional Faculty Educator for Montana. When she is not at work, Dr. Goodell is a mother, wife and adventurer. She is supported by her husband Baldwin, son Oliver and daughter Beth.



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Meghan Johnston, MD

Meghan is a Clinical Associate Professor in the Department of Internal Medicine at the UWSOM. Dr. Johnston earned her medical degree from the University of Washington (MT WWAMI E'07), where she was named to the Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society. She stayed in Seattle for her internal medicine residency where she took an active role in teaching in Seattle and in Naivasha, Kenya. As a resident, she received the Internal Medicine Excellence in Teaching Award and the Evans Award. She was an inpatient chief resident at the Puget Sound VA. Following her chief year, she returned to Montana where she is a college mentor and FCM instructor for Montana WWAMI Foundations Phase. She teaches in the internal medicine clerkship at Bozeman Health. In 2018, she was awarded the ACP Women Physician of the Year award for Montana. In 2018 and 2021 she was awarded the Richard M. Tucker WWAMI Excellence in Teaching Award. She loves the surprises, both good and bad that come with teaching and her favorite moments are seeing a student make a poignant connection with a patient.



Zachary Meyers, MD

Zach serves as MT WWAMI Big Sky College Head, College Mentor, FCM Instructor, and Bozeman Family Medicine Clerkship lead. In these roles he oversees mentorship of Montana WWAMI students and teaches the art and science of clinical medicine and professionalism. Dr. Meyers maintains an active clinical practice in Family Medicine at Bozeman Health. He graduated medical school from Oregon Health & Science University, completed his residency at Montana Family Medicine Residency where he served as chief resident. He then completed a Faculty Development Fellowship at University the UWSOM and joined Montana Family Medicine Residency as a faculty physician, practicing full scope Family Medicine and teaching medical students and residents. After a sabbatical working as a locum tenens physician in rural New Zealand, Dr. Meyers moved to Bozeman for his current job. When not teaching or seeing patients he enjoys spending time with his wife and two children and enjoying the Montana outdoors.



Somnath Mookherjee, MD

Somnath is a professor of medicine at the University of Washington; his clinical practice is in perioperative medicine and internal medicine consultation. Dr. Mookherjee directs the UWSOM's CLIME (Center for Learning and Innovation in Medical Education). He works to optimize teaching skills, foster educator career development, and support educational scholarship. He also serves as mentor for UW medical students. Dr. Mookherjee's scholarly work focuses on optimizing clinical teaching. He has published scholarship on peer feedback of teaching, physical examination education, and other aspects of medical education. He is co-editor of the Handbook of Clinical Teaching, The Perioperative Medicine Consult Handbook and Chalk Talks in Internal Medicine: Scripts for Clinical Teaching. Dr. Mookherjee's contributions were recognized in 2023 with the Society of Hospital Medicine National Award for Excellence in Teaching and the Society of General Internal Medicine National Award for Scholarship in Medical Education. Dr. Mookherjee completed his training in internal medicine at the University of Washington in 2007. He went to the UCSF where he completed an academic hospital medicine fellowship and the Teaching Scholars Program. He returned to the UW in 2012 to rejoin the Division of General IM. In his free time, he is most interested keeping up with the interests and activities of his two boys and traveling with his family.



Matthew Thompson, MD,
MPH, DPhil

Matthew is a family physician by training and has worked clinically in multiple primary care settings in the USA, UK, and South Africa. He currently practices at the UW Medicine Northgate Clinic in Seattle. He has also had a busy career as a clinical researcher, starting with fellowship training at the University of Washington, and a doctorate from the University of Oxford. His research over the past 15 years has focused on four areas: improving the use of technology for diagnosis and monitoring of acute and chronic diseases, children's health, respiratory infections, and diagnostic methods. In total his studies have recruited over 40,000 patients and yielded over 250 publications. Over the past 2 ½ years he has been working at Google in Seattle as part of the clinical team, where he leads clinical research to evaluate a number of new technologies on phones, watches and earbuds. He is also involved in various efforts around Artificial Intelligence and in particular working on large language models with a health focus. When he is not working, Matthew is training feverishly on his bicycle, with plans to ride the entire Tour de France route in summer 2025.