

SPEAKERS

Stephanie Ashford M.Ed, CCP-C, is a training officer at St. Charles County Ambulance District. She has worked in EMS for the last 21 years, and has been with SCCAD for the last 12. She is an active volunteer with the FOCUS Marines Foundation, working with Marines and Navy Corpsmen with PTSD and TBI since 9/11.

Brandon Bleess, MD, EMT-T, FAAEM is a Clinical Assistant Professor at the University of Illinois College of Medicine at Peoria and EMS Academic Faculty for the Emergency Medicine residency. He graduated from the University of Illinois College of Medicine at Peoria in 2013. He completed his emergency medicine residency in 2016 at the University of Illinois College of Medicine at Peoria/OSF Saint Francis Medical Center in Peoria, IL, where he served as chief resident for the 2015-2016 academic year. He completed his EMS Fellowship in 2017 at Washington University in St. Louis. He is board certified in both Emergency Medicine and EMS. He has been active in pre-hospital medicine since starting as a firefighter/EMT in 2003.

Sabina Braithwaite, MD EMT-P is the EMS Fellowship Director at Washington University in St Louis. She has extensive experience as an EMS medical director and in EMS education at all levels. She has been active in leadership of several national organizations and projects, including International Trauma Life Support and the EMS Culture of Safety Strategy Project. Sabina is board certified in Emergency Medicine and is subspecialty certified in Emergency Medical Services. She has been continuously certified as an EMS provider for 30 years and still holds National Registry Paramedic certification.

Erica Carney, MD, EMT-T attended the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Medicine, completed her Emergency Medicine Residency at UMKC and was elected Chief resident. She completed her EMS Fellowship at Washington University. She is serving as the Medical Director of the UMKC EMS Education System, Associate Medical Director of the Kansas City Fire Department, and she is an Assistant Professor at Truman Medical Center in the Emergency Department.

Maia Dorsett, MD PhD is an Emergency and EMS Physician in the Division of Prehospital Medicine at the University of Rochester Medical Center. She is currently Associate Medical Director of the Paramedic Education Program at Monroe Community College and Vice Chair of the Education Committee for the National Association of EMS Physicians. She completed her medical education and Emergency medicine residency as well as her EMS Fellowship at Washington University in St. Louis.

Kurt Eifling, MD graduated from medical school in 2009 and entered directly into active duty service with the US Navy. He spent one year training at Portsmouth Naval Medical Center, and then joined the Fleet Marine Force as Battalion Surgeon for 3rd Battalion, 8th Marines Regiment, stationed at Camp Lejeune, NC. He has been deployed twice to Helmand Province, Afghanistan to provide resuscitative trauma care in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Just days after leaving active duty, he joined the Emergency Medicine Residency at Washington University in St. Louis, graduating in 2017. He is currently serving as a Fellow in Wilderness and Environmental Medicine at University of Colorado.

Brian R. Froelke, MD, EMT-T, FACEP is an Assistant Professor of Emergency Medicine at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis. He attended the University of Cincinnati Medical School and continued his training at Barnes Jewish Hospital where he served as Chief Resident. He assisted with the construction of an EMS Fellowship Program in which he was the inaugural fellow in Emergency Medical Services. He is the EMS medical director for Christian Hospital EMS in Saint Louis as well as a number of local emergency response agencies. He is the Chief Medical Officer for the Missouri Disaster Response System and the Chair of Missouri's Regional Medical Director Committee. He is President of the Interstate Disaster Medical Collaborative and the EMS Medical Director for the State of Missouri.

W. Scott Gilmore, MD, EMT-P, EMT-T, FACEP is an attending physician at SSM St. Mary's Hospital in St. Louis, MO and Medical Director of the St. Louis Fire Department. He was the former Program Director for the EMS Fellowship at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis. He started his career in healthcare as an Emergency Medical Technician-Ambulance and continues to maintain his license as a paramedic. He graduated from Southern Illinois University where he obtained his Doctor of Medicine. He completed an Emergency Medicine residency and EMS fellowship at Barnes-Jewish Hospital and is board certified in Emergency Medicine and Emergency Medical Services. He is active in the prehospital setting serving as a Board Member for the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians and the chair of the Education Committee of the National Association of EMS Physicians.

Jacob B. Keeperman, MD, EMT-B, EMT-T is an Assistant Professor of Anesthesiology and Emergency Medicine at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis. He started his career as an Emergency Medical Technician—Basic. He graduated from Loyola University Stritch School of Medicine in Chicago and completed his Emergency Medicine residency at Barnes-Jewish Hospital. He is board certified in Emergency Medicine. After residency he completed fellowships in Multi-disciplinary Critical Care Medicine and Emergency Medical Services. He is the Medical Director for Air Evac EMS. He is frequently an invited lecturer locally, nationally, and internationally on Emergency Medicine, Critical Care Medicine, and Emergency Medical Services. He has special interests in out-of-hospital management of critically ill patients, emergency management of LVADs, out-of-hospital vasopressor use, and utilization of air medical resources.

Melissa Kroll, MD graduated from the Washington University Emergency Medicine residency where she served as chief resident in 2017. She is currently an EMS fellow at Washington University. She plans to become the medical director of the Washington University community paramedicine program starting in July 2018.

Mark D. Levine, MD, FACEP, FAEMS is an Associate Professor of Emergency Medicine and Emergency Medicine Course Director at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis. He started his career as an Emergency Medical Technician—Basic. He graduated from New York University School of Medicine and completed his Emergency Medicine residency at the MetroHealth Medical Center/Cleveland Clinic program in Cleveland, Ohio, where he served as a Flight Physician for Metro Life Flight. He is board certified in Emergency Medicine and Emergency Medical Services. He was the former Medical Director of the St. Louis Fire Department, and now serves as the Assistant Medical Director. He has lectured locally, nationally, and internationally on Emergency Medicine and Pre-hospital Medicine, has edited a textbook on Emergency Medicine, and is a reviewer for EMS World Magazine.

Stephen Liang, MD is an Assistant Professor in the Division of Emergency Medicine and the Division of Infectious Diseases at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis. He completed his Internal Medicine and Emergency Medicine residencies at the University of Maryland Medical Center in Baltimore Maryland, where he served as a Chief Resident. He completed his fellowship in Infectious Diseases at Washington University. He is a recipient of multiple distinguished teaching and professionalism awards as well as being the author of multiple research papers. He has an interest in infection prevention and emerging infectious diseases in emergency care settings. He also serves as a medical team manager for Missouri Task Force 1.

Michael T. Lohmeier, MD, EMT-T joined the faculty of Emergency Medicine at the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine & Public Health in August of 2011. After graduating from the University of Illinois College of Medicine at Peoria in 2006. He completed his Emergency Medicine Residency training at Washington University in Saint Louis, serving as Chief Resident during his fourth year. He subsequently completed a Fellowship in Emergency Medical Services at Washington University, with a concentration in Tactical Medicine. His areas of interest also include EMS and prehospital care, mass gathering, and fireground rehab.

Al Lulla, MD, MS is a graduate of the UCLA David Geffen School of Medicine and currently in his second year of emergency medicine residency at Washington University in St. Louis. His interests include critical care, EMS, prehospital research, and medical education.

Aurora Lybeck, MD is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine, Emergency Medicine Residency at Washington University in St. Louis, and Medical College of Wisconsin for her EMS Fellowship. She was formerly an EMT-I and Crew Chief for a volunteer service in Wisconsin. She is board certified in Emergency Medicine and EMS, and serves as the Assistant Out of Hospital Medical Director for Aurora Regional EMS in southeast Wisconsin.

Kim McKenna, RN, EMT-P Kim McKenna is the Director of Education for the St. Charles County Ambulance District in Missouri. She formerly served as Chief Medical Officer for the Florissant Valley Fire Protection District and as EMS liaison for a Level 1 trauma center in metropolitan St. Louis. Kim is a paramedic, registered nurse, educator, EMS author and editor who has been involved in emergency care and EMS education for more than 25 years. She was the Emergency Medical Responder Project Level leader on the National EMS Education Standards Task force and presently serves on the Board of Advisors for the Prehospital Care Research Forum at UCLA. Kim holds a PhD in Educational Leadership and Policy Studies from the University of Missouri, St. Louis.

Michelle Mayer, EMT-P began her EMS career in October 2003 as an EMS Dispatcher for the St. Louis Fire Department. From Dispatcher she promoted through the ranks of EMT-B, Paramedic and to her current rank of Paramedic Crew Chief. In 2011, she was assigned the role of QA/QI Officer. Michelle graduated from Fontbonne University in 2002 with a Bachelor of Arts in Communications with a concentration in Public Relations.

H. Philip Moy, MD is an Instructor of Emergency Medicine and core faculty for the EMS fellowship at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis. He graduated from Loyola Stritch School of Medicine in Chicago in 2008 and he completed his residency in Emergency Medicine at Washington University where he served as Chief Resident in 2012-13. He completed his fellowship in Emergency Medical Services at the University of North Carolina and returned to St. Louis where he is currently in charge of research for the EMS fellowship at Washington University and is an Assistant Medical Director for the Saint Louis Fire Department.

Peter D. Panagos, MD, FACEP, FAHA is an Associate Professor of Emergency Medicine at Washington University. He is a graduate of Emory University School of Medicine. Following a year of surgical training at Naval Medical Center San Diego, he graduated and received his wings as a Naval Flight Surgeon in Pensacola, Florida. He completed his residency in Emergency Medicine at the University of Cincinnati and completed a fellowship in Neurological Emergencies and Stroke at the University of Cincinnati. He is the Director of Neurovascular Emergencies in the Division of Emergency Medicine and Co-Director of the Barnes-Jewish Hospital/Washington University Stroke Network and currently serves as Co-Chair of Mission: Lifeline Stroke and Vice-Chair of the Stroke Council Leadership Committee.

Douglas Randell, EMT-P began his EMS career in 1996, and while working in the field, he began teaching EMS classes and realized how much he enjoyed teaching. As a result, Douglas was promoted to be one of two EMS Training Officers for the St. Louis Fire Department. After two Associate Degrees and a Bachelor in Business Management in May 2016, Douglas left St. Louis and was hired as the Division Chief of EMS for Plainfield Fire Territory in Plainfield, IN. He has been a member of the Advisory Council's Chair of the Education Subcommittee for the State of Missouri.

Nicholas D. Rathert, MD, EMT-T is the Associate Chief of the Division of EMS at Albany Medical Center in Albany NY as well as Associate Medical Director for Operations with Albany Fire Department and Schenectady Fire Department. He is an Emergency Physician at Albany (NY) Medical Center. A graduate of Southern Illinois School of Medicine, he completed Emergency Medicine residency and EMS fellowship at Washington University in St. Louis. He is Board Certified in both Emergency Medicine and EMS. He has served as an item writer for the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT) and is a member of the EMS Milestone Project Working Group for the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME).

Jenny Rieker, EMT-P, CCEMT-P began her EMS career at Christian Hospital EMS in 2003. While working as an EMT, Jenny later obtained her Paramedic license through the CHEMS academy. She then became a Field Training Officer and holds several instructor certifications. She currently is the course coordinator for the Principals and Ethics of Professional Leadership (PEPL) course for Christian Hospital and course coordinator and lead instructor for the Community Paramedic program at Christian Hospital. Jenny is also the supervisor of the Mobile Integrated Healthcare (MIH) Program at Christian Hospital EMS.

John E. Romeo, BSN, RN, EMT-P serves as the Deputy Chief – Medical officer for the St. Charles County Ambulance District in St. Peters, Missouri. He previously served at SCCAD as a road paramedic for 5 years and then a Battalion Chief prior to becoming Deputy Chief. He has taught a primary Paramedic education program as the lead instructor for St. Louis Community College for four years and has previous critical care and emergency nursing experience.

Jeff Sadtler, EMT-P/FF, Rescue Technician is the Chief of West County EMS and Fire Protection District in , St. Louis County, Missouri. Chief Sadtler has been in the Fire Service for over 25 years, and has served as a Chief Officer since 2010. Prior to his service at West County, Chief Sadtler has also served the St. Clair (MO) Ambulance District, the Rock Township Ambulance District, and the Mehlville Fire Protection District. He sits on the Board of Directors for the Committee on Accreditation for the EMS Professions (CoAEMSP), the Board of Directors of Burns Recovered and the International Association of Firefighters EMS Standing Committee.

Jeffrey Siegler, MD is one of the EMS physicians at Washington University School of Medicine. He is the medical director for Mallinckrodt EMS, Christian Hospital EMS Academy, St Louis Police Academy, Eastern Missouri Police Academy, and the St. Louis Science Center. He is an assistant team physician for the St. Charles County Regional SWAT Team, St. Louis USAR Team, and the Homeland Security Response Team – St. Charles, Lincoln, and Warren Counties. He is the assistant medical director for Christian Hospital EMS. He is the liaison for NAEMSP to both the NFPA and SOMA. Prior to medical school, he was a paramedic and a firefighter in California, Pennsylvania, and New York.

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David K. Tan, MD, EMT-T, FAAEM is the EMS Section Chief in the Division of Emergency Medicine at Washington University School of Medicine. He also serves as Medical Director of Washington University EMS. He is board-certified in Emergency Medicine and EMS Medicine and personally serves as medical director for the St. Charles County Police Department, Abbott EMS, Clayton Fire Department, St. Louis US&R System, and several first responder and AED programs. He is Vice-chair of the Missouri State Advisory Council on EMS and serves on the National Association of EMS Physicians Board of Directors.

Stephen Tomko, EMT-P, NRP, FP-C, CCP is a critical care flight paramedic with Air Evac Lifeteam. For nearly a decade in EMS, Stephen has dedicated himself to propagating prehospital medical care through participation in the education of prehospital providers and physicians alike as well as development of field equipment. Stephen also holds Fire 1 and 2 licenses, and is currently in school pursuing a mechanical engineering degree with plans to attend medical school upon graduation.

William (Bill) Warsing, PCC, FP-C has been a practicing paramedic for the past 20 years, 12 of those specializing in Critical Care. He is the Lead Paramedic in charge of the Abbott EMS Specialty Care Transport Program and the Primary Instructor for the Paramedic Critical Care course at IHM.

Shannon Watson, EMT-P began her EMS Career in Jacksonville NC where she attained her Paramedic License and Associates in Emergency Medical Science. She came to Christian Hospital EMS ten years ago and is now Assistant Chief of EMS. Shannon currently teaches nationally at EMS conferences and is a published author of a chapter in pediatric prehospital provision. She is on the East Central Region EMS Committee for St. Louis. Shannon is also a committee member and the Chair for Emergency Pediatric Care (EPC) through NAEMT. She is active in developing and implementing a mobile integrated health program for Christian Hospital.

Brent Williams, Senior EMS Advisor

John Wilmas, MD attended medical school at St. Louis University, completed his residency in Emergency Medicine at Washington University. He is currently an attending physician at Mercy Hospital in St. Louis. Since completing residency, he has been actively involved in EMS, currently serving as Medical Director of multiple St Louis County EMS agencies including: West County EMS and Fire, Kirkwood Fire Dept., Olivette Fire Dept., Creve Coeur Fire Protection Dist., Monarch Fire Protection dist., Metro West Fire Protection Dist., Ladue Fire Department, and Frontenac Fire Dept. In addition, he serves as the Medical Director for ARCH Air Medical Service and provides guidance as a National Physician Advisor for Air Methods.

Thomas H. Wilson, JD is a partner with the regional law firm of HeplerBroom, LLC, with offices in Illinois, Indiana and Missouri. Mr. Wilson graduated from Southern Illinois University School of Law in 1989, and since that time his practice has consisted principally of defending physicians, hospitals, EMS providers, and other medical professionals in claims alleging medical malpractice. In addition to practicing law full time, for the past nine years Mr. Wilson has been a member of the Chatham Fire Department and currently serves as a volunteer Lieutenant/Paramedic with that Department. After obtaining his Paramedic license in 2009 Mr. Wilson also worked as a Paramedic for several years with America Ambulance Company in Springfield, Illinois.

Michael Wojick, EMT-P is a 25-year Veteran of the Fire and EMS field and has been with a local urban EMS/Fire service for the last 12 years. A former college baseball player, and graduate of Hannibal Lagrange University, he obtained his Firefighter 1 and 2 and Firefighter instructor certifications from St. Louis Community College. A strong advocate for victims of PTSD, he is actively involved in finding ways to identify and treat PTSD within the Fire and EMS field.