

## Speakers

**Joni Watkins, RVT**, attended Texas State Technical College in Waco, Texas, graduating in 1978 as a Registered Veterinary Technician. Following graduation, I joined Texas A&M University's College of Veterinary Medicine in the radiology section of the department of Small Animal Medicine and Surgery. After 5 years, I transferred to the department of Large Animal Medicine and Surgery allowing her to combine my love for radiology with my passion for horses, where I spent the remainder of my professional career (26 years) teaching students the art of equine radiographic imaging and providing high quality radiographs of patients admitted to the large animal clinic of Texas A&M's veterinary medical teaching hospital.

In addition to my duties at Texas A&M, I was a consultant with 3M Animal Care Products (1991-2006) where I was involved with developing technique charts for various film/screen combinations offered by their imaging group. In 2006, I joined Sound Technologies where my duties included lecturing and providing laboratory instruction in radiographic and ultrasonographic techniques.

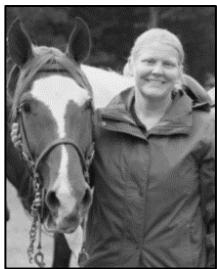
Since 2017, I have been employed by MinXray Inc. as a lecturer and laboratory instructor for radiation safety and imaging techniques as well as sales consultant. I have presented numerous lectures on radiographic imaging at the local, state, and national level, including the annual meetings of the Texas and Louisiana Veterinary Medical Associations, American Veterinary Medical Association, American Association of Equine Practitioners, Northeastern Association of Equine Practitioner and the International Society for Equine Locomotor Pathology.



**Dr. Gregory R. Lisciandro, DVM, Dipl. ABVP, Dipl. ACVECC** received his degree from Cornell University, completed a rotating internship in small animal medicine and surgery at The Animal Medical Center, New York City, and a residency in Emergency and Critical Care at the Emergency Pet Center, San Antonio, Texas. He has spent approximately half of his 27-year career in general practice and half in emergency and critical care. His interests include point-of-care ultrasound that rapidly answer important clinical questions optimizing small animal patient care; and developed the abdominal FAST (AFAST)-applied fluid scoring system, thoracic FAST (TFAST) and most recently the Vet BLUE (lung ultrasound). He has extensively published veterinary clinical studies on AFAST® and its fluid scoring system, TFAST® and Vet BLUE®; has been an annual guest lecturer at the TRISAT Critical Care Webcast Series to medical doctors; and done collaborative research with veterinary schools and medical doctors. He is editor and chapter author of the textbook Focused Ultrasound Techniques for the Small Animal Practitioner, Wiley © 2014, translated in 5 languages, English,

Spanish, Greek, Japanese and Chinese; and lectured and trained veterinarians including the USA, Canada, Mexico, Europe and South America, leading veterinary medicine in this exciting new frontier. Currently, he is co-owner of Hill Country Veterinary Specialists and CEO of FASTVet.com, an education-based veterinary ultrasound company, President of the International Veterinary Point-of-Care Ultrasound Society, [www.IVPOCUS.org](http://www.IVPOCUS.org), and serves as an At-large Regent on the ACVECC Board of Directors, the ACVECC Scientific Committee, and a member of ACVECC Education Guidelines Committee developing a Veterinary Advanced Trauma Life Support curriculum.

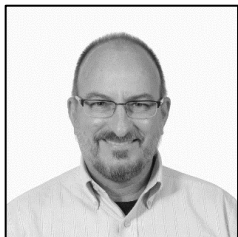
**Erika Wierman, DVM:** Dr. Wierman graduated with honors from the Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine and completed an internship at the prestigious Rood and Riddle Equine Hospital. After a few years in equine and mixed practice, she joined the team at E.I. Medical Imaging as the staff veterinarian and education manager, where she organizes short courses, wetlabs, and seminars and instructs students and customers on a variety of introductory ultrasound topics.



**Amy Weatherly, DVM:** After graduating from veterinary school in 2002 from Ohio State University, Dr. Weatherly completed an internship in large animal medicine and surgery at Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine. Following her internship, she completed a three year equine and large animal surgery residency at Texas A&M, focusing on equine surgery and lameness. After her residency, she was employed as a large animal emergency clinician and surgeon at the University Of Tennessee College Of Veterinary Medicine for 2 years. In 2008 she became a board certified large animal surgeon and took a position as Field Service Equine Veterinarian and Section Chief for Large Animal Field Services at the University of Tennessee. As a surgeon with special interest in lameness, her clients ranged from sport horses, dressage, hunter/jumpers and eventing horses to the back-yard pleasure and trail horse. Now she operates a large animal ambulatory practice and continues to be an adjunct faculty member of The University of Tennessee and often has externs at her practice. She was honored to receive the 2013 Equus Magazine Professional Horseman Award after being nominated by one of her clients.

Dr. Weatherly met her husband at the Ames Plantation in Grand Junction, TN where she brought students from the veterinary college to provide health care for the plantation's herd of horses. Dr. Weatherly now lives on the Ames Plantation with her husband Chris, their 4 horses and 5 dogs. They enjoy riding in field trials and spending time in the outdoors.

**Jennifer Schissler DVM, MS, DACVD** is Assistant Professor of Dermatology at Colorado State University with a clinical, teaching, and research appointment. Her professional interests include: clinical immunology, otology, and infectious disease. Dr. Schissler particularly enjoys client and student education. She is a Colorado native and graduate Colorado State University's professional veterinary medical program in 2005. She completed a combined dermatology residency and master's degree at The Ohio State University, and achieved diplomate status from the American College of Veterinary Dermatology in 2009. She practiced dermatology and otology in private specialty practice in Louisville, Kentucky prior to accepting her faculty position at Colorado State University in 2011.



**Dr. John Mattoon** graduated from Oregon State and Washington State Universities in 1984. Following small animal practice in Portland, Oregon, he began a radiology residency at UC Davis, earning Diplomate status in ACVR in 1989. Dr. Mattoon worked as a specialist in San Francisco before beginning an academic career at Oregon State in 1991. He has since been faculty at the Atlantic Veterinary College, The Ohio State University, and WSU, and was Chief Radiologist with Antech Imaging Services from 2014-2016. He has returned to WSU as a Clinical Professor, focusing on resident and student training, and clinical practice. Dr. Mattoon has been honored with numerous teaching awards and has served the ACVR in various positions for many years, including President. Dr. Mattoon is co-editor of Small Animal Diagnostic Ultrasound, has over 80 scientific publications, chapters in several veterinary textbooks, and has had the pleasure of presenting at over 100 meetings worldwide.

**Tracy E. Norman, VMD, ACVIM:** Tracy Norman grew up in the western suburbs of Philadelphia, and attended the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine. She completed a rotating internship at Blue Ridge Equine Clinic in Earlysville, VA and an Internal Medicine residency at Texas A&M University in College Station, TX. She worked as faculty at Texas A&M for an additional 6 years, and has been working in primary and referral practice at Blue Ridge Equine since 2014.





**Dr. Dan U. Thomson** is a third generation bovine veterinarian from Clearfield, IA. Dr. Thomson received his BS in Animal Science in 1990 and DVM from Iowa State University 2000. Dr. Thomson completed a MS in Ruminant Nutrition from South Dakota State University and a PhD in Ruminant Nutrition from Texas Tech University.

Dr. Thomson was an associate veterinarian with Veterinary Research and Consulting Services in Greeley, CO. He then served as the Director of Animal Health and Well-being for Cactus Feeders in Amarillo, TX. Dr. Thomson was the veterinary consultant for their 10 commercial feedlots that fed 1.2 million head of cattle per year and directed their animal health research at the Cactus research facility. Dr. Thomson still practices feedlot medicine in Nebraska, Kansas, Iowa and Texas.

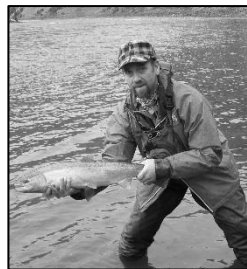
Dr. Thomson is The Jones Professor of Production Medicine and Epidemiology at Kansas State University's College of Veterinary Medicine. He has served as the Global Co-leader for McDonald's Beef Health and Welfare Committee, sits on the YUM! Animal Welfare Council and serves on the Animal Welfare Advisory Board of the Food Marketing Institute, the Beef Quality Assurance Committee of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association and the Animal Welfare committees of the American Association of Bovine Practitioners and the Academy of Veterinary Consultants.

Dr. Thomson is recognized internationally as a leader in animal welfare, beef cattle production and cattle health management. Dr. Thomson has published 109 peer-reviewed papers, 5 book chapters, 255 abstracts, 127 proceedings and progress reports at professional meetings and delivered 749 invited talks internationally on his research and field experience on the interactions between production management, environment and nutrition on the health and well-being of beef cattle. Dr. Thomson's research program has been granted over \$35.3 million with \$16.0 million of those funds coming with him as the primary investigator.

Thomson's research and outreach has been reported in many media outlets including CBS Evening news, USA Today, Los Angeles Times, the New York Times, Meating Place and many others. He hosts a nationally aired veterinary television show in its seventh season on RFD TV entitled "Doc Talk" that reaches over 45 million homes world-wide. Thomson is a partner in PAC veterinary and research services which oversees the day to day health and well-being for many of the U.S. cattle feeding operations.

Dr. Thomson is married to his wife Cindy. They have 4 daughters, Kelly, Katelyn, Tory and Sarah. Dr. Thomson's hobbies are his daughters' activities and a little hunting or fishing in Southwest Iowa when time allows.

**Eric Liska, DVM**, Montana, Brucellosis Program Veterinarian: Dr. Eric Liska grew up on the family Angus ranch in Nebraska, graduated from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln with a bachelor's degree in science and a minor in agriculture. Following his graduation from Kansas State University College of Veterinary Medicine in 1998, he practiced and owned his own large animal veterinary practice in Helena, MT for 11 years. Dr. Liska came on board with the Montana Department of Livestock as the Brucellosis Program Veterinarian in June of 2009.



**Thomas F.T. Linfield, DVM**, Assistant Director District 5 SPRS Field Office for Montana, USDA-APHIS-Veterinary Services. Dr. Tom Linfield is the Assistant Director in the District 5 Montana Field Office, United States Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Veterinary Services, Surveillance, Preparedness and Response Services (USDA-APHIS-VS-SPRS). Prior to this position, he contracted with the Montana Department of Livestock, performing brucellosis-related activities in the Montana greater Yellowstone area; was the Area Epidemiology Officer for USDA-APHIS-VS-Wyoming; and was the State Veterinarian for the State of Montana. He also served as served as the Veterinarian at Large and then the Assistant State Veterinarian for the state of Montana. Prior to his positions with the Montana Department of Livestock, Dr. Linfield owned and managed a private mixed animal practice in Drummond, Montana; and served as an associate veterinarian in practices in Livingston, MT; Bridger, MT; and Belt, MT.

Dr. Linfield is the VS-SPRS District 5 "Animal Disease Traceability (ADT) Lead" and had the opportunity to serve on an ADT Staff detail, providing ADT program support from January 2015 thru December 2016.

Dr. Linfield was born in Bozeman, Montana, and earned a bachelor's degree and a doctorate of Veterinary Medicine from Colorado State University. He also received certification in beef cattle production management from the University of Nebraska.

**Tahnee Szymanski, DVM** is a Helena native and a 2004 graduate from Oregon State University College of Veterinary Medicine. She joined the Department of Livestock in 2008. As the assistant state veterinarian, Tahnee Szymanski works on trichomoniasis; traceability; rabies; biologics; disease reporting; public health issues; as well as other cattle, equine, and poultry disease programs. Tahnee is married to Seth Szymanski and has one child, Campbell (5). In her off-duty time, Szymanski enjoys hiking, kayaking, snowshoeing, and quilting.



**Jennifer Ramsey DVM, MPVM: Dr. Jennifer Ramsey** is the wildlife veterinarian for the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife & Parks. She is a 1999 graduate of the Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine. Following graduation Jennifer worked for six years as an associate veterinarian in a busy mixed animal practice where her work focused heavily on preventive herd health and emergency medicine of livestock. In 2007, she received her degree of Masters of Preventive Veterinary Medicine in Wildlife and Ecosystem Health from the University of California at Davis. From 2006-2008, Dr. Ramsey worked in the California Department of Fish and Game Wildlife Investigations Lab where her primary roles were oversight and animal care for a captive wildlife facility, work on bighorn sheep health issues, necropsy, chemical immobilization and handling of wildlife, and assisting other veterinarians with instruction of animal handling and immobilization training for agency personnel. Dr. Ramsey began working for Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks in the fall of 2008. Her primary roles with MFWP include leading the Wildlife Health Program and Drug Program for the agency.

**Kerry Pride, DVM:** Kerry grew up on a ranch in rural Montana. She attended undergraduate at the University of Idaho where she studied animal science. Kerry completed her veterinary training at Louisiana State University and after veterinary school she worked in a mixed animal practices in Alaska and Montana for nine years. Kerry completed her Masters of Public Health at the University of Alaska. She then applied and was accepted to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Epidemic Intelligence Service Fellowship, which she completed at the Wyoming Department of Health. During the fellowship, she became board certified in veterinary preventive medicine. Kerry then completed a CDC Preventive Medicine Fellowship with the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services. Following her fellowship, Kerry stayed on at the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services where she provides veterinary public health expertise and technical support to local and Tribal health departments for community health planning, accreditation, workforce development, and quality improvement.

