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SPEAKER BIOS

April 10, 2024
Holiday Inn Des Moines-Airport/
Conference Center
7:30 a.m. Breakfast
8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Lectures

Rachel Allbaugh, DVM, MS, Diplomate ACVO

Dr. Rachel Allbaugh is originally from Waterloo, Iowa and received her DVM degree from Iowa State University in 2004. She completed a veterinary ophthalmology residency at Kansas State University and was on faculty at K-State from 2008-2011. In 2011 Dr. Allbaugh returned to Iowa and is now a Tenured Professor at Iowa State University as well as the Ophthalmology Service Leader. Dr. Allbaugh's passion for veterinary ophthalmology began with her childhood cat's nearly blinding eye disease. Since that time, she has been devoted to the field, enjoying clinical practice, teaching, and research and has received numerous awards for her efforts. Dr. Allbaugh also helps to serve the profession through active participation in professional organizations. In her free time, Dr. Allbaugh loves spending time with her family and friends, traveling, riding her horses, enjoying water sports, hiking, and any other outdoor activity.



Audra Brady, M.A., B.S., SHRM-CP

Brady joined Iowa Veterinary Specialties as their Human Resource Manager to bring order to the human segment of the business. Her educational background includes an MA in Teaching and a BS in Entrepreneurship/Business Administration, and is certified in Human Resources. She has 7 years of experience in human resource management.



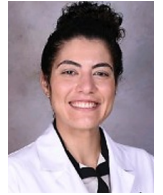
April Blong, DVM, DACVECC

April Blong is an Iowa native. She completed her DVM at ISU in 2009 and then completed internships at North Carolina State University and the University of Georgia. Lastly, she completed her Emergency and Critical Care residency at Cornell University in 2014 and became a Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care. She is currently a faculty member at ISU and helps out at IVS from time to time. She lives in Ames with her husband and three children.



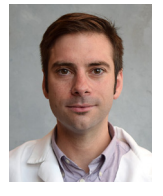
Kamila Correa, DVM

Dr. Correa received her D.V.M from the Federal Fluminense University, Brazil, in 2017. After veterinary school, she moved to Colorado and got her CVT, working as an ER veterinary technician for 2 years before starting an internship in small animal medicine and surgery at Tuskegee University, AL. Following her internship, she ended up at Iowa State University College of Veterinary Medicine where she is now a Small Animal Emergency and Critical Care first year resident. Her main interests are in critical care, trauma and pain management. She also appreciates the fast pace and diverse caseload that emergency medicine provides and wants to stay in Academia once she completes her residency program.



**Jesus Diaz Bujan, DVM, BSAVA PgVertSA
Ophthal, MVetMed, Diplomate ECVO**

Dr. Jesus Diaz Bujan received his veterinary degree from the University of León (Spain) in 2010, after three years in small animal practice in the United Kingdom; he completed an internship at the Animal Health Trust in 2016, followed by an ophthalmology internship at a private referral center in the United Kingdom. In 2021, he completed a three-year ophthalmology residency program with a master's degree at the Royal Veterinary College, London. After two years working in a private referral hospital in Ottawa (Canada), he joined the ophthalmology service at Iowa State University (ISU) as a clinical assistant professor in September 2023. In his free time, Dr. Diaz enjoys traveling, cooking, and any type of outdoor or indoor sport, but especially loves basketball.



Brandon Mason, DVM

Dr. Brandon Mason was born in Michigan, briefly raised in the US Virgin Islands, and then spent the rest of his childhood in the metro-Atlanta area. He attended Auburn University and obtained his undergraduate degree in Zoology in 2013. That propelled him to Tuskegee University where he earned his Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree in 2017. Shortly after graduation from veterinary school, Dr. Mason was accepted into the internship program at VCA Alameda East Veterinary



Hospital in Denver, CO where he practiced for one year under the guidance and supervision of a seasoned group of specialists and general practitioners. Upon completion of his internship, Dr. Mason and his wife settled in the area, and he worked as a general practitioner with VCA for 3 years until being accepted to the ISU Small Animal Internal Medicine Residency Program. He will complete the program in July of this year. Dr. Mason was drawn to internal medicine during his internship. His veterinary interests include, gastrointestinal disease, infectious disease, and endoscopy. Dr. Mason and his wife are kept busy at home with their three dogs and one cat, Zip, Tulip, Whiskey, and Kiki. The Mason family enjoys the outdoors and will often be found exploring hiking trails in the warmer months and on the slopes during ski/snowboarding season.

Rachel Meyer, DVM

Rachel Meyer is a third-year small animal internal medicine resident at Iowa State University. She completed her undergraduate and veterinary degrees at the University of Minnesota, as well as a rotating internship at Wheat Ridge Animal Hospital.



Brenda Mulherin, DVM, Diplomate AVDC, Board Certified Veterinary Dentist

Dr. Brenda L. Mulherin graduated from Iowa State University College of Veterinary Medicine. She entered private practice for a few years before returning to Iowa State University College of Veterinary Medicine. She entered and completed a Dentistry and Oral Surgery Residency with the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 2014. She became a Diplomate of the American Veterinary Dental College in 2015. Dr. Mulherin is a Full Clinical Professor at Iowa State University and is charged with small animal dentistry education for veterinary students.



Jill Niederhuth, DVM, DACVIM (Neurology)

Dr. Jill Niederhuth's clinical interests include neck and back surgery for disc herniation, lumbosacral surgery, epilepsy treatment, inflammatory brain and spinal cord disease treatments, autoimmune disease and neuromuscular diseases. Education: Diplomate, American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine (Neurology); Residency, Neurology, University of Georgia, Athens; Internship, Neurology, Animal Specialty Group, Los Angeles, CA; Internship, Small Animal Medicine & Surgery, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis; Doctor of Veterinary Medicine, University of Minnesota, St. Paul; Bachelor of Science, Biological Sciences, William Paterson University, Wayne, NJ; Bachelor of Arts, English Literature, Tulane University, New Orleans, LA. Dr. Niederhuth loves reading, growing plants and doing puzzles. She and her husband have two small children and two dogs – Arby and Athena.



Ingrid Preteseille, DVM, MsC

Dr. Ingrid Preteseille is originally from Paris, France. She graduated from the veterinary school of Lyon in France. She completed a small animal rotating internship and ECC internship at the University of Lyon, followed by an ER internship at UC Davis. She is currently a first-year ECC resident at Iowa State university.



Lena Ribbey, DVM

Dr. Ribbey graduated from ISU CVM in 2019. She started her career in general practice in the greater Des Moines area, then transitioned to the Emergency and Exotics Departments at Iowa Veterinary Specialties in 2021. She has over 10 years of experience working with exotic companion animals. When not working, Dr. Ribbey enjoys volunteering for the Animal Rescue League of Iowa, exercising, and spending time outdoors.



Abbey Rupiper, DVM

Dr. Rupiper graduated from Iowa State University College of Veterinary Medicine in 2019 and has been working at IVS ever since. Dr. Rupiper has a special interest in soft tissue surgery and exotic animal medicine. She is a member of IVMA, AVMA, Association of Avian Veterinarians, and the Association of Reptile and Amphibian Veterinarians.



Zach Wright

I have been immersed in reptiles for over 30 years of my life, from starting with snakes and toads that I found in the yard to working with them in the professional setting. I was an ER technician and Surgical technician for 18 years at Iowa Veterinary Specialties. I also was a relief Zoo Keeper and Veterinary Technician for 10 years at the Blank Park Zoo. I am now one of the owners of the exhibit Snakes Alive at the Iowa State Fair. I keep and breed reptiles and amphibians personally. I do educational demonstrations for different entities.

