

Meet our Residents 2018-2019

PGY-1 Ambulatory Care



Jessica Acker

Pharmacy school: University of Wisconsin-Madison

Career interests: Primary Care, Transitions of Care

Residency Project: How does implementation of DOAC population management tool impact patient care?

Why the Madison VA?: Positive culture in the pharmacy department

Hobbies: Volleyball, running, board/card games

Favorite things to do in Madison: Bar league volleyball, boating on the lakes

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Rachel Mays

Pharmacy school: Butler University College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences

Career interests: Mental health, pain management, primary care

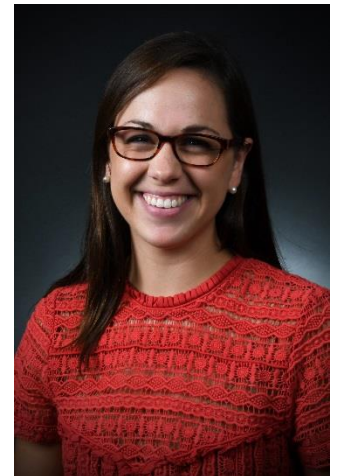
Residency Project: Prescribing trends and efficacy of GLP-1 receptor agonists

Why the Madison VA?: Engaging, resident-focused preceptors and a variety of ambulatory care-based rotation experiences

Hobbies: Hosting game nights, cooking and/or baking, exercising

Favorite things to do in Madison: Trying new restaurants, spending time outside, going to Union Terrace with friends

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Whitney Pilger

Pharmacy school: University of Wisconsin-Madison

Career interests: Cardiology, diabetes, primary care and academia

Residency Project: Looking at the influence of melatonin on blood pressure control in chronic kidney disease patients with hypertension

Why the Madison VA? This program had everything I was looking for in a residency: supportive preceptors, innovative research opportunities, teaching certificate, unique ambulatory care clinic experiences, and the ability to perform at the top of my license. The most important aspect, for me, is the opportunity to give back to and provide top notch care to the Veterans who served our country.

Hobbies: Hiking, biking, camping, traveling, gardening (basically anything outdoors), DIY projects, and spending time with friends and family

Favorite things to do in Madison: Biking the Lake Loop around Lake Monona, exploring the numerous other bike paths and natural areas/state parks around Madison, visiting the Dane County Farmer's Market and taking part in a variety of local activities. Oh, and I cannot forget

about the awesome pumpkin patches, Christmas tree farms and candle light hikes/ski/snowshoeing for fall and winter activities!

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Maggie Siodlak

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Career interests: Ambulatory Care (Primary care, cardiology, transplant), teaching

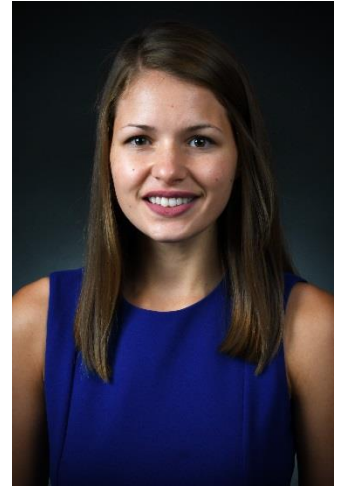
Residency Project: Evaluation of a heart failure access clinic implementation on improving transitions of care following hospitalizations related to heart failure

Why the Madison VA? This program provides an advanced scope of practice in an ambulatory care setting with opportunities in many specialty clinics! The community within the department is very supportive and provides many mentorship opportunities. Also, the affiliation with the UW-Madison School of Pharmacy enables many teaching opportunities, both in a didactic and preceptor capacity.

Hobbies: Traveling, cooking, hiking, practicing yoga

Favorite things to do in Madison: Spending time with friends at the Terrace, strolling around the Saturday Farmer's Market, trying new foods during Restaurant Week, and seeing Broadway performances at the Overture Center!

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Andrea Zuolaga

Pharmacy school: Medical University of South Carolina; Charleston, SC

Career Interests: Mental health, diabetes

Residency Project: Is levetiracetam + B6 comparable to brivaracetam in patients that experience irritability?

Why the Madison VA? I wanted to work for the Madison VA because I want to give back to the men and women who served and selflessly gave so much for us. In addition, the opportunities provided here for the residents are beyond what I could have asked for, so I knew I'd be gaining valuable experience here. Lastly, when I interviewed here, everybody showed so much passion and genuinely seemed to love their job, and that was the kind of environment I wanted to be a part of.

Hobbies: Hiking, cooking, reading, working out, exploring new areas, photography

Favorite things to do in Madison: The farmers markets on Saturday mornings! Also I love all the festivals they have going on. I'm excited to explore new activities in the area with each season

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PGY-2 Ambulatory Care



Andy Cannon

Pharmacy school: University of Wisconsin-Madison

PGY-1: Ambulatory Care (William S. Middleton VA)

Career interests: Transplant, ambulatory care

Residency Project: Evaluating the clinical and economic impact of a clinical pharmacy specialist in transplant clinic

Why the Madison VA? The people. Being able to work with Veterans and learn from the incredible pharmacists that work here.

Hobbies: Cooking with Cannon (Snapchat cooking show), fishing/golfing (anything outdoors), playing guitar or listening to live music

Favorite things to do in Madison: Eat! There are always new restaurants, bars, and breweries to check out; exploring is a great way to spend my time off work.

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Irene Chung

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PGY-1: Ambulatory Care (William S. Middleton VA)

Career interests: Ambulatory Care (primary care, cardiology), mentorship, process improvement

Residency Project: Evaluation of a traditional pharmacy resident research model and implementation of an inverted research model

Why the Madison VA? Strong ambulatory care opportunities, inspiring patients, preceptors that go above and beyond, and program size (I love all my co-residents).

Hobbies: Outdoor activities (backpacking, hiking, camping, hanging at the beach), yoga, traveling, exploring new restaurants and cooking.

Favorite things to do in Madison: Hanging out with friends at the Terrace. Exploring the local outdoors (Devil's Lake, Arboretum, Lakeshore Path). Eating my way through Madison (Particularly around Capitol Square, Willy street, Farmer's Market)

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Katie Kuecker

Pharmacy school: University of Wisconsin-Madison

PGY-1: Ambulatory Care (William S. Middleton VA)

Career interests: Primary care, diabetes, public health

Residency Project: Implementation of a tool to manage patients at risk for hospitalization due to an ambulatory care sensitive condition

Why the Madison VA? I first started working with the Madison VA in pharmacy school as an inpatient pharmacy technician. I loved the pharmacy staff, patient population, and opportunities for advancement that were available. I completed many of my fourth year pharmacy rotations at the VA and fell in love with ambulatory care. The Madison VA focuses on advancing pharmacy practice and giving pharmacists the ability to practice at the top of their license within the ambulatory care field. In addition, you will be able to form life-long friendships with the pharmacy staff and your co-residents here!

Hobbies: Ultimate Frisbee, traveling (to Spain!), dancing, reading, speaking Spanish

Favorite things to do in Madison: Summer ultimate Frisbee, Babcock ice cream, spending time at the Memorial Union terrace

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Molly Lehman (Obermark)

Pharmacy school: Drake University; Des Moines, Iowa

PGY-1: Ambulatory Care (William S. Middleton VA)

Career Interests: Diabetes care, nutrition, heart failure, academia

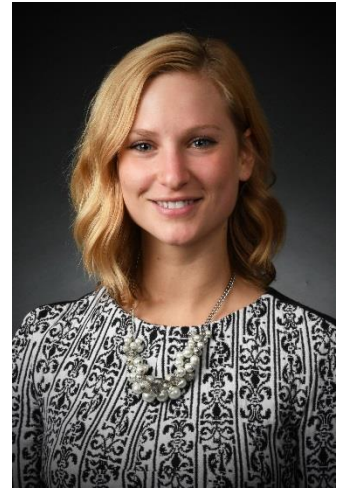
Residency Project: Implementation and dissemination of an interprofessional transitions of care service for chronic obstructive pulmonary disease within the Department of Veterans Affairs

Why the Madison VA? Upon applying to the program, I was impressed by the extensive variety of ambulatory care clinics where pharmacy residents were actively engaged in patient care. I knew the program would provide an unprecedented opportunity to challenge myself as a new pharmacist, learning more than I ever hoped to, and doing more than I ever thought I could.

Hobbies: Enjoying the company of family and friends, cooking/baking, wine tasting, hiking/camping, traveling (or at least researching/dreaming of future adventures!)

Favorite things to do in Madison: Spending time with my amazing group of co-residents!

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Katie Zaborowski

Pharmacy school: University of Wisconsin-Madison

PGY-1: Ambulatory Care (William S. Middleton VA)

Career interests: Academia, primary care, diabetes, tobacco cessation, anticoagulation and heart failure

Residency Project: Evaluation of patient education and laboratory monitoring of self-injectable biologics in a rheumatology clinic

Why the Madison VA? One of my career goals is to work in an area of pharmacy where I have an opportunity to develop long-term relationships with patients while providing high quality care; completing a residency in Ambulatory Care at the Madison VA allows me to achieve that goal. Additionally, this program provides me the opportunity to have a great impact on patient care by allowing me to practice at the top of my license. I have an additional career goal of becoming a faculty member at a school of pharmacy; therefore, the program's connection to the UW-Madison School of Pharmacy offers me the opportunity to gain experience in academia in addition to my clinical experiences. Lastly, I choose to complete a residency at the Madison VA because of the people who work here and the work

culture they have created. All staff members are wonderful people who go above and beyond to assist their patients and fellow staff members; their passion for providing excellent patient care is infectious.

Hobbies: Spending time with family and friends, boating, swimming, hiking, watching hockey and cheering on the Chicago Blackhawks!

Favorite things to do in Madison: Boating on the local lakes, bike riding, going to the terrace

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General Practice PGY-1



Christina Tran

Pharmacy school: University of Wisconsin-Madison

Career interests: internal medicine, cardiology, transitions of care, infectious disease

Residency Project: Clinical outcomes of direct oral anticoagulant use in obesity

Why the Madison VA? With its long-standing tradition of taking visionary approaches to advancing pharmacy practice, the Madison VA is an incredible place to train and work! The Madison VA combines the best of two worlds – the resources and learning opportunities of a larger teaching institution are provided in tandem with the integrated environment of a smaller hospital. Here, I am empowered to deepen my clinical expertise and confidence across a holistic spectrum of inpatient and ambulatory care experiences; I have enjoyed working at an unparalleled level of autonomy while also collaborating extensively within interdisciplinary teams. I also love the program's emphasis on teaching and mentorship as cornerstones of professional development. Above all, there is nothing like the sense of community at the Madison VA! It's been a dream to work alongside such innovative and passionate pharmacists, serving a patient population truly deserving of exceptional care.

Hobbies: I like running and biking outdoors, cooking seasonal dishes with family and friends, jamming out at indie concerts and record stores, reading and writing poetry, and brewing pour over coffee every morning.

Favorite things to do in Madison: I am usually anywhere between re-fueling at a local coffee shop, running the lakeshore & Arboretum trails, and watching the sunset at the Terrace. On Saturdays, you can catch me trying cheese curd samples at the Farmer's market or jumping around with 70,000 other Badger fans at Camp Randall.

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PGY-1/PGY-2 Health-Systems Pharmacy Administration

Emily Bollom

PGY-1 Health-Systems Pharmacy Administration Resident



Pharmacy School: University of Wisconsin-Madison

Career Interests: Leadership development, professional organizations/practice advancement, ambulatory care services, academia

Residency Project: Evaluation of a clinical pharmacy specialist integration into heart failure clinic

Why the Madison VA: I love the culture here that I first experienced during a fourth year rotation at the Madison VA and all the people I came in contact with were incredibly helpful and loved teaching students. The close affiliation with the UW Madison School of Pharmacy provided the perfect setting for academia. Pharmacy practice at our VA is very advanced thanks to the dedication of our leadership team and our pharmacists are highly involved members of the care team. Additionally, our residents serve as active members of various teams through the Pharmacy Society of Wisconsin, alongside other pharmacy residents throughout the state.

Hobbies: Golfing, barre classes, playing card games, traveling, and watching the Packers and Badgers!

Favorite things to do in Madison: I enjoy golfing, going to the farmers market, trying out all the local restaurants, and spending time on the lakes with friends and family!

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Chad Colwell

PGY-2 Health-Systems Pharmacy Administration Resident

Pharmacy School: Roseman University of Health Sciences College of Pharmacy

Career Interests: Leadership development, informatics, medication safety, academia, antimicrobial stewardship

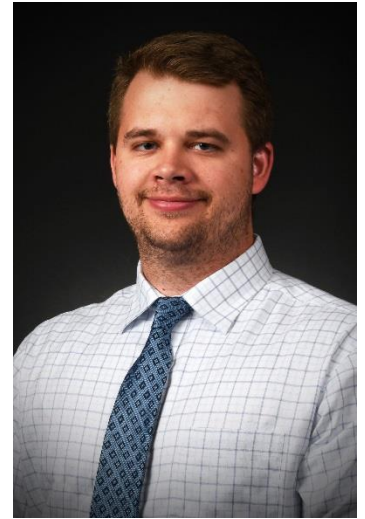
Residency Project: Implementation and integration of a clinical pharmacy technician in the Madison VA anticoagulation clinic

Why the Madison VA: I chose the Madison VA because of its unique structure which offers experiences in progressive ambulatory care settings, inpatient rotations, academia, and numerous leadership opportunities. The Madison VA has a proven track record for training residents to become future clinical and administrative leaders who are renowned and respected around the country. In addition, I wanted to train at the Madison VA to provide excellent health care to our nation's heroes while being molded into a strong clinician and leader by amazing preceptors.

Hobbies: I enjoy powerlifting, cycling, and reading.

Favorite things to do in Madison: Hanging out downtown with co-residents!

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PGY-2 Mental Health



Staci Baker

Pharmacy school: University of Wisconsin-Madison

PGY-1: Ambulatory Care (William S. Middleton VA)

Career interests: Increasing access to mental health services, working on interdisciplinary teams, mentoring pharmacy students and PGY-1 residents, viewing the Veterans we serve with a holistic perspective, and motivational interviewing

Residency Project: Use of MyHealtheVet secure messaging as a form of tobacco treatment clinic follow-up

Why the Madison VA? I was attracted to the Madison VA because of its excellent reputation and team of influential pharmacists. Every preceptor and resident I met throughout the residency search process seemed so happy with their practice site and passionate about the work they were doing. I couldn't pass up an opportunity to be a part of this positive, supportive, and innovative team of clinical pharmacy specialists!

Hobbies: In my free time I enjoy painting, running, exploring, and watching scary movies. Silence of the Lambs is one of my favorites!

Favorite things to do in Madison: Even though I have lived in Madison for more than 8 years, I still discover new restaurants, parks, libraries, and coffee shops. There is so much exploring to be done that it is impossible to get bored here.

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Danielle Small

Pharmacy school: Pacific University

PGY-1: Academic and Ambulatory Care Fellowship at Pacific University; PGY-1 exemption

Career interests: Mental Health, teaching

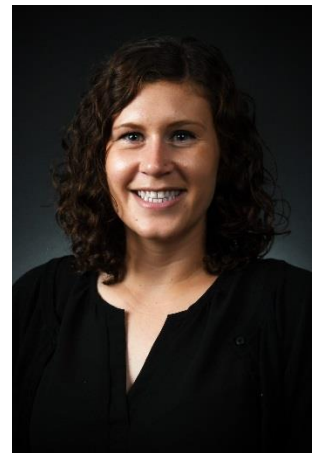
Residency Project: Does the metformin ordering template increase use of metformin with atypical antipsychotics?

Why the Madison VA? The Madison VA is a trailblazer in psychiatric pharmacy. Therefore, this program has strong and diverse training opportunities they can offer their residents to become leaders in the profession.

Hobbies: Running, reading, watching the Packers

Favorite things to do in Madison: The Terrace, paddleboard yoga, hanging with co-residents, eating Culver's custard

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Hannah Terry

Pharmacy School: University of Kansas

PGY-1: VA St. Louis Healthcare System – General Practice with Acute Care focus

Career interests: Mental and behavioral health, substance use treatment

Residency Project: Patient care outcomes for inpatient psychiatric management by PGY-1 pharmacy resident vs. psychiatry resident

Why the Madison VA? The level of autonomy and variety in this mental health program are above and beyond that of many similar programs. When I interviewed, everyone was so kind and supportive of my career goals and only had amazing things to say about the residency program. The more I learned, the more the Madison VA seemed like the perfect place to be for high level mental health training.

Hobbies: Tennis, biking, movie nights, board games, spending time outdoors and with friends and family!

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