



## Midwest RLRI 2024 Featured Speakers – East Lansing, MI

Friday Evening

February 9

### Eunice Low, DVM

Dr. Eunice Low grew up in Southern California and went to Michigan State University (class of 2012) for her veterinary degree. She now lives in Novi with her husband, two daughters, two dogs, tortoise, and two fish tanks. She first got involved with CVM as a student and helped lead a few short-term mission trips to Honduras and did an externship in Mongolia. She is now helping with mission work in Oaxaca, Mexico. Eunice enjoys playing the bass guitar, reading, spending time with family, and rock climbing. She is currently the co-owner of Colonial Veterinary Clinic in Plymouth, MI.

Saturday

February 10

### **Devotion**

### George Moore, DVM, PhD, Dipl. ACVIM (SAIM), ACVPM (Epi)

After graduating from the University of Tennessee's College of Veterinary Medicine, Dr. Moore spent more than 22 years in the US Army with various assignments including Director of the Dept. of Defense Military Working Dog Veterinary Services, at Lackland Air Force Base, TX. He is currently a Professor at Purdue University's College of Veterinary Medicine in West Lafayette, Indiana. Dr. Moore has served on CVM short term missions, the CVM Board of Directors, and also served on his church's community biblical counseling ministry team for more than 10 years.

### **Session I**

### Catie Southerton, DVM

Dr. Southerton is a Petoskey, Michigan native. She completed a Biology degree at Hope College and her veterinary degree from Michigan State's CVM in 2018. After practicing for a couple years in Grand Rapids, she joined Byron Center Animal Hospital in 2020. She has also done some relief work for PAWS With A Cause. Dr. Southerton's veterinary interests include preventative medicine and surgery.

Away from work, you can find her at the farmer's market or working out, outdoors if possible. She loves to swing dance and to practice her Spanish. She is a part of the Grand Rapids Catholic Community. She enjoys spending time with her husband and daughter.

### Rob Vlietstra, DVM

Robert Vlietstra taught Geology and Biology from 1974-1976. He completed an additional BS degree in Animal Science (1978), the DVM degree (1982), and a PhD (2019, Reproductive Physiology, Dept of Animal Science) from Michigan State University. Bob completed the Dairy Health Management Certificate Program (10/95-6/98) and the Statistical Analysis in Production Medicine course in 2001, both offered by MSU CVM.

Bob worked as a 'resident farm veterinarian' in Lexington, Kentucky after completing the DVM curriculum. He was an associate veterinarian in LaGrange, Indiana, as he worked his way back to west Michigan. In August of 1983, he began a 10-year stint as a solo practitioner in the Zeeland, Michigan area. In 1993, Dr. Bob merged his practice with a neighboring established practice that began West Michigan Veterinary Service. His professional interest has been dairy production medicine with a concentration in theriogenology and nutrition. He was awarded the MSU-CVM Production Medicine "Birth of a Purebred" Practitioner of the Year award in 2003. He has held membership in AVMA, MVMA, WMVMA, AABP, DCRC, SFT, and ADSA.

Since retirement from clinical practice (12/2018) and from teaching (ANS & CVM, 2022), Dr. Vlietstra has maintained his connection to ANS graduate students as a research group member/mentor. He currently holds the position of 'Chief Volunteer' at his grandson's Forest School kindergarten class in Holland, Michigan. Dr. Bob was a member of a team that began the Gulu Uganda Country Dairy farm project in Gulu, Uganda, East Africa. He was a practicing partner in the Northern Uganda Veterinary Service practice with Dr. Tonny Kidega.

Bob and his wife, Liz have three adult children; Andrew (1983-2020), Betsy (1985), Anago Suzan ("adopted" 2015); two son-in-law (Scott & Kidega Tonny), and three grandchildren: Samuel Robert (USA), and Kayla Elizabeth & Kyle Robert (Africa). He enjoys most outdoor activities, especially trout, salmon, and walleye fishing. He is the host Geologist in a support group for farmers who display rocks in their landscaping. Bob and Liz are actively involved in their church in Holland, Michigan.

## **Session II**

### Emily Singh, DVM

Dr. Emily Singh is a 2023 graduate from Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine. Although she is a Virginia native, she and her husband moved to Ann Arbor, Michigan where she now practices as a large animal ambulatory vet servicing Washtenaw County. The majority of her workdays are spent with cattle and horses, but she has no shortage of small ruminant and swine patients as well. Outside of work, she enjoys anything outdoorsy (hiking, kayaking, camping), sports (particularly ultimate frisbee & soccer), reading, and cooking with her husband. Her passion in vet med is providing service to those in need and sharing the hope of the gospel in everyday interactions.

### Megan Peterson, DVM

Dr. Megan Peterson is a 2022 graduate from Michigan State University. After graduation, she spent about a year doing mixed animal medicine in Ohio's Amish Country before coming back to the Lansing area, where she currently practices small animal medicine. She got involved with CVM in vet school at MSU. She's been on one CVM short-term mission trip to Honduras in March of 2022, but is looking forward to participating in more in the future! She has one dog at home, a yellow lab puppy who is in training to be a guide dog for Leader Dogs for the Blind.

### **Session III**

#### David Chase, DVM

Dr. David Chase is a 2023 graduate from Michigan State University's College of Veterinary Medicine. During his time in vet school, he was heavily involved with Christian Veterinary Mission as Vice President. One of his cherished moments was co-creating a 15-week Bible study alongside CVM president Emmy, addressing the unique challenges faced by veterinarians and exploring biblical insights into these challenges. David currently resides in Grand Rapids, Michigan, with his wife of 7 years and their loyal Rhodesian Ridgebacks. Their family is about to grow with the exciting anticipation of a new child. He passionately practices as a small animal veterinarian at Family Friends Veterinary Hospital. Email: david.chase@familyfriendsvet.com

#### Rebecca LaDronka, DVM

Dr. Rebecca LaDronka is currently one of two veterinarians at Ingham County Animal Control and Shelter. Dr. LaDronka is a 2013 graduate of MSU CVM and during her time there was the president of the CVF group and participated in the preceptorship program through Christian Veterinary Mission with Dr. Kelly Crowdis in Haiti. and has a Master's Degree in Public Health as well as an undergrad degree in Animal Science. She has also served with CVM in India and Ghana on short term trips. She currently co-leads a professional Christian veterinary fellowship group that meets once a month. She lives in Lansing with her husband and two kids (also one cat, 2 dogs, 2 rabbits and chickens). She is an active member of her local church and she loves coffee, reading, camping and Dungeons & Dragons.

### **Session IV**

#### Lee Ann Berglund-Fosdick, DVM, PhD

Lee Ann Berglund-Fosdick, DVM, PhD was on her way to a career in Pharmacology Research when she dedicated her life to Jesus and let God take control. It has been a wild ride ever since! She went on her first mission trip to Mongolia while in Vet School and discovered that, with God, she had something to offer to the world. God eventually led her to her heart place on earth when she stepped onto Haitian soil and felt like she had come home. For the past 7 years, she has commuted between teaching at AgHorizon Veterinary Training Center in Haiti and Michigan. When she is in Michigan, she lives in Fowlerville with her husband, Mark, and a hobby farm that includes goats, hogs, chickens, and a sizeable garden. She has been blessed to work at Howell Animal Hospital where the management has supported her on her wild life commuting for God. Email:goatvet@hotmail.com

#### H, DVM

As a true Michigander, H was born and raised in Michigan. She attended Michigan State University both for her undergraduate and veterinary studies (Go Green!) and is currently working at a small animal clinic in Southeast Michigan. H has done multiple CVM short term mission trips as a student and now God has called her to Asia as a long term field worker through CVM. She and her husband enjoy traveling, hiking and camping during their free time. They both love going to their boxing classes after work and spending time with their cat, Sprout, at home.

## Session V

### Lauren Charles, DVM

Lauren is an Auburn grad, class of 2005. After private practice for three years and a year at Banfield, she lived and served with CVM in Bolivia for three years. There she quickly went from being single to having a family of four, including her handsome husband, Jon, beautiful Bolivian daughter, Angie, and their Bolivian Labrador, Ruby. Her growing family brought her back to the U.S., where she's currently based out of Louisville, KY. She's since added two sons, a daughter, and most recently a son-in-law to their family. She serves as CVM's Workplace and Student Ministries Director and also oversees the Mideast region of the US. Email: [lcharles@cvm.org](mailto:lcharles@cvm.org)

### Chris Tadych, MAg, DVM

Christopher is a 2022 DVM graduate from Auburn University in Auburn, Alabama. Last year Christopher and his wife Allie moved to the great north in Battle Creek Michigan where he has been practicing mixed animal medicine. The first year out of vet-school comes with a ton of challenges and big life changes all at the same time. Christopher and Allie have navigated all these challenges thanks to God's provision, supportive family, and great mentorship.

## Evening Challenge

### Matt Ginter

Matt—a 2009 MDiv graduate of Winebrenner Theological Seminary—has been blessed to be at the forefront of a resurgence of religious life on the University of Findlay campus. Hailing originally from the beautiful rolling hills of central Pennsylvania, he has been actively engaged in collegiate ministry in northwestern Ohio for over a decade. Matt and his wife, Lindsay, enjoy living on-campus with their two strays-turned-house-cats, Oscar and Pepper. Email: [ginterm@findlay.edu](mailto:ginterm@findlay.edu)

Sunday

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