



Speaker Biographies

Stephen B. Adams, DVM, MS, Diplomate ACVS

Dr. Steve Adams is a native of upstate NY but has been in Indiana long enough to be considered a “Hoosier” and proudly married to a fine Hoosier woman. He has four daughters, 3 of which have Purdue degrees. The fourth black sheep went to IU. Dr. Adams helped farm and train Standardbred horses until graduation from Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine with a DVM. He subsequently trained and certified as diplomate by the American College of Veterinary Surgeons (ACVS). Dr. Adams is a long time faculty member at Purdue University specializing in equine surgery with research interests in the prevention and treatment of orthopedic infections.

Amanda Farr, DVM, Dipl ABVP

Dr. Amanda Farr was born in Michigan, and grew up in Montana, Kansas and North Dakota. She moved to Indianapolis and attended IUPUI, receiving her biology degree (Purdue) and Spanish degree (IU). She studied abroad in Costa Rica for a semester where she developed a love of the language, culture and beaches of Central America. She attended Purdue University and received her veterinary degree in 2001. From there she accepted a job in a private equine practice in Michigan, where she worked for two years, before returning to Purdue University Equine Community Practice. In 2011, she became boarded through the American Board of Practitioners (Equine). She enjoys teaching students and taking care of her equine patients and their owners. Outside of work, she keeps busy with her three children, fiancé, and small hobby farm. She loves to ride her crazy Thoroughbred, read fiction, hike, and relax on any beach.

Jan Hawkins, DVM

Dr. Jan Hawkins is a 1991 graduate of North Carolina State University. He completed a rotating large animal internship at Texas A&M in 1992 and a residency in large animal surgery at the University of Pennsylvania, New Bolton Center in 1995. Dr. Hawkins came to Purdue in 1996 and is currently a Professor of Large Animal Surgery. He will review the diagnosis, treatment and prognosis of melanomas in horses.

Timothy B. Lescun, BVSc (Hons), MS, PhD, Diplomate ACVS, Professor of Large Animal Surgery

Dr. Lescun graduated from the University of Melbourne, Australia, in 1994 and completed his residency training at Purdue University in 1999. He successfully obtained an MS degree and board certification with the American College of Veterinary Surgeons in 2000. Dr. Lescun has been on the faculty at Purdue University since 2002 and he obtained his PhD in 2015. Dr. Lescun is an experienced equine surgeon with clinical interests in orthopedics, lameness, sports medicine and general equine surgery. Dr. Lescun's research activities focus on clinical and pre-clinical orthopedic investigations, where he uses his clinical experience in equine surgery to complement more basic discovery efforts and to improve surgical treatment methods in the horse. Dr. Lescun has performed pre-clinical investigations for orthopedic implants and technologies aimed at both human and animal health care. Dr. Lescun's current equine research interests include the use of modeling techniques, biomechanics, advanced imaging and bone properties to assist in fracture risk prediction and prevention in racehorses. He is also interested in innovative methods of fracture repair in the horse. As a faculty member, Dr. Lescun enjoys teaching surgery and mentoring veterinary students, surgical residents and graduate students. Dr. Lescun is active in the American College of Veterinary Surgeons, currently serving on the Board of Trustees for the ACVS Foundation.

Sandra D. Taylor, DVM, PhD, Diplomate ACVIM

Dr. Taylor received her DVM from Washington State University in 2001 completed a residency in Large Animal Internal Medicine at the University of California, Davis in 2006. Dr. Taylor then entered a graduate program at Washington State University and received a PhD in equine immunology in 2010. She began employment at Purdue University in December of 2010 and divides her time between clinical work, teaching, and research in the field of equine sepsis. Outside of work, Dr. Taylor enjoys cycling and spending time with her yellow Labrador Retrievers, Lola and Simon!

Stacy Tinkler, DVM, MPH, DACVIM

Dr. Stacy Tinkler is a Clinical Associate Professor in the Large Animal Internal Medicine service at Purdue University. Since graduation from the University of Minnesota in 2005, she has worked in large animal internal medicine and equine ambulatory practice, and completed a Master's degree in Public Health in 2014. She has also been involved in working equid volunteer veterinary projects since she was a vet student and has a passion for international veterinary medicine. She has been participating in various "equitarian" projects in Central and South America for the past 15 years and worked as a relief vet at the American Fondouk, a working equid hospital, in Fez, Morocco. Dr. Tinkler has a particular interest in sustainable veterinary program development for working equids and their care-givers in the developing world along with managing complicated medicine cases in the clinic at Purdue – a dual life to be sure! When she is not working, she loves to be outside, to travel and loves how animals and their care unite and bond people from all over the globe.

Sarah Waxman, DVM, MS, Diplomate ACVS-LA

Dr. Sarah Waxman is an interim veterinarian with the Equine Community Practice department at Purdue University. She received her Bachelor of Science in Animal Science and Industry and her Doctor of Veterinary Medicine from Kansas State University and received her Master's in Veterinary Science from Purdue University College of Veterinary Medicine. Between veterinary school and her Master's, Dr. Waxman completed an equine internship at Wilhite and Frees Equine Hospital in the Kansas City area and spent a year in general private equine practice in Richmond, VA. Dr. Waxman first came to Purdue in 2011 for a Large Animal Surgery Residency where she subsequently became boarded with the American College of Veterinary Surgeons in Large Animal Surgery. She was an interim surgeon with Purdue's Large Animal Surgery Department for an additional year, then spent 2 years as an associate surgeon at a private practice in Colorado, and has now returned to Purdue. Dr. Waxman's professional interests include general large animal surgery, equine sports medicine and lameness, and wound healing. In her free time, Dr. Waxman enjoys riding her hunter/jumper mare and spending time with her family of both the 2 and 4-legged varieties.

Erin Wilson, DVM

Dr. Wilson is an equine veterinarian from central Indiana. She is a graduate of Purdue University, receiving her Bachelor of Science degree in Animal Science in 2004. She continued to Purdue College of Veterinary Medicine and received her Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree with highest distinction in 2008, with a focus in equine medicine. She was raised on a family grain and livestock farm in Fair Oaks, IN and is a lifetime horse owner, riding and showing Quarter Horses in a variety of events since childhood. After gaining valuable experience at several specialized equine clinics in Florida, Texas, and Oklahoma, she joined the team at McDavitt Veterinary Clinic in Zionsville, IN as an associate veterinarian in 2008. Her special practice interests include equine nutrition, performance horse medicine and lameness, and internal medicine. In 2020, Dr. Wilson joined the team at Cargill Animal Nutrition as an equine nutrition consultant, representing Nutrena and ProElite Feeds, and Progressive Nutrition products. She has a strong passion for equine medicine and nutrition, with a commitment to promoting optimal equine health and client education. She is an active member of the American Association of Equine Practitioners, Indiana Association of Equine Practitioners, and American Veterinary Medical Association. She has served as an alumni mentor for students in Purdue College of Veterinary Medicine and School of Agriculture programs, and serves on the Board of Directors for the Purdue Veterinary Alumni Association and Indiana Association of Equine Practitioners. Dr. Wilson currently resides in Atlanta, IN with her husband and sons, on a farm where they have acreage in hay production, raise western performance Quarter Horses, and enjoy spending time as a family doing a variety of outdoor activities.