



St. George's University

**SCHOOL OF VETERINARY MEDICINE**

Grenada, West Indies



# WHITE COAT CEREMONY



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2023

Patrick F. Adams Hall  
True Blue Campus, Grenada

# PROGRAM

- Grand Marshal ..... **Arend H. Werners, DVM, MEd, PhD, DECVPT**  
Assistant Dean of Academics, School of Veterinary Medicine,  
St. George's University
- Master of Ceremonies ..... **Jeremy Redmond, DVM, MS, DACVIM (LAIM)**  
Assistant Professor, Veterinary Clinical Sciences,  
Louisiana State University
- Remarks ..... **Glen Jacobs, DEd**  
Provost, St. George's University
- Remarks and Introduction of Keynote Speaker ..... **Neil C. Olson, DVM, PhD**  
Dean, School of Veterinary Medicine,  
St. George's University
- Keynote Speaker ..... **Lisa K. Nolan, DVM, PhD, MS**  
Dean, College of Veterinary Medicine,  
University of Georgia
- Announcer ..... **Tara Paterson, DVM, MSc**  
Assistant Dean, 4th Year Clinical Training,  
School of Veterinary Medicine, St. George's University
- Individual Presentation of White Coats ..... **Dr. Lisa K. Nolan, Dr. Jeremy  
Redmond, Dr. Muhammad I. Bhaiyat,  
Dr. Diana Stone, Dr. Hugo Fonseca,  
Dr. Wayne Sylvester, Dr. Stuart Gordan**
- Professional Commitment ..... **Amanda Marancik, DVM**  
Assistant Professor, Small Animal Medicine and Surgery,  
School of Veterinary Medicine, St. George's University

# KEYNOTE SPEAKER

LISA K. NOLAN, DVM, PHD, MS



Dr. Lisa K. Nolan is dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Georgia (UGA) and the Georgia Athletics Association distinguished professor. Prior to joining UGA, she held several positions at Iowa State University's College of Veterinary Medicine including: professor and Dr. Stephen G. Juelsgaard Dean; associate dean of research and graduate studies; associate dean of academic and student affairs; and chair of the Department of Veterinary Microbiology and Preventive Medicine. She was also the Gehrts presidential professor and founding director of the

Great Plains Institute of Food Safety at North Dakota State University.

Over the course of her career, Dr. Nolan has received several honors including: being named a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science; fellow of the American Academy of Microbiology; honorary diplomate of the American Veterinary Epidemiology Society; honorary member of the American Association of Food Safety and Public Health; distinguished educator from the Blue Key National Honor Society; distinguished alumna from the UGA College of Veterinary Medicine and Valdosta State University. She has also received the Philbro Animal Health Excellence in Poultry Research Award, been named to the American Association of Avian Pathologists Hall of Fame, and recognized as a female pioneer in poultry medicine.

Her research centers on bacterial diseases that impact animal health, human health, and food safety. In particular, she studies the *Escherichia coli* that cause avian colibacillosis and human urinary tract infections, neonatal meningitis, and sepsis.

Dr. Nolan earned her Doctor of Veterinary Medicine and PhD from the University of Georgia after obtaining a Bachelor of Science in biology from Valdosta State College.

# MASTER OF CEREMONIES

JEREMY REDMOND, DVM '16, MS, DACVIM (LAIM)



Jeremy Redmond, DVM '16, is assistant professor in equine medicine at Louisiana State University (LSU), where he also consults and assists the food animal team, working in small ruminant medicine. Additionally, Dr. Redmond is highly active in LSU's clinical skills program, helping students enhance their practical skills, which ties in with their classroom knowledge.

A Vermont native, Dr. Redmond has traveled the US and beyond in his educational pursuits. Prior to earning his Doctor of Veterinary Medicine from St. George's University and completing his clinical year at Iowa State University, he attended Pennsylvania State University, where he obtained his undergraduate degree in animal science. He followed this with a master's in reproductive physiology from Texas A&M University, where he focused on the reproductive maturation of ewe lambs.

While on his own academic journey, it became clear to Dr. Redmond that one of his greatest passions was educating others. Therefore, he later returned to SGU as an instructor in the Department of Large Animal Medicine and Surgery before starting a large animal rotating internship back at Texas A&M.

From there, he traveled to the Pacific Northwest to complete a large animal medicine residency at Oregon State University. After completing his residency, Dr. Redmond stayed on at Oregon State as an instructor in large animal medicine before relocating to Louisiana State University where he now works.

Dr. Redmond became a board-certified specialist in large animal internal medicine in 2022 and is currently pursuing a Master of Veterinary Education to support his continuous passion for teaching and learning.

# PREVIOUS WHITE COAT SPEAKERS

**Lori Teller, DVM, DABVP (canine/feline), CVJ (January 2023)**  
President, American Veterinary Medical Association

**Ruby L. Perry, DVM, MS, PhD, DACVR (August 2022)**  
Dean, College of Veterinary Medicine, Tuskegee University

**Calvin M. Johnson, DVM, PhD, DACVP (August 2021 - March 2022)**  
Dean, College of Veterinary Medicine, Auburn University

**John A. Howe, DVM, CertAqV (January 2021)**  
AVMA Past President

**Sarah Ballie, BSc, BVSc, MSc (IT), PhD, PFHEA, MRCVS (February 2020)**  
Emeritus Professor of Veterinary Education, University of Bristol

**Willie M. Reed, DVM, PhD, DACVP, DACPV (August 2019)**  
Dean, College of Veterinary Medicine, Purdue University

**Janet D. Donlin, DVM (February 2019)**  
Executive Vice President and Chief Executive Officer, American Veterinary Medical Association

**Andrew T. Maccabe, DVM, MPH, JD (September 2018)**  
Chief Executive Officer, Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges

**Ronald K. Cott, DVM (January 2018)**  
Adjunct Clinical Assistant Professor, Advancement Consultant,  
College of Veterinary Medicine, University of Missouri

**Kent Hoblet, DVM, MS, Dipl. ACVPM (September 2017)**  
Professor and Dean, College of Veterinary Medicine, Mississippi State University

**Douglas A. Freeman, DVM, PhD, Diplomate ACT (January 2017)**  
Dean, Western College of Veterinary Medicine, University of Saskatchewan

**Sheila W. Allen, DVM, MS (August 2016)**  
Dean, College of Veterinary Medicine, University of Georgia

**Trevor Ames, DVM, MS, DACVIM (January 2016)**  
Professor and Dean, College of Veterinary Medicine, University of Minnesota

## PREVIOUS WHITE COAT SPEAKERS (cont.)

**Clark Fobian**, DVM (August 2015)

Owner/Veterinarian, Companion Animal Practice,  
Thompson Hills Animal Clinic  
Past President, American Veterinary Medical Association

**Donald F. Smith**, DVM, Diplomate ACVS (January 2015)

Professor of Surgery, Austin O. Hooey Dean Emeritus  
College of Veterinary Medicine, Cornell University

**Raymond F. Sis**, BS, DVM, MS, PhD (August 2014)

Dean Emeritus, School of Veterinary Medicine, St. George's University

**Theodore J. Cohn**, DVM (January 2014)

President-Elect, American Veterinary Medical Association

**Lila T. Miller**, BS, DVM (August 2013)

Vice President, Veterinary Outreach, American Society for the Prevention of  
Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA)

**Rene A. Carlson**, DVM (January 2013)

Past President, American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA)

**Jan K. Strother**, DVM (August 2012)

Vice President, American Veterinary Association

**Tim Ogilvie**, DVM, MS, Dipl. ACVIM (January 2012)

Past Dean, Atlantic Veterinary College, University of Prince Edward Island

**Marguerite Pappaioanou**, DVM, MPVM, PhD, DACVPM (August 2011)

Executive Director, Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges  
(AAVMC)

**Gary Brown**, BS, DVM (January 2011)

Past Vice President, American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA)

**Bonnie Beaver**, BS, DVM, MS (August 2010)

Past President, American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA)

**James Cook**, DVM (January 2010)

Past President, American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA)

**Alan M. Kelly**, BSc, BVSc, PhD (August 2009)

The Gilbert S. Kahn Dean Emeritus and Professor, School of Veterinary  
Medicine, University of Pennsylvania

## PREVIOUS WHITE COAT SPEAKERS (cont.)

**Gregory S. Hammer, DVM** (January 2009)

Past President, American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA)

**Charles M. Hendrix, DVM, PhD** (August 2008)

Professor, Auburn University's College of Veterinary Medicine,

Past Vice President, American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA)

**Larry R. Corry, DVM** (January 2008)

Chair, Executive Board, American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA)

**Roger K. Mahr, DVM** (August 2007)

Past President, American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA)

**Ralph C. Richardson, DVM** (January 2007)

Dean, College of Veterinary Medicine, Kansas State University

**Sam H. Ridgway, DVM, PhD** (August 2005)

Professor, Department of Pathology, School of Medicine, University of California

**Oscar J. Fletcher, DVM, MS, PhD** (February 2005)

Professor, College of Veterinary Medicine, North Carolina State University

**Samuel E. Strahm, DVM** (August 2004)

Past President, American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA)

**Richard M. Linnehan, DVM** (January 2004)

Astronaut, National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)

**Jack O. Walther, DVM** (August 2003)

President, American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA)

**J. Stephen Ware, BVM&S, MRCVS** (January 2003)

President, Royal College Veterinary Surgeons (RCVS)

**John A. Schmitz, DVM, PhD** (August 2002)

Head, Department of Veterinary and Biomedical Sciences,  
University of Nebraska, Lincoln

**Hugh Bilson Lewis, BVMS, MRCVS, Dipl. ACVP** (January 2002)

Senior Vice President, Practice Development,

Medical Management International, Banfield – The Pet Hospital

# MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT EMERITUS

G. RICHARD OLDS, MD, MACP

It is a great honor to be a part of this University and to welcome you as you take your first step in this noble journey. Today should have special meaning to both you and your families, in that it symbolizes your entry into the veterinary profession.

Veterinarians in training are afforded very special privileges. Taking on the mantle of doctors also carries great responsibilities. Although you may not in the beginning know a great deal about veterinary medicine, you will be expected to hold yourselves to the very highest standards of integrity, honesty, and compassion. Today is but the first step in what I hope is a great career.

# MESSAGE FROM THE CHANCELLOR

CHARLES R. MODICA, JD, DCL (HONORARY)

I welcome all of you to St. George's University School of Veterinary Medicine. You have chosen a great and noble career. As you receive these white coats, you pledge an oath of professionalism and service. Professionalism is a commitment to integrity, altruism, competence, and ethics in the service of others.

As you begin your studies for this challenging career, you must weigh opportunity against responsibility. St. George's University will equip you with all the right tools for the job, but how much you take away with you will depend on how you approach the experience and how much effort you invest in it. I wish you every success.



# MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

NEIL C. OLSON, DVM, PHD

This White Coat Ceremony is a symbolic representation of your entry into the profession of veterinary medicine and a demonstration of your commitment to upholding the code of professional conduct expected of medical professionals.

It is my privilege to welcome you to St. George's University and your next step along the road to becoming a veterinarian. I request that you honor the sacred trust and privilege that society places in medical professionals, cognizant that the standard is an ideal we must continuously aim to achieve.

The experiences you will have at St. George's University will serve to enrich you personally and professionally. You have all worked diligently to become veterinary medical students, and I wish you every success as you strive to excel in your pursuit of the knowledge, skills, and attributes necessary for your career.

## THE WHITE COAT CEREMONY

More than 25 years since its inception at the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Columbia University in 1993, the White Coat Ceremony has become an important ritual symbolizing a student's induction into the veterinary profession. St. George's University embraced the White Coat Ceremony in 2001.

Affirming this oath of commitment to the veterinary medical profession at the beginning of their studies inducts our DVM students into the veterinary profession—and its highest ethical and professional standards—from the very beginning of their career.

The ceremony is significant not just to each incoming class, but for all who attend including: St. George's University faculty; its staff; students' families and friends; and the White Coat Ceremony keynote speakers who, twice a year, inspire first-term students with heartfelt words of wisdom and personal reflections. It is their spoken contributions that we treasure, and are honored to share with past, present, and future generations of St. George's University students.

# HONOR CODE

## ST. GEORGE'S UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

As a member of the student body of St. George's University School of Veterinary Medicine, an institution of higher learning dedicated to a high standard of ethics and academic achievement and recognizing that it is the duty of the University community to nurture responsible, competent, and safe professionals who exhibit maturity and sound moral character, I agree:

- To adhere to the University policy of maintaining a high standard of honor and academic integrity;
- To refrain from violation of these ideals by cheating, plagiarism, lying, and theft; and
- To accept the responsibility of reporting wrong doing upon witness.

It is understood that any breach of this code necessitates disciplinary action, subject to the discretion of University officials.

# PROFESSIONAL COMMITMENT

Being accepted into the profession of veterinary medicine, I solemnly swear to further my knowledge and skills for the benefit of society through the protection of animal health, the relief of animal suffering, the conservation of animal resources, the promotion of public health, and the advancement of medical knowledge.

I will conduct my studies conscientiously, with dignity and in keeping with the principles of veterinary medical ethics. I accept my responsibility to assist my colleagues to achieve our mutual goals.

I acknowledge my obligation to adhere to the University's Honor Code and to conduct myself with integrity and in an ethical manner at all times.

It is a privilege to have been given the opportunity to become a veterinarian. I will be ever conscious of that privilege and never abuse it.