



# 2021 State of the School Address

Michael D. Lairmore, DVM, PhD  
Dean and Distinguished Professor



# Faculty Honors – Recognized Excellence



- **Kevin Woolard**, 2020 Zoetis Distinguished Veterinary Teacher Award
- **Woutrina Smith**, 2020 SVM Faculty Distinguished Teaching Award
- **Steven Epstein**, 2020 VMTH Faculty Clinical Excellence Award
- **Jeff Stott**, 2020 Zoetis Excellence in Research Award
- **Lark Coffey**, 2021 Chancellor's Fellow
- **Jonna Mazet**, 2021 Chancellor's Award for International, One of UCD's 55 most significant women in UC history, new VC Grand Challenges
- **Pamela Lein and Jeffrey Stott**, Graduate Program Advising and Mentoring Award from the UC Davis Graduate Studies

# Faculty Honors (con't) – Recognized Excellence



- **Kris Clothier** -BIOMIC Award for Excellence in Diagnostic Veterinary Microbiology
- **Lisa Miller**, 2020 AAAS Fellow
- **Wilson Rumbeiha**, Carnegie African Diaspora Fellow
- **Stephen White**, Frank Kral Award, American Academy of Veterinary Dermatology
- **Terry Lehenbauer**, American Association of Bovine Practitioners Award of Excellence
- **Mary Christopher**, 2020 American Society for Veterinary Clinical Pathology (ASVCP) Lifetime Achievement Award
- **Steven Epstein**, 2020 VMTH Faculty Clinical Excellence Award



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## Leadership Reappointments – Continuing to Serve the Mission



**John Angelos**, Department Chair,  
Medicine and Epidemiology



**Linda Barter**, Director, House Officer  
Affairs and Education



**Al Conley**, Hughes Chair in Equine  
Reproduction



**Bruno Pypendop**, Department Chair,  
Surgical and Radiological Sciences



**Melissa Bain**, Director, Professional  
Student Clinical Education



**Xinbin Chen**, Director, Veterinary  
Scientist Training Program



**Terry Lehenbauer**, Director, VMTRC



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## Leadership Welcome – Meeting the Challenge



**Mary Christopher**, Vice Chair, Pathology, Microbiology and Immunology



**Patricia Pesavento**, Department Chair, Pathology, Microbiology and Immunology



**Woutrina Smith**, Associate Dean for Global Programs



**Michael Ziccardi**, Director, One Health Institute



**Dyana Greene**, CAO PMI and PHR



**Michelle Giuffrida**, Director of the Veterinary Center for Clinical Trials



**Joshua Stern**, Faculty Assistant to the Associate Dean for Professional Education



**Jennifer Willcox**, Associate Director of the Veterinary Center for Clinical Trials



**Allison Zwingenberger**, Director, Diagnostic Imaging, VMTH



**Pete Dickinson**, Chair of Faculty



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## Leadership - Thank You for Service to the School



**Pat Conrad**, Associate Dean for Global Programs



**Patricia Pesavento**, 2020-2021 Chair of the Faculty



**Rachel Pollard**, Vice Chair, Surgical and Radiological Sciences



**Hyemi Sevensing**, Assistant Dean of Advancement

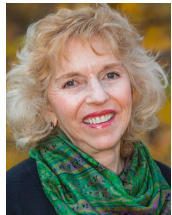


**Jane Sykes**, Associate Dean for VMC Operations / Chief Veterinary Medical Officer



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## Faculty Retirees



### ***Patricia Conrad***

#### **Pathology, Microbiology and Immunology**

Patricia Conrad DVM, PhD is the Associate Dean for Global Programs at the School of Veterinary Medicine, University of California, Davis and Co-Director of the system-wide (10 campus) UC Global Health Institute. Dr. Conrad is a veterinarian and Distinguished Professor of Parasitology whose research is focused on the transmission of protozoal parasites between wildlife, humans and domestic animals. She received her veterinary professional degree from Colorado State University and PhD from the University of Edinburgh, Scotland. After doing post-doctoral research on the molecular epidemiology of East Coast fever at the International Laboratory for Research on Animal Diseases (now ILRI) in Nairobi, Kenya, she joined the faculty of the School of Veterinary Medicine at the University of California, Davis. Dr. Conrad has published over 235 scientific papers (61 h-index) and book chapters in the fields of emerging infectious diseases, parasitology, ecology of waterborne pathogens and One Health. Dr. Conrad was elected to the National Academy of Medicine in 2011, awarded a Fellowship in the American Academy of Microbiology in 2012 and selected as an American Association of the Advancement of Science Fellow in 2018. In 2017 she received the American Veterinary Medical Association Lifetime Excellence in Research Award for her research and contributions to the veterinary profession; taking a One Health approach that addresses the interconnectedness of animals, plants, people and the environment. In 2018 she was awarded the UC Davis Chancellor's Award for International Engagement and in 2019 received the Lifetime Achievement Award for Babesiosis Research.



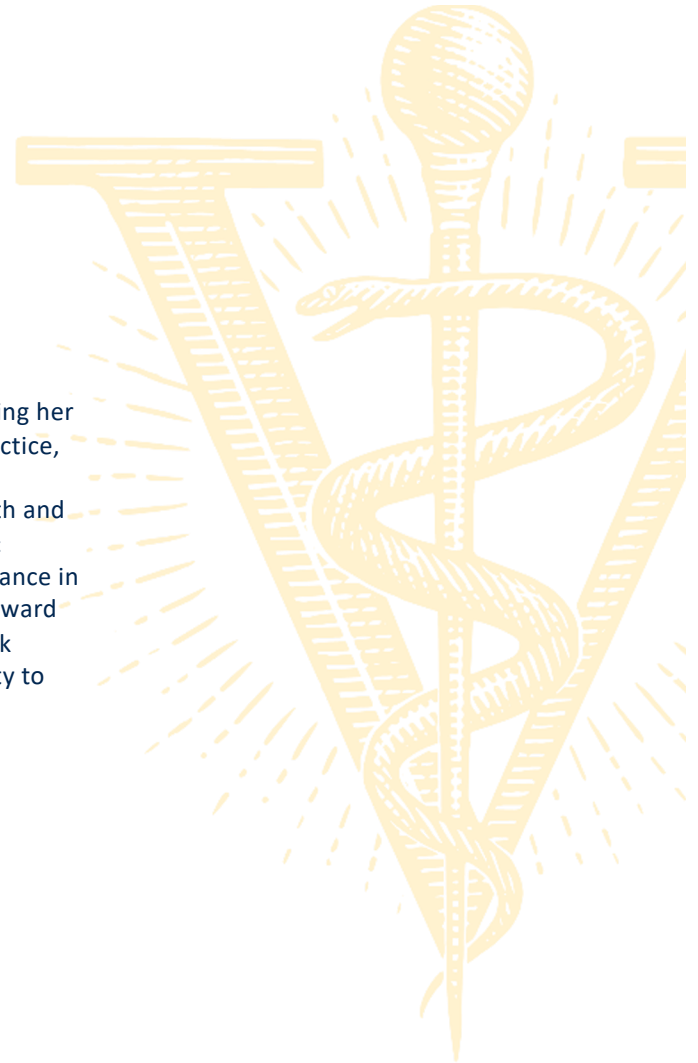
## Faculty Retirees



### ***Kris Clothier***

**CAHFS / Pathology, Microbiology and Immunology**

Kris Clothier, DVM, PhD, DACVM, joined the school faculty in 2010 after receiving her undergraduate and DVM degrees at UC Davis, spending 15 years in private practice, and obtaining her PhD in veterinary microbiology at Iowa State University. Dr. Clothier served as the Bacteriology Discipline Head, California Animal Health and Food Safety Lab (CAHFS). Her research focused on enhancements in diagnostic microbiology and pathogen detection, and surveillance for antimicrobial resistance in important veterinary pathogens. In November, Clothier received the BIOMIC Award for Excellence in Diagnostic Veterinary Microbiology in recognition for her work related to antimicrobial resistance, her emphasis on mentorship, and her ability to bring an applied/practitioner perspective to diagnostic microbiology.





## Faculty Retirees



### ***James Murray***

#### **Population Health and Reproduction**

James Murray, BS, MS, PhD, joined UC Davis in 1989 and is retiring as a professor with a joint appointment in Animal Science and Population Health and Reproduction. Dr. Murray's principal research interests are genetic engineering and gene editing in large animals, and included work in goats, cattle, and swine. In addition, Murray collaborated in an international effort to develop genomic tools for use in horse research, contributing both to the creation of equine genetic maps and more recently to annotations and the definition of long-non coding RNA annotations in the horse genome. In conjunction with the Veterinary Genetics Laboratory, Murray worked to first to map and then establish the genetic basis of Cerebellar Abiotrophy in the horse.



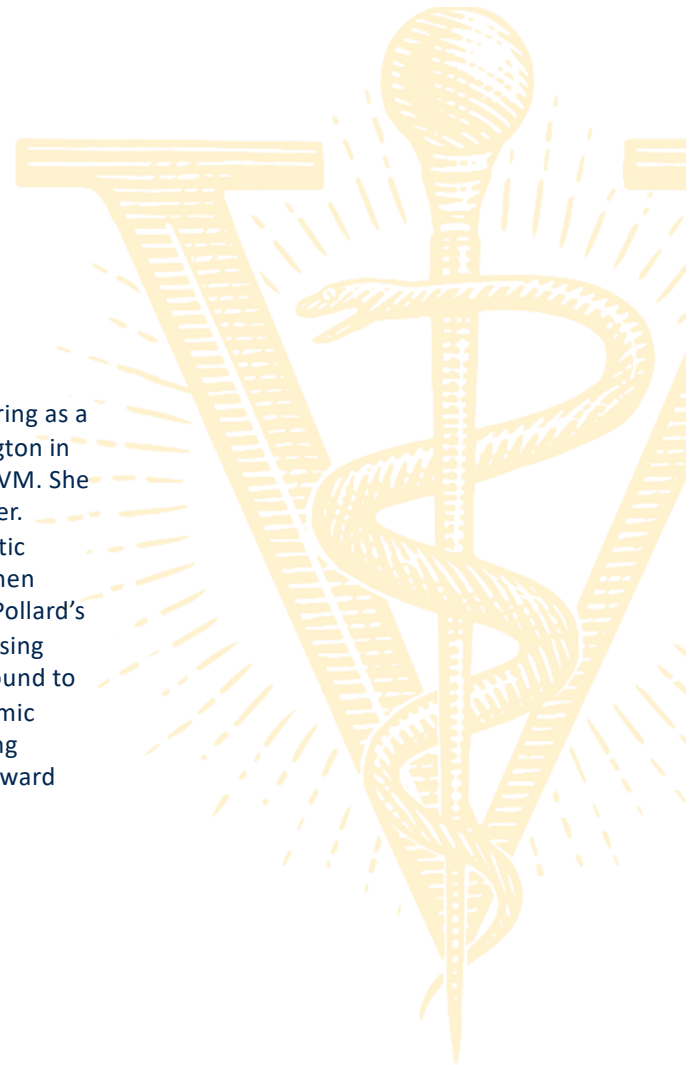
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### ***Rachel Pollard***

#### **Surgical and Radiological Sciences**

Rachel Pollard, DVM, PhD, DACVR, joined the school faculty in 2005 and is retiring as a professor of diagnostic imaging. Dr. Pollard attended the University of Washington in Seattle for her undergraduate work and Washington State University for her DVM. She then moved to New York for a one-year internship at the Animal Medical Center. Pollard then came to UC Davis and completed a four-year residency in diagnostic imaging, earning a Diplomate American College of Veterinary Radiology. She then completed a PhD in Comparative Pathology, joining the faculty in April, 2005. Pollard's areas of research have focused primarily on quantitative imaging techniques using both contrast enhanced computed tomography and contrast enhanced ultrasound to evaluate tumor blood flow. Additionally, she has had a clinical interest in dynamic imaging techniques such as contrast fluoroscopy for the diagnosis of swallowing disorders. Pollard has earned multiple awards, including the Favorite Faculty Award three times, in 2008, 2012 and 2014.



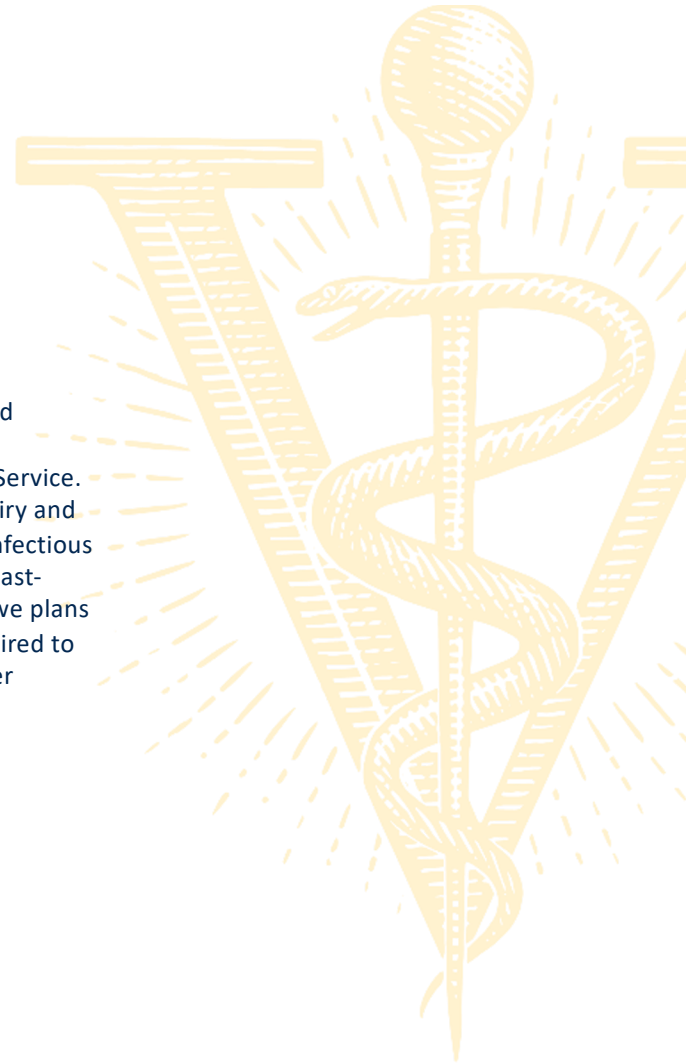
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### ***Joan Rowe***

#### **Population Health and Reproduction**

Joan Rowe, DVM, MPVM, PhD, DACVPM is a professor in Population Health and Reproduction, specializing in livestock health. A triple alumna of UC Davis, Dr. Rowe served as a clinician on the Livestock Herd Health and Reproduction Service. Dr. Rowe provided routine fertility and herd-based health care primarily for dairy and beef cattle, sheep and goats. Rowe's recent research interests have included infectious abortion, reproductive performance and small ruminant drug approvals. The past-president of the American Association of Small Ruminant Practitioners, Dr. Rowe plans to continue her professional interests in small ruminant health. Rowe was inspired to pursue veterinary medicine by the large-animal veterinarians who cared for her family's livestock as she was growing up.



## Faculty Retirees



### ***Leslie Woods***

**CAHFS / Pathology, Microbiology and Immunology**

Leslie Woods, DVM, PhD, DACVP, received both her DVM and PhD from UC Davis, where she is retiring as a professor of clinical diagnostic pathology. Dr. Woods began at the California Animal Health and Food Safety Lab (CAHFS) in 1987, and her leadership has included service as a section head of multiple areas and as the systemwide faculty supervisor for lab support. Woods' research areas of focus include deer adenovirus, avian pathology, West Nile Virus pathogenesis, plant toxicoses and wildlife infectious disease and pathology. Woods was recently involved in the launch of the student-run Davis Pet Advocacy and Wellness (PAW): A Clinic for the Pets of the Homeless, and intends to continue volunteering with the clinic in retirement.





# New Faculty –Continuing the Tradition of Recruiting the Best and the Brightest



Marisa Ames



Simon Anthony



Stefano Borio



Pouya Dini



Katherine Farrell



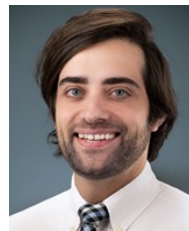
Eileen Henderson



Eric Johnson



Amandine Lejeune



Sami Al-Nadaf



Melissa Macias Rioseco



Ehren McLarty



Krystle Reagan



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## Selected Staff Awards – Talent and Skills Appreciated



- **Jason Queen** – 2020 PMI Staff Award



- **Sarah Blasczynski** – Rachel Smith & Large Animal Clinic Staff Award



- **Judy Schettler** – Small Animal Clinic Staff Award



- **Sharon Farnham** – Client Services/Administration Staff Award



- **Lisa Carstens** – Lab/Pharmacy/Central Service/Diagnostic Imaging Staff Award



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## **Staff Retirees** – Thank you for bringing out the best in all of us

**Dan Allenbaugh** – Large Animal Feed & Bedding Supervisor, VMTH

**Myra Blanchard** – Specialist in PMI 35 years of service

**Manuel Carrillo** – Materials Manager Health Care Supervisor

**Marlon Covell** – Central Sterile Supervisor

**Becky Griffey** – Anatomic Pathology Service Manager

**Marika Pappagianis** – Large Animal Clinic Manager

**Jan Harlan** – Hospital Executive Officer

**Debbie Hill** – Small Animal Surgery/Anesthesia Manager, VMTH

**Naomi Walker** – Staff Research Associate III, PMI

**Valerie Walker** – Small Animal Medicine Technician



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# Alumni Achievement Awards 2021

- **Kimberly Dodd, PhD ('14) DVM ('15).** Dr. Dodd is honored with the Rising Star Alumni Award *for her extraordinary leadership in the diagnosis and prevention of infectious diseases of livestock and people.*
- **Dale Moore, DVM ('83), MPVM ('87), Food Animal Residency ('88).** Dr. Moore receives this award *for her outstanding contributions in preventive medicine and creating lifelong learning opportunities for veterinarians and veterinary students.*
- **G. Diane Shelton, DVM ('79), PhD ('85).** Dr. Shelton is recognized *for her extraordinary contributions to One Health through investigations of neuromuscular disorders of animals and identification of spontaneous models for human diseases.*
- **Lisa Tell, DVM ('91).** Dr. Tell is honored *for her distinctive leadership and professional contributions to ensure safety of the US food supply, hummingbird health and conservation, and dedication to faculty welfare.*



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Ray Cazarez, Bacteriology team member at CAHF-San Bernardino



Shirley Liu, SVM safety officer

# In Memoriam



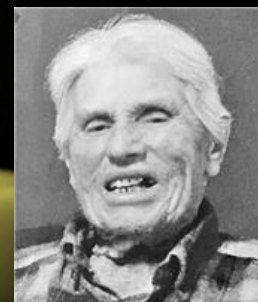
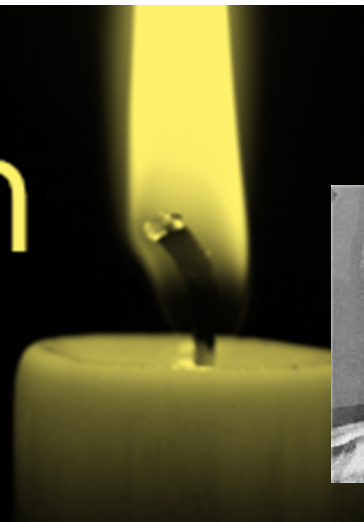
Dr. Michael Maynard, former DVM student





In 1949, Evelyn Loretta Dean became the first woman admitted to the UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine, graduating with its second class in 1953. Another female class member would not enroll until the Class of 1957, after which every class included women. Women now make up more than 80% of each class.

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# William (Bill) Pritchard - A Distinguished Legacy

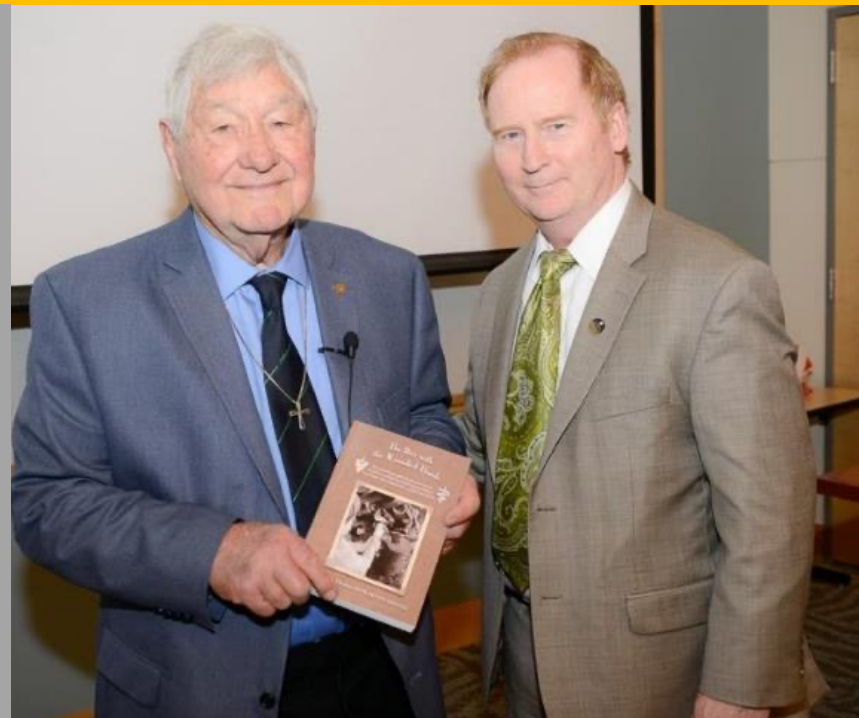


Dr. Pritchard served as dean for 20 Years from 1962-1982, positioning the school as a world leader in veterinary medicine through his vision, knowledge and skill. He was an early champion of One Health and integrated that commitment into the school.

## Remembering Dr. Gordon Theilen



Dr. Theilen served as a distinguished professor for 37 years and was internationally renowned as a veterinary comparative scientist and a pioneer in the field of veterinary clinical oncology. His research, vision, and leadership helped advance specialty cancer medicine for animals and humans.



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# Thank You

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