



2021 Residency Directors Forum

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Speaker Biographies

Keith Cook, DPM, FACFAS

Dr. Cook earned his Doctor of Podiatric Medicine at the New York College of Podiatric Medicine in New York City. He went on to complete a residency in podiatric surgery at University Hospital. He is certified in foot and reconstructive rear foot and ankle surgery by the American Board of Foot and Ankle Surgery. Dr. Cook serves as the director of the Podiatric Residency program at University Hospital. Dr. Cook's clinical interests are trauma and foot and ankle reconstruction.

Randall Dei, DPM, FACFAS

Dr. Dei has served on the College's Post Graduate Affairs Committee (PGA) since its inception. He has been an active ACFAS member since 1986 and has served on multiple committees. He served as the Chair and was a regional representative for the Council of Teaching Hospitals (COTH) and is now their liaison to the PGA. Dr. Dei is the residency program Director for the Ascension Wisconsin PMSR-RR/A. He is a past president of the American Board of Foot and Ankle Surgery (ABFAS). Dr. Dei represents the board to the Council on Podiatric Medical Education (CPME) as a site reviewer and/or Chair of more than 100 residency program site evaluation. He has served as a board member of the CPME's Residency Training Committee also for ABFAS. He represents ABFAS on the Collaborative Residency Evaluator Committee that is tasked with training and assessing residency evaluators. Dr. Dei has been a Chair of Podiatry Residency Resource (PRR) and is a current Board member for ABFAS.

Jeffrey Jensen, DPM, FACFAS

Dr. Jensen is currently Interim Dean, Arizona College of Podiatric Medicine, at Midwestern University in Glendale, Arizona. Prior to joining Midwestern University in Glendale, AZ, he served as the Dean at the Barry University School of Podiatric Medicine (Miami, FL) from 2010-2014 and Senior Director of Research at Barry University from 2014-2017. As co-founder of the North Colorado Surgical Residency program in Greeley, CO, Dr. Jensen served as the Clerkship Coordinator from 2000-2010. Dr. Jensen graduated from the California College of Podiatric Medicine in 1991. He completed his surgical residency program at the Monsignor Clement Kern Hospital in Warren, MI in 1993.

Paul J. Kim, DPM, MS, FACFAS

Dr. Kim is the Medical Director of the Wound Program at University of Texas Southwestern Clements University Hospital, Dallas, Texas. He has the rank of Professor in the Department of Plastic Surgery and Orthopedic Surgery. He is also a Fellow of the American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons. Dr. Kim has received both intramural and extramural research grants and has over 125 publications with a focused interest in the Diabetic limb.

Katherine Kreiter

Ms. Kreiter is the Executive Director for the American Board of Foot and Ankle Surgery, based in San Francisco.

Aimee Lipkis, Esq.

Ms. Lipkis is a partner at Cray Huber Horstman Heil & VanAusdal LLC, based in Chicago. Aimee has extensive experience in complex medical and professional negligence cases having defended medical professionals at depositions, mediations and jury trials. Her practice also includes counseling medical providers in professional liability avoidance techniques. Much of her practice is dedicated to counseling and defending podiatrists. Aimee has been recognized as an Emerging Lawyer in Leading Lawyers magazine in 2017-2021, pursuant to her nomination by peer Leading Lawyers in Illinois.

Charles Lombardi, DPM, FACFAS

Dr. Lombardi is the Director of Podiatric Medical Education, New York Hospital-Queens, New York and Director of Podiatry NYHQ. He is Clinical Assistant Professor of Podiatry in Surgery, Cornell University Medical College, New York, and also Clinical Associate Professor of Surgery, External Faculty, New York College of Podiatric Medicine. Dr. Lombardi served as a member of the Council on Podiatric Medical Education (CPME) Council from 2006 – 2015, and he served as the council's chair of the Residency Review Committee (RRC) from 2013-2015. He is Past President of the National Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners and also Past President of the American Board of Foot and Ankle Surgery (ABFAS). Dr. Lombardi began his education with a Bachelor of Science from Cornell University, podiatric medical training at the Pennsylvania College of Podiatric Medicine, and he completed his residency at Parkview Hospital/Pennsylvania College of Podiatric Medicine, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Daniel Logan, DPM, FACFAS

Dr. Logan graduated from the Ohio College of Podiatric Medicine in 2005. He then completed residency at the Cleveland Clinic. Dr. Logan is Board Certified in Foot Surgery and Reconstructive Rearfoot and Ankle Surgery by The American Board of Foot and Ankle Surgery. He is heavily involved in clinical research, having graduated from the Global Clinical Scholars Research Training Program at Harvard Medical School. Dr. Logan has served as a faculty member of the Grant Medical Center Surgical Residency Program since 2005, and is in his fourth year as fellowship director of the FASCO Reconstructive Foot & Ankle Surgery Fellowship in Columbus, OH.

Kieran Mahan, DPM, FACFAS

Dr. Mahan is a tenured professor in the Department of Podiatric Surgery, Temple University School of Podiatric Medicine. He is currently the Chair of the Council on Podiatric Medical Education (CPME).

Patrick McKee, DPM, FACFAS

Dr. McKee is a current member of the ACFAS Post Graduate Affairs Committee. He is also a part of the College's Covid-19 Education Task Force. He is a past member of the College's Education and Scientific Affairs Committee. Dr. McKee serves as an ABFAS representative for on-site podiatric residency program evaluations. He is on the podiatric faculty at the Cleveland Clinic Foot & Ankle Center, and serves as an On-Site Residency Coordinator for co-sponsored residency program and guest/visiting residents.

Christine Miller, DPM, PhD, CWSP, FACCWS

Dr. Miller is a certified wound specialist by the American Board of Wound Management and the Chair Elect for the American College of Clinical Wound Specialists (ACCWS). She currently is the Medical Director of the Orthopaedic Ambulatory Care Center at the University of Florida, College of Medicine-Jacksonville. Dr. Miller completed a Clinical Post-Doctoral Fellowship in Patient Safety and has a background in Healthcare Risk Management. She also serves as both the Co-Chair of the Medication Safety Team and Vice Chair of the Patient-Family Partnership Council for Quality & Safety at UF Health.

Jason Miller, DPM, FACFAS

Dr. Miller is a diplomate board certified foot and ankle surgeon by the American Board of Foot and Ankle Surgery (ABFAS). Dr. Miller is an Associate Professor in the Dept. of Surgery at the Temple University School of Podiatric Medicine where he taught and operated for seven years. Dr. Miller has written chapters in several of the 'bibles' of foot and ankle surgery and edits, reviews and authors peer reviewed journal articles on a regular basis. After assisting the founding of the four-year adult and pediatric, reconstructive & trauma foot and ankle surgery residency program at Temple University Hospital, he joined Premier Orthopedics in Malvern, PA where he performed the first ankle replacement at Main Line Health Systems. Dr. Miller then created the PA Intensive Lower Extremity Fellowship program and serves as Residency Director of the Tower Health/Phoenixville Hospital PMSR/RRA residency program. He has been Philadelphia Magazine Top Doc and Main Line Today Top Doc from 2010-Present.

Roya Mirmiran, DPM, FACFAS

Dr. Mirmiran graduated from California College of Podiatric Medicine and completed a three-year surgical residency in Albuquerque, New Mexico. She is board certified in Foot and Reconstructive Rearfoot & Ankle surgery by the American Board of Foot and Ankle Surgery. Dr. Mirmiran is a Fellow of American College of Foot and Ankle surgeons and an active member of American Podiatric Medical Association. She served on the Board of Directors for New Mexico Podiatric Medical Association from 2001-2009 and ABFAS Board of Directors from 2013-2016. She currently practices in Sacramento, CA.

Moraith North

Ms. North is the Executive Director of the American Association of Colleges of Podiatric Medicine (AACPM).

Aksone Nouvong, DPM, FACFAS

Since graduating from the California College of Podiatric Medicine and completing her surgical residency program at the DVA-Greater Los Angeles and Olive View-UCLA Medical Center, Dr. Nouvong has trained in an interdisciplinary, academic environment. Prior to coming to Western University in 2009 as the founding Chair of the Department of Podiatric Medicine, Surgery, and Biomechanics, she was the Chief of Podiatric Medicine and Surgery at the DVA Greater Los Angeles (DVA-GLA) and the Residency Director for the DVA-GLA and Olive View-UCLA. She continues to be actively involved with the Residency program, now as the Associate Residency Director, and is involved with students from other colleges of podiatric medicine, as the Externship Director. She accepted the position as the Assistant Dean for Clinical Affairs at CPM from 2010-2013. She is currently the Chair for the Department of Podiatric Surgery at the DVA-GLA and Olive View-UCLA and is Professor in the Department of Vascular Surgery at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA. She was also appointed and serving as the interim Deputy Chief of Surgery at the DVA-GLA since January 2021. She has also recently

joined the Council on Medical Education as a Residency Site Evaluator and RRC Committee ABFAS representative member.

Jason A. Piraino, DPM, MS, FACFAS

Dr. Piraino is Chief, Division of Foot and Ankle Surgery at the University of Florida College of Medicine. He is also the director of residency training for the University of Florida Health – Jacksonville, where he is also an Associate Professor. Dr. Piraino also acts as an adjunct Associate Professor at Temple University School of Podiatric Medicine.

Mark Prissel, DPM, FACFAS

Dr. Prissel is a fellowship-trained foot and ankle surgeon and partner physician with the Orthopedic Foot & Ankle Center, in Columbus, Ohio. He is the co-fellowship director with the Orthopedic Foot & Ankle Center Fellowship. He has been a member of the ACFAS Fellowship Committee since 2014.

Erin Robles-Sherman, DPM, FACFAS

Dr. Robles-Sherman completed her doctorate at Barry University School of Podiatric Medicine and went on to complete her residency training at MedStar Georgetown University Hospital and MedStar Washington Hospital Center. She completed her undergraduate degree at the University of Central Florida with a B.S. in Microbiology and Molecular Biology and is originally from Parkland, Florida, where her family still resides. She is currently President-Elect of the Mid-Atlantic Region of the ACFAS, as well as a national committee member for the organization. She continues to help train the current MedStar residents. She has particular interest in trauma and sports medicine. She volunteers for the medical tents at local long-distance races and lends her medical expertise to local running groups and coaches, and enjoys doing CrossFit.

Ryan T. Scott, DPM, FACFAS

Dr. Scott is a fellowship-trained foot and ankle surgeon, specializing in sports medicine, arthroscopy of the foot and ankle, primary and revision total ankle replacement, extensive reconstruction of the forefoot and hindfoot, minimally invasive surgery, and trauma. Dr. Scott is board certified in both foot surgery and reconstructive hindfoot/ankle surgery. Dr. Scott also functions as the Fellowship Director for The CORE Institute Foot and Ankle Advanced Reconstruction Fellowship in Phoenix, AZ. Dr. Scott completed his fellowship at the Orthopedic Foot and Ankle Center in Columbus, Ohio; surgical residency at the Detroit Medical Center in Detroit, Michigan. Additionally, Dr. Scott has helped advance the profession through numerous book chapters, peer reviewed publications, and nationally attended lectures within the field of foot and ankle surgery.

Stephen L. Smith, DPM

Dr. Smith graduated from the Arizona School of Podiatric Medicine (now College) and is currently a second-year resident (PGY-2) at The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio. In medical school, he served as President and Representative of the ACFAS student chapter from 2015-2017. Dr. Smith is an active member within the American College of Foot and Ankle surgeons and has served on the Post Graduate Affairs Committee and the PGA COVID-19 Education Task Force from 2020-2021.

Kerry Sweet, DPM, FACFAS

Dr. Sweet is the current Chair of the Council of Teaching Hospitals (COTH). Up until recently, he was the residency director at the Veterans Affairs Puget Sound Health Care System.

Michael Vaardahl, DPM, FACFAS

Dr. Vaardahl is the Podiatry Residency Resource Representative with the American Board of Foot and Ankle Surgery (ABFAS) and serves as Residency Director for the North Colorado Medical Center. He received his doctorate in podiatric medicine from Barry University in Miami Shores, Florida. He is board-certified in foot surgery and rear foot/ankle surgery by ABFAS and is a Fellow Member of the American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons. In addition to treating many foot and ankle pathologies, Dr. Vaardahl also specializes in diabetic foot care and wound care. He is currently active in reviewing podiatric residency programs.