



Garrett Aikens, PharmD, BCACP

Dr. Garrett Aikens is the acting Chief of Pharmacy at the Tuscaloosa VA Medical Center. Dr. Aikens graduated from Auburn University's Harrison School of Pharmacy in 2011 and then completed a PGY1 Pharmacy Practice Residency at the University of Montana and Community Medical Center in Missoula, Montana. After completing his residency, Dr. Aikens joined the Central Alabama VA Health System as a Clinical Pharmacist Specialist in Primary Care from 2012-2016. He joined the VISN 7 Academic Detailing Program in 2016 while continuing to practicing ambulatory care. In 2017, Dr. Aikens started his position as the Associate Chief of Pharmacy, Clinical Services at the Tuscaloosa VA Medical Center. Dr. Aikens is a member of the Pharmacy & Therapeutics Committee (Recorder), Medication Utilization P&T Subcommittee (Co-Chair), VISN 7 Clinical Pharmacy Practice Council (member), and the Tuscaloosa VA Clinical Pharmacy Practice Council (Chair). Outside of TVAMC, Dr. Aikens is a member of the Alabama Pharmacy Association (APA) (2011 Joseph O. Dean Jr. Student Professionalism Award, New Practitioners Leadership Class of 2013, 2014 Distinguished Young Pharmacist Award, Board of Trustees 2015-2017, 2019 Excellence in Innovations Award), the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP), Auburn University's Harrison School of Pharmacy Dean's Advisory Council 2018 – Present, and Auburn University's Auburn Pharmacy Alumni Association Board of Trustees 2018 – Present. He also serves as a Peer Reviewer for Annals of Pharmacotherapy and the Journal of Pharmacy Technology. Outside of work, Dr. Aikens enjoys daddy/daughter dates, running, hiking, and softball.

Rotations Precepted: Pharmacy Management (PGY1), Pharmacy Mgmt Intensive Elective (PGY1)



Amy Thompson, PharmD

Dr. Amy Thompson is the Associate Chief of Pharmacy, Operations at the Tuscaloosa VA Medical Center. Dr. Thompson graduated from Samford University's McWhorter School of Pharmacy in 1996. After graduation, she established the first clinical pharmacy position at Thomas Hospital in Fairhope, AL. Since then, she has gained experience in many different types of pharmacy, including Independent Community Pharmacy, Home Infusion, Hospice Pharmacy, Long-term Care Pharmacy, and Drug and Alcohol Detox Pharmacy. Dr. Thompson is responsible for the oversight of all pharmacy operations for the inpatient and outpatient pharmacies. She is also the chair of the Medication Safety Committee. Outside of work, she enjoys fishing, boating, and spending time with friends, family, and fur-babies.

Rotations Precepted: Pharmacy Operations (PGY1) and Pharmacy Staffing – Longitudinal (PGY1)



Shelley McIntire, PharmD, BCPS

Dr. Shelley McIntire is a Clinical Pharmacist Specialist, the Anticoagulation Program Manager, and the PGY1 Residency Program Manager at the Tuscaloosa VA Medical Center. Dr. McIntire graduated from Auburn University's Harrison School of Pharmacy in 2011. She then completed her PGY1 Pharmacy Practice Residency at Aurora Health Care in Milwaukee, Wisconsin and her PGY2 in Ambulatory Care at the University of Georgia in Athens, Georgia. After residency, she worked for 6 years at DCH Health Systems in Tuscaloosa, Alabama where she gained experience in internal medicine, critical care, pediatrics, women's health, operations, and oncology. In 2019, she joined the team at TVAMC as the Anticoagulation Program Manager and the PGY1 RPD. In addition to her RPD duties, Dr. McIntire manages warfarin and DOAC patients within Anticoagulation Clinic. Dr. McIntire is the chair of the Educational Affairs Committee, a member of the Medication Utilization Subcommittee for P&T and a member of the Pharmacy Wellness Committee. She is also a member of the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP). Outside of work, Dr. McIntire enjoys spending time with her family, traveling, baking, arts and crafts with her sons, and reading.

Rotations Precepted: Orientation (PGY1) and Anticoagulation Clinic (PGY1)



June Griffith PharmD, BCGP, BCPP

Dr. June Griffith is a Clinical Pharmacist Specialist in Psychiatry and Geriatrics and the Residency Program Director for the PGY2 Psychiatric Pharmacy Residency at the Tuscaloosa VA Medical Center. Dr. Griffith graduated from St. John's University with a BS in Pharmacy in 1991 and then Nova Southeastern University with a PharmD in 2001. She served as the Clinical Coordinator at Barbados Community College for Pharmacy Training in 2002, then was a facilitator for the University of Florida College of Pharmacy from 2002-2009 while working as a Transitional Care Pharmacist at Shands Hospital in Jacksonville, Florida. Dr. Griffith became a part of the TVAMC team in 2009 when she joined the staff as a CPS and the PGY2 RPD. In her daily job, Dr. Griffith monitors Clozapine dosing, titration, and monitoring parameters. She also performs medication reviews for inappropriate adverse drug reactions and to simplify drug regimens. She precepts P4 students, PGY1 residents and PGY2 residents in psychiatric and geriatric pharmacy. Dr. Griffith is also responsible for revising drug administration policy, Clozapine Medication Monitoring Policy, reviewing/updating the PGY2 Residency Manual and Preceptor Manual, and is on the Clozapine Monitoring Treatment Team. Dr. Griffith is a member of the College of Psychiatric and Neurologic Pharmacists (CPNP) and the American Society of Consultant Pharmacists (ASCP). She also completes Peer Reviews for the Mental Health Clinician up to four times per year. Outside of work, Dr. Griffith enjoys walking, cooking, traveling, swimming, and planting herbs and vegetables.

Rotations Precepted: Outpatient Mental Health (PGY1 and PGY2), Clozapine Monitoring Longitudinal Rotation (PGY2), Orientation (PGY2)



Lyndsay Albert, PharmD, BCGP

Dr. Lyndsay Albert is a Clinical Pharmacist Specialist in the Community Living Center (CLC) at the Tuscaloosa VA Medical Center. She graduated from Ohio Northern University's Raabe College of Pharmacy in 2017, then completed a PGY1 Pharmacy Residency at the VA Sierra Nevada Health Care System in Reno, Nevada. Dr. Albert stayed at the VA Sierra Nevada Health Care System to complete her PGY2 in Geriatrics. After completing her PGY2, she started her CPS position at TVAMC. In her daily job, Dr. Albert provides discharge counseling and schedules appropriate follow-up into pharmacy clinics if indicated, changes/orders medications and labs under a scope of practice, attends all team care rounds and bedside rounds as able, and processes all non-formulary, drug information, and fall consults for the

CLC. She also performs comprehensive medication/disease state reviews on admission and monthly for all CLC patients under her care and precepts pharmacy students as well as PGY1 and PGY2 pharmacy residents. Dr. Albert is the Geriatric Subcommittee Chair and a member of the Pressure Injury Committee and Pharmacy Wellness Committee. In addition to her clinical responsibilities, Dr. Albert has been named the Residency Program Director of our PGY2 Geriatrics Pharmacy Program that is currently under development. Outside of work, Dr. Albert enjoys hiking, kayaking, traveling, and crafting.

Rotations Precepted: Geriatrics and Geri 2 Elective (PGY1)

Joni Baker, PharmD, BCPP



Dr. Joni Baker is a Clinical Pharmacy Specialist in Mental Health at the Tuscaloosa VA Medical Center. Dr. Baker graduated from Samford University's McWhorter School of Pharmacy in 2015. After graduation, Dr. Baker completed a PGY1 Pharmacy Residency at Oregon State Hospital in Salem, OR. She then completed a PGY2 Psychiatric Pharmacy Residency at Tuscaloosa VA Medical Center in Tuscaloosa, AL. Dr. Baker is interested in mental health / severe mental illness, and currently serves as our Clinical Pharmacy Specialist for our Residential Rehabilitation Treatment Program (RRTP). In her daily job, she completes clinical pharmacy chart reviews for RRTP patients, provides medication management per consult for her patients (buprenorphine, smoking cessation, HCV, mental health), and leads patient education groups in RRTP (OEND, smoking cessation). In addition to her daily

responsibilities, Dr. Baker serves as an alternate member for IRB and the Research & Development Committee and is a member of the Pharmacy Poster Committee. Dr. Baker is also an active member of AAPP. Outside of work, Dr. Baker enjoys spending time with her dogs, hiking, biking, cooking, and traveling.

Rotations Precepted: Research (PGY1 and PGY2), RRTP (PGY1 and PGY2)



Pamela Burrus, PharmD, BCPS

Dr. Pamela Burrus is a Clinical Pharmacist Specialist in Home-Based Primary Care (HBPC) at the Tuscaloosa VA Medical Center. Dr. Burrus graduated from Auburn University's Harrison School of Pharmacy in 2006. She then completed a Specialty Residency in Primary Care at the University of Mississippi Medical Center in Jackson, Mississippi. After completing her residency, she joined the team at the Tuscaloosa VA Medical Center as a Clinical Pharmacist Specialist in Primary Care, before helping to start the Home-Based Primary Care program. In her daily job, Dr. Burrus completes medication reviews and provides disease state management for patients in the Home-Based Primary Care program. Outside of work, Dr. Burrus enjoys spending time with family and being outside.

Rotations Precepted: HBPC Elective (PGY1)



Ellery Curtis, PharmD

Dr. Ellery Curtis is a Clinical Pharmacist Specialist in Primary Care at the Tuscaloosa VA Medical Center. He graduated from the University of the Sciences in Philadelphia in 2007 and then completed a PGY1 Pharmacy Practice Residency at the Birmingham VA Medical Center. After completing his residency, he started his position as a Clinical Pharmacy Specialist in Primary Care at TVAMC. In his daily job, Dr. Curtis uses his scope of practice to assist several primary care teams by managing diabetes, hypertension, hypercholesterolemia, COPD, and others chronic disease states, as well as weight management medications. This involves daily face to face, phone, and video visits with patients to address those healthcare needs. Outside of work, Dr. Curtis enjoys rock climbing, backpacking, and kayaking.

Rotations Precepted: Primary Care (PGY1)



Laura Rebekah Findley, PharmD

Dr. Laura Rebekah Findley is a Clinical Pharmacist Specialist in the Home-Based Primary Care (HBPC) Program at the Tuscaloosa VA Medical Center. She graduated from Auburn University's Harrison School of Pharmacy in 2015, then completed her PGY1 Pharmacy Practice Residency at the Tuscaloosa VA Medical Center. After completing her residency, she started her Clinical Pharmacist Specialist position in Home-Based Primary Care at TVAMC. In her daily job, Dr. Findley provides medication reconciliation and disease state management, writes medication review notes, and works with an interdisciplinary team. Outside of work, Dr. Findley enjoys spending time with her love and raising two little girls. She also enjoys baking

and decorating cookies.

Rotations Precepted: HBPC Elective (PGY1)



Emily Gicewicz, PharmD

Dr. Emily Gicewicz is a Clinical Pharmacist Specialist in Home-Based Primary Care (HBPC) and the Community Living Center (CLC) at the Tuscaloosa VA Medical Center. She is also the Student Coordinator for Samford University McWhorter School of Pharmacy's APPE and IPPE students that rotate at TVAMC. Dr. Gicewicz graduated from Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences in 2019. She completed her PGY1 Community-Based Pharmacy Residency at Virginia Commonwealth University School of Pharmacy in Richmond, VA. She then completed her PGY2 in Geriatrics at the Cleveland VA Medical Center. After residency, she started her position as a Clinical Pharmacist Specialist at the Tuscaloosa VA Medical Center. In her daily job, Dr. Gicewicz provides clinical pharmacy services for the

Selma HBPC Team and two CLC units (medication reviews, attending treatment teams, and chronic disease management), as well as facilitating APPE and IPPE rotations. She is also a Resident Mentor and member of the Pharmacy Wellness Committee. Dr. Gicewicz is a member of the American Society of Consultant Pharmacists (ASCP) and the American Pharmacists Association (APhA). Outside of work, Dr. Gicewicz enjoys trying new coffee shops, hiking, and going to Target.

Rotations Precepted: HBPC Elective (PGY1), Teaching Certificate through Samford University's McWhorter School of Pharmacy, Presentation Rotation (PGY1), Academia (PGY2)



Jordan Graves, PharmD

Dr. Jordan Graves is a Clinical Pharmacy Specialist in Primary Care Mental Health Integration (PCMHI) and Primary Care. Dr. Graves graduated from Samford University's McWhorter School of Pharmacy in 2021. She then completed a PGY1 Pharmacy Residency at the Tuscaloosa VA Medical Center before completing a PGY2 Ambulatory Care Residency at University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences – Northwest Campus. Once Dr. Graves finished her residencies, she rejoined the TVAMC family as a Clinical Pharmacy Specialist. Using a scope of practice to work with the PCMHI team of nurses and psychologists, Dr. Graves initiates medications and assesses efficacy for veterans with depression, anxiety, PTSD, and insomnia as well as tobacco abuse and alcohol use disorder. She also provides disease

state management in conjunction with primary care teams for many chronic disease states. Dr. Graves serves as a resident mentor in addition to her clinical duties and is a member of the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP) and the Alabama Pharmacy Association. Outside of work, Dr. Graves enjoys traveling, cooking, enjoying the outdoors, and spending time with friends and family.

Rotations Precepted: PCMHI Elective (PGY1)



Debora Hamilton, BS, BA, PharmD

Dr. Debora Hamilton is a Clinical Pharmacist Specialist at the Tuscaloosa VA Medical Center in Pain Management. She received her Bachelors of Arts degree in Biology from Miles College in Fairfield, Alabama in 1978, and continued her studies at Samford University's McWhorter School of Pharmacy where she received her Bachelors of Science degree in 1983 and her PharmD degree in 1999. Dr. Hamilton received a certificate in Pain Management from the University of Southern Indiana and a certificate in Diabetes Management from Samford. She has served as a clinical pharmacist for greater than 40 years in areas such as inpatient and outpatient drug distribution, hypertension and HIV management, as well as supervising clinical pharmacists for Cooper Green Hospital at their Bessemer Clinic. She has served as a preceptor for pharmacy students for greater than 30 years in the areas of hospital and community pharmacy. Dr. Hamilton joined TVAMC >10 years ago, where she has worked in areas of distribution within the main pharmacy as well as in Drug Information and Pain Management. In her daily job, Dr. Hamilton provides pain management services to our Veterans through medication management with pharmacological modalities (opioid and non-opioid). She teaches tai chi classes and performs alpha stim therapies to our veterans to assist with pain management. She is also certified in battlefield acupuncture therapy, which is an additional modality utilized to assist with pain management. Additionally, she provides other non-pharmacological recommendations to promote opioid safety to our veteran population. Dr. Hamilton is a member of the OSI Committee, Storm IDT Committee (chair), Whole Health Committee, Pain Committee, and the Medication Utilization Subcommittee for P&T. Dr. Hamilton is also a member of the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP), American Association of Diabetes Care and Education (ADCES), and the American Society of Pain Educators. Outside of work, Dr. Hamilton enjoys playing the piano and spending time with family.

Rotations Precepted: Pain Management (PGY1 Elective, PGY2 Required)



Courtney Mackzum, PharmD

Dr. Courtney Mackzum is a Clinical Pharmacist Specialist in Geriatrics/Psychiatry at the Tuscaloosa VA Medical Center (TVAMC). Dr. Mackzum graduated from the University of Toledo in 2021. She then completed a PGY1 Pharmacy Residency at Cleveland Clinic in Akron, Ohio. After that she completed a PGY2 Geriatric Pharmacy Residency at Veterans Affairs of Northeast Ohio Healthcare System (VANEHOS) in Cleveland, Ohio. After completing her residencies, she joined TVAMC as a CPS for the Community Living Centers and Grace Hall, a geropsych unit. Dr. Mackzum covers Patriot Point (CLC) and Grace Hall (geropsych) and the hospice/palliative care team where she attends treatment team weekly to discuss patients. She works closely with other providers, nurses, social work, case managers, and nutrition to enhance patient care in all her practice areas. Dr. Mackzum is a member of the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP) and the American College of Clinical Pharmacy (ACCP). Outside of work, Dr. Mackzum loves walking/hiking with her one-year-old puppy! She also enjoys reading, swimming, and exploring food/breweries in her free time.

Rotations Precepted: Geriatric Psychiatry (PGY1 Elective, PGY2 Required)



Joni Morgan, PharmD

Dr. Joni Morgan is a Clinical Pharmacist Specialist in Psychiatry at the Tuscaloosa VA Medical Center (TVAMC). After graduating Samford University's McWhorter School of Pharmacy in 2014, Dr. Morgan completed a PGY1 Residency with a focus in Mental Health and an Interprofessional Postgraduate Fellowship with an emphasis in underserved populations at the Gulf Coast Veterans Health Care System in Biloxi, MS. She then came to TVAMC to complete her PGY2 in Psychiatric Pharmacy. After her PGY2, she continued on with the TVAMC as a Clinical Pharmacist Specialist for our Acute Psychiatric Units. In her daily job, Dr. Morgan collaborates with the psychiatrists and mental health nurse practitioners to identify and implement the most effective psychopharmacologic treatment plans for each patient

and assists in monitoring outcomes. She also serves as the chair of TVAMC's IRB and as the PGY2 Psychiatric Residency Program Coordinator. Outside of work, Dr. Morgan enjoys glamping and spending time with her children, dogs, and mini-pig.

Rotations Precepted: Acute Psychiatry (PGY1 and PGY2)

Alivia Price, PharmD



Dr. Alivia Price is a Clinical Pharmacist Specialist in Neurology at the Tuscaloosa VA Medical Center (TVAMC). Dr. Price graduated from Samford University's McWhorter School of Pharmacy in 2021. She then completed her PGY1 Pharmacy Residency at TVAMC and early committed to the PGY2 Psychiatric Pharmacy Residency Program at TVAMC. She completed her PGY2 Psychiatric Pharmacy Residency with a Geriatrics Track in 2023. Dr. Price was hired as the first CPS in Neurology after establishing a need for a pharmacist in this area during her PGY2. She is currently building her Neurology Clinic as she covers patients in the Community Living Center, Primary Care Clinics, and Mental Health Outpatient Clinics, as needed. In her daily job, she works alongside our neurologist to provide medication optimization and management for neurologic disorders, such as headache/migraine,

traumatic brain injury, epilepsy, dementia, Parkinson's disease, multiple sclerosis, etc. Other responsibilities include precepting PGY2 residents in formulary management for specialty care and mental health. In addition to her daily responsibilities, Dr. Price is a member of the Poster Committee. Outside of our facility, Dr. Price is involved in the Alabama Pharmacists Association (APA), the American Association of Psychiatric Pharmacists (AAPP), the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP), Rho Chi Society, and Phi Lambda Sigma. When not working, Dr. Price enjoys spending time with her husband and their two dogs, trying new restaurants, and upcycling antique furniture.

Rotation Precepted: Neurology Elective (PGY1 and PGY2)



Dayna Strickland, PharmD

Dr. Dayna Strickland is a Clinical Pharmacist Specialist in Home-Based Primary Care (Hamilton) at the Tuscaloosa VA Medical Center (TVAMC). After graduating from Auburn University's Harrison College of Pharmacy (HCOP), Dr. Strickland completed a Specialty Residency in Ambulatory Care at the University of Mississippi Medical Center in Jackson, Mississippi. She then started her job as a CPS in Primary Care at TVAMC. Dr. Strickland practiced in this area for 15 years, before she accepted a new Home-Based Primary Care position in our Hamilton, AL clinic in 2022. She is an Affiliate Assistant Clinical Professor of Pharmacy Practice at both Samford University's McWhorter School of Pharmacy and Auburn's HCOP. In her daily job, she completes comprehensive medication reviews, participates in weekly interdisciplinary treatment teams, provides medication therapy management for complex chronic disease states, visits patients in their homes, and manages transitions of care. She is a member of the Women Veteran's Health Committee and the Residency Advisory Committee, as well as the Medication U. She is also a member of the American Heart Association (AHA). Outside of work, Dr. Strickland is a mother of 3 and enjoys cooking and being outside.

Rotation Precepted: Primary Care (PGY1), Home Based Primary Care Elective (PGY1)



Jennifer Voyles, PharmD, BCPS

Dr. Jennifer Voyles is a Clinical Pharmacy Specialist in Geriatrics working in the Community Living Center (CLC) at the Tuscaloosa VA Medical Center. Dr. Voyles graduated from Samford University's McWhorter School of Pharmacy in 2015. She then completed a PGY1 Pharmacy Residency at Tuscaloosa VA Medical Center. After completing her residency, she started her position as a Clinical Pharmacist Specialist at TVAMC. In her daily job, Dr. Voyles completes monthly comprehensive review notes, provides disease state management and antimicrobial reviews, attends psych rounds and treatment team, completes consults, and precepts students and residents. Outside of work, Dr. Voyles enjoys traveling and spending time with family and friends.

Rotations Precepted: Geriatrics (PGY1), Geri 2 Elective (PGY1), Geriatric Psychiatry (PGY2)



Raela Williford, PharmD

Dr. Raela Williford is a Clinical Pharmacist Specialist in Primary Care at Tuscaloosa VA Medical Center. After graduating from Auburn University's Harrison School of Pharmacy in 2002, she completed a Primary Care Pharmacy Practice Residency at TVAMC from 2002-2003. After completing her residency, she stayed on at TVAMC as the Research CPS, followed by CPS for the Residential Rehab Treatment Program, finally transitioning to CPS in Primary Care. She also served as the PGY1 Residency Program Director at TVAMC from 2008-2016. In her daily job, Dr. Williford manages patients with diabetes, hypertension, hyperlipidemia, hepatitis C, hypothyroidism, and other primary care disease states. She serves as TVAMC's Advanced Liver Disease Champion. She is a member of the American Society of

Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP). Outside of work, Dr. Williford enjoys traveling and spending time with family and friends.

Rotation Precepted: Primary Care (PGY1)