

NORTHWEST REGION



ACADEMY OF MANAGED CARE PHARMACY



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WORDS FROM THE PRESIDENT

EMILY TSIAO

Greetings Northwest AMCP Affiliate members!

I feel honored to have the privilege of leading the NW AMCP chapter this year. For me, this community is full of friends who inspire me to show up well every day as a pharmacist and mentor.

With approximately 380 members in 6 states, we are a growing affiliate focused on being a go-to professional resource for our members. I am proud of our chapter's successes over the past 12 months, especially the multiple virtual professional development opportunities that were held for students in our affiliate and the launch of the student mentorship program. In the year ahead, we will continue to provide opportunities for our affiliate members to network with and learn from each other. Thank you, members, for your continued support and enthusiasm despite a challenging year.

Our chapter continues to grow in exciting, inclusive, and innovative directions and I am grateful to be a part of it.

The NW AMCP Affiliate Board is focused on enriching the experience of being a NW AMCP member, so we are always open to your feedback on how we can better serve you. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any ideas or if you would like to get involved!

Thank you,

Emily Tsiao
Northwest AMCP President

MEET YOUR NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Emily Tsiao President

Emily earned her Doctorate in Pharmacy from Auburn University, after which she completed a PGY1 Managed Care pharmacy residency at Premera Blue Cross.

Upon completion of her residency, she joined Premera's pharmacy team as a clinical pharmacist overseeing medical and pharmacy benefit drug utilization management and serves as a preceptor and mentor to pharmacy students and residents. Emily is also an affiliate faculty member at the University of

Washington's School of Pharmacy. She has been actively involved with the Northwest AMCP Affiliate throughout the past two years serving as the Colleges of Pharmacy Liaison (2019 – 2020) and President-Elect (2020 – 2021). In addition,

Emily was the Founding President of the AMCP student chapter at Auburn University Harrison School of Pharmacy. Her long-term goal is to become a leader within the profession to improve patient outcomes, access, and health care affordability.



Kenneth Garcia President-Elect

Recently served the NW Affiliate as the Colleges of Pharmacy Liaison where she organized and hosted events such as the Fall and Spring Managed Care Days and Managed Care Residency Roundtable. Kenneth joined Moda Health as a Clinical Pharmacist upon completion of her residency in 2020. She completed her PGY1 Managed Care Pharmacy Residency at Premera Blue Cross in Mountlake Terrace, WA, where she had the opportunity to complete off-site rotations with various organizations, including ICER and AMCP Foundation. Kenneth completed her PharmD at Pacific University, where she was an active member within her school's local AMCP Chapter, the NW Affiliate as a student member and nationally, serving 2 terms with the AMCP Student Pharmacists Committee. While in pharmacy school, Kenneth worked as a research assistant with Dymaxium (now part of Xcenda). Her experience at a managed Medicaid organization, San Francisco Health Plan, introduced and reinforced her interest in managed care prior to pharmacy school.

Kenneth enjoys spending her spare time exploring the great outdoors that the Pacific Northwest has to offer, tending to her plants and her adorable puppy.

Chris Yates

Secretary/Treasurer

Chris Yates is currently a Payer Account Executive in the Pacific Northwest region for Merck & Co, and is based out of Portland, Oregon. This is his second year on the board for the Northwest affiliate chapter of the AMCP. Prior to working at Merck, he was a clinical pharmacist at PacificSource Health Plans and graduated from the Oregon State/OHSU College of Pharmacy. He is very excited to continue to be of service for the Northwest affiliate this year, and maybe even return to seeing other chapter members in person in the not-too-distant future. When he is not working, he enjoys spending time with his wife and three sons, and dedicating time to his nasty running habit.



Michelle Bice

Secretary/Treasurer-Elect

Michelle is resuming her role as Secretary/Treasurer. She was one of the original NW AMCP Affiliate founding officers in 2016. Since launching the chapter, she has served in multiple Board positions and an active member within the region.

Michelle is inspired by the impact AMCP regional affiliates have in bringing together members from all areas of managed care. It is rewarding for her to see the diversity of partnerships between our members and student chapters to deepen the mission of AMCP. She is the West Market Access Director with Provention Bio. Previously, she was the NW Executive Director, National Accounts with Gilead Sciences for over 16yrs. She is dedicated to working with payers and state government programs to develop effective access solutions in this dynamic health care marketplace.



Megan Bell

Program & Education Coordinator

I have 15 years of experience in biotechnology sector, with a focus on rare disease and specialty therapeutic areas. I

began my career as a Registered Nurse, working at Providence Medical Center, in the ICU/Telemetry unit.

I currently serve as a Regional Account Manager for Ultragenyx Pharmaceuticals. In this role, I manage strategic relationships and develop policy coverage for both government and commercial payers in the Pacific Northwest.

I look forward to working with Marti and the board again this year and serving as the Co Program and Education Co-Coordinator! We look forward to providing dynamic and high-quality programs to the NW AMCP Chapter.



Marti Groeneweg

Program & Education Coordinator

Marti Groeneweg, PharmD, BCPS is a Supervisor in Clinical Pharmacy Services with Kaiser Permanente Northwest in Portland where she is responsible for Medicare Pharmacy Stars Programs.

Marti joined AMCP in 2011 and recently served as the AMCP Membership Committee Chair and the NW AMCP Affiliate Vice President. She obtained her Doctor of Pharmacy at the University of North Carolina and completed a PGY1 Managed Care Residency at Kaiser Permanente Washington in Seattle. Marti is looking forward to getting everyone back together for in person programming soon. In her spare time, Marti enjoys skiing, home improvement projects, and spending time with her husband and toddler.



Randy Gustafson

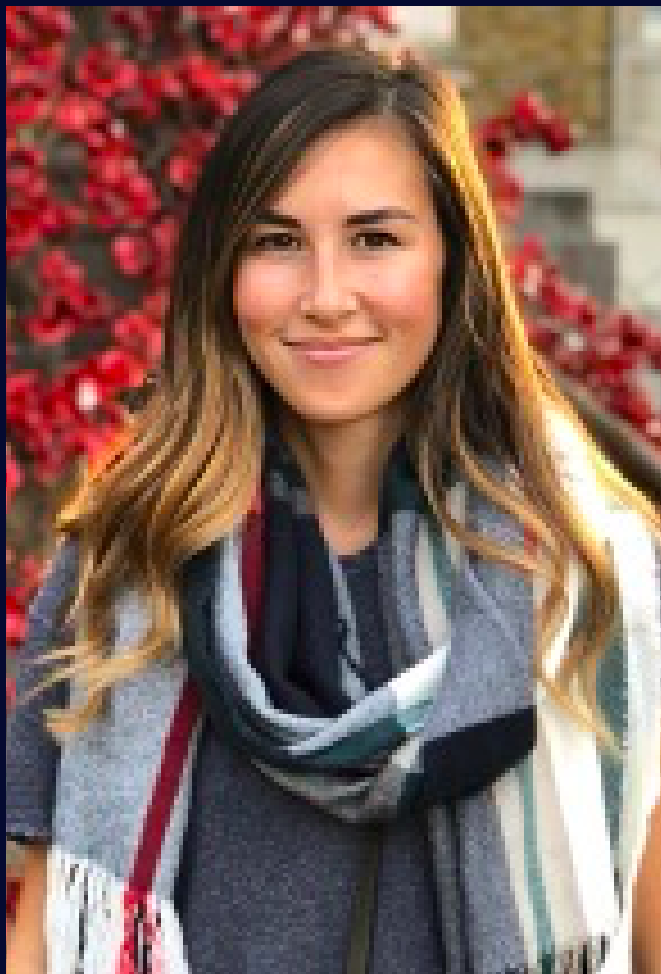
Social Chair

Randy Gustafson, has over 30 years of experience in Health Care Arena and was the one of the founding member of the Northwest AMCP Affiliate.



Cari Swanger

Social Chair



Cari Swanger recently started a new role as Clinical Pharmacist for the Clinical Formulary Strategies Team at Humana. She currently leads commercial initiatives, and is the subject matter expert/clinical policy owner for therapeutic areas such as ophthalmology, ENT, pain management, and botulinum toxins. Prior to starting this role, Cari worked with the Clinical Drug Policy Management Team, creating Visio flows, provider fax forms, and determination lines, as well as automating the prior authorization reviews. She also led formulary build and POS strategies, as well as patient safety initiatives and commercial legislations. During her first year at Humana, Cari was a Pharmacy Resident with Humana's PGY-1 Managed Care Residency Program, and served on the Board for the OH-KY AMCP Affiliate as Co-Chair for the Program Planning Committee.

Cari grew up in Seattle, Washington, although she has traveled across the US for school (i.e., Ohio for prep ice hockey school, New York for NCAA women's ice hockey). She eventually moved back to Seattle to pursue the sciences. She earned her BS in Biochemistry and PharmD at University of Washington.

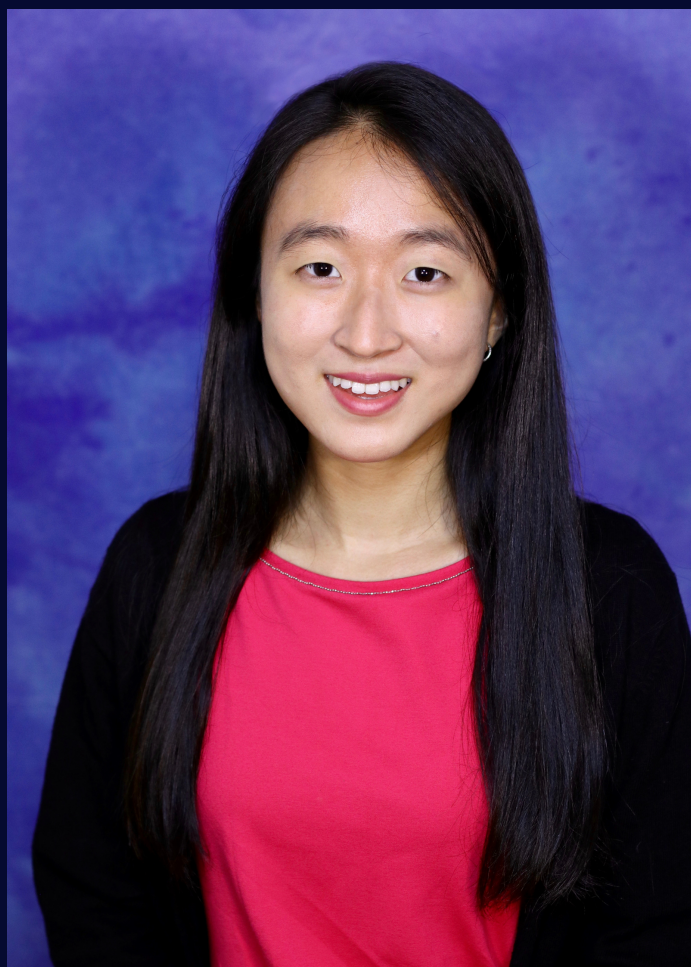
Cari currently lives in Seattle area, and in her spare time she enjoys road biking, hiking, skiing, and traveling. She is looking forward to organizing some fun and exciting social events for the NW AMCP members!

Hyesoo Chae

Membership Engagement & Communication Coordinator

Hyesoo Chae, PharmD is a Health-System Pharmacy Administration and Leadership Resident at Providence in Portland. Hyesoo joined AMCP as a student where she served locally as the President of her student AMCP chapter and nationally as a member of the National AMCP Student Pharmacist Committee. She obtained her Doctor of Pharmacy at Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana and is currently obtaining her Master of Business Administration at Oregon State University.

Hyesoo enjoys exploring the Pacific Northwest through hikes, coffee shops, and local restaurants. She is excited to engage with the AMCP-Northwest Chapter members!



Armen Khachatourian

Immediate Past President

Dr. Armen Khachatourian is the National Clinical Director for Myriad Genetics. Prior to his current role, Dr. Khachatourian spent the majority of his career working in managed care at CatamaranRx and OptumRx focusing on clinical account management and formulary strategy.

Shifting his focus to pharmacogenomics, Dr. Khachatourian transitioned to a strategic senior leadership role at Myriad Genetics centered around integrating genetic testing into treatment paradigms and improving patient outcomes.

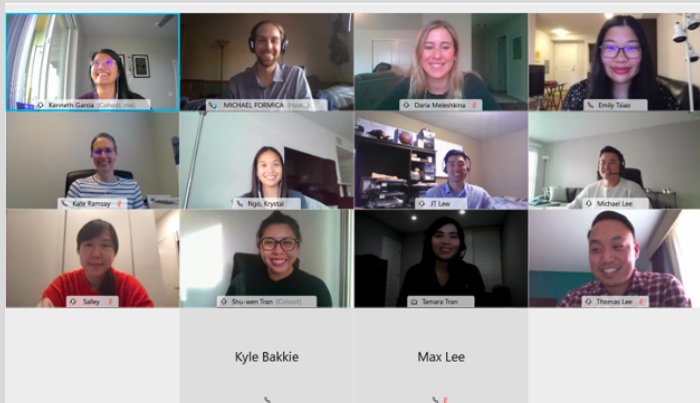


PAST AMCP- NORTHWEST EVENTS

DISRUPTERS AND INNOVATORS IN MANAGED HEALTHCARE



Disrupters and Innovators in Managed Care” featured panelists Jeff Dunn, PharmD, MBA Head of Clinical Pharmacy at Haven, Jen Forristal, PhD, MPH SVP of Strategic Client Services and Innovative Agreements, and Pramod John, Phd CEO at VIVIO Health. Conducted virtually over Zoom, this event proved hugely popular with 112 attendees. The panelists discussed topics ranging including medication value and payment models, digital therapeutics, gene therapy, and more!



POST-MANAGED CARE RESIDENCY CAREER DISCUSSION

The NW AMCP Affiliate recently hosted a virtual discussion to connect current managed care residents in the NW region with former residents. This event allowed current residents to connect with former residents and gain valuable insights and advice on preparing for their post-residency career.

NATIONAL AMCP UPDATES



OCTOBER 18-21
NEXUS2021

October 18-21, 2021

Gaylord Rockies, Denver, CO

Registration opens July 13th



AMCP Podcast Series

Check it out [here](#)

AMCP joined forces with health care podcast powerhouse PopHealth Week and launched the AMCP Podcast Series. Industry leaders Fred Goldstein and Gregg Masters talk with managed care pharmacy experts about the biggest challenges facing health care and up-to-the minute hot topics.



PAST AMCP-NORTHWEST EVENTS

Spring Managed Care Day
and Fellowship Roundtable

The affiliate recently hosted a successful virtual spring managed care day and fellowship roundtable on April 2, 2021. The event was well attended, and allowed pharmacy students and new practitioners within and outside of the NW region to attend, given the virtual environment. Attendees heard from presenters from Moda Health, Providence Health Plan and PacificSource Health Plans on payer perspectives on managed care concepts such as formulary and utilization management, managed care in an integrated health care system, P&T, quality improvement and clinical programs. The second half of the event allowed attendees to learn more about various pharmacy fellowship disciplines and the fellowship application process from current and former fellows from Novartis Pharmaceuticals, Genentech, Xcenda and Rutgers Pharmaceutical.

The recording for this event is now available on the Northwest AMCP webpage (<https://www.amcp.org/northwest-amcp>)

Past President's Message



Greetings NWAMCP Chapter Members,

This past year has been one of immense reflection and gratitude. With so many obstacles and challenges presented by COVID-19, I am grateful that we were able to persevere and continue our common journey as members of AMCP. Our membership has grown larger than ever and I am so thankful to all of you who remain engaged and enthusiastic about our mission of working together to collaboratively improve healthcare for all. As life regains some semblance of normalcy, I hope we can rely on more of you to participate and join in on the events and sessions yet to come. I am especially excited about having some in person social events which are also on the way! Thank you again to all our members for your valued support and thank you for allowing me to serve as President this past year.

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would like to help us create our next newsletter,
please email us at northwestamcp@gmail.com!**