Speakers

Plenary Speakers

Bonnie Braun, PhD.
Professor
Family Science
University of Maryland
Speaker, Storyteller, Presenter, Facilitator, Teacher, Author, Researcher

Dr. Braun has held administrative and academic appointments at multiple universities and the USDA. She is a Professor in the Department of Family Science, University of Maryland School of Public and Family Policy Specialist, University of Maryland Extension. Dr. Braun was the founding Director and Endowed Chair of the Horowitz Center for Health Literacy and continues as a Faculty Scholar.

Dr. Braun's research program investigates the lived experience of individuals and families with limited resources. She helped found the Rural Families Speak 15-year study conducted with support of the USDA. Her most recent research study focused on how to craft and deliver core health messages designed to get rural, low-income mothers take action to improve the health of their children.

Dr. Braun's educational programs focus on the decision-making processes of individuals, families, organizations and society through public policy. She frequently provides testimony and briefs to local, state or national policy makers leading to changes in policy. Dr. Braun is currently leading Extension across the nation in a health insurance literacy program with a research-based and consumer-tested curriculum for making smart health insurance purchase and use decisions. She is author of multiple educational curricula and over 100 articles. She writes a health literacy blog for the Health Literacy Center. She is a past-president of the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences and a member of Rotary International.

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Thursday, October 3 - Plenary - 3:00pm
From Health Policy to Actuality—A Challenge for Engagement
In this plenary session, you'll explore the opportunities for engagement in the public policy process. You'll leave with a tool of analysis and ideas for points of intervention. Emphasis will be on public health policy.

Friday, October 4 - Concurrent Breakout Session IV, Track 2 - 10:45-11:40
Health Insurance Literacy: Smart Choices for Health and Wealth
Consumers are confused and dread making health insurance purchase decisions. They lack the necessary health insurance literacy to feel confident. This session will introduce a research-based, consumer curriculum that is being used in multiple states to teach consumers how to make smart health insurance choices.

Steven Brill
Journalism Online, Co-founder/CEO

Steven Brill is co-founder/CEO of Journalism Online, developer of an e-commerce platform that offers digital publishers flexible subscription models to collect revenue from their online readers. Spanning 30 years as a media entrepreneur, Brill founded and ran Court TV, The American Lawyer magazine and ten regional legal newspapers, and Brill's Content magazine. A graduate of Yale College and Yale Law School, he has written for The New Yorker, Time, Harpers, and The New York Times Magazine, among other magazines and news sites. The author of three books, he also teaches journalism at Yale, where he founded the Yale Journalism Initiative to help encourage talented young people to consider the journalism profession. The Initiative has trained and motivated more than 100 Yale Journalism Scholars who are employed at some of the world's most prestigious news organizations.
Friday, October 4 - Plenary Videoconference - 9:00-10:30
"Bitter Pill: Why Medical Bills Are Killing Us"
Mr. Brill is the author of the above-titled in-depth article published on March 4, 2013 in Time Magazine in which he reports on his investigation of rising healthcare costs in the United States. This live video conference with Mr. Brill will be in interview form, with Ann Alexander, the Director of International Programs at the University of Wyoming and former local hospital trustee, serving as the moderator.

You can find a copy of the article at [http://content.time.com/time/magazine/article/0,9171,2136864,00.html](http://content.time.com/time/magazine/article/0,9171,2136864,00.html) (behind a pay wall). If you are a UW student, faculty or staff, you can access the article for free at [http://libproxy.uwyo.edu/login?url=http://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=mth&AN=85760535&site=ehost-live](http://libproxy.uwyo.edu/login?url=http://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=mth&AN=85760535&site=ehost-live). Otherwise, you can look at a printed copy of the magazine at most public libraries.

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**Stephen Feldman**
Jerry W. Houssel/Carl F. Arnold Distinguished Professor of Law
Adjunct Professor of Political Science
University of Wyoming

Stephen M. Feldman is the Jerry W. Houssel/Carl F. Arnold Distinguished Professor of Law and Adjunct Professor of Political Science at the University of Wyoming. He teaches Jurisprudence and Constitutional Law. Professor Feldman's books include *Neoconservative Politics and the Supreme Court: Law, Power, and Democracy* (New York University Press, 2013); *Free Expression and Democracy in America: A History* (University of Chicago Press, 2008); and *American Legal Thought From Premodernism to Postmodernism: An Intellectual Voyage* (Oxford University Press, 2000).

**Thursday, October 3 - Lunchtime Plenary - 12:15pm**
**Chief Justice Roberts's Marbury Moment: The Affordable Care Act Case**
I will discuss the constitutional reasoning and holdings of Chief Justice Roberts in the Affordable Care Act Case (NFB v. Sebelius) and will compare Roberts's opinion to Chief Justice John Marshall's opinion in the famous and seminal case of *Marbury v. Madison*.

**Elaine Ryan**
Vice President
State Advocacy and Strategy Integration (SASI)
Government Affairs Department
AARP

Elaine M. Ryan is the Vice President of State Advocacy and Strategy Integration (SASI) in the Government Affairs Department of AARP. Elaine leads a team of legislative staff who work with our 53 AARP state offices to advance AARP's state advocacy agenda with Governors and state legislators throughout the nation to enable individuals age 50+ and their families attain and maintain their long-term financial security and health.

Elaine has been involved in the enactment and implementation of a number of landmark laws, such as the Affordable Care Act, the creation of the Children's Health Insurance Program, Welfare Reform, the Medicare Modernization Act, the Ticket to Work Act for persons with disabilities, the McKinney-Vento Education of Homeless Children and Youth and the creation of the first federal office of Women's Health Research.

Prior to joining AARP in 2007, Elaine served as Deputy Executive Director of the American Public Human Services Association—a bipartisan membership organization representing the 50 state Governor's cabinet officers of health and human services agencies and the National Association of State Medicaid Directors. Elaine also served as Chief of Staff and House Budget Staff Associate for U.S. Representative Louise Slaughter and she served on the senior staff of New York State Governor Mario Cuomo for nine years. Elaine earned her Master of Public Administration from the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University and her undergraduate degree in Economics from Fordham University.

**Thursday, October 3 - Plenary Session - 9:00-10:00**
"Affordable Care Act – The State of State Implementation"
Ms. Ryan will share the varied and diverse experiences of ACA implementation from the perspective of 50 different state capitols and 53 different AARP state offices.

**Thursday, October 3 - Concurrent Breakout Session I, Track 2 - 10:15-11:00**
"ACA: State of State Implementation in Wyoming and Colorado"
Ms. Ryan will follow up her plenary presentation with a focus on implementation of the ACA in Wyoming and Colorado.

**Conference Speakers**

Anne Alexander
Economist, Director of International Programs
University of Wyoming

Anne Alexander is an economist and Director of International Programs at the University of Wyoming. She earned her Ph.D. in Economics at UW and M.A. in Regulatory and Energy Economics at New Mexico State University. Dr. Alexander's research and teaching focuses on international economics, health economics, energy economics, and political economy. At UW, she is in charge of efforts to enhance global perspectives at the university, including study abroad, faculty immigration, and relations with foreign universities and governments. She served on the Wyoming Legislature’s Nuclear Energy Task Force as Governor Matt Mead’s representative. From 2002-2003 she served on the Economic Policy Staff in the U.S. Department of State’s Bureau of African Affairs, focusing on energy, natural resource development, and anticorruption efforts, and served as State Department liaison on sub-Saharan Africa to the Treasury Department, World Bank, and IMF. She was elected in 2006 to the Albany County Hospital District Board of Trustees (aka Hinson Memorial Hospital), and served as Chair of the Board from 2007-2009 and...
Friday, October 4 - Host, Plenary Interview via Videoconference - 9:00-10:30

Meredith Asay
Administrator for the Director’s Unit for Policy, Research and Evaluation
Wyoming Department of Health

Meredith Asay serves as the Administrator for the Director’s Unit for Policy, Research and Evaluation in the Wyoming Department of Health. Through this unit, Meredith works on a broad array of health issues including: health care financing/Medicaid, public health, behavioral health, aging, and the Affordable Care Act.

Ms. Asay attended the University of Wyoming where she received her undergraduate and law degrees. Upon graduating from law school, Meredith worked for the Wyoming Attorney General’s Office in its Human Services Division. In 2007, she moved to Washington, D.C. to pursue a Masters of Law degree in global health law and policy at the Georgetown University Law Center. After working as a fellow with the Georgetown University Law Center Women’s Law and Public Policy Fellowship Program, Ms. Asay returned to Wyoming to serve as a policy advisor to Governor Dave Freudenthal. She advised the former governor on health policy as well as topics related to early childhood, veterans and military issues, and domestic violence.

Ms. Asay continued in her role as policy advisor for Governor Mead until leaving his office to work with the Wyoming Department of Health in May of 2011. She is also a co-chair of the newly revived Health Law Section of the Wyoming State Bar.

Thursday, October 3 - Concurrent Breakout Session II, Track 2 - 11:15-12:10

Medicaid Expansion in Wyoming: What are the Options?
The highly anticipated ruling by the U.S. Supreme Court in The National Federation of Independent Business et al. v. Sebelius, Secretary of Health and Human Services et. al, issued on June 28, 2012, negated the Affordable Care Act’s controversial requirement that states expand their Medicaid programs. The high court’s ruling, instead, allows states to make their own decisions as to whether or not the expansion is beneficial to the citizens of their states.

The decision whether to expand a state’s Medicaid program is monumental, but it is only the first step in a process with several decision points. This session will review the decision points encountered by states contemplating expansion as well as discuss different options for expansion.

Dean Bartholomew
Physician-Owner
Platte Valley Medical Clinic
Saratoga, WY

Dr. Bartholomew grew up in Saratoga, Wy. He attended Hastings College in Hastings, Nebraska, before attending medical school at the Creighton University School of Medicine. After medical school, Dr. Bartholomew completed his family practice residency at the University of Nebraska Medical Center / Offutt Air Force Base in Omaha, Nebraska. He spent the next four years at the F. E. Warren Air Force Base in Cheyenne, Wyoming, before separating in 2008 at the rank of Major and as the Commander of the Aerospace Medicine Flight. After one year on the teaching staff at the University of Wyoming Family Medicine Residency in Cheyenne, Dr. Bartholomew returned home to Saratoga to take over the Platte Valley Medical Clinic as the physician-owner in July 2009.

Dr. Bartholomew is involved at the state level on several efforts. He is active on the executive board of the Wyoming Medical Society as the Vice-President. Dr. Bartholomew is a physician champion for telehealth use in Wyoming and currently is the chairman for the WyHIO/WMS Physician Advisory Committee on Telehealth Use and Promotion.

Thursday, October 3 - Concurrent Breakout Session II, Track 1 - 11:15-12:10

Telehealth Panel: It’s Not New But It’s Time
I will be presenting on the current clinical use of telehealth within a rural medical practice. We will talk about the benefits of telehealth use and the barriers to wide-spread implementation.

Kelly S. Davis
Lawyer
Cheyenne, WY

Kelly S. Davis is an elder law attorney practicing probate, trusts and estates, and elder law from offices in Cheyenne, Wyoming. With over thirty years’ experience dealing with legal issues of concern to the elderly, the disabled, and their families, Mr. Davis’ practice focuses on helping seniors, persons with disabilities and their families in finding solutions to long-term care and nursing home needs, qualifying for Medicaid benefits, maintaining dignity and control while improving their quality of life, protecting their estates and avoiding probate costs and taxes. A graduate of the University of Oklahoma (BA, English 1976) and the University of Wyoming College of Law (JD, 1979), Mr. Davis has been a frequent speaker on estate planning, Medicaid, special needs trusts, and general elder law topics. He is a member of the Trust Special Interest Group of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys and the Wyoming State Bar Elder Law and Disability Section and serves on the board of directors of the Wyoming Guardianship Corporation.

Friday, October 4 - Closing Plenary/Panel & Lunch - 11:45-12:55

“Planning for the Home Stretch: End of Life Panel”
Thursday, October 3 - Concurrent Breakout Session I, Track 3 - 10:15-11:00
Consumer Compass to Healthcare: "Student Health Issues"

Thursday, October 3 - Concurrent Breakout Session II, Track 3 - 11:15-12:10
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Rex Gantenbein
Director for WY Center for Rural Health and Research

Rex Gantenbein is a Professor of Medical Education at the University of Wyoming, where he directs the UW Center for Rural Health Research and Education. He has worked for several years in developing and deploying information technology systems in health care, particularly Telehealth. He has an MS and PhD in Computer Science from the University of Iowa.

Thursday, October 3 - Concurrent Breakout Session II, Track 1 - 11:15-12:10
Telehealth Panel: It's Not New But It's Time
Telehealth is the use of computer and telecommunications technology to deliver health care services over distance. It can help improve the quality and lower the cost of care, particularly in rural regions like Wyoming. While the concept of telehealth is not new, recent advances in technology and changes in policy have made telehealth more widely available and easier to use.

Ann Marie Hart
Associate Professor
Fay W. Whitney School of Nursing

Ann Marie Hart is an Associate Professor with the Fay W. Whitney School of Nursing and the director of the school’s doctoral nurse practitioner program. She is also a family nurse practitioner and has practiced as a primary healthcare provider for 17 years.

Thursday, October 3 - Concurrent Breakout Session I, Track 1 - 10:15-11:00
"Successful innovations in primary health care: how high tech and high touch innovations can keep us healthier, happier, and out of the hospital"

This presentation will explore recent innovations in primary health care, including innovations related to access and delivery, as well as patient-provider relationships and communication. Exemplars from innovative primary care practices with excellent patient outcomes and satisfaction rates will be shared.

Jeff Hinson
Regional Administrator
Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Jeff Hinson is the Regional Administrator for the CMS Denver Regional Office. He began serving in this position in January 2010. In this role, he is responsible for the CMS’s external affairs operations for the 10 states of both the Kansas City and Denver regions (Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, and Wyoming).

Hinson brings over 29 years of Federal service to the position with a wealth of Medicare Fee-for-Service experience. In his last position, as the Deputy Director of the Medicare Contractor Management Group in the Center for Medicare Management, Hinson was instrumental in managing contracting reform and the award of $4.8 billion in new contracts. Throughout his career, he was an innovator in moving to a paperless environment and in streamlining the Medicare Change Management processes.

Currently, he is leading and implementing outreach strategies in his regions around the Affordable Care Act, the Electronic Health Records incentive programs, and providing vital information to constituents, employers, and beneficiaries about aging into Medicare. He also has national outreach responsibilities with respect to Program Integrity, Tribal Issues, Prevention and ICD-10.

Jeff Hinson earned a Bachelor’s in Aviation Management from Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, IL in 1994.

Thursday, October 3, 4:00-6:00
Special Presentation – Health Insurance Exchanges—Information for Consumers
Lena Newlin
Alcohol, Wellness Alternatives, Research, & Education (AWARE) Program Coordinator
Assistant Director
University Counseling Center

Lena Newlin is the Alcohol, Wellness Alternatives, Research, & Education (AWARE) Program Coordinator and Assistant Director of the University Counseling Center at UW. She holds a Masters degree in Public Health from Oregon State University. She has more than thirteen years of professional experience in the field of health promotion and education, including collegiate alcohol abuse prevention, college student suicide prevention, reproductive health, and Latino health, among others. At UW, Lena chairs the A-team, a campus-community coalition to prevent alcohol abuse. Under her leadership, the AWARE Program has received national awards for its work and success in curbing collegiate alcohol abuse. Lena also oversees the implementation of Student Health 101 at UW.

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Lorenzo Olivas
Minority Health Consultant for the Office of Minority Health
Department of Health and Human Services, Region VIII

Lorenzo Olivas is the Minority Health Consultant for the Office of Minority Health, US Department of Health and Human Services in Region VIII. Region VIII covers the States of Wyoming, Utah, South Dakota, North Dakota, Montana and Colorado. As the Regional Minority Health Consultant, Olivas works with Federal, State, Tribal and Community-based organizations to address minority health concerns and the development of initiatives to support the goal of achieving health equity by eliminating health disparities.

Olivas holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology from the University of New Mexico, a Bachelor of Science degree in Community Health Education from California State University, Northridge, and a Master of Public Health Degree in Health Policy and Management from the Rollins School of Public Health, Emory University.

Thursday, October 3 - Concurrent Breakout Session III, Track 3 - 1:35-2:30
Federal Initiatives Addressing Health Disparities and Multicultural Health
This presentation will describe three initiatives addressing the elimination health disparities and achieving health equity: The National Partnership for Action, The CLAS Standards and the HHS Plan to Reduce Health Disparities.

Laura Peterson
Director, UW Risk Management and Insurance
University of Wyoming

Laura Peterson is the director of Risk Management and Insurance for the University of Wyoming. She began her duties at UW in 2010.

She has been the director of Risk Management for the state of Nebraska and for the agency general counsel for the Nebraska Department of Administrative Services. She was also an adjunct instructor in the public administration program for the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

Additionally, Peterson is a past-president of the Public Risk Management Association, a nationally-recognized organization that provides professional support to insurance and risk management administrators.

Peterson received a B.S. in business administration and a J.D., both from Creighton University, and an M.P.A. from the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

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Marta Pieczalska
Staff Psychiatrist
Peak Wellness Center

Dr. Marta Pieczalska, MD was born and raised in Poland and graduated from Jagiellonian University-Collegium Medicum in 1993. She did her internship in Poland, then went to Canada to join her husband. While in Canada, she was involved in a Postgraduate Course for Schizophrenia, as well as other clinical activities. In 2000, she started her residency in psychiatry at University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston, and in 2003, she started a residency for Child and Adolescent Psychiatry at the same university. Dr. Peiczalska is Board Certified in general psychiatry and Board Certified in child and adolescent psychiatry. She has been in Wyoming since 2005. Initially, she worked for CRMC at Behavioral Services as staff psychiatrist. Since 2010, she has been working for Peak Wellness Center as staff psychiatrist providing services for youth in 4 counties, including telemedicine.

Thursday, October 3 - Concurrent Breakout Session II, Track 1 - 11:15-12:10
Telehealth Panel: It’s Not New But It’s Time
Daniel G. Radosevich
University Physician
UW Student Health Services

Dan Radosevich attended the University of Wyoming prior to attending medical school at the University of Colorado. He completed his family medicine residency at the University of Wyoming-Casper program. He is Board Certified in Family Medicine. He has worked at the University's Student Health Service since 1995. His clinical interests include educating his patients in harm-reduction strategies and managing chronic illnesses. He firmly believes that walking whenever possible is one of the best health habits which one can cultivate.

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John D. Rawls
Attorney
Laramie, Wyoming

John D. Rawls is a Laramie attorney who has practiced law for thirty-eight years in Florida, Louisiana and (since 2009) Wyoming. He argued several gay rights cases before the Supreme Court of Louisiana. He has been the lead plaintiffs' attorney in over thirty medical malpractice cases. Mr. Rawls graduated from Williams College in Williamstown, Massachusetts, Infantry Officer Candidate School at Ft. Benning, Georgia, and Florida State University College of Law in Tallahassee, Florida. He is a Vietnam Veteran and a former Captain in the United States Army.

Thursday, October 3 - Concurrent Breakout Session III, Track 2 – 1:35–2:30
Health Care Legal Issues for Married Gay Couples after Hollingsworth and Windsor

Mr. Rawls will discuss the legal issues facing gay and lesbian partners in the health care market. He will also discuss how the recent U.S. Supreme Court opinion, Windsor v. U.S., striking down the federal Defense of Marriage Act, will affect healthcare issues for same sex married couples.

Barbara Robinson
Assistant Professor
Fay W. Whitney School of Nursing
University of Wyoming

Barbara Robinson an Assistant Professor at the Fay W. Whitney School of Nursing, University of Wyoming. Rural elders' access to healthcare through traditional and innovative approaches is the primary focus of her research.

Friday, October 4 - Concurrent Breakout Session IV, Track 3 – 10:45–11:40
Supporting Elders’ Health with Consumer Information Technology

Direct use of interactive Consumer Information Technology to support the health needs of elders is an evolving resource for consumers, advocates, and providers. Discussion will include examples of helpful technology and factors that affect health benefits.

Carol Frances Sednek, MS, FNP-C
Cheyenne Veterans Administration Medical Center

Carol ("Charly") Sednek holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing from Salem State College and her Master of Science degree in the Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) option from the University of Wyoming. From 1981-2004, Ms. Sednek was in the U.S. Naval Reserves Nurse Corps; during this time frame, she participated in the first Naval Telehealth Network aboard the USS George Washington and at the Bethesda Naval Hospital in Bethesda, MD. Since 2004, Ms. Sednek has worked as a primary care provider for the Cheyenne Veterans Administration Medical Center (VAMC), where since 2009, she has been a primary care provider for the Cheyenne VAMC's Center Mobile Telehealth Clinic, which serves 705 veterans in the Wyoming communities of Laramie, Wheatland, Torrington, as well as Sterling, Colorado.

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Telehealth Panel: It’s Not New But It’s Time

Phyllis Sherard, PhD
Vice President
Population Health
Cheyenne Regional Health System

Phyllis Sherard is the Vice President, Population Health, for the Cheyenne Regional Health System. Attending universities in Kentucky, Montana and Wyoming, she holds Masters Degrees in both Public Administration and Health Administration, and a PhD in Health Administration.

Her responsibilities as Cheyenne Regional’s population health executive include oversight of the health system’s Wyoming Institute of Population Health, which is charged with addressing the evolving health needs of patients and communities by stimulating, implementing and deploying breakthrough innovations in population health and healthcare delivery.

She is also responsible for overseeing the health system’s Legislative Affairs; Accountable Care Organization (ACO) Medicare Shared Savings Program implementation; its award winning Community Health and Benefit Program; Wyoming’s only Program of All Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE); Advanced Illness Management Programs/Palliative Care Services; Regional Community Outreach; and Telehealth/Telemedicine.
Medical Neighborhoods Transform Healthcare Delivery in Wyoming

Wyoming's current healthcare delivery system is challenged by inadequate access to primary care. It is also often poorly communicated and inadequately coordinated across care settings, making it difficult for high-risk patients to navigate. Medical Neighborhoods, with patient-centered Primary Care Medical Homes (PCMH) at their core, are emerging in Wyoming to address these challenges and deliver better health, better care, at an affordable price.

Linda Thunstrom
Assistant Professor
Department of Economics and Finance
University of Wyoming

Linda Thunstrom is an assistant professor in the Department of Economics and Finance at UW. Her research is in the areas of health economics, public economics and behavioral economics, with a focus on dietary choices and the impact of policies designed to change diets.

Why it is so hard to make healthy choices

Staying healthy is harder today than ever before, due to changes in supply of both food and physical activity. And as if that was not enough, behavioral factors get in our way - self-control problems, information avoidance, wishful thinking, etc. This presentation addresses the obstacles we face to making healthy choices for ourselves, and potential policies that may encourage healthy choices.

Virginia Vincenti
Professor
Department of Family and Consumer Sciences
University of Wyoming

Virginia Vincenti is Professor of Human Development and Family Sciences at the University of Wyoming. In Pennsylvania she taught in secondary schools and was a county Extension educator. After receiving her PhD, she was on the faculty in the Department of Consumer Studies at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. Since then, she has served as Head of the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences and Associate to the Dean for Special Projects, in the College of Agriculture at the University of Wyoming. She has authored more than 70 publications and given over 100 professional presentations at state, regional, national and international meetings. She teaches Consumer Issues, Family Decision Making and Resource Management, Ethics in Research and Practice, and Families across the Lifespan at the University of Wyoming. Her current research focuses on the family’s role in elder financial exploitation and its impact on the family system.

Cindy Ann Works, MD
Clinical Assistant Professor
University of Wyoming Family Medicine Residency Program

Following graduation from the University of Arizona College of Medicine in 1985, Dr. Works completed her family medicine residency at Scenic General Hospital in Modesto, California in 1988. Dr. Works spent 14 years in Africa, providing community education on HIV/AIDS maternal child health and working six years in the Ministry of Health Medical Oncology Unit in Windhoek, Namibia. Following her time in Africa, she returned to Casper in 2002 and began working at the Community Health Center of Central Wyoming (CHCCW). Dr. Works has spent the last several years specializing in geriatric care, first at the CHCCW from 2004-2011 and currently at University of Wyoming Family Medicine Residency Program (UWFMRP) in Casper. In 2011, Dr. Works accepted a position as a clinical assistant professor at UWFMRP and as a clinical instructor for the University of Washington WWAMI (Washington, Wyoming, Alaska, Montana, Idaho) network.

In the last decade, Dr. Works has presented several lectures on end of life care, care transitions, Alzheimers, and primary care. She is board certified in family medicine, has a certificate in added qualification in hospice and palliative medicine, and is a trainer of education in palliative and end of life care.

Dr. Works holds professional membership in the American Association of Family Practice, American Medical Directors Association, and the Wyoming Medical Society.