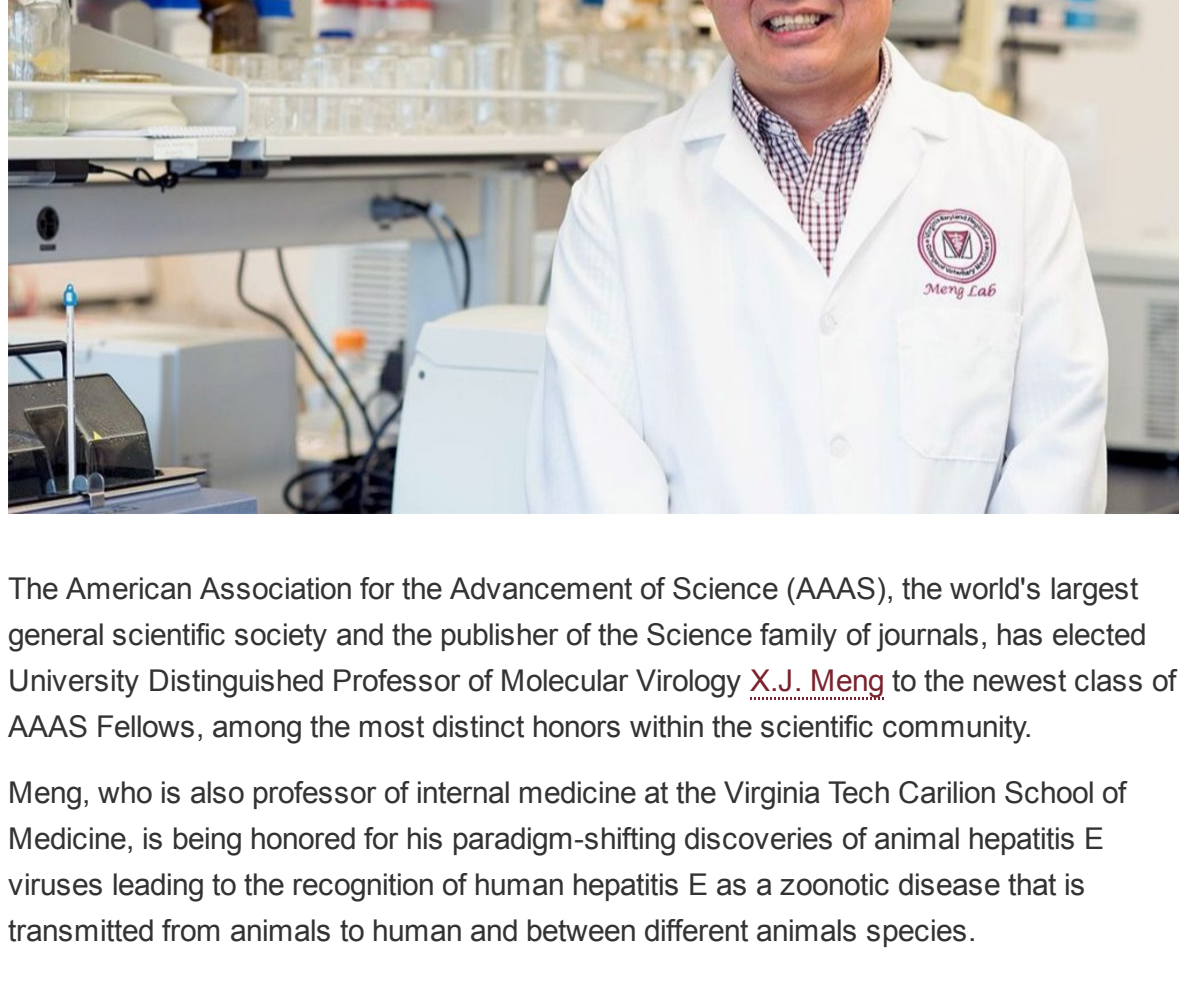


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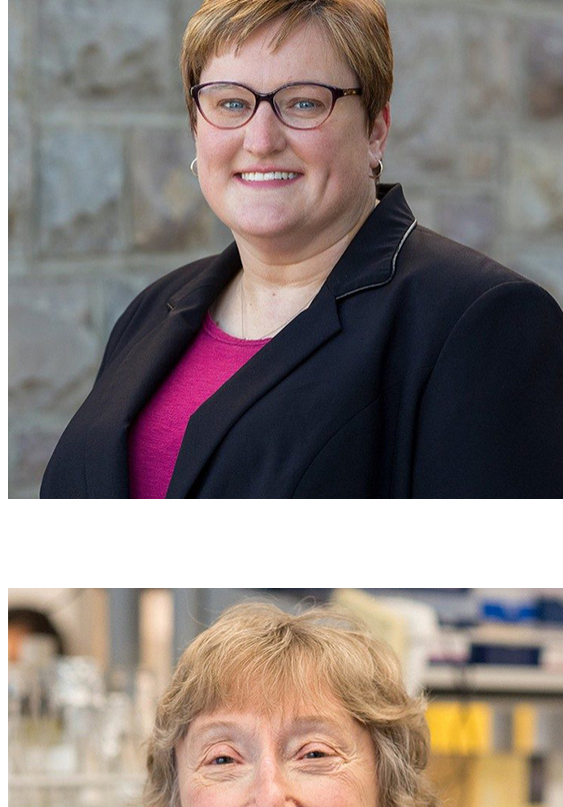
Meng named AAAS Lifetime Fellow



The American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), the world's largest general scientific society and the publisher of the Science family of journals, has elected University Distinguished Professor of Molecular Virology [X.J. Meng](#) to the newest class of AAAS Fellows, among the most distinct honors within the scientific community.

Meng, who is also professor of internal medicine at the Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine, is being honored for his paradigm-shifting discoveries of animal hepatitis E viruses leading to the recognition of human hepatitis E as a zoonotic disease that is transmitted from animals to human and between different animals species.

Around the College



TRACKS MAGAZINE

Fall/Winter 2021

"A study in maroon and orange: Legendary feline detective Furlock Holmes unravels a veterinary mystery"

On the very eve of the introduction of a new program at the veterinary college, a valuable shipment of stethoscopes had vanished, as if into thin air. Can Furlock Holmes unravel this formidable mystery?



College welcomes new director of MPH program

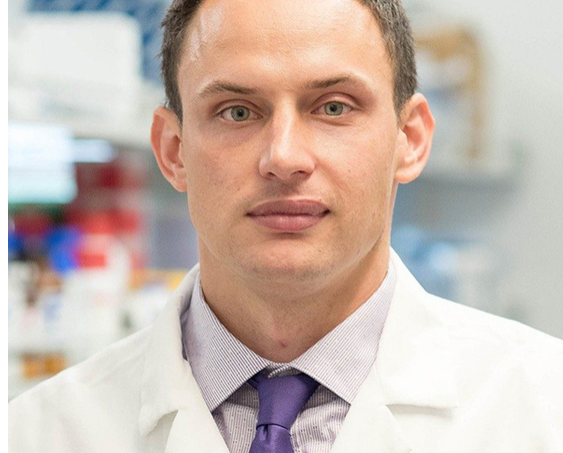
[Nicole Holt](#) has joined VA-MD Vet Med as assistant professor of practice and director of the [Master of Public Health \(MPH\) program](#).

Holt arrived from Eastern Virginia Medical School, where she was assistant professor and assistant director of the MPH program, coordinating its epidemiology track. Her research interests include oral health and childhood obesity.



Ehrich recognized for leadership in toxicology

The American College of Toxicology (ACT) has awarded the Mildred Christian Women's Leadership in Toxicology Award to [Marion Ehrlich](#), professor emerita of pharmacology and toxicology in the Department of Biomedical Sciences and Pathobiology. ACT's second-highest honor, the award is given to a woman who has impacted the advancement of science and practice of toxicology on a global level in a field dominated by men.



2021 Zoetis award winners

Congratulations to [Jennifer Davis](#), associate professor of clinical pharmacology in the Department of Biomedical Sciences and Pathobiology, and [Linda Dahlgren](#), professor of large animal surgery in the Department of Large Animal Clinical Sciences, who received the Zoetis Distinguished Veterinary Teacher Award and the Zoetis Award for Veterinary Research Excellence, respectively.



DBSP virologist investigates SARS-CoV-2 and COVID-19

[James Weger-Lucarelli](#), assistant professor in the Department of Biomedical Sciences and Pathobiology (DBSP), is working with a group of Virginia Tech researchers to tackle questions surrounding COVID-19. Through collaboration that incorporates the use of computational modeling, data, and virology, the group's project in COVID-19 human adaptation and transmission was published in Cell. Now, the team is building on that research for therapeutic discovery.



From hoops to veterinary health care

A first-year student in the [Doctor of Veterinary Medicine program](#), Taylor Emery was a standout guard on the Virginia Tech women's basketball team, earned a degree in creative writing, and played professionally in both Poland and Israel before arriving at VA-MD Vet Med. "I want to work in the nonprofit sector and find a way to help both people and animals," Emery said.

Continuing Education

VMCVM Virtual Student and Curriculum Updates: Identifying Opportunities for Alumni and Practitioners

Tuesday, Feb. 1, 7–8 p.m.

If you're looking to hire or mentor students or just want to learn more about the updated VMCVM curriculum and ways to interact, you won't want to miss this event!

[Jennifer Hodgson](#) and [Jacquelyn Pelzer](#) of our Academic Affairs team will provide curriculum updates and share the best opportunities for interaction with students for the purpose of mentorship, clerkship, and hiring.

[Register to attend](#)

Equine seminars for horse owners

The Equine Medical Center's popular ["Tuesday Talks" program](#), held on the second Tuesday of each month from January to April, kicked off on Jan. 11. The Feb. 8 seminar will feature a virtual presentation by [Krista Estell](#), clinical assistant professor of equine medicine, who will review the clinical signs of neurologic disease and discuss exciting new techniques to better diagnose neurologic conditions in horses.

[Register to attend](#)

Annual continuing education event for veterinarians

The Equine Medical Center's [annual continuing education event for veterinarians](#) features faculty experts and equine professionals who share information on the latest diagnostic and therapeutic techniques. This year's series of webinars on Jan. 28, Feb. 4, and Feb. 11 will offer attendees up to six hours of continuing education credit.

[Register to attend](#)

Vet Med Alumni

[VA-MD Vet Med Alumni online](#)→



Alumna recognized by American Farm Bureau Federation

Congratulations to [Amanda Weakley-Scott \(DVM '14\)](#) and her husband, Roger, who were recognized at the American Farm Bureau Federation's national convention in Atlanta on Jan. 10. They received third place in the organization's Young Farmers & Ranchers Achievement Award competition, following their first-place win in the Virginia Farm Bureau Federation contest in November. The award honors young farmers who are successful in production agriculture



Alumna featured as "superstar female" of harness racing

Resident veterinarian for Winbak Farm in Chesapeake City, Maryland, Sarah Mackie (DVM '04) was recently featured in "Superstar Females of Harness Racing" in Harness Racing Update. "When I graduated from vet school in 2004," Mackie said, "I was invited to come to Winbak Farm and practice, which at that time did not have a resident vet. This was a 'no brainer,' for it meant I would be close to my family, plus doing what I always wanted to do — work with a very large



Alumnus honored by TAFP

Veterinarian Ronald D. Tyler Jr. (MS '12) was awarded the Texas Academy of Family Physicians (TAFP) Public Health Award during TAFP's Annual Session and Primary Care Summit in The Woodlands, Texas, on Nov. 6. The award recognizes individuals who are making extraordinary contributions to the public health of Texas. A former VA-MD Vet Med pathology resident/MS student, Tyler is the head of the Department of State Health Services Public Health Region 11 Zoonosis Control in Texas. A special shout-out is extended to the college's anatomic

pathologists who trained Tyler and to his mentor, [Nammalwar Sriranganathan](#), professor of bacteriology in the Department of Biomedical Sciences and Pathobiology.

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USDA awards \$2.8M in 2021 to support rural veterinary services

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Grant to expand STEM offerings

THE FARMVILLE HERALD

\$1.5 million grant awarded for STEM scholarships

Kelsey Thornton, first-year DVM student

MEDICAL XPRESS

Potential identification of SARS-CoV-2 human emergence and new COVID-19 therapeutics

[James Weger-Lucarelli](#), assistant professor, Biomedical Sciences and Pathobiology

NPR

Coronavirus FAQ: I just got a booster. Can I go back to my pre-pandemic routines?

[Charlotte Baker](#), assistant professor, Population Health Sciences

THE WALL STREET JOURNAL

Some professional degrees leave students with high debt but without high salaries

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Letters to the Editor

[Peter Eyre](#), professor and dean emeritus

THE WASHINGTON POST

Shifting coronavirus testing rules leave travelers frustrated

[Lisa Lee](#), research professor, Population Health Sciences; Virginia Tech associate vice president for research and innovation

VETERINARIAN DAILY NEWS

In memoriam: David S. Lindsay, professor of parasitology at the Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine

VIRGINIA TECH NEWS

Advancing physical, digital accessibility at Virginia Tech rooted in a collaborative approach

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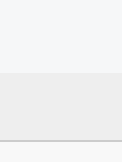
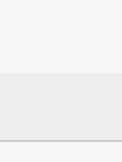
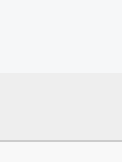
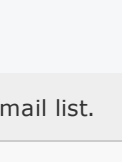
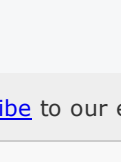
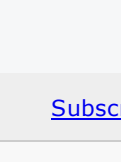
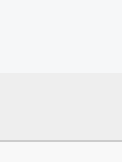
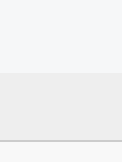
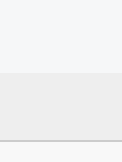
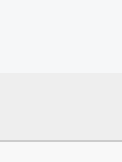
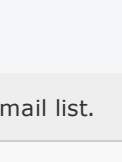
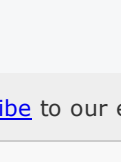
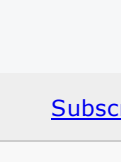
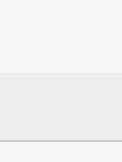
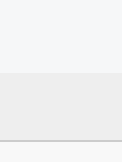
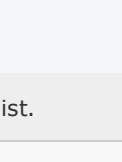
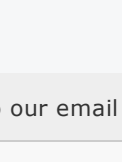
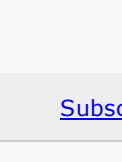
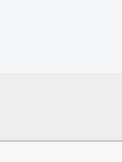
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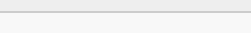
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