



Meet the PharmaSUG 2020 Conference Team

They say opposites attract. That is definitely true when it comes to the next conference team members. **Deanna (DeDe) Schreiber-Gregory** and **Philip Gregory** could not be more opposite in their career choices, but together they make a power team. However, as we all know, any power team is not complete without an adorable little muse, **Anzel Gregory**.

DeDe slowly made her way East. Originally from Montana she went to school in North Dakota and Minnesota, but now currently resides in Maryland. She loves “almost” all music, so much so that it plays an important role in her life. She learned how to read music through an early introduction to the clarinet and has continued that growth with her dedication to learning the violin. She even likes to make up her own songs which she will sing while working at home. She is grateful for her family’s tolerance of her quirkiness! Her passion for music is so strong that a recent policy which effectively banned headphones for drivers and pedestrians while they navigate the military installation on which she works left her frustrated and worried. This new policy made it difficult for her because she relies so heavily on music to help calm and untangle her thoughts. Her husband’s solution to this? Bone conducting headphones! These headphones do not go in your ears, but instead, transmit music through your cheekbones. So, she is still able to take her long walks to decompress while still adhering to base regulations.

DeDe initially started out as a Psychology major, but during her course work, was hired as a research assistant and introduced to statistics, which she fell madly in love with and declared it her second major. Her first introduction to SAS was during her fourth-year capstone. She was working on a large-scale meta-analysis project spanning years of data. At this time, she had never even programmed, much less seen a SAS procedure. DeDe was terrified of what she had gotten herself into and broke down in tears. However, she steeled herself, learned the program, and finished her psychology honors thesis with top grades. She enjoyed the process, that she chose to use SAS for her statistics thesis. Her professor that helped her ‘tough it out’ encouraged her to also submit both her psychology and statistics work to MWSUG with the incentive of EXTRA CREDIT!!! A couple of months later, she received an email...they accepted both of her papers and awarded her a FULL student scholarship to attend! She has been hooked ever since!

Other than the love DeDe has for music and her husband, she has recently fallen in love again. In January of this year, she gave birth to her first child, Anzel. **Anzel** much like his mommy dances to the beat of his own drum. He decided he would come a week late to ensure that his birth was on his terms and that his birthday would not be shared with any other relatives (DeDe is from a large family). His favorite place to be is snuggled in his mommy’s or daddy’s arms. Though he does not yet know how to talk (let alone code!) he enjoys meeting new people and is excited to learn more about his parent’s world. His mom and dad already plan on making sure he is involved in future conferences! He was going to attend his first conference in DC but now it looks like PharmaSUG will be his first. So he is hitting the ground running (ok, in his parent’s arms)!

Phil is originally from Minnesota but now resides in Maryland with his growing family. He is a classically trained artist in painting, sculpting, drawing, print-making, and traditional photography and design. Though Phil does not actually program in the pharmaceutical industry, he is a big supporter of his wife and her aspirations. As a part of his support, he enjoys using his skills to help document and promote the efforts of the pharmaceutical field.

If you have been to PharmaSUG in the past, you have probably seen Phil around...well you have probably seen his camera. He is the one standing behind the camera. He loves to take pictures of the various activities and presentations going on during the conference so that we can preserve the memories.

Phil loves classic art, technology, photography, videography, design, travelling and learning new things. But his newest love is hanging out with his new son! Whom he loves dearly.

DeDe and Phil are co-owners of their own consulting business, where Phil consults for photography, videography, graphic design and classical art and DeDe consults for statistics and data management. They are also frequent committee members for some of the various regional and local SAS user groups.