AWARDS/HONORS

Jim Bruckner, Professor
Named a Fellow of the Academy of Toxicological Sciences; Fellows of the Academy of Toxicological Sciences “must have impressive professional experience, supported by quality publications and be recognized by their peers for their expertise, sound scientific judgment, frequent service on national councils and committees, and active involvement in teaching and research in the field”.

Appointed to the U.S.EPA Scientific Advisory Board Chemical Assessment Advisory Committee. This group will evaluate the process by which the agency assesses scientific information on high priority pollutants, including: relevance of animal studies to humans; mechanisms of action; cancer risks; and evaluates the scientific credibility of data on which national air and water standards may be based.

Invited to be a member of the Committee on Risks Associated with High Pressure Liquid Fracturing of Rock of the Board on Environmental Studies and Toxicology of the National Academy of Sciences.

Sean Szad and Will Spence, PharmD Class of 2015
Have been accepted to the US Navy’s Health Services Collegiate Program (HSCP) Medical Service Corps; they were two of only five selected from applicants across the country

Susan Fagan, Jowdy Professor of Pharmacy
Appointed to the following study sections:
American Heart Association – National; Brain 3 Study Section; 2013
NIH-NINDS: ZNS1 SRB-E; US-China Collaborations; 2013

Janet Fowler, Administrative Associate I, Experience Programs
Selected as the 2012 Fourth Quarter STAR Award winner

Barbara Mysona, post-doc with Azza El-Remessy
Awarded post-doctoral Fellowship from American Heart Association for the “Role of proNGF in diabetes-induced barrier dysfunction”. The fellowship is for two years to investigate the mechanism by which proNGF contribute to early vascular permeability in diabetic retina

PUBLICATIONS

David DeRemer, Clinical Associate Professor
Azza El-Remessy, Associate Professor


This study was performed in my lab and lead by Al-Gayyar and Mysona in collaboration with investigators from Vision Discovery Institute at GRU and demonstrated for the first time that proNGF, the precursor and proinflammatory form of the nerve growth factor (NGF) can directly induce neurodegeneration in retinas from diabetic animals or models that overexpress cleavage-resistant proNGF. The study also examined neuroprotective effects of a pharmacological inhibitor Y-compound that can be promising therapeutic target for treatment of diabetic retinopathy.

Susan Fagan, Jowdy Professor of Pharmacy


Raj Govindarajan, Assistant Professor


Somanath Shenoy, Assistant Professor

Review article on “Antiangiogenic therapy for cancer: An update” published from the laboratory in the journal “Pharmacotherapy” authored by Belal Al-Husein, Maha Abdalla, Morgan Trepte, David DeRemer and Somanath Shenoy is featured in MDLinx website, the world’s most current index of articles that matter in the daily lives of physicians and other healthcare professionals. Link can be accessed at: http://www.mdlinx.com/oncology/news-article.cfm/4342096

Robin Southwood, Clinical Associate Professor

Persistent Hypoglycemia of Unknown Etiology in a Patient Without Diabetes: A Case Report and Review Bryan P. White, PharmD1,2⇓ and Robin Southwood, PharmD, BCPS, CDE

Published online at the Journal of Pharmacy Practice
Matthew Perri, Professor
Made a presentation entitled “Communication Skills for Busy Practitioners” to a joint meeting of the RC Wilson and Georgia Society of Health System Pharmacists regional group on Jan 17.

OTHER NEWS
College of Pharmacy received $10,000 from the National Association of Chain Drug Stores through its 2012 Pharmacy Partners Scholarship Program