AWARDS/HONORS

Catherine Bourg, Clinical Assistant Professor
Graduated from the American College of Clinical Pharmacy (ACCP) Research and Scholarship Certificate Program

Amber Clemmons, Clinical Assistant Professor
Named the 2014 Outstanding Young Health System Pharmacist of the Year by Georgia Society of Health System Pharmacists

David DeRemer, Clinical Associate Professor

J. Russell May, Clinical Professor
Named 2014 Distinguished Drug Information Practitioner by the Drug Information PRN at the Annual American College of Clinical Pharmacy (ACCP) meeting in Austin, TX

Somanath Shenoy, Associate Professor
Co-chaired the ‘Tumor Biology Session’ of the 19th World Congress on Advances in Oncology conference, Athens, Greece (October, 2014)

Gloria Strait, Administrative Associate II
Named STAR award winner for the 2014 third quarter for her service, teamwork, attitude and reliability

GRANTS

Rajgopal Govindarajan, Assistant Professor
Received $309,521 from the National Institutes of Health for epigenetic priming in pancreatic cancer chemotherapy

Dexi Liu, Panoz Professor and Head, Pharmaceutical and Biomedical Sciences
Received $40,000 from Obesity Society to study reversing obesity-related nonalcoholic fatty liver disease by protein-enriched diet

Yujun Zheng, Associate Professor
Received $247,356 from the National Institutes of Health for study of chemical approaches to protein arginine methylation

Somanath Shenoy, Associate Professor
Received $26,000 from American Heart Association for study of the role of akt-myocardin-serum response factor signaling axis in myofibroblast transformation and pulmonary hypertenison
**PUBLICATIONS**

**James Bruckner, Professor**

**Azza El-Remessy, Associate Professor**
Invited review article to Antioxidant and Redox Signaling, With Islam Mohamed (CET graduate student), Tauheed Ishrat, PhD, Susan Fagan; Title: Role of inflammasome activation in the pathophysiology of vascular diseases of the neurovascular unit.

Research article in PLOSONE; Title: Deletion of Thioredoxin Interacting Protein (TXNIP) Augments Hyperoxia-Induced Vasobliteration in a Mouse Model of Oxygen Induced-Retinopathy. With Mohammed Abdelsaid (former CET graduate student), S. Matragoon, A. Ergul

**Susan Fagan, Assistant Dean and Jowdy Professor**
Alhusban A*, Fouda AY*, Pillai B, Ishrat T, Soliman S, Fagan SC. C21 is proangiogenic in the brain and results in sustained recovery after ischemic stroke. J Hypertension, epub ahead of print, October 8, 2014
This is the report of our FIRST experiments with a novel angiotensin II Type 2 receptor agonist, C21 (Vicore Pharma). It seems to provide similar neurovascular protection after stroke as we and others have published with the ARBs, except DOES NOT lower the blood pressure. We think it is a promising tactic for promoting recovery after stroke

**Eileen Kennedy, Assistant Professor**


**Mandi Murph, Assistant Professor**
Published The Src homology 3 binding domain is required for lysophosphatidic acid 3 receptor-mediated cellular viability in melanoma cells. Jia W, Tran SK, Ruddick CA, Murph MM.

**Somanath Shenoy, Associate Professor**
Publication from the Shenoy laboratory in the journal Laboratory Investigation is featured on the Cover Page of the October Issue:
Representative TUNEL (green) staining images of a mouse heart section taken 24 h after myocardial infarction in the presence of glycogen synthase kinase-3 inhibitor SB415286. Sarcomeric actin α (red) and nuclei (DAPI, blue) demonstrate morphology. For more information see the paper by Ma et al, page 1083, Laboratory Investigation.

**PRESENTATIONS**

**Amber Clemmons, Clinical Assistant Professor**
Presented “Oncology Drug Update,” a 1-hour lecture at the 2014 Fall Georgia Society of Health System Pharmacists Meeting

**Virginia Fleming, Clinical Assistant Professor**
Presented “Resistance of Escherichia coli urinary isolates in Emergency Department-treated patients at a community hospital” as a platform presentation and presented “Impact of Computerized Physician Order Entry (CPOE) upon adherence to Center for Medication Safety (CMS) core measures for empiric treatment of community-acquired pneumonia (CAP) at a community hospital” as a poster at the ACCP Annual Meeting in Austin, TX

**Duska Franic, Associate Professor**
Presented Fostering interdisciplinary professionalism through collaborative teaching at 1st COE Innovation in teaching conference, UGA Conference Center for CE. Athens GA October 17, 2014. Presentation focuses on the value of interprofessional teaching to learners (students) and ultimately patients.
J. Russell May, Clinical Professor
Presented New Drug Update 2014: A Formulary Approach, Medical Education Conference, Hamilton Medical Center, Dalton, GA, October 2, 2014, and at the Georgia Society of Health System Pharmacists Fall Meeting, Young Harris, GA, October 10, 2014

Merrill Norton, Clinical Associate Professor
Presented “The Neuropharmacology of The Anti-Reward Brain System” to the Alabama Board of Medical Examiners, Destin Florida

Presented “The Pain of Pleasure- The Neurobiology of Trauma and Addiction for the McLeod Professional Training Program, Charlotte, North Carolina

Presented “Medication Use In Recovery- Prescription and OTC Drugs” to professional staff and patients at Penfield Residential Treatment Program, Union Point, Georgia

Presented Addiction Pharmacy Update and The Pain of Pleasure-The Anti-Reward Brain System at the 2014 Substances of Abuse Seminar on October 31, 2014 at the UGA College of Pharmacy.

Scott Pegan, Associate Professor

Somanath Shenoy, Associate Professor
Presented two lectures at the 19th World Congress on Advances in Oncology, Athens, Greece (October, 2014): TGFβ signaling in prostate cancer epithelial-to-mesenchymal transition, and Mechanisms regulating Akt-mediated endothelial-barrier function

Rarndall Tackett, Professor
Presented Medical Marijuana, Substance Abuse: Illegal Drugs and New Ways to Get High, and Prescription Drug Abuse at the 2014 Substances of Abuse Seminar on October 31, 2014 at the UGA College of Pharmacy.

Michael Thiman, Clinical Assistant Professor

Trina von Waldner, Senior Public Service Associate
Presented Current Issues in Substance Abuse at the 2014 Substances of Abuse Seminar on October 31, 2014 at the UGA College of Pharmacy

OTHER NEWS

James Bruckner, Professor
Attended a meeting of the Chemical Substances Committee of the American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists in Cincinnati, OH. This committee assesses information available on the toxicity of chemicals and sets national/international exposure standards to protect employees in the workplace

Hal E. Richards, Clinical Assistant Professor
Was in Washington DC at the Board of Pharmacy Specialties council meeting Oct 24-25th representing the Critical Care Specialty Council as the Vice Chair of the council

Lambda Kappa Sigma raised $6,600 for the Loran Smith Cancer Center’s In Their Shoes cancer walk.