AWARDS/HONORS

Aaron Beedle, Assistant Professor
Served as a grant reviewer for the Muscular Dystrophy Association Research Grant and Development Grant programs on the Scientific Advisory Committee, October 9, 2015, Washington DC.

Brian Cummings, Associate Professor
Served as Chair for the Department of Defense Prostate Cancer Research Program Grant Review Panel on Clinical Experimental Therapeutics held on October 14th and 15th

Kalen Manasco, Clinical Associate Professor
Selected to participate in the 2016 Class of Leadership GPhA.
Selected to participate in the Cystic Fibrosis Pharmacist Mentoring Program in its 2nd year.

Dr. Dianne May, Chair of ACCP Drug information PRN
Dr. Christopher Bland, Chair of ACCP Infectious Disease PRN
Dr. David DeRemer, Chair of ACCP Hematology/Oncology PRN
Dr. Kalen Manasco, Chair-Elect of ACCP Pediatrics PRN
At the 2015 American College of Clinical Pharmacy (ACCP) Global Conference on Clinical Pharmacy the following faculty were recognized and started elected leadership roles in the organization.

Drs. Dianne May and David DeRemer were honored as Fellows. Fellowship (FCCP) recognizes excellence in the practice and science of clinical pharmacy. Fellowship is awarded to individuals who have made sustained contributions to the College and who have demonstrated exceptional performance in clinical pharmacy practice and/or research.

ACCP has 22 Practice Based Research Networks (PRNs). The PRNs represent focused interest groups of ACCP members. They provide a means for clinical pharmacists with common practice, teaching, and research interests to gather for professional interaction, networking, and continuing education. Each PRN has elected leaders that serve the organization and the PRN membership to develop and provide professional development, meeting programming, and student and member awards as well as complete research and publish papers on timely topics in their areas of focus. This year our faculty members have been elected to lead four of the PRNs listed above

Rusty May, Clinical Professor
Appointed to the American College of Clinical Pharmacy Member Relations Committee 2016.

Mandi Murph, Associate Professor
Served as a grant reviewer for the Ovarian Cancer Research Program for the Department of Defense Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs, October 1-2, 2015, and also served as the session chair for several discussions when the established chair had conflicts of interest with the proposals

Merrill Norton, Clinical Associate Professor
Was honored by the Georgia Addiction Counselors Association in receiving the prestigious Distinguished Service Award for 2015. The award is bestowed on individuals for recognition of their long term support and commitment to the treatment and welfare of those affected by alcohol and drug addiction in Georgia and nationally. Norton's efforts of educating thousands
of behavioral health practitioners nationally to the disease states of substance use disorders and his dedication to the early prevention and intervention of addictive disease in Georgia’s families makes him a person uniquely qualified for this award.

**Somanath Shenoy, Associate Professor**
Served as a co-chair, prostate cancer session at the 20th World Congress on Advances in Oncology, Athens, Greece (October, 2015)

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**GRANTS**

**Ewan Cobran, Assistant Professor**
Received $40,000 to support a research project on Quality of Life, Racial Differences, and Risk of ADT Associated Diabetes, MI, and CVD during Treatment for Advance Prostate Cancer.

**Scott Pegan, Associate Professor**
Received annual continuation funding in the amount of $308,078 from the National Institutes of Health for the project titled ORIGIN OF THE INNATE IMMUNITY SUPPRESSION CAUSED BY NAIROVIRUS’ PROTEASE ACTIVITY.

**Henry Young, Kroger Associate Professor**
Funded by The Council on Alcohol and Drugs, Inc. and Let’s Be Clear Georgia, Inc. to carry out research projects related to their programs.

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**PUBLICATIONS**

**Michael Bartlett, Professor**

**Scott Pegan, Associate Professor**
Engineering the Organophosphorus Acid Anhydrolase Enzyme for Increased Catalytic Efficiency and Broadened Stereospecificity on Russian VX. Daczkowski CM, Pegan SD, Harvey SP. Biochemistry. 2015 Oct 20;54(41):6423-33. doi: 10.1021/acs.biochem.5b00624. Epub 2015 Oct 6

**Dexi Liu, Panoz Professor of Pharmacy**


**Kalen Manasco, Clinical Associate Professor**

**George Zheng, Associate Professor**
**Presentations**

**Michael Bartlett, Professor**

S. Hooshfar, F. Kobarfard and M.G. Bartlett. The application of de novo peptide sequencing for characterization of cetrorelix acetate and its related impurities, 29th National Meeting of the American Association for Pharmaceutical Scientists. Orlando, FL, November 2015


**Christopher Bland, Clinical Assistant Professor**


Presented “Novel Anticoagulants: Overview with Practical Application through Patient Cases” at the 2015 Georgia American College of Physicians Meeting, Buford, GA. October 24th, 2015.


**Catherine Bourg, Clinical Assistant Professor**

Bourg, Gin Fleming and Russ Palmer gave a presentation at the College of Education Innovations Conference at the Georgia Center entitled “Incorporation of video-enhanced case-based learning strategies into large classroom teaching.”

Bourg also spoke at the Ansel Symposium and gave an ACPE accredited presentation entitled “Newly Approved Therapies for Type 2 Diabetes.”

**Trisha Branan, Clinical Assistant Professor**

Invited poster presentation, Optimal Dose of Enoxaparin in Critically Ill Patients with Venous Thromboembolism, at the ACCP Global Conference on Clinical Pharmacy, San Francisco, CA, October 17-21

**Brian Cummings, Associate Professor**

Presented a Plenary Lecture titled “Blood Lipid Indicators of Drug Abuse and Addiction” at the Howard C. Ansel Symposium held October 23rd, 2015 at the College of Pharmacy.

**Azza El-Remessy, Associate Professor**

As a visiting professor to Misr International University (MIU): taught Diabetes and Endocrinology (30 hours) to Pharmacy students; presented “Therapeutic targets to restore reparative angiogenesis in hind limb ischemic model” to faculty and staff; and performed a workshop hands-on training on “how to write a winning manuscript” to faculty and staff.

**James Franklin, Associate Professor**

Presented the following poster at the annual meeting of the Society for Neuroscience on October 18th: The effect of the mitochondria-targeted antioxidant MitoQ on memory retention and neuropathology in aged 3xTg-AD mice
Ashley Hannings, Clinical Assistant Professor

Anthony Hawkins, Clinical Assistant Professor
Gave a 1-hr invited presentation entitled ‘Surviving Sepsis: Early Goal Directionally Challenged’ at the GSHP Fall annual meeting in Young Harris, GA.

Served as moderator for a poster session at the ACCP annual meeting in San Francisco, CA.

Mandi Murph, Associate Professor
Gave an invited talk about her research on the RGS10 protein at the 25th Annual Keck Center Research Conference: A Quarter Century of Team Science, in Houston, Texas, October 16, 2015.

Rusty May, Clinical Professor


“New Drug Update 2015: A Formulary Approach” Georgia Society of Health System Pharmacists Fall Meeting, Young Harris, GA, October 16, 2015


Merrill Norton, Clinical Associate Professor
Presented “The Psychopharmacology of Substance Use Disorders-2015” to the Alabama Board of Medical Examiners, Destin, Florida;

Presented “Juvenile Courts, Substance Use, and the Adolescent Brain” to the Institute of Continuing Judicial Education of Georgia, Athens, Georgia

Presented “The Pain of Pleasure-Opioid Use Disorders and Their Treatments” at the 2015 Howard C. Ansel Symposium, UGA College of Pharmacy, Athens, Georgia;

Presented “What Is Addiction?” to the Forsyth County Drug Prevention Coalition, Cumming, Georgia.

Scott Pegan, Associate Professor
"A journey into the world of nairovirus ovarian tumor domain proteases and implications for therapeutic discovery," Mercer University College of Pharmacy, October 19th, 2015

Beth Phillips, Rite Aide Professor

Marjorie Phillips, Clinical Professor of Pharmacy Practice (OAS)
Presented “Tracing the Profession: 30 Years since the Hilton Head Conference in 1985” for the student track at the South Carolina Society of Health-system Pharmacists Fall Meeting in Columbia, SC on October 22nd

Hilary Teibel, Pharm.D., PGY1 Pharmacy Resident at Georgia Regents Medical Center/UGA and graduate student at the College published “Compatibility of vancomycin and oxacillin during simulated Y-site delivery” in Hospital Pharmacy (Sept 2015)

Somanath Shenoy, Associate Professor
Invited for a seminar on “Discrete functions of GSK3α and GSK3β on prostate cancer growth and metastasis” at the 20th World
Congress on Advances in Oncology, Athens, Greece (October, 2015)

Served as a co-chair, Prostate cancer session at the 20th World Congress on Advances in Oncology, Athens, Greece (October, 2015)

Michael Thiman, Clinical Assistant Professor

Christopher Bland, Clinical Assistant Professor


James Bruckner, Professor
Participated in a review and meeting of the EPA Science Advisory Board that reviewed and evaluated a report entitled Assessment of the Potential Impacts of Hydraulic Fracturing on National Drinking Water Resources. This is an assessment of whether high pressure injection of fluid and chemicals in oil and gas wells is significantly affecting the quality and quantity of the nation’s ground and surface water

Tom Taylor, Associate Professor Emeritus
Interviewed for: “Understanding is the key to successful medication use,” Columbia County News Times, September 16, 2015.


Center for Drug Discovery
The UGA Center for Drug Discovery will hold a day-long conference on Thursday, November 19, at the Georgia Center for Continuing Education. The conference will feature three plenary speakers, lunch (free with registration), and a poster session with awards for best graduate student and postdoc entries. Plenary speakers will be:
• Dr. P. Jeffrey Conn, Lee E. Limbird Professor of Pharmacology and Director of the Center for Neuroscience Drug Discovery, Vanderbilt University. “Allosteric modulators of GPCRs as a novel approach for treatment of CNS disorders.” Co-sponsored by the UGA Neuroscience Program.
• Dr. Kim Lewis, Distinguished Professor in the Department of Biology and Director of the Antimicrobial Discovery Center, Northeastern University. “The Quest for Novel Antibiotics.” Co-sponsored by the UGA Department of Infectious Diseases.
• Dr. John L. Magnani, Chief Science Officer and Vice President of GlycoMimetics Inc. Title TBA. Co-sponsored by the UGA Cancer Center, “Glycomimetic Drugs: An Untapped Source of Novel Therapeutics Now in Clinical Trials for Hematologic Malignancies”.

Nair Symposium Celebrates His Tenure and Retirement from the College of Pharmacy
On Thursday, November 19, 2015, the University of Georgia College of Pharmacy will host the Nair Symposium in honor of the retirement of Vasu Nair, Associate Dean for Research at the College of Pharmacy. The symposium begins at the completion of the 2015 UGA Conference on Drug Discovery, which will take place in Mahler Auditorium at the UGA Center for Continuing Education. The symposium will be held from 3:30-5:30 p.m., with a reception to follow from 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the Hill Atrium, outside Mahler Auditorium.