**Awards/Honors**

**Robert Arnold, Associate Professor**
Served as a grant reviewer on an NIH Special Emphasis Panel/Scientific Review Group ZRG1 ETTN-P -(11), Neuropharmacology, 11/11, DC and for Georgia Cancer Coalition, Research Grant Proposals 11/11.

**Catherine Bourg, Clinical Assistant Professor**
Passed the ambulatory care board certification exam to receive the BCACP designation.

**Brian Cumming, Associate Professor**
One of nine faculty at UGA inducted into the UGA Teaching Academy

**James Franklin, Associate Professor**
Served on the NIH ZRG1 F03A (20) study section in Washington, D.C. This study section reviews F31 predoctoral and F32 postdoctoral fellowships in neurodevelopment, synaptic plasticity, and neurodegeneration

**Vivian Liao, Clinical Assistant Professor**
Passed her board exam and is now a board certified pharmacotherapy specialist (BCPS).

**Mandi Murph, Assistant Professor**
Was accepted after a competitive application process to attend the “Translational Cancer Research for Basic Scientists Workshop”, held on October 30 - November 4, 2011, at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, Massachusetts General Hospital and the Omni Parker House, all in Boston. This interactive workshop was organized by the American Association for Cancer Research (AACR).

**Andrea Sikora**
Featured on the UGA Webpage as an Amazing Student

**Maria Thurston, PGY2 resident in Ambulatory Care, and Joe McCoy PGY2 resident in Critical Care**
Passed the pharmacotherapy board certification exam to receive the BCPS designation

**Awards for College of Pharmacy posters presented at the Conference on Drug Discovery**
The Best Graduate Student Poster award at the Conference on Drug Discovery was presented to Molly Altman, in Mandi Murph’s lab, for “Regulator of G-protein signaling 2 blunts cellular viability mediated by a stabilized lysophosphatidic acid analogue (2S-OMPT) in the presence of chemotherapy in an ovarian cancer cell model of chemoresistance.” Graduate student Sahar Soliman from Susan Fagan’s lab was Third Runner Up for best poster presentation by a graduate student for “Vascular protection mediates ARBs neuroprotection: Role of VEGF-A and B”

**Grants**

**Paul Brooks, Assistant Dean for Outreach and Non-traditional Education**
Received $110,160 from Pfizer for Disease Management 101: Understanding the Disease Management Process - An Educational Primer for Emerging World Markets (funds shared with College of Public Health). Trina von Walder is co-investigator

**Susan Fagan, Jowdy Professor and Assistant Dean for Augusta Programs**
Received $14,200 and $46,200 grants from the Veteran’s Administration Medical Center to study mechanisms and consequences of hypertension after stroke
**PUBLICATIONS**

**Robert Arnold, Associate Professor**

**Susan Fagan, Jowdy Professor and Assistant Dean**
This is a review of the literature regarding fever and its treatment in hospitalized stroke patients. Elevated body temperature occurs frequently in stroke patients (up to 40%) and is a predictor of poor outcome. However, guidelines are weak in this area and treatment with acetaminophen is recommended, despite evidence that it does not reduce body temperature. We recommend using fever as a catalyst to initiate a work up and treatment for infection and limiting acetaminophen dosing.

**Duska Franic, Associate Professor**
Published “US Publication trends in social and administrative pharmacy: implications for promotion and tenure” in the Research in Social and Administrative Pharmacy with Dr Sally Huston and PCA graduate students Anne Kangethe, Ming-Yi Huang and Chakita Williams. There is no consensus on the preferred approach to assess journal quality. Procedures that have been used include journal acceptance or rejection policies, impact factors, number of subscribers, citation counts, whether the articles were refereed or not, and journals cited in books within the discipline. This study built on the work of previous authors by using a novel approach to assess journal quality in social and administrative pharmacy (SAdP).

Published “A qualitative study of herbal medicine use in the Ukraine: Implications for US pharmacy practice in the Journal of Pharmacy Practice” with Kosta Kleyman, PharmD Candidate.

**Mandi Murph, Assistant Professor**
Published MicroRNA-30c-2* Expressed in Ovarian Cancer Cells Suppresses Growth Factor Induced Cellular Proliferation and Downregulates the Oncogene BCL9, Wei Jia, Juliet O. Eneh, Supriya Ratnaparkhe, Molly K. Altman, and Mandi M. Murph, Molecular Cancer Research, article in press and epub on website
The article discusses miR-30c-2* and miR-30c, which are small noncoding RNAs that function as master regulators to reduce extracellular growth factor signaling pathways. More specifically, we demonstrate that EGF, LPA and PDGF stimulate intracellular signal transduction cascades which are neutralized significantly by a transient upregulation and increased expression of miR-30c-2*. There are numerous targets of miRNA; here we show that miR-30c-2* reduces the expression of BCL9, which is an oncogene that enhances cell proliferation in vitro and in vivo. Thus, we have uncovered a novel, previously unknown regulatory function for miR-30c-2* in ovarian cancer and characterized it as a noncoding tumor suppressor-like small RNA.

**Marjorie Phillips, Clinical Professor**
Published “Standardizing i.v. infusion concentrations: National survey results” in the American Journal of Health-System Pharmacy
Article describes the results of a national survey and recommendations for standardizing intravenous infusion concentrations developed while Phillips was vice chair of the U.S. Pharmacopeia (USP) Safe Medication Use Expert Committee (2005-2010 cycle).

**PRESENTATIONS**

**Robert Arnold, Associate Professor**

Aaron Beedle, Assistant Professor
Presented "Modeling Dystroglycan-related Muscular Dystrophies in the Mouse" at the Center for Drug Discovery conference in Athens on November 3, 2011.

Azza El-Remessy, Associate Professor
Her lab had the following presentations at Center for Drug Discovery symposium in Athens: 
Graduate Student: Mohammed Abdelsaid had two presentations: 
Peroxynitrite regulates VEGF signal via S-glutathionylation of LMW-PTP; and Thioredoxin-interacting protein is required for VEGF’s survival and angiogenic signal.
Graduate student: Islam Mohamed
Metabolic Syndrome and development of retinal acellular capillaries: role of TXNIP
Post-doctoral fellow: Barbara Mysona, PhD,
Inflammatory Response of ProNGF/p75NTR in Müller cells of the Diabetic Retina Induces Vascular Dysfunction.

Duska Franic, Associate Professor
Presented “Assessment of the respondent acceptability of preference measurement in stuttering” at the American Speech Language Hearing Association (ASHA) Convention San Diego, California, November 17-19, 2011 with Dr Anne Bothe and Robin Bramlett, PhD Candidate. This research compares commonly used preference methods (visual analogue scale, standard gamble, time trade off and willingness to pay) in terms of ease, comfort, reasonableness and difficulty of use in decision making in fluency disorders.

James Franklin, Associate Professor
Presented a poster at the annual meeting of the Society for Neuroscience in Washington, D.C. on “The Effect of MitoQ on Neuropathology in 3xTg-AD Mice”

Matthew Perri, Professor
Presented “The Practitioner’s Guide to Effective Communications” at Mercer Southern School of Pharmacy on November 5

Somanath Shenoy, Assistant Professor
Posters presented at the Conference on Drug Discovery conference:
Akt mediated non-canonical pathway in response to TGFbeta modulates the fibrogenic switch in fibroblasts. Maha Abdalla, Anna Goc and Somanath Shenoy;
Glycogen synthase kinase-3 and prostate cancer: Novel insights challenge the existing paradigms. Belal Al-Husein, Anna Goc, Shuaib Mohammed and Somanath Shenoy;
Akt mediates prostate cancer cell migration and invasion via affinity modulation of integrin alpha-v beta-3. Anna Goc, Junxiu liu and Somanath Shenoy;
Unlocking the code of protein 14-3-3: Novel insight into the role of Rac and group-I p21 activated kinases in prostate cancer. Anna Goc, Maha Abdalla and Somanath Shenoy; and
Anti-cancer efficacy of simvastatin on prostate cancer cells and tumor xenografts. Samith Kochuparambil, Belal Al-Husein, Anna Goc, Martha Terris and Somanath Shenoy

Trina von Waldner, Public Service Associate
Presented Moving Beyond Basic Preparedness: the Pharmacist’s Role in Disaster Recovery on November 5, 2011 for the Homecoming CE Meeting at Pharmacy South with Health Ford, Pharm.D., graduate student.

OTHER NEWS

Trina von Waldner, director of Postgraduate Continuing Education
Quoted in Atlanta Journal Constitution article about production of ricin by local terrorists in which she said that ricin cannot be produced in sufficient quantities to be lethal to large populations