AWARDS/HONORS

**Brian Cummings, Associate Professor**  
Served as grant reviewer for the Department of Defense Prostate Cancer Research Program on the Clinical and Experimental Therapeutics Review Panel

**Azza El-Remessy, Associate Professor**  
Served as grant reviewer for Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, Career development awards

**Rajgopal Govindarajan, Associate Professor**  
Elected as an American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists (AAPS) Drug Transport Focus Group Steering Committee member

**Brad Handberry, Ph.D. student with Jason Zastre, Associate Professor**  
Successfully passed his Ph.D. defense

**Ashley Hannings and Linda Hughes, Public Service Assistants**  
Passed the exam to become Board Certified Ambulatory Care Pharmacists

**Russell May, Clinical Professor**  
Received the ACCP Distinguished Drug Information Practitioner Award from the Drug Information Practice and Research Network (PRN) for 2014. This is award recognizes an outstanding drug information practitioner who has excelled at advancing and promoting drug information practice through leadership or innovation

**Somanath Shenoy, Associate Professor**  
Served as a FY2014-2015 seed grant reviewer for the California North State University College of Pharmacy, Elk Grove, CA

Received ‘Travel Award’ from the Vice President for Research, OVPR, University of Georgia to attend and present lectures at the World Congress on Advances in Oncology in Athens, Greece

Served as External Thesis Examiner for a graduate student from the MS University, Baroda, India.

**Y. George Zheng, Associate Professor**  
Recently served on the NIH study section panel on “Targeting Therapeutics Development to Relieve Bottlenecks: Optimizing Lead Therapeutic Compounds against Infectious Pathogens”

GRANTS

**Susan Fagan, Associate Dean for MCG Programs**  
Received $17,808 and $21,008 from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs for study of mechanisms and consequences of hypertension after stroke

**Scott Pegan, Associate Professor**  
Second-year funding of $308,454 from National Institutes of Health for study of suppression caused by nairovirus protease activity
Azza El-Remessy, Associate Professor
With the group of Susan Fagan, a study was conducted to identify the vascular protective effects of candesartan in ischemic retinopathy model. The manuscript “Candesartan stimulates reparative angiogenesis in ischemic retinopathy model: role of hemeoxygenase-1 (HO-1)” was accepted to Journal of Angiogenesis.

Nhuan Nguyen, WOS Clinical Assistant Professor
“Controversies in using IV Azithromycin to Treat Gastroparesis” will be published in the U.S. Pharmacist magazine, in December 2014

Scott Pegan, Associate Professor

Lilian Pia Sattler, Interdisciplinary Assistant Professor
Published “Food Insecurity and Medication Adherence in Low-Income Older Medicare Beneficiaries with Type 2 Diabetes” in Journal of Nutrition in Gerontology and Geriatrics

Houjian Cai, Assistant Professor

Azza El-Remessy, Associate Professor
Visiting professor to Misr International University (MIU): Taught Diabetes and Endocrinology to Pharmacy students; presented “How to write a winning manuscript” to Faculty and staff; and presented “Role of TXNIP in retinal angiogenesis and microvascular dysfunction” to Faculty and staff.

James Franklin, Associate Professor
My graduate student and I presented “MitoQ Treatment of Aged 3xTg-AD Mice” at the annual meeting of the Society for Neuroscience in Washington DC on November 17.

Rajgopal Govindarajan, Associate Professor
Invited to present a seminar on “Overcoming chemoresistance in pancreatic cancer using a miRNA approach” at Winship Cancer Institute, Emory University on 11/19/2014.

Ray Maddox, Assistant Dean for Southeast Georgia Programs
“Hospital Experience Using Smart Pumps and Continuous PCA Monitoring – A 10 Year Analysis” presented at the Association for the Advancement of Medical Instrumentation Foundation National Opioid Coalition, Chicago, November 2014.

J. Russell May, Clinical Professor

James Bruckner, Professor
Attended a 3-day meeting of the U.S. EPA Science Advisory Board Chemical Assessment Committee meeting in Washington, D.C. This committee assessed the scientific and epidemiological basis for EPA’s cancer risk assessment of ethylene oxide, a common sterilant of medical devices and surgical equipment.