AWARDS/HONORS

**Aaron Beedle, Assistant Professor**
Beedle lab graduate student Steven Foltz won a Student Poster Presentation Prize at the UGA Center for Drug Discovery Conference November 19th in Athens

**Trisha Branan, Clinical Assistant Professor**
Passed examination for Board Certified Critical Care Pharmacist (BCCCP)

**Jim Bruckner, Professor**
Invited to serve a second 3-year term as a member of the U.S.EPA Science Advisory Board Chemical Assessment Advisory Committee. This committee evaluates major national contamination problems and makes recommendations to the EPA Administrator for alternative courses of action.

**Daniel Chastain, Clinical Assistant Professor (WOS)**
Became AAHIVP, a certified HIV Pharmacist from the American Academy of HIV Medicine

**Anthony Hawkins, Clinical Assistant Professor**
Received BCCCP, critical care certification from the Board of Pharmacy Specialties

**Vivia Hill-Silcott, Diversity Coordinator**
Completed requirements for her PhD. in Education

**Eileen Kennedy, Assistant Professor**
Student Laura Hanold won the Best Graduate Student Poster Award at the UGA Cancer Center Retreat.

**Dexu Liu, Panoz Professor**
Graduate student, Hao Sun, also won the Best Graduate Student Award at the 2015 UGA Conference. It was a tie for first place. His poster was entitled “Assessment of IL-15/sIL-15Ra Gene Therapy on Lewis Lung Carcinoma Growing in Mouse Lung, Liver and Kidneys.”

**Merrill Norton, Clinical Associate Professor**
Selected to join the Substance Abuse Research Alliance (SARA) whose mission is to build a dynamic network of experienced academic and professional researchers who share common goals of examining the causes, effects and outcomes of substance abuse among Georgians of all ages; and to explore, share and help implement creative methods of preventing substance abuse and its devastating impacts on individuals, families, communities and the state of Georgia with the hope and expectation that the outcomes of their work will also produce beneficial results beyond Georgia and the Southeastern United States.

**Somanath Shenoy, Associate Professor**
Served in the ‘cardio-pulmonary diseases’ grant application review panel of the ‘Italian ministry of Health’
PUBLICATIONS

**Christopher Bland, Clinical Assistant Professor**

**Eileen Kennedy, Assistant Professor**

**Dexi Liu, Panoz Professor**


**Mandi Murph, Associate Professor**

**Merrill Norton, Clinical Assistant Professor**

**Somanath Shenoy, Associate Professor**

This study was performed through a collaboration between a graduate student and five PharmD students. The role of Src in pathologic myofibroblast (MF) differentiation and the effect of Src inhibition on TGFβ-induced MF differentiation were investigated. Results indicated that selective Src inhibition using ‘PP2’ mimicked the effect of dasatinib in attenuating MF differentiation and fibronectin assembly in both murine NIH 3T3 fibroblasts and fibrotic human lung fibroblasts. Thus, Src inhibition could potentially be a therapeutic option in fibrotic diseases.

**Tom Taylor, Associate Professor Emeritus**
Safe medication storage prevents bad outcome, Columbia County News Times, November 11, 2015.

**George Zheng, Associate Professor**


PRESENTATIONS

**Aaron Beedle, Assistant Professor**
Posters presented at the UGA Center for Drug Discovery Conference in Athens GA:
SJ Foltz, A Patel, KB Peissig and AM Beedle. Therapeutic targeting of Akt/mTOR signaling in Fktn-deficient muscle.

**Catherine Bourg, Clinical Assistant Professor**
With Gin Fleming, clinical assistant professor, presented “Incorporation of Video-Enhanced Case-Based Learning Strategies into Large Classroom Teaching.” Brown Bag Presentation, in collaboration with University of Georgia Center for Teaching and Learning (CTL).
Presented “Targeting Protein-Protein Interactions in Kinase Regulation” at the UGA Cancer Center Retreat

Dexi Liu, Panoz Professor
Seminar, Tuning–up Gene Expression to Prevent and Treat Obesity and Obesity-associated Insulin Resistance, Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, University of Pittsburgh School of Pharmacy, November 3, 2015
Invited Presentation, Tuning–up Gene Expression to Prevent and Treat Obesity and Obesity-associated Insulin Resistance, The 20th Annual Meeting of the Korea Society of Biomedical Laboratory Sciences, Wonju, South Korea, November 4-6, 2015.

Merrill Norton, Clinical Assistant Professor
Invited keynote speaker at the Opioid Treatment Providers of Georgia annual conference, “Patient Question: Should I Take Buprenorphine or Methadone? - The Neurobiology of Opioid Use Disorders”, Lake Lanier Islands Georgia.

Scott Pegan, Associate Professor
Conference Abstract and Poster Presentation:

Beth Phillips, Rite Aid Professor
Invited Presentations:


George Zheng, Associate Professor
Poster Presentations:


OTHER NEWS

Dexi Liu, Panoz Professor
Co-organizer for the session titled “NIH Programs & Funding Opportunity for Pharmaceutical Scientists”, 2015 AAPS Annual Meeting and Exposition, October 25-29, 2015, Orange County Convention Center, Orlando, Florida

Marjorie Phillips, Clinical Professor of Pharmacy (WOS)
November 5, 2015 Joint Meeting of the FDA Antimicrobial Drugs Advisory Committee and the Drug Risk and Safety Management Advisory Committee (The committees discussed the risks and benefits of the systemic fluoroquinolone antibacterial drugs for the treatment of acute bacterial sinusitis, acute bacterial exacerbation of chronic bronchitis in patients who have chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, and uncomplicated urinary tract infections in the context of available safety information and the treatment effect of antibacterial drugs in these clinical conditions.) at: http://www.fda.gov/AdvisoryCommittees/CommitteesMeetingMaterials/Drugs/Anti-InfectiveDrugsAdvisoryCommittee/ucm424449.htm and http://www.fda.gov/AdvisoryCommittees/CommitteesMeetingMaterials/Drugs/DrugSafetyandRiskManagementAdvisoryCommittee/ucm433818.htm
November 6, 2015 FDA Anesthetic & Analgesic Drug Product Advisory Meeting (The committee discussed the new drug application for sugammadex sodium injection, for the proposed indication of reversal of moderate or deep neuromuscular blockade (NMB) induced by rocuronium or vecuronium.) http://www.fda.gov/AdvisoryCommittees/CommitteesMeetingMaterials/Drugs/AnestheticAndAnalgesicDrugProductsAdvisoryCommittee/ucm433361.htm

Medical Device Regulations Conference
The Medical Device Regulations Conference was held November 3-4, 2015 at the Georgia Center for Continuing Education. The conference was co-sponsored by The University of Georgia’s Office of BioPharma Regulatory Affairs, the College of Pharmacy Office of Continuing Education and Outreach, and the Food and Drug Administration. David Mullis, Director of Regulatory Affairs Education Program, was the planning chair and conference moderator. The conference was attended by 84 medical device manufacturer professionals.