AWARDS/HONORS

Amber Bradley, Clinical Assistant Professor
Became a Board-Certified Oncology Pharmacist via examination

Kalen Manasco, Clinical Associate Professor
Appointed Chair of the newly formed Pediatric Pharmacy Special Interest Group at AACP, which she helped create

Dee Dee McEwen and Linda Hughes, Public Service Assistants
Received Board Certification in Pharmacotherapy

GRANTS

Dexi Liu, Professor and Head, Pharmaceutical and Biomedical Sciences
Received a continuation grant of $292,402 from the National Institutes of Health for Computer-assisted hydrodynamic gene delivery for hemophilia gene therapy

Mandi Murph, Associate Professor
Received a continuation grant of $47,529 from the Georgia Research Alliance for GCC Distinguished Cancer Clinicians and Scientists contract

Jason Zaster, Assistant Professor
Received a continuation grant of $47,529 from the Georgia Research Alliance for GCC Distinguished Cancer Clinicians and Scientists contract

PUBLICATIONS

Amber Bradley, Clinical Assistant Professor

David DeRemer, Clinical Associate Professor, and Somanath Shenoy, Assistant Professor

Keith Herist, Clinical Associate Professor
**Dianne May, Clinical Associate Professor**  
Published Cooley, TW, May DW, Alwan M, Sue C. Implementation of computerized prescriber order entry in four academic medical centers. 2012;69(24):2166-2173 in the American Journal of Health-System Pharmacy

**Merrill Norton, Clinical Associate Professor**  

**Beth Phillips, Clinical Professor**  

Published Phillips BB, Bourg CA, Guffey WJ, Phillips BG. Evaluation and implementation of an elective course on postgraduate residency training. Am J Pharm Educ. 2012;76(9)Article 174, with Catherine Bourg, Clinical Assistant Professor and Brad Phillips, Milliken-Reeves Professor and Dept. Head, Clinical and Administrative Pharmacy

**Somanath Shenoy, Assistant Professor**  

Among the six isoforms of P21 activated kinases, only Pak4 and Pak6 that belongs to the group-II Paks and that are abundantly expressed in prostatic epithelium have been linked with prostate cancer progression. The significance of group-I Paks, particularly Pak1 in prostate cancer remains unclear. Our study demonstrated that highly invasive prostate cancer cells express significantly higher levels of Pak1 protein compared with non-invasive prostate cancer cells. Furthermore, prostate tumor tissues and prostate cancer metastasized to lungs showed a higher expression of Pak1, but not Pak6, compared with normal tissues. Subsequent studies indicated that Pak1 is a more potent mediator of prostate cancer cell invasion, micrometastasis, tumor angiogenesis and overall growth of tumor xenografts than Pak6, the predominant isoform in the prostate. Altogether, we identified a novel role for Pak1 in prostate cancer. This research was funded by the UGA-College of Pharmacy’s Wislon Pharmacy Foundation grants (2011-2012).

**PRESENTATIONS**

**Catherine Bourg, Clinical Assistant Professor**  
Made a presentation as part of student programming at the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists Midyear Clinical Meeting entitled, “Making a Lasting Impression: Evaluating Your Interview Skills,” December 12, with Beth Phillips, Clinical Professor, and Shelley McIntire, PGY2 resident.

**Kay Brooks, Public Service Assistant**  
Presented Introduction to Dietary Guidelines and Dietary Approaches to Hypertension and Cholesterol Management at the Nutrition and Healthy Weight session of 2012 CE Finale Symposium: Healthy People 2020 at UGA Gwinnett Campus in Lawrenceville, GA
Virginia Fleming, Clinical Assistant Professor, and Robin Southwood, Clinical Associate Professor
Co-authored a poster presented by 4th year student Heidi Hesprich entitled “Escherichia coli Resistance in Emergency Department-treated Urinary Tract Infections” at the Midyear Clinical Meeting in Las Vegas, NV. December 2012

Dianne May, Clinical Associate Professor


J. Russell May, Clinical Professor
Program Director and Moderator, “PGY1s, PGY2s, and Students, Oh My! Tools for Effective Precepting and Training”, American Society of Health System Pharmacists Midyear Clinical Meeting, Las Vegas, NV, December 4, 2012.


Charles McDuffie, Public Service Associate
Presented Technology Applications in Pharmacy Practice in the opening session of the 2012 CE Finale Symposium: Healthy People 2020 at UGA Gwinnett Campus in Lawrenceville, GA

Deanna McEwen, Public Service Assistant, and Whitney Unterwagner, Public Service Associate
Presented No Flu for You: An Immunization Update for Influenza and Other Vaccine-Preventable Diseases at the Immunizations session of the 2012 CE Finale Symposium: Healthy People 2020 at UGA Gwinnett Campus in Lawrenceville, GA

Merrill Norton, Clinical Associate Professor
Presented The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly of Psychotropic Medications, 10th Annual Seminar Series sponsored by The Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, Suicide Prevention Program, the Georgia State Bar and The Supreme Court of Georgia’s Committee on Justice for Children; Atlanta, Georgia;

Presented Psychopharmacology of Addiction, ADHD, and Affective Disorders, The Tennessee Association of Drug Court Professionals 8th Annual Drug Court Conference, Embassy Suites, Murfreesboro, Tennessee;

Presented The Neuroscience of Chemical Dependence: The Anti-Reward Brain System and Taking the Ouch Out of Pain Management in Patients with Addiction, Turning Point Treatment Center, Moultrie, Georgia.

Beth Phillips, Clinical Professor
“Residency Learning System Workshop: PGY1 Existing Residency Programs” American Society of Health-

“Make a Lasting Impression: Evaluating Your Interview Skills” ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting. Las Vegas, NV. December 2, 2012. (with Catherine Bourg and Shelley King McIntire)

“Assessment that Improves Outcomes” Residency Precepting Strategies Worth Sharing. ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting. Las Vegas, NV. December 5, 2012.

Robin Southwood, Clinical Associate Professor
Presented Diabetes Prevention and Management at the Chronic Disease Management Session of the 2012 CE Finale Symposium: Healthy People 2020 at UGA Gwinnett Campus in Lawrenceville, GA

Trina von Waldner, CE Director
Presented introduction and opening remarks at the 2012 CE Finale Symposium: Healthy People 2020 at UGA Gwinnett Campus in Lawrenceville, GA

Lindsey Welch, Public Service Assistant
Presented “Management of Dyslipidemias” at the Chronic Disease Management Session of the 2012 CE Finale Symposium: Health People 2020 at UGA Gwinnett Campus in Lawrenceville, GA

Catherine White, Associate Professor
Presented Disease Management through Healthy Eating at the Nutrition and Healthy Weight session of the 2012 CE Finale Symposium: Healthy People 2020 at UGA Gwinnett Campus in Lawrenceville, GA

OTHER NEWS

Merrill Norton, Clinical Associate Professor
Developing research agreements with Turning Point Treatment Center, a 270 bed Adult Psychiatric and Addiction facility in Moultrie, Georgia to study chronic pain management and genetic predispositions for addiction in this facility’s treatment population.