

Rx News

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AWARDS/HONORS

Amber Clemmons, Clinical Assistant Professor

Named Teacher of the Year 2016

Azza El-Remessy, Associate Professor

Invited to serve as ad hoc reviewer for the National Eye Institute on study section Diseases of the Posterior and Visual System

Jayani Jayawardhana Assistant Professor

Served as a Grant Review Panel Member in the NIH Study Section on 'Health Services Organization and Delivery,' in Washington DC, Feb. 22-23, 2016.

Catherine Pope Pierce, Clinical Assistant Professor WOS

Recipient of Presidential Citation from Society of Critical Care Medicine (SCCM) at their annual meeting in Orlando this month for her extraordinary contributions of time, energy, and resources to SCCM during 2015

Faculty elected to University Council: Keith Herist, Clinical Associate Professor; Robn Southwood, Clinical Associate Professor; and Cathy White, Associate Professor

GRANTS

Azza El-Remessy, Associate Professor

Received \$315,000 from National Institutes of Health for study of molecular mechanisms of diabetic retinopathy

Jayani Jayawardhana, Assistant Professor, and Matthew Perri, Professor

Received \$225,000 from the National Institutes of Health for study of opiod prescribing in Medicaid: Healthcare utilization and deaths from overdose

PUBLICATIONS

Samm Anderegg, Pharm.D., Clinical Assistant Professor WOS

New 'biosimilars' may help reduce medication costs. Pharmacist's Journal at SafeMedication.com (available Feb 5, 2016), with Ben Andrick, Pharm.D. resident; Link: <http://www.safemedication.com/safemed/PharmacistsJournal/New-Biosimilars-May-Help-Reduce-Medication-Costs>

Ray Maddox, Assistant Dean, Southeast Georgia

Published Schnock KO, Dykes PC, Albert J, Ariosto D, Call R, Cameron C, Carroll DL, Drucker AG, Fang L, Garcia-Palm CA, Husch MM, Maddox RR, McDonald N, McGuire J, Rafie S, Robertson E, Saine D, Sawyer MD, Smith LP, Stinger KD, Vanderveen TW, Wade E, Yoon CS, Lipsitz S, Bates DW: The Frequency of Intravenous Medication Administration Errors Related to Smart Infusion Pumps: a Multi-Hospital Observational Study. BMJ Qual Saf 0:1-10, 2016.

Laurie J Rollins, Pharm.D. candidate, Anita Nayar Gallay, Pharm.D., Does your child refuse to take medicine? Some helpful hints. Pharmacist's Journal at SafeMedication.com (available Jan 11, 2016) <http://www.safemedication.com/safemed/PharmacistsJournal/Does-Your-Child-Refuse-to-Take-Medicine>

PRESENTATIONS

Azza El-Remessy, Associate Professor

Invited speaker to Emory University, Dept. of Medicine, Title: High fat diet-induced TXNIP inflammasome activation: Beyond the Eye"

Guest lecture to the graduate program in Applied Health, Augusta University. The title is "Druggable Targets from Discovery to Repurposing"

Merrill Norton, Clinical Associate Professor

Presented Advances in the Treatment of Opioid Use Disorders: The Neuroscience of Opioid Use Disorder; UGA College of Pharmacy Mental Health Conference, Athens, Georgia;

Presented The Psychopharmacology and Neuroscience of Substance Use Disorders, 2016 Midwest Pharmacy Expo/ Heartland PRN Conference, Des Moines, Iowa;

Presented with Dr. Henry Young, Dr. Mike Friedline, and Katy Janousek, The Pain of Pleasure- RX Drug Abuse and Its Implications to the medical staff at the UGA University Health Services to kick off the UGA Safe Use of RX Medications Campaign;

Presented Alcohol, Marijuana, and Opioids: Pathways to Adolescent Addiction to the Hall County Schools, Drug Free Coalition of Hall County, and the Center Point Prevention Program, Gainesville, Georgia and

Presented with Susan Blank MD Medical Marijuana Truths on the "Detailing Addiction National Radio Program " on America's Web Radio, Atlanta, Georgia <http://americaswebradio.com>

Marjorie Phillips, Clinical Professor WOS

Jessie Signorelli, Pharm.D. "Direct Oral Anticoagulant Clinical Pearls" (1/2 hour ACPE CE) – GSHP Webinar Feb 11, 2016

Nicole Gasbarro, Pharm.D., BCPS "Drug-Induced QTc Prolongation" (1/2 hour ACPE CE) – GSHP Webinar Feb 11, 2016

Lakshman Segar, Associate Professor

Session Lecture at the 7th International Conference on Drug Discovery & Therapy, held at the University of Sharjah, UAE, February 15-18, 2016. The title of his presentation was "Diabetic Ketoacidosis: An Adverse Event Associated with SGLT2 Inhibitor Therapy".

Somanath Shenoy, Associate Professor

Presented a seminar on "Targeting P21-activated kinase-1 for treating Prostate Cancer" at the Augusta University Cancer Center.

OTHER NEWS

Calling all Golfers! Save the date and join us for the 24th annual Albert W. Jowdy Memorial Golf Classic on Friday, April 15th, 2016 at The Georgia Club. All proceeds benefit the Albert W. Jowdy Scholarship Fund.

More information and registration details will be available soon. Contact Kim Hamby, Director of Alumni Affairs, with any questions at kihamby@uga.edu or (706) 542-4536.