AWARDS/HONORS

Ahmed Alhusban, Clinical and Experimental Therapeutics (CET) PhD Candidate
A finalist for the Three Minute Thesis competition that will be held on the Athens Campus, April 4, at 3:30 PM. Please click here for more information: http://cap.rx.uga.edu/index.php/news_and_events/student_news/

Aaron Beedle, Assistant Professor

Jake Galdo, Clinical Pharmacy Educator
Has been chosen for a prestigious position on the Advisory Panel on Improving Healthcare Systems for the national Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI), which was created as part of a modification to the Social Security Act by clauses in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act in 2010. Their mission is to help people make informed health care decisions and improve health care delivery and outcomes. Participation as a member of the panel requires in-person attendance at a mandatory training session in Alexandria, Va. The position is a one year term, but with the possibility of an additional year. I am currently scheduled for training on April 19th and 20th in Washington DC.

Michael Neville, Clinical Associate Professor
Moderator of “Scholarship of Teaching: Developing Research Ideas from Classroom Teaching – Speaker, Adam Persky, PhD” - AACP Laboratory Instructor’s SIG Webinar on January 3, 2013

GRANTS

Brian Cummings, Associate Professor
Received $134,026 from Auburn University for study of secretory phospholipases SPLA2 and their receptors for delivering nanoparticles

Azza El-Remessy, Associate Professor
Received $283,500 from the National Institutes of Health for study of molecular mechanisms of diabetic retinopathy

Susan Fagan, Jowdy Professor and Assistant Dean
Received $247,331 from the National Institutes of Health for study of mechanisms of vascular protection after ischemic stroke

Cory Momany, Associate Professor
Received $27,621 from the National Science Foundation for study of structure and function of BENM and CATM, bacterial LYSR-type transcriptional regulators

Barbara Mysona, Postdoc with Azza El-Remessy
Received fellowship for $46,624 from the American Heart Association for study of the role of PRONGF/P75NATR in diabetes-induced barrier dysfunction
**PUBLICATIONS**

**David DeRemer, Clinical Associate Professor, and Amber Bradley, Clinical Assistant Professor**


**Virginia Fleming, Clinical Assistant Professor, and Robin Southwood, Clinical Associate Professor**


**Dexi Liu, Pharmaceutical and Biomedical Sciences Department Head**


**Kalen Manasco, Clinical Associate Professor**


Also served as a section editor for the book as well.


**Michael Neville, Clinical Associate Professor**


**Brad Phillips, Millikan-Reeve Professor and Head of Clinical and Administrative Pharmacy**


**Laksman Segar, Associate Professor**


**PRESENTATIONS**

**Aaron Beedle, Assistant Professor**


**Amber Bradley, Clinical Assistant Professor**

Moderator of “Special Populations: How to Treat Geriatric Patients: NCCN Guideline Update” presented by Sean Cosgriff & “The Role of Transplant in Non-Hematologic Malignancies” presented by Patrick Kiel at the HOPA Annual Conference on March 22nd in Los Angeles, CA.
David DeRemer, Clinical Associate Professor
Presented “Hodgkin Lymphoma” as a part of the BCOP Sessions (1 of 6 speakers) at the 9th Annual Hematology Oncology Pharmacists Association (HOPA) meeting in Los Angeles, CA. March 22, 2013.

Poster presentation by Ali Steinbach PGY2 Oncology Pharmacy Resident

Azza El-Remessy, Associate Professor
Invited speaker at Department of Medicine, Emory University, for seminar entitled “peroxynitrite modulates VEGF-mediated angiogenesis: A tale of two signaling pathway”

5th annual retreat for Vision Discovery Institute at GRU, entitled “Retinal VEGF and redox-state: Is more always better?”

Poster presentations from El-Remessy’s lab at both Georgia Reagents University, VDI retreat and GRD, 2013.
1) Sally Elshaer, CET graduate student: Involvement of nerve growth factor precursor (proNGF) in hypoxia induced retinal neovascularization.
2) Harika Sabbineni, CET graduate student, Candesartan preserves retinal vasculature via inhibition of iNOS expression in ischemic retinopathy.
3) Islam N. Mohamed, CET graduate student Role of TXNIP in high fat diet-induced inflammasome activation in retinal endothelial cells.
4) Renee B. Baldowski, post-doc. TXNIP deficiency prevents neurovascular degeneration and preserves retina function in a model of optic neuropathy.
5) Barbara A. Mysona, post-doc. Role of proNGF/p75NTR mediated RhoA activation in diabetes-induced BRB breakdown.
6) Ahmed Y. Shanab, post-doc Knocking down p75NTR expression prevents retinal acellular capillary formation in proNGF-overexpression model.
7) A. Fouda, CET student, Imbalance of proNGF/NGF ratio as biomarker for diabetic retinopathy.
8) Nicole Sulmiloff, Pharm.D. PGY2 Systemic effects of ocular cyclopentolate in a model of retinopathy of prematurity.

Eileen Kennedy, Assistant Professor
Presented a seminar entitled “Designing modified peptides to study kinase cell signaling” in the Department of Molecular Physiology and Biological Physics, University of Virginia School of Medicine, March 11, 2013.

Presented a seminar entitled “Design of modified peptides for kinase cell signaling” at the Center for Drug Discovery at UGA, March 18, 2013.

Kalen Manasco, Clinical Associate Professor
Poster Presentations:


Merrill Norton, Clinical Associate Professor
Presented Addicts Hurt Too: Pain Management of the Addicted Patient to the Delaware Addiction Professionals Annual Meeting in Wilmington, Delaware

Presented Pills For Thrills: Prescription Drug Abuse and the College Student for the Medical Association of Georgia Foundation at Creswell Hall, UGA Campus, Athens, Georgia;

Presented Alcohol and The Teenage Brain to Gainesville Prevention Coalition, Gainesville, Georgia. A new DVD will be produced from this presentation to be made available to all school systems in Georgia in their drug abuse prevention efforts.

**Laksman Segar, Associate Professor**

“Vascular phenotypic regulation by PDGF, insulin receptor substrates, and glucose transporters” – presented at the Department of Physiology, Georgia Regents University, Augusta, GA

“Vascular phenotypic changes: a link between insulin receptor substrates and glucose transporters?” - presented at the Vision Discovery Institute, Georgia Regents University, Augusta, GA

**Somanath Shenoy, Assistant Professor**

Invited as the featured speaker at the Georgia Urological Association (GUA) Spring Meeting, Lake Oconee, Greensboro, GA (March 1, 2013) and presented a seminar on “Novel pathways mediating prostate cancer and their potential clinical implications”

Fei Gao, MD, PhD, Postdoctoral fellow, presented a research poster at the Georgia Regents University Graduate Research Day on March 22, entitled “Differential regulation of vascular permeability by Angiopoietin-1 and VEGF involved Akt-mediated modulation of beta-catenin and FoxO signaling”

Maha Abdalla, PharmD, Graduate student, presented a research poster at the Georgia Regents University Graduate Research Day on March 22, entitled “Akt is critical for SMA synthesis in myofibroblast differentiation and vascular remodeling in pulmonary hypertension and fibrosis”

Ahmad Al-Azayzih, PharmD, Graduate student, presented a research poster at the Georgia Regents University Graduate Research Day on March 22, entitled “TGFbeta-mediated non-canonical pathway regulated prostate and bladder cancer cell apoptosis involving p38 MAPKinase/JNK/SAPK pathway”

**Trina von Waldner, Public Service Associate**

Presented a poster titled “The Farm Worker Family Health Program: a service learning experience for pharmacy students” at the Women at the Frontier Symposium in coordination with UGA Entrepreneurial Week with Deanna McEwen, Public Service Assistant.

**OTHER NEWS**

**Trina von Waldner, Public Service Associate**

Served as Chief Pharmacist for Camp Blue Skies – a weeklong program for developmentally disabled adults. Along with Deanna McEwen, Public Service Assistant, IPPE and APPE students, providing pharmaceutical care to 65 campers and worked with nurses and camp counselors.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Multicultural Health Fair scheduled at Pendergrass Flea Market**

2013 Multicultural Health Fair will take place on April 13 from noon to 4 p.m. at the Pendergrass Flea Market. The event focuses on those in the community who may not have access to regular health care services. Pharmacy students, along with faculty, will provide information and testing services for certain health care issues, including blood pressure, blood glucose, weight and body mass index. For more information on the health fair, contact Alex Blalock at 404/580-9182.