AWARDS/HONORS

Aaron Beedle, Assistant Professor
Served as a member on the American Heart Association, Basic Cell Structure & Survival 2 grant review committee, March 22, 2016.

Brian Cummings, Associate Professor
Appointed as Counselor for the Toxicology Division of the American Society of Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics

Served as a Grant Reviewer for the National Institutes of Health for F09-B-B Oncological Sciences

Eileen Kennedy, Assistant Professor
Was interviewed and will be featured as a chemistry expert for the GPB/PBS Educational Series “Chemistry Matters,” Episode 6, Topic: Chemical Reactions

Dexi Liu, Panoz Professor, head PBS
Served as an Ad-hoc Member on the NIH Study Section on Small Business: Biomaterials, Delivery, and Nanotechnology [BST(10)] on March 10, 2016.

Scott Pegan, Associate Professor
Named chair-elect of University Council’s Executive Committee for 2016-17; duties to include serving as Grand Marshal at UGA graduations

Somanath Shenoy, Associate Professor
Served in the Grant Review Panel, Vascular Wall Biology Study Section of the American Heart Association on March 31

Appointed as the Editor, "NAVBO Vascular Biology Publications Alert", North American Vascular Biology organization

George Zheng, Associate Professor
Served recently on a National Science Foundation (NSF) grant review panel at Washington, DC.

GRANTS

Christopher Bland, Clinical Assistant Professor; Bruce Jones, Adjunct Assistant Professor; and Ray Maddox, Clinical Professor
Received $80,000 from ALK, Inc. to study the use of penicillin skin testing as part of an antimicrobial stewardship initiative in Savannah’s St. Joseph’s/Candler Health System.

Cory Momany, Associate Professor; and Scott Pegan, Associate Professor
Together with a consortium of UGA researchers received a Shared Instrumentation Grant totaling $411,876 from the National Institutes of Health for the acquisition of an X-ray Generator/Detector System.
PUBLICATIONS

**Ashley Hannings, Public Service Assistant**

**Trisha Branan and Chris Bland, Clinical Assistant Professors**

**Eileen Kennedy, Assistant Professor**


**James Bruckner, Professor**
Just reviewed a draft document entitled “Criteria for a Recommended Standard: Occupational Exposure to 1-Bromopropane” for the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health. This document presents the state-of-the-art on the health effects of the chemical and the scientific basis for setting a standard to protect workers from adverse health effects.

**Lakshman Segar, Associate Professor**

**Somanath Shenoy, Associate Professor, and Brian Cummings, Associate Professor**

Study provides the evidence that liposomal encapsulation of an otherwise metabolically unstable compound IPA-3 enhances its stability and efficacy, and helps to reduce the frequency of drug administration in limiting prostate tumor growth in a mouse model. IPA-3 inhibits P21 activated kinase-1 (Pak1) activity in prostate cancer cells thus inducing prostate cancer cell apoptosis and inhibiting invasion. Media coverage on this study is available at: https://sciencedirect.altmetric.com/details/6146175/news

**George Zheng, Associate Professor**

Christopher M. Bland, Clinical Assistant Professor

Brian Cummings, Associate Professor

Eileen Kennedy, Assistant Professor
Targeting allosteric regulation of kinases using constrained peptide scaffolds. University of Iowa, Depts. of Cell Biology and Medicinal Chemistry, Iowa City, IA, March 3, 2016

Targeting allosteric regulation of kinases using constrained peptide scaffolds. The Wistar Institute, Dept. of Cancer Biology, Philadelphia, PA, March 9, 2016

Kalen Manasco, Clinical Associate Professor

Scott Pegan, Associate Professor
“Engineering the OPAA Enzyme for Increased Catalytic Efficiency and Broadened Stereospecificity on Russian VX,” 2016 DTRA Enzyme Colloquium, Falls Church, VA, March 31, 2016


Lilian Sattler, Interdisciplinary Assistant Professor


George Zheng, Associate Professor
Presented an invited seminar titled “Bioorthogonal Chemical Probes of Protein Acetylation” at School of Pharmacy, University of California at San Diego, CA. 3/3/2016.