AWARDS/HONORS

**David Chu, Distinguished Research Professor Emeritus**
Received First Poster presentation award for the presentation of “A Convergent Synthesis of Anti-HBV Agent, FMCA and Its Prodrug (FMCAP).” Uma S. Singh, Ram C. Mishra, Chung K. Chu. 27th International Conference on Antiviral Research (ICAR), North Carolina, USA, May 12 – 16, 2014.

**Mike Fulford, Director of Assessment, and Lindsey Welch, Public Service Associate**
Winners of this year’s American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AACP) Award for Excellence in assessment

**Avery Gardner, 2nd year student**
One of only five pharmacy students from across the country to be selected for the US Navy’s Health Services Collegiate Program Medical Service Corps; she was sworn in on May 7

**Marjorie Phillips, Clinical Professor of Pharmacy Practice**
Georgia Delegate to American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP) House of Delegates June 1-3, 2014 in Las Vegas.

Invited “Catalyst” (Networking Facilitator) for ASHP ConnectLive! – a new peer sharing interactive problem solving session that is part of the educational programming (June 2) at the ASHP 2014 Summer Meetings and Exhibition (Las Vegas) http://www.ashp.org/DocLibrary/SM2014/ConnectLive-The-Basics.pdf

**Kalen Manasco, Clinical Associate Professor**
Recipient of the Spirit of PPAG Award at the annual Pediatric Pharmacy Advocacy Group meeting held in Nashville, TN

**Joy Wilson, Administrative Manager I, Department of Pharmaceutical and Biomedical Sciences**
Named the 2013 Employee of the Year at the University of Georgia College of Pharmacy. Wilson received the same award in 1998, the only staff person to win more than once.

Wilson, who started work at the College in 1990, also recently received the College’s quarterly STAR award for demonstrated STAR qualities – service, teamwork, attitude and reliability.

Staff Service awards: five years – Jeremy Headrick, associate director of development, and Lynn Parham, program coordinator II in Experience Programs; 10 years – Kimberly Smith, data management specialist, Clinical and Administrative Pharmacy, Augusta; 20 years – Jeanne Prine, web developer principal, Dean’s Office; and 25 years – Ken Schroder, facilities manager I, Dean’s Office.

**Somanath Shenoy’s lab**
Maha Abdalla, PharmD, a PhD candidate in Dr. Shenoy’s laboratory received the “Best Graduate Student Poster Award” at the VA Research Day, Augusta GA

Ahmad Al-Azayzih, PharmD, a PhD candidate in Dr. Shenoy’s laboratory received the “People’s Choice Award” for the best science at the VA Research Day, Augusta GA

GRANTS

**Brian Cummings, Associate Professor**
Received $9,893 from Auburn University for study of secretory phospholipases SPLA2 and their receptors for delivering nanoparticles
**PUBLICATIONS**

**David Chu, Distinguished Research Professor Emeritus**


**Scott Pegan, Associate Professor**


**Somanath Shenoy, Associate Professor**

Article entitled “Targeting Src-mediated Tyr216 phosphorylation and activation of GSK-3 in prostate cancer cells inhibit prostate cancer progression in vitro and in vivo” published from the laboratory in the journal Oncotarget, 2014 was invited for “Beyond the abstract” publication on Urotoday, a website that strives to publish the ground breaking news on science and research relating to the specialized field of urology. This article can be accessed at: http://www.urotoday.com/Prostate-Cancer/targeting-src-mediated-tyr216-phosphorylation-and-activation-of-gsk-3-in-prostate-cancer-cells-inhibit-prostate-cancer-progression-in-vitro-and-in-vivo-beyond-the-abstract-by-somanath.html

**Rajgopal Govindarajan, Associate Professor**

Received $74,250 from National Institutes of Health for study elucidating mitochondrial pathomechanisms of ENT3 disorders in ENT3 KO mice

Received $251,056 from National Institutes of Health for study of origin of the innate immunity supression caused by nairovirus protease activity

Received $17,280 and $25,200 from the US Department of Veterans Affairs for mechanisms and consequences of hypertension after a stroke

Received $25,713 from National Institutes of Health for study of vascular phenotypic regulation by growth factors, insulin and glucose

**PRESENTATIONS**

**David Chu, Distinguished Research Professor Emeritus**


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

Presented “Resistance of Escherichia coli urinary isolates from Emergency-Department Treated Patients at a Community Hospital” at the American College of Clinical Pharmacology (ACCP) Virtual Poster Symposium May 20-21st, 2014. The poster was nominated as a finalist for “Best Poster” and Fleming also did a separate presentation about the project to the panel of judges on May 20

**Rajgopal Govindarajan, Associate Professor**

Gave a invited talk in the Department of Pharmaceutics, Univ of Nebraska Medical Center on “Nucleoside Drug Transporters: Role in Cancer and Genetic Disorders”

**Graduate Students Wai Hung:**

Received Travel Award as well as Best Poster Award in 2014 American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology (ASBMB) annual meeting for her work titled “Role of SET Oncoprotein in Epithelial-to-Mesenchymal Transition and Pancreatic Cancer Progression”
Md Fazlur Rahman
Recipient of 2013 Junior Student of the Year Award, Pharmaceutical and Biomedical Sciences, UGA

Dexi Liu, Head Pharmaceutical and Biomedical Sciences

(Podium) Chunbo Zhang and Dexi Liu, Histone Deacetylases Regulates the Non-viral Transgene Silencing
(Podium) Tsutomu Kanefuji, Takeshi Yokoo, Hiroyuki Abe, Kenya Kamimura, Takeshi Suda, Yutaka Aoyagi and Dexi Liu, Hemodynamics of Hydrodynamic Injection in Mice
(Podium) Kenya Kamimura, Hiroyuki Abe, Takeshi Yokoo, Tsutomu Kanefuji, Takeshi Suda, Guisheng Zhang, Yutaka Aoyagi and Dexi Liu, Parameters for optimal Hydrodynamic Gene Delivery to Pig Liver Using an Image-guided and Lobe-specific Procedure
(Poster) Yongjie Ma, Mingming Gao, Ran Cui and Dexi Liu, Il-6-based Gene Therapy for Treatment of Diet-induced Obesity
(Poster, Received Outstanding Poster Award) Mingming Gao, Yongjie Ma, Ran Cui and Dexi Liu, Hydrodynamics-based FGF 21 Gene Transfer for Treatment and Prevention of High Fat Diet Induced Obesity and Insulin Resistance

Gurvinder Singh Rekhi, Academic Professional Associate
Invited Presentations:
US FDA Guidance - Scale-Up and Post-Approval Changes for Immediate Release Dosage Forms (SUPAC-IR) - Development and Implementation
US FDA Guidance - In Vitro In Vivo Correlation (IVIVC) – Update and Application

at the II Seminar Workshop of Bioequivalence and Interchangeability of Medications: Biowaiver based Biopharmaceutics Classification System, Advances and Challenges, Panamá, May 12-14, 2014.

Michael Neville, Clinical Associate Professor
Developing a Scholarship Plan for Pharmacy Practice Faculty Members – How to Get Started. Steve Stoner, PharmD, Chair and Clinical Professor and Russell Melchert, PhD, Dean and Professor (University of Missouri - Kansas City), Valerie Coppenrath, PharmD (Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences) and Michael W Neville, PharmD for AACP Pharmacy Practice Section Webinar on May 28, 2014

Somanath Shenoy, Associate Professor
Somanath Shenoy and Maha Abdalla: Presented a poster at the American Heart Association ATVB annual meeting in Toronto, Canada, May 2, 2014 entitled “Triciribine, a Selective Akt Inhibitor Inhibits Myofibroblast Differentiation and Ameliorates Pulmonary Vascular Remodeling in Pulmonary Hypertension”.

Following presentations were made by Shenoy’s trainees at the VA Research Day on May 20:
Maha Abdalla: Triciribine, a Selective Akt Inhibitor, Ameliorates Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis and Associated Vascular Remodeling
Ahmad Al-Azayzih: Clinically Relevant Doses of Candesartan Inhibit Growth of Prostate Tumor Xenografts in Vivo through Modulation of Tumor Angiogenesis
Ahmad Al-Azayzih: Role of P21 activated kinase-1 (Pak1) in TGFβ-induced phenotypic switching of prostate cancer cells
Harika Sabbineni: Targeting Src-mediated Tyr216 Phosphorylation by GSK-3 Inhibits Prostate Cancer Progression in vitro and in vivo
Harika Sabbineni: Akt1, predominant Akt isoform in bladder cancer cells mediate cell survival, motility and invasion
Fei Gao: Ablation of Akt1 gene in mice inhibits oncogenic transformation of prostate tumor growth, invasion and metastasis in vivo
OTHER NEWS

James Bruckner, Professor
I attended a meeting of the Chemical Assessment Committee of the American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists in Cincinnati, OH. This committee sets standards to protect workers from harmful effects of industrial chemicals

Marjorie Phillips, Clinical Professor of Pharmacy Practice, wos
- Interviewed for an article targeting seniors on Grandparents.com titled “10 Household Items You Should Probably Replace” (about expired OTC medications) published May 19, 2014

Anderegg S. McMillen, Preceptor for UGA and WOS Faculty application pending
Samm is serving as the moderator for a Sunday session - Informatics Institute Keynote and a speaker for this major continuing education session
Anderegg S, McMillen R. “Structured Documentation of Clinical Pharmacy Services: Beginning with the End in Mind” (Wednesday, June 4) as part of the Informatics Institute at the ASHP 2014 Summer Meetings and Exhibition (Las Vegas)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Summer Science Institute, June 1, 7; 22 participants from Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi and Texas.

Farm Worker Family Health Program (FWFHP) summer experience for pharmacy, June 15-27th in Moultrie, Georgia. As part of service learning IPPEs, rising 3rd professional students provide full pharmacy services at each evening camp to the farm workers and their families as well as education and services in the migrant school program. This will be our 6th year in the program!

June 26, Alumni Dinner, Panama City

August 22, 50th anniversary celebration of R.C. Wilson building