AWARDS/HONORS

**Trisha Branan, Clinical Assistant Professor**
Awarded a scholarship in the amount of $3,687.50 from the ACCP Critical Care PRN towards tuition to the ACCP MeRIT program

**Ewan Cobran, Assistant Professor**
Selected by The National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities as a 2015 Scholar and will be attending the Translational Health Disparities Course: Integrating Principles of Science, Practice and Policy in Health Disparities Research, at the National Institute of Health in Bethesda, Maryland

**Rajgopal Govindarajan, Associate Professor**
Served as a reviewer for NIH Developmental Therapeutics study section.

**Anthony Hawkins, Clinical Assistant Professor**
Appointed Coordinator of the PGY-1 Pharmacy Residency at Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital

**Eileen Kennedy, Assistant Professor**
Elected to the Nominating Committee of the American Peptide Society
Served as a session chair for a session entitled “Cell Penetrating Peptides,” 24th American Peptide Symposium, Orlando, FL
Served as a judge for the semi-finals of the Young Investigator Poster Competition, 24th American Peptide Symposium
Served as a senior mentor and discussion leader for the Career Development Workshop, 24th American Peptide Symposium

**Mandi Murph, Assistant Professor**
Murph served as a reviewer for a special study section for the National Cancer Institute of the National Institutions of Health.

**Somanath Shenoy, Associate Professor**
Featured in June 29 UGA Today for research on drug triciribine potential against respiratory disease

**Monica Williams, Administrative Specialist I**
Named STAR employee for first quarter of 2015

GRANTS

**Aaron Beedle, Assistant Professor**
Received $62,205 from the National Institutes of Health as continuing funding to study structure and function in alpha-dystroglycan glycosylation

**Ewan Cobran, Assistant Professor**
Awarded American Cancer Society Institutional Research Grant in partnership with Georgia Regents University Cancer Center, in the amount of $32,930. The grant is titled “Quality of Life, Racial Differences, and Risk of ADT Associated Diabetes, MI, and CVD during Treatment for Advance Prostate Cancer: A Surveillance, Epidemiology, and End Results (SEER) Linked Medicare Part D and Medicare Health Outcomes Survey Analysis.”

**Susan Fagan, Jowdy Professor**
Received $319,000 from the National Institutes of Health to study angiotensin receptor agonism to promote recovery after stroke
Eileen Kennedy, Assistant Professor
Received $50,000 from the UGA/GRU Seed Grant Program for study of targeting the WASF3/NCKAP1 interaction to suppress cancer cell invasion and metastasis

Lilian Sattler, Assistant Professor
Awarded $1,500 through the Faculty Achievement in Classroom Teaching (FACT) grant program to implement the Team-Based Learning (TBL) method to deliver the new Nutrition and Lifestyle Intervention in Pharmacy Practice course offered to first-year pharmacy students (PHRM 3540).

Awarded a 3-year Honorary Research Fellowship with the Department of Health Services Research at the Institute of Psychology, Health, and Society at the University of Liverpool, UK.

Somanath Shenoy, Associate Professor
Received $40,000 from the UGA/GRU Seed Grant Program to study FoxO activation for colon cancer prevention and treatment

Yujun Zheng, Associate Professor
Received $280,000 from the National Science Foundation to study chemical biology approaches to sorting out protein acetylation

Michael Bartlett, Interim Head, Nontraditional Education and Outreach

This paper describes several strategies including the use of a bioengineered strain of E. coli to produce carbon-13 labeled UDP-glucuronic acid as a reagent for easily creating isotopically-labeled internal standards for LC-MS/MS assays without the need for synthesis.

Christopher Bland, Clinical Assistant Professor


Lilian Sattler, Interdisciplinary Assistant Professor
Published Sattler EL, Lee JS, Young HN. Factors Associated with Inpatient Hospital (Re)admissions in Medicare Beneficiaries in Need of Food Assistance. J Nutr Gerontol Geriatr 2015;34(2):228-44, with Dr. Henry Young

George Zheng, Associate Professor
Published a new book titled "Epigenetic Technological Applications" was edited by Dr. Zheng and was published by Elsevier publisher. The book can be purchased from Elsevier and Amazon.


Presentations

**Michael Bartlett, Interim Head, Nontraditional Education and Outreach**

B. Basiri and M.G. Bartlett, Statistical analysis of the electrospray charge state distribution of oligonucleotides, 63rd National Meeting of the American Society for Mass Spectrometry, St. Louis, MO, June 2015

D. Gullick, D. Dawson, H.C. Young, J.V. Bruckner, B.S. Cummings and M.G. Bartlett, Quantitation of pyrethroids in rat brain, liver, fat and muscle homogenates using dispersive solid phase extraction with GC-NCI-MS, 63rd National Meeting of the American Society for Mass Spectrometry, St. Louis, MO, June 2015

X. Yang and M.G. Bartlett, Quantitation of quetiapine and its active metabolite norquetiapine in rat plasma and brain tissue by LC-MS/MS, 63rd National Meeting of the American Society for Mass Spectrometry, St. Louis, MO, June 2015

**Aaron Beedle, Assistant Professor**


**James Bruckner, Professor**


**Brian Cummings Associate Professor**

Presented “Identification of Novel Lipid Biomarkers of Cocaine Use in Humans” as part of a Symposium titled “A Trio of Translational Projects: Biomarkers, Bioimmunology, and Behavior in Rodents and Humans” at the College on Problems of Drug Dependence 77th Annual Meeting in Phoenix, AZ.

**Azza El-Remessy, Associate Professor**

Made two presentations in the 75th Scientific session of American Diabetes Association in Boston, MA

Audio Guided tour poster presented in Novo therapeutics for diabetic complications, “Modulating p75NTR as a therapeutic target in preventing diabetes-induced retinal vascular permeability”

Poster presentation under Diabetes and Obesity-induced macrovascular complication, “Deletion of TXNIP improves high fat diet-impaired vascular recovery in hind limb ischemic model”

**Eileen Kennedy, Assistant Professor**


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

Presented Poster: Hao Sun (Travel Award) and Dexi Liu, Assessment of IL-15/sIL-15R alpha Gene Therapy on Lewis Lung Carcinoma Growing in Mouse Lung, Liver and Kidneys, 2015 AAPS National Biotechnology Conference, June 8-10, 2015, San Francisco, CA.

**J. Russell May, Clinical Professor**

Presented “New Drug Update 2015: A Formulary Approach”, Medical Staff Continuing Education Program, University Hospital, Augusta, GA, June 25, 2015

**Scott Pegan, Associate Professor**

George Zheng, Associate Professor
Gave an invited presentation entitled “Bioorthogonal Chemical Probes to Protein Acylation” at the World Preclinical Congress meeting at Boston, MA, June 11-12, 2015.

OTHER NEWS

Rajgopal Govindarajan, Associate Professor
Attended Keystone Symposia on non coding RNAs and cancer at Keystone, Colorado.

Lilian Pia Sattler, Interdisciplinary Assistant Professor
Attended Patient-centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI) Workshop: “Getting to Know PCORI: From Application to Closeout;” Atlanta, GA, June 22-23, 2015, with Drs. Duska Franic and Ewan Cobran

Trina von Waldner, Director, Continuing Education and Outreach, and Deanna McEwen, Public Service Associate
Served as preceptor 17 for IPPE students and 1 APPE student for the 2015 Farmworker Family Health Program in Moultrie, GA. A total of 634 patients were seen, including 265 children and 369 farm workers over the 8 days of the program. Students filled over 500 prescriptions at the night camps and managed a 102-item formulary of prescription and over-the-counter drugs. Patients managed medical records, routed patients, maintained inventory, filled prescriptions, counseled patients, performed waived laboratory testing and worked in interprofessional teams with nurse practitioners. Additionally, over 300 pairs of boots were issued to farm workers.