

Rx News

A Monthly Newsletter
of The University of Georgia College of Pharmacy
June 2016

AWARDS/HONORS

Eileen Kennedy, Assistant Professor

an invited discussion leader for the Gordon Conference on Phosphorylation and G-Protein Mediated Signaling in Biddeford, ME, June 5-10, 2016

Hal Richards, Clinical Pharmacy Specialist Critical Care

Re-elected Chair of the Critical Care Council for The Board of Pharmacy Specialties for another year.

Anthony Hawkins, Clinical Assistant Professor

Received a full scholarship from the ACCP Critical Care Practice and Research Network to support involvement in the Mentored Research Investigator Training (MeRIT) Program

Anthony Hawkins and Trisha Branam, Clinical Assistant Professors

Received a \$500 grant from Faculty Achievement in Classroom Teaching (FACT) for continued course design and scholarship for the Critical Care Pharmacotherapy elective

Anthony Hawkins and Amber Clemmons, Clinical Assistant Professors

Received a \$500 grant from Faculty Achievement in Classroom Teaching (FACT) for course design and scholarship for Applied Pharmacy Practice I & II. This is a new course sequence for the third professional year core curriculum.

Beth Phillips, Rite Aid Professor

Named Fellow of the American Society of Health System Pharmacists at the 2016 ASHP Summer Meeting in Baltimore, MD. Article link pasted below and photo attached.

<http://onlineathens.com/oconee/2016-06-25/watkinsville-pharmacist-receives-national-recognition>

GRANTS

Aaron Beedle, Assistant Professor

Received \$71,250 from the National Institutes of Health to study structure and function in alpha-dystroglycan glycosylation as part of a collaboration with co-investigator David Live in the CCRC.

Houjian Cai, Assistant Professor

Received \$311,250 from the National Institutes of Health for his ongoing project Targeting myristoylation of Src family kinases for inhibition of prostate tumorigenesis.

Received \$50,000 from UGA-UA Seed Grant Program for identification of myristoyl-CoA analogs for targeting myristoylation of Src kinase and its oncogenic potential

James Franklin, Associate Professor

Received \$75,000 from the National Institutes of Health for his ongoing study Bax, Caspases, and Oxidative Stress in the Aging Brain.

Phillip Greenspan, Associate Professor

Received \$7,706 from the Georgia Commodity Commission for Pecans to study the bioavailability of antioxidant constituents from Georgia pecans as part of a collaboration with co-investigator Ronald Pegg in Department of Food Science & Technology.

Cory Momany, Associate Professor

Received \$42,788 from the National Institutes of Health for a project titled From RNA Sequence to Tertiary Structure, Accurate Predictions Through Backbone K-Trees in collaboration with co-investigator Liming Cai from Computer Science.

Matthew Perri, Professor and Associate Department Head

Along with co-investigators at UGA, was awarded \$283,672 from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration/DHHS for a SBIRT Interprofessional Training Program.

Beth Phillips, Rite Aid Professor, Chris Bland, Clinical Assistant Professor, David DeRemer, Clinical Associate Professor, and Stephanie Phan, Clinical Assistant Professor

Received a \$1200 Faculty Achievement in Classroom Teaching (FACT) grant for development of the 3rd year capstone course, PHRM 5560 Integrated Patient Care.

PUBLICATIONS**Aaron Beedle, Assistant Professor**

Foltz SJ, Luan J, Call JA, Patel A, Peissig KB, Fortunato MJ and Beedle AM* (2016) Four-week rapamycin treatment improves muscular dystrophy in a fukutin-deficient mouse model of dystroglycanopathy. *Skeletal Muscle* 6:20. doi: 10.1186/s13395-016-0091-9

Nichenko AS, Southern WM, Atuan M, Luan J, Peissig KB, Foltz JS, Beedle AM, Warren GL and Call JA (2016) Mitochondrial maintenance via autophagy contributes to functional skeletal muscle regeneration and remodeling. *Am J Physiol Cell Physiol*. Jun 8;ajpcell.00066.2016. doi: 10.1152/ajpcell.00066.2016. [Epub ahead of print]

Anthony Hawkins Clinical Assistant Professor

Published 'Prevalence and Factors Associated with the Absence of Pharmacologic Venous Thromboembolism Prophylaxis: a cross sectional study of Georgia Intensive Care Units' in *Journal of Critical Care*. DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.jcrc.2016.06.013>

Vivia Hill-Silcott, Diversity Coordinator

Published "My circle of support to complete the Ph.D. marathon: a story of perseverance" in *Southern Association of Counselor Education and Supervision*

Johnna Hodges, Academic Professional, and David Mullis, Associate Professor

Published "Support Considerations for International Faculty Teaching in an Online Program" in *Distance Learning Administration & Conference Proceedings* 2016.

PRESENTATIONS**Johnna Hodges, Academic Professional, and David Mullis, Associate Professor**

Gave an invited presentation entitled "Support Considerations for International Faculty Teaching in an Online Program" at the Distance Learning Administration Conference in Jekyll Island, GA June 19-22, 2016.

Eileen Kennedy, Assistant Professor

Gave an invited presentation entitled "Targeting allosteric activation of EFR" at the Gordon Conference on Phosphorylation and G-Protein Mediated Signaling in Biddeford, ME, June 5-10, 2016

J. Russell May, Clinical Professor

Presented "New Drug Update 2016: A Formulary Approach", Georgia Pharmacy Association Convention, Hilton Head, SC June 17, 2016.

OTHER NEWS**Steven Foltz, Aaron Beedle's Lab**

Successfully defended his PhD thesis on June 23, 2016

Lakshman Segar, Associate Professor

Attended the "19th International Conference on Drug-Drug Interactions" held in the University of Washington, Seattle, WA (June 20-22, 2016).

Trina von Waldner, Senior Public Service Associate

The 2016 Farm Worker Family Health Program was held in Moultrie, Georgia, June 12-24, 2016. A record number of students participated this year with 18 third-year and two fourth-year students plus two volunteer faculty preceptors. Special thanks to faculty and staff who donated \$ to the "Boot Up for Health Program" to help purchase boots for over 400 farm workers.

New GPHA Appointments

New GPhA President -- Lance Boles '99

Distinguished Young Pharmacist -- Michael Crooks '08

Innovative Pharmacy Practice Award -- Andrea McKeever '99

Region President of the Year -- Flynn Warren '70

Larry Braden Distinguished Service Award -- Sharon Sherrer '79

Elected to GPhA Board of Directors -- Fred Sharpe '74, Sharon Deason '75, Michael Azzolin '02, Jonathan Sinyard '09, Chris Thurmond '01, and Amy Miller '91

Bowl of Hygeia - Hugh Chancy '88