James Bruckner, Professor
Chaired the International Congress of Toxicology (ICT) Symposium in Seoul, Korea; with support from the Society of Toxicology (SOT) Global Initiatives Fund and co-sponsored by the Biological Modeling and Risk Assessment Specialty section of SOT and the Korean Society of Toxicology

Tony Capomacchia, Associate Professor
“INFLUENCE OF PHYSICO-CHEMICAL PROPERTIES ON THE IN VITRO SKIN PERMEATION OF THE ENANTIOMERS, RACEMATE AND EUTECTICS OF IBUPROFEN FOR ENHANCED TRANSDERMAL DRUG DELIVERY” [102, Issue 6, 1957–1969, 2013], which was recently published in the Journal of Pharmaceutical Sciences (JPharmSci®), was selected by the editors to be featured on the journal’s website (http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/10.1002/(ISSN%291520-6017) for the next 3 months under “Editors' Picks;” the paper was selected for this distinction because the editors felt it contained “particularly original and significant” scientific findings.

Brian Cummings, Associate Professor
Chosen by Society of Toxicology to Serve on the newly established US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Scientific Advisory Board on the Chemical Safety and Human Health Risk Assessment Subcommittees

Served as an online reviewer for the Department of Defense Prostate Cancer Research Program Preapplication Review Board for the Cell Biology -1 study section.

Eileen Kennedy, Assistant Professor
Invited Session Chair for “Peptidomimetics” at the 23rd Annual American Peptide Society/6th International Peptide Society Meeting, Waikoloa, HI

Dexi Liu, Professor and Head, Pharmaceutical and Biomedical Sciences
Served on NIH IMST-13 Small Business Basic and Integrated Bioengineering Review Panel, June 25

Kalen Manasco, Clinical Associate Professor
Chaired the inaugural meeting of the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy Pediatric Special Interest Group at the AACP Annual Meeting in Chicago, Illinois on July 15.

Rusty May, Clinical Professor
Re-appointed to the American Society of Health System Pharmacists Section of Clinical Specialists and Scientists Educational Steering Committee.

Named member of the Survey Panel for the Pharmacy Forecast 2014-2018 report of the American Society of Health System Pharmacists Research and Education Foundation

Charles McDuffie and Melody Sheffield
Promoted to Senior Public Service Associate
Marjorie Shaw Phillips, Clinical Professor of Pharmacy Practice WOS
Served as one of the thought leaders for Survey Panel for the Pharmacy Forecast 2014-2018 report being prepared by the Center for Health-System Pharmacy Leadership ASHP Research and Education Foundation. Phillips was also one of the panelists for the 2013-2017 inaugural report.

Ken Schroder, Facilities Manager
Named STAR for the third quarter 2013 for his work in event or repair/maintenance projects; The STAR award is presented each quarter to recognize staff members who have demonstrated STAR qualities – service, teamwork, attitude and reliability – in the performance of their duties. Recipients must be permanent employees who have worked at the College for at least one year; they may only receive the STAR award once each year.

Joan Watson, Assistant Dean for Academic and Strategic Initiatives
New position filled effective August 1, with former UGA coordinator of assessment and program evaluation in Office of the Vice President for Instruction, who will assist the Dean on a wide range of issues relating to the College's programs and future plans.

George Zheng, Associate Professor
Accepted an invitation to organize a two-day symposium on chemical biology of epigenetics for the 2015 Pacificchem conference
Accepted an invitation from the Elsevier publisher to be the Editor of a book “Epigenetic Technological Applications.”

Adviye Ergul, Adjunct Professor
Received $26,000 from the American Association for study of molecular mediators of neurovascular injury in hyperglycemic stroke

Houjian Cai, Assistant Professor
Received $309,175 from the National Institutes of Health for study of SRC family kinases for inhibition of prostate tumor

George Zheng, Associate Professor
Received $142,363 from the National Institutes of Health as a transfer from Georgia State University for study of chemical approaches to protein arginine methylation

Brian Cummings, Associate Professor
Association of brominated proteins and changes in protein expression in the rat kidney with subcarcinogenic to carcinogenic doses of bromate, in Toxicology and Applied Pharmacology. Co-authors include Narendrababu Kolisetty, Leah Costyn and Srinivasa Muralidhara.

This paper describes novel pathways by which bromate, a water disinfection by-product and probable human carcinogen, may induce nephrotoxicity. It also describes how this compounds induces bromination of tyrosine amino acids in proteins.

Christine DeRemer, Clinical Associate Professor WOS
Elewa, HF., DeRemer, CE., Keller JK., Gujral, J., Joshua, TV. Patients Satisfaction with Warfarin and Willingness to Switch to Dabigatran: A Patient Survey. Journal of Thrombosis and Thrombolysis (accepted)

Dexi Liu, Professor and Head, Pharmaceutical and Biomedical Sciences
Mingming Gao, Chunbo Zhang, Yongjie Ma, Le Bu, Linna Yan and Dexi Liu (2013) Hydrodynamic Delivery of mL10 Gene Protects Mice from High Fat Diet-induced Obesity and Glucose Intolerance. Molecular Therapy, DOI:10.1038/mt.2013.125


Nhuan Nguyen, Clinical Assistant Professor of Pharmacy Practice
WOS

Somanath Shenoy, Associate Professor

Major findings: Akt kinase in the heart and vasculature has a protective role in the endothelium during atherosclerosis. However, Akt activation may also have detrimental consequences in the cardiovascular system. Mice lacking both the high-density lipoprotein receptor SR-BI (scavenger receptor class B type I) and ApoE (apolipoprotein E), which promotes clearance of remnant lipoproteins, are a model of severe dyslipidemia and spontaneous myocardial infarction. We found that Akt was activated in these mice, and this activation correlated with cardiac dysfunction, hypertrophy, and fibrosis; increased infarct area; cholesterol accumulation in macrophages and atherosclerosis; and reduced life span. Akt1 activation was associated with inflammation, oxidative stress, accumulation of oxidized lipids, and increased abundance of CD36, a major sensor of oxidative stress, and these events created a positive feedback loop that exacerbated the consequences of oxidative stress. This project was performed in collaboration with Cleveland Clinic and was partially funded by Dr. Shenoy’s NIH grant.

PRESENTATIONS

Trisha Branan, Clinical Assistant Professor
WOS

Jim Bruckner, Professor
Presented “Incorporation of Maturational Changes in Pyrethroid Kinetics into PBPK Models for Children” at the International Congress of Toxicology Symposium

Christine DeRemer, Clinical Associate Professor
WOS
Establishment of Our Anticoagulation Clinic. Hamad Medical Corporation, Doha, Qatar. Main site: Al-Wakra Hospital.
Approx. 40 pharmacist/physicians attended. July 2013

Eileen Kennedy, Assistant Professor  

Poster presentation: Triazole-Containing Peptides as Inhibitors of EGFR Dimerization. L. Hanold, T. Ton, M. Young, P. Darkhal, T. White, E. Kennedy; 23rd Annual American Peptide Society/6th International Peptide Society Meeting, Waikoloa, HI

Poster presentation: Design of Conformationally-constrained AKAP Inhibitor Peptides. Y. Wang, T. Ho, R. Spelts, A. Sukhu, L. Helton, E. Kennedy; FASEB Meeting on Kinases and Phosphorylation, Niagara Falls, NY

Dexi Liu, Professor and Head, Pharmaceutical and Biomedical Sciences  
Invited Seminar: “Blocking Inflammation to Prevent Obesity and Obesity-associated Metabolic Diseases”, Department of Endocrinology, Tongji University, Shanghai, China, July 16, 2013  

Rusty May, Clinical Professor  
Presented poster, “Teaching Certificates Offered by Residency Programs in Academic Medical Centers” (with Kelly Smith, Pharm.D., University of Kentucky) at the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy meeting in Chicago, July 15, 2013.

Michael Neville, Clinical Associate Professor  
Presented “Lessons From Madonna: Reinventing Yourself in Pharmacy Practice: A Panel Discussion” with Kevin Kearney, PhD, Samuel Johnson, PharmD, and Robert Smith, PharmD at the AACP Annual Meeting in Chicago.

Presented a poster, “Measuring the Effectiveness of an Analgesia Skills Laboratory” with Amber Clemmons, PharmD and Carolyn Hunter, PharmD at the AACP Annual Meeting in Chicago

Lindsey Welch, Public Service Assistant  
Welch LH and Unterwagner WL. Student-perceived impact and value of individual IPPEs during Postgraduate Residency and Employment Interviews. Presented at the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AACP) annual meeting in July 2013.

Alan Wolfgang, Assistant Dean for Student Affairs  
Presented “Managing Student Organizations on Multiple Campuses” at the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy meeting in Chicago

OTHER NEWS

Dexi Liu, Professor and Head, Pharmaceutical and Biomedical Sciences  
International Collaborations:  
Mohammed Al Dosari, PhD, Associate Professor, King Saudi University College of Pharmacy, Saudi Arabia, visited Liu lab in June 6 – July 8, 2013

Kenya, Kamimura, MD, PhD, and Tsutomu Kanefuji, MD, PhD, both from the Department of Hepatology, the Niigata University Medical School, Japan, visited Liu Lab in June 16-23, 2013