**AWARDS/HONORS**

**Leah Stowers ’15 PharmD and MPH student**
Featured on UGA Amazing student website

**Trisha Branan, Clinical Assistant Professor**
Re-elected Secretary of the Georgia Society of Health-System Pharmacists

**Deborah Elder, Clinical Associate Professor**
Received an award from Student National Pharmaceutical Association on behalf of the College's chapter for hosting an outstanding meeting for Regions 1 and 2

**Deborah Elder, Clinical Associate Professor, and Vivia Hill-Silcott, diversity coordinator**
Recognized as SNPhA advisors for the Region 1 and 2 SNPhA meeting

**Eileen Kennedy, Assistant Professor**
Appointed as a Research Editor for Frontiers in Pharmacology (IF=3.8)

**Kalen Manasco, Clinical Associate Professor**
Appointed a Series Editor for the 2016-2018 edition of the Pediatrics Self-Assessment Program (PedSAP) through the American College of Clinical Pharmacy.

**Gurvinder Singh Rekhi, Academic Professional Associate**
Attended the USP Convention 2015 as UGA-COP Voting Delegate in April 22-25, 2015, Washington DC.

Selected to serve on the USP Chemical Medicines Monograph Expert Committee for 2015-2020 cycle.

**Trina von Waldner, Senior Public Service Associate**
Installed as Chair-Elect of the Continuing Professional Education Section at the 2015 AACP Annual Meeting in National Harbor, MD on July 12, 2015.

**Lindsey Welch, Public Service Associate**
Received the Distinguished Young Pharmacist Award at the Georgia Pharmacy Association’s Convention in Amelia Island, FL. This is awarded to one pharmacist in the state of Georgia who is within 10 years of graduation for outstanding service to the profession of pharmacy

Graduated from Georgia Pharmacy Association’s Leadership GPhA inaugural class at the Georgia Pharmacy Association’s Convention in Amelia Island, FL

Named chair of the Scholarship Committee for the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy’s (AACP) Experiential Education Section

**Catherine White, Associate Professor**
Inducted as Chair-elect of the Teachers of Pharmaceutics Section of the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy’s (AACP) annual meeting in National Harbor, MD
**GRANTS**

**Houjian Cai, Assistant Professor**
Received three grants in the amounts of $48,525, $48,525 and $311,250 from the National Institutes of Health for targeting of SRC family kinases for inhibition of prostate tumorigen

**Eileen Kennedy, Assistant Professor**
Received $75,000 from National Institutes of Health for targeted inhibition of EGFR dimerization

**Michael Bartlett, Professor**
Received $80,223, from PRQARA Therapeutics for development of bioanalytical methods

**PUBLICATIONS**

**Christopher Bland, Clinical Assistant Professor**

**Amber Clemmons, Clinical Assistant Professor**

**Mandi Murph, Associate Professor**

**Somanath Shenoy, Associate Professor**

In the current study, we identified Akt1, followed by Akt2 and Akt3 as the predominant Akt isoform in human T24 and UM-UC-3 metastatic bladder cancer cells. Whereas Akt1 is localized at the membrane, cytoplasm and nucleus, Akt2 is solely cytoplasmic and Akt3 is mostly localized in the nucleus in T24 cells. ShRNA-mediated Akt1 knockdown resulted in impaired T24 cell survival, proliferation, colony formation, migration and microinvasion. Whereas pharmacological inhibition of Akt1 resulted in impaired T24 and UM-UC-3 cell motility, viability and proliferation, effect of pharmacological inhibition by Akt2 inhibitor was limited to proliferation in T24, but not UM-UC-3 cells. Our data provide important clues on the therapeutic benefits of targeting Akt1 for bladder cancer therapy.

**PRESENTATIONS**

**Christopher Bland, Clinical Assistant Professor**

Presented “Epidemiology and Treatment of Skin and Soft Tissue Infections including MRSA” Smith Drug Conference Continuing Education Program Savannah, GA (Invited Speaker-July 2015)

**Amber Clemmons, Clinical Assistant Professor**
Presented 1hr ACPE lecture “Immunology: Looking Back, Moving Forward” and the Summer Georgia Society of Health System Pharmacy meeting in Amelia Island, Florida

**Ashley Hannings, Public Service Assistant**


Eileen Kennedy, Assistant Professor
Presented “Chemical biology tools to study kinase regulation” at the Gouri Ghosh International Symposium, University of California, San Diego, La Jolla, CA

“Design of triazolyl-bridged EGFR dimerization mimics” at the Drug Discovery and Therapy World Congress, Boston, MA

May, Rusty, Clinical Professor

Merrill Norton, Clinical Associate Professor
Presented “From Disgrace to Grace: An Overview of the Addiction and Recovery Process through the 12 Steps and Medication Assisted Treatment Updates at First Annual American Pharmacists Association Institute on Alcoholism and Drug Dependences, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Presented “The Professional Shame of Addiction: How Do I Recover From the Lost of a Profession” to the Mississippi Association of Recovering Pharmacists, Columbus, Mississippi.

Marjorie Phillips, Clinical Research Pharmacist
Presented two 1-hour ACPE educational programs at the Georgia Society of Healthcare System Pharmacists 2015 Summer Meeting, July 17-19 on Amelia Island: “The Pharmacist’s Role in Type I Diabetes Management and Transitions of Care” with Christopher Campbell, Pharm.D., graduate student and PGY2 Pediatric Pharmacy Resident at UGA and Georgia Regents Medical Center in Augusta; and “What’s So “Special” About Specialty Pharmacy??” with Samm Anderegg, Pharm.D, MS., Assistant Clinical Professor of Pharmacy WOS & Pharmacy Manager for Ambulatory Care and Oncology at Georgia Regents Medical Center

Somanath Shenoy, Associate Professor
The following two poster presentations were made at the International Conference on “TGFβ signaling in health and disease”, organized by the FASEB:
Sabbineni H, Abdalla M and Somanath PR, Akt inhibitor, triciribine, inhibits TGFβ1-induced vascular pruning and pulmonary fibrosis via regulation of thrombospondin-1 expression
Al-Azayzih A, Gao F and Somanath PR, P21 activated kinase-1 (Pak1)-TRAF6 pathway mediates TGFβ1-induced prostate cancer cell epithelial-to-mesenchymal transition

Trina von Waldner, Director, Continuing Education and Outreach
Facilitated a round table discussion entitled Preparing the Student Pharmacist to Provide Care to Underserved Populations at the 2015 AACP Annual Meeting in National Harbor, MD on July 13, 2015.

Lindsey Welch, Public Service Associate


**OTHER NEWS**

**Scott Pegan, Associate Professor**
Participated in a Science and Technology Assistance Team (STAT) assigned to assist the U.S. Army's 25 Infantry Tropic Lighting Infantry during their Pacific Pathways Joint Australian-U.S. Exercise in Queensland, Australia.
Tasks performed included:
1) Identifying places where Science and Technology can assist the U.S. Soldier
2) Serving as a scientific translator between frontline U.S. forces and the numerous laboratories that comprise the U.S. Army Research Development and Engineering Command.
3) Building Science and Technology partnerships with Australian Forces

**2015 Farm Worker Family Health Program**
This was the 7th year in the program. Eighteen students, including one APPE student, participated in the program along with two faculty. We cared for a total of 634 people (265 children in the summer school and 369 workers in the camps) and distributed over 300 pairs of boots. COP faculty and staff donated $550 to purchase boots as well as supplies to support pharmacy operations. Student pharmacists filled 474 prescriptions during the eight night-camp clinics. Trina von Waldner and Dee Dee McEwen served as faculty preceptors.

**Susan Fagan, Assistant Dean**
Article on front page of the Augusta Chronicle, July 30, on the importance of the Pharmacy Residency training at Georgia Regents Medical Center! Our faculty, Jody Rocker, Pharm.D., and Marjorie Phillips, MS, highlighted! http://chronicle.augusta.com/node/606296#.VboUKjLnE60.email

**Joan Watson, Assistant Dean**
RX DAWGS Professional Bootcamp to be held August 10-14.

**EVENTS**

**Upcoming CE Events**

August 20
THE FUTURE OF PATIENT SAFETY

September 24-25
STaR (SOUTHERN TRANSLATIONAL EDUCATION & RESEARCH CONFERENCE)

October 23-24
ANNUAL HOWARD C. ANSEL SYMPOSIUM

November 3-4
MEDICAL DEVICES CONFERENCE