AWARDS/HONORS

David Chu, Distinguished Research Professor Emeritus
Recently received the prestigious John A. Montgomery Award at the XXI International Round Table Society Meeting in Poznan, Poland, where this year’s meeting was held on August 24-29, 2014. The John A. Montgomery Award has been given biannually to an outstanding scientist in recognition of scientific contribution in the area of nucleosides, nucleotides and nucleic acids that results in significant advances in chemotherapy.

Brian Cummings, Associate Professor
Natalie E. Scholpa (Toxicology) and Wided Missaoui (PBS), graduate students of Brian Cummings, were awarded Achievement Rewards for College Scientists (ARCS) Foundation Awards through the Biomedical & Health Sciences Institute at the University of Georgia.

David DeRemer, Clinical Associate Professor
Elected Chair-elect for the Hematology/Oncology Practice and Research Network (PRN) for the American College of Clinical Pharmacy

Dianne May, Clinical Associate Professor
Elected Chair-elect for the Drug Information Practice and Research Network (PRN) for the American College of Clinical Pharmacy

Appointed as Co-Chair of the Education Committee for the Georgia Society of Health-System Pharmacists

Mandi Murph, Associate Professor
Media coverage: LabTV “To Create a Drug that will Eliminate Cancer.” By April Bailey. August 22, 2014. Video clip (~3 min) featuring graduate student Ali Alshamrani from Mandi Murph’s laboratory and sponsored by the National Institutes of Health.
http://www.labtv.com/Profiles/Researcher?Id=512#

Hal Richards, Clinical Assistant Professor
Re-elected Vice Chair of the BPS Council for Critical Care

Catherine White, Associate Professor

GRANTS

Susan Fagan, Assistant Dean and Jowdy Professor
Received $325,500 from the National Institutes of Health for study of angiotensin receptor agonism to promote recovery after stroke

PUBLICATIONS

Michael Bartlett, Interim Dean ,Nontraditional Education and Outreach
Pei Li (PBS Graduate Student) and Michael G. Bartlett, “A review of quantitative methods for small molecules in brain tissue by liquid chromatography tandem mass spectrometry.” Analytical Methods, 6, 6183-6207 (2014).
Houjian Cai, Assistant Professor

Amber Clemons, Clinical Assistant Professor

Brian Cummings, Associate Professor, along with graduate student Natalie Scholpa
ERK Oscillation-Dependent Gene Expression Pattern and Deregulation by Stress Response was published in Chemical Research of Toxicology (Chem Res Toxicol. 2014 Aug 12. [Epub ahead of print]).

This study shows that oscillatory behavior in the ERK pathway alters homeostatic gene regulation patterns and that the cellular response to perturbation may manifest differently in oscillating vs nonoscillating cells. This study also showed the bromate, a water disinfection by product and probable human carcinogen can alter ERK oscillatory behavior.

The manuscript was selected as an American Society of Chemistry Editors’ Choice.

Susan Fagan, Assistant Dean for MCG Programs and Jowdy Professor

Virginia Fleming, Clinical Assistant Professor and Robin Southwood, Clinical Associate Professor
“Resistance of Escherichia coli urinary isolates in ED-treated patients from a community-hospital” was published in the American Journal of Emergency Medicine vol 32, No 8 (Aug 2014); 864-870

Dexi Liu, Professor and Head, Pharmaceutical and Biomedical Sciences

Mandi Murph, Associate Professor

The manuscript titled “Autotaxin: An Enzymatic Augmenter of Malignant Progression” by David N. Brindley, Matthew Benesch and Mandi M. Murph has been accepted for publication in the book “Melanoma”

Michael Neville, Clinical Associate Professor

Lakshman Segar, Associate Professor

PRESENTATIONS

Amber Clemons, Clinical Assistant Professor

Azza El-Remessy, Associate Professor
Invited Speaker to Glick Eye Institute, Indiana University, Indianapolis, “Diabetic Retinopathy When NGF goes pro!”
Eileen Kennedy, Assistant Professor
Gave an invited talk on “Isoform-selective disruption of PKA-AKAP complexes and its effects as an antimalarial” at the EMBO Chemical Biology 2014 Meeting in EBML Heidelberg, Germany, August 20-23.

Gave an invited seminar entitled “Chemical Biology to Study Kinase Allostery” for the Department of Pharmacology at University of Vermont, College of Medicine, August 28.

Dexi Liu, Professor and Head, Pharmaceutical and Biomedical Sciences
Targets in Controlling Obesity, Symposium on Metabolic Disorders, Shanghai Tenth Hospital, Shanghai, China, Aug.23-25, 2014

Kalen Manasco, Clinical Associate Professor
Presented “Successful implementation of a writing project to a residency training program” at the National Pharmacy Preceptors Conference in Washington DC on August 20 with Amber Clemmons

Michael Neville, Clinical Associate Professor

Beth Phillips, Rite Aid Professor

Lakshman Segar, Associate
Presented a poster entitled: “Glycogen depletion during hypoxia results in enhanced AMPK phosphorylation and diminished smooth muscle contractility in human saphenous vein” at the Basic Cardiovascular Sciences Meeting (BCVS/AHA 2014 Scientific Sessions) held in Las Vegas, NV, July 14-17, 2014.

Catherine White, Associate Professor
Gave a talk at the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy Annual Meeting in July 2014 entitled “Pharmacokinetics: A PR Nightmare? as part of a session on Pharmaceutics Curriculum: Contributions to the Practice of Pharmacy.

George Zheng, Associate Professor
Attended and gave an invited presentation entitled “Isoform Selective Inhibitors of PRMTs” at the American Chemical Society National Meeting, which was held in San Francisco, August 10-14, 2014.