AWARDS/HONORS

Azza El-Remessy, Associate Professor
Served as Ad Hoc grant reviewer on the study section “Hypertension and microcirculation” at the National Heart blood and lung Institute in DC.

Served as abstract reviewer for the annual meeting of the Society of Redox Biology and Medicine

Scott Pegan, Associate Professor
Panelist at MDJunior’s First Global Youth Health Summit at Emory University

Marjorie Shaw Phillips, Clinical Professor of Pharmacy Practice (WOS) for UGA at Georgia Regents Medical Center in Augusta and a voting member of the FDA Drug Safety and Risk Management Advisory Committee participated in two joint Advisory Committee meetings assessing the safety and efficacy of two new opioid analgesics (narcotic pain relievers) in different tablet formulations intended to provide abuse-deterrent properties

Gurvinder Singh Rekhi, Academic Faculty Associate


Y. George Zheng, Associate Professor
Served as an ad hoc grant reviewer for National Science Foundation (NSF).
Served as an ad hoc grant reviewer for the Research Corporation for Science Advancement.
Served as an ad hoc grant reviewer for Research Grants Council (RGC) of Hong Kong.

GRANTS

Houjian Cai, Assistant Professor
Received $337,500 from the U.S. Department of Defense for project titled Dietary Saturated Fatty acids Promote SRC Kinase-mediated Prostate Tumor Progression.

Phillip Greenspan, Associate Professor
Funded recently as the Co-PI on projects being conducted for the Georgia Commodity Commission for Pecans and the Georgia Commodity Commission for Peaches.

Scott Pegan, Associate Professor
Received supplemental funding for three years in the amount of $147,725 from the National Institutes of Health for the project titled Origin of the Innate Immunity Suppression Caused by Nairovirus’ Protease Activity.
**PUBLICATIONS**

**James Franklin, Associate Professor**
Published Bax and caspases regulate production of mitochondria-derived reactive species in neuronal apoptosis: Lack of a role for depletion of cytochrome c from the mitochondrial electron transport chain in Biochemistry and Biophysics Reports, with Rebecca A. Kirkland

**Mandi Murph, Associate Professor**
PMID: 26319900

**Michael Neville, Russ Palmer, Deborah Elder, and Michael Fulford**
Published “Evaluating the Effects of Flexible Learning about Aseptic Compounding on First-year Students in a Pharmacy Skills Laboratory” in the American Journal of Pharmaceutical Education

**PRESENTATIONS**

**Aaron Beedle, Assistant Professor**
Student presentations at the 2015 STaR Conference in Athens, GA: Foltz SJ, Patel A, Peissig KB and Beedle AM. Therapeutic targeting of aberrant AKT/mTOR signaling in Fktn-deficient muscle.


**Azza El-Remessy, Associate Professor**
Presented “Why I want to be a Vision Scientist” in the career fair of Stevens Creek Elementary school.

**Eileen Kennedy, Assistant Professor**
Invited Oral Presentation, "Dissecting AKAP signaling complexes," 4th International Workshop on cAMP signaling, PKA and phosphodiesterases, Erciyes University, Kayseri, Turkey, September 3-5, 2015

**Merrill Norton, Clinical Associate Professor**
Presented The Pharmacology of Medical Cannabinoids to the Tri-District Conference of the United States Federal Judicial Circuits at Callaway Gardens, Georgia.

Presented The Psychopharmacology of Substance Use Disorders: The Anti-Reward Brain System to the Mid-America Pharmacy Conference and Expo at Kansas City, Missouri.


Presented Forensic Marijuana: Cannabis Impairment Measurements at the Marijuana DUI Investigations- DRE Edition Green Lab Conference in Denver, Colorado

**Y. George Zheng, Associate Professor**
Presented an invited talk titled “Isoform-Selective Inhibitors Targeting Protein Arginine Methyltransferases” at 2015 Chinese Medicinal Chemistry Symposium, at Lanzhou, China.

**OTHER NEWS**

The 2015 Southern Translational Education and Research (STaR) Conference focused on Inflammation in Disease and Health and included state-of-the-art topics in clinical and translational science as well as opportunities for attendees to showcase their research and network to develop regional collaborators. Excellence in clinical and translational science was recognized during the meeting through the STaR Awards listed below.
2015 STaR Young Investigator Award Finalists:

**Mingming Gao**  
Department of Pharmaceutical and Biomedical Sciences, College of Pharmacy, University of Georgia  
Title: TREATMENT OF OBESITY BY FGF21 GENE TRANSFER

**Shannon P. Quinn**  
Departments of Computer Science and Cellular Biology, University of Georgia  
Title: QUANTITATIVE DEFINITION OF LATENT CILIARY MOTION PHENOTYPES

**Jesse R. Schank**  
Department of Physiology and Pharmacology, University of Georgia  
Title: NUCLEAR FACTOR B ACTIVITY IS INCREASED BY ALCOHOL REWARD CONDITIONING

**Lisa M Shollenberger**  
Department of Infectious Diseases and Center for Tropical and Emerging Global Diseases, University of Georgia  
Title: VACCINE SELF-ASSEMBLING IMMUNE MATRIX ENHANCES VACCINE RESPONSES IN THE ABSENCE OF PROINFLAMMATORY MOLECULAR ADJUVANTS

2015 STaR Young Investigator Award Winner:

**Hitesh Handa**  
College of Engineering, University of Georgia  
Title: NOVEL NITRIC OXIDE RELEASING MATERIALS FOR PREVENTION OF INFECTION AND THROMBOSIS IN BLOODCONTACTING DEVICES

2015 STaR Graduate Student Award Winner:

**Sally Elshaer**  
Clinical and Experimental Therapeutics, College of Pharmacy, University of Georgia  
Title: DELETION OF P75NTR PROTECTS AGAINST PERIPHERAL AND RETINAL ISCHEMIA: POSSIBLE CONTRIBUTION OF MESENCHYMAL STEM CELLS

2015 STaR Post-Doctoral Fellow Award Winner:

**Robin Webb**  
Departments of Regenerative Bioscience Center, Animal and Dairy Science  
Title: EXOSOMES WITH CELL SIGNALING CAPABILITIES CAN BE ISOLATED FROM NEURONAL CELLS

STaR Travel Award Winners:

**Martha I. Betancur**  
Regenerative Bioscience Center, ADS Complex, The University of Georgia  
Title: CHONDROITIN SULFATE GLYCOSAMINOGLYCAN HYDROGELS SIGNIFICANTLY ENHANCE BFGF RETENTION AND NEURAL STEM CELL SELF RENEWAL 4 WEEKS POST TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY (Abstract #4)

**Courtney Daczkowski**  
Department of Pharmaceutical and Biomedical Sciences, University of Georgia  
Title: DEVELOPMENT OF VACCINE CANDIDATES THROUGH ABLATION OF VIRAL EUBIQUITINASE AND DEISGYLASE ACTIVITIES (Abstract #8)

**Wael S. Eldahshan**  
University of Georgia, Clinical and Experimental Therapeutics  
Title: ANGIOTENSIN TYPE 2 RECEPTOR STIMULATION WITH COMPOUND 21 IMPROVES STROKE OUTCOME IN FEMALE RATS (Abstract #11)

**Hamzah Mansoura**  
GRU/UGA Medical Partnership  
Title: ENDURANCE INDEX AS NON-INVASIVE CLINICAL MUSCLE FATIGUE TEST (Abstract #20)

**Islam Osman**  
Clinical and Experimental Therapeutics, University of Georgia College of Pharmacy; Charlie Norwood VA Medical Center  
Title: PIOGLITAZONE, A PPARG AGONIST, ATTENUATES PDGF-INDUCED VASCULAR SMOOTH MUSCLE CELL PROLIFERATION THROUGH AMPK-DEPENDENT AND AMPK-INDEPENDENT INHIBITION OF MTOR/P70S6K AND ERK SIGNALING (Abstract #21)
EVENTS

13th Annual Dawgtoberfest: Rx for Good Health
The College of Pharmacy is celebrating American Pharmacists Month with the 13th Annual Dawgtoberfest: Rx for Good Health, on Wednesday, October 21, 2015, from 12:00 pm – 3:00pm. The event will be an afternoon of health promotion and relaxation at the Pharmacy South building. Sponsored by UGA Parents and Families Association, the event will include free health screenings and free food. Flu shots will also be offered for the low price of $20.

Waters Lecture Scheduled
The 2015 Kenneth L. Waters Lecture will be presented at the College of Pharmacy on November 4 at 3:30 p.m. in Pharmacy South 101. William A. Zellmer, B.S. in Pharmacy, M.P.H, will lecture on “The Perils of Ignoring Pharmacy’s Deepest Threat.” Zellmer currently serves as a consultant, writer, and speaker on strategic and professional issues in pharmacy practice and education, reflecting a career-long interest in advancing pharmacy as a vital health professional. Based on his writings and lectures, many have called him a thought leader on issues facing the profession of pharmacy.

Center for Drug Discovery
The UGA Center for Drug Discovery will hold a day-long conference on Thursday, November 19, at the Georgia Center for Continuing Education. The conference will feature three plenary speakers, lunch (free with registration), and a poster session with awards for best graduate student and postdoc entries. Plenary speakers will be:

- Dr. P. Jeffrey Conn, Lee E. Limbird Professor of Pharmacology and Director of the Center for Neuroscience Drug Discovery, Vanderbilt University. “Allosteric modulators of GPCRs as a novel approach for treatment of CNS disorders.” Co-sponsored by the UGA Neuroscience Program.
- Dr. Kim Lewis, Distinguished Professor in the Department of Biology and Director of the Antimicrobial Discovery Center, Northeastern University. “The Quest for Novel Antibiotics.” Co-sponsored by the UGA Department of Infectious Diseases.
- Dr. John L. Magnani, Chief Science Officer and Vice President of GlycoMimetics Inc. Title TBA. Co-sponsored by the UGA Cancer Center, “Glycomimetic Drugs: An Untapped Source of Novel Therapeutics Now in Clinical Trials for Hematologic Malignancies”.

Daniel D. Shill
Department of Kinesiology, University of Georgia
Title: IMPACT OF ACUTE EXERCISE ON ANGIogenesis- AND INFLAMMATION-RELATED GENE EXPRESSION IN CIRCULATING ANGIogenic CELL SUBPOPULATIONS (Abstract #24)

Abdelrahman Y Fouda
Program in Clinical and Experimental Therapeutics, Charlie Norwood VA Medical Center and University of Georgia College of Pharmacy
Title: INVOLVEMENT OF THE CONTRALESIONAL ANGIOTENsIN TYPE 2 RECEPTOR IN COMPOUND 21 MEDIATED FUNCTIONAL RECOVERY AFTER STROKE (Abstract #35)
Program in Clinical and Experimental Therapeutics, Charlie Norwood VA Medical Center and University of Georgia College of Pharmacy
Title: THE ANGIOTENsIN TYPE II RECEPTOR AGONIST, COMPOUND 21, PROVIDES NEUROPROTECTION THROUGH INTERLEUKIN 10 UPREGULATION (Abstract #36)