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Emory Professor Presents Chu Lecture

Dennis Liotta, Samuel Candler Dobbs Professor of Chemistry and Director of the Emory Institute of Drug Development at Emory University, gave the 2014 annual Chu Lectureship at the University of Georgia College of Pharmacy. His lecture was “Nucleoside Analogs as RNA-Dependent RNA Polymerase Inhibitors of Single Stranded RNA Viruses.”

Liotta is a leader in the field of medicinal chemistry. In the mid-1980s he initiated a research program in HIV therapeutics. The program led to the breakthrough drug Emtriva, which Liotta discovered with colleagues Raymond Schinazi and Woo-Baeg Choi. The FDA approved Emtriva for the treatment of HIV infection in 2003.

The Chu Lectureship was established to bring internationally recognized leaders in drug discovery to the University and to honor the outstanding accomplishments and contributions of Distinguished Professor David C.K. Chu in the College’s Department of Pharmaceutical and Biomedical Sciences.

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