

In the Spotlight

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Three UGA College of Pharmacy Faculty Are Named Fellows

Three faculty at the University of Georgia College of Pharmacy- Dianne May, David DeRemer and Christopher Bland - were recently named Fellows of national organizations. DeRemer and Bland are full-time faculty of the Department of Clinical and Administrative Pharmacy (CAP). May is full-time faculty shared between CAP and the Division of Experience Programs.

May, a clinical professor, and DeRemer, a clinical associate professor, were named Fellows of the American College of Clinical Pharmacy (ACCP). Fellowship in the professional society recognizes excellence in the practice and science of clinical pharmacy. Achieved by less than 5% of the ACCP membership, this top award is bestowed to individual members who have demonstrated sustained contributions to the organization and exceptional performance in clinical practice and /or research. May and DeRemer will be recognized as Fellows (FCCP) at the ACCP Global Conference Awards Ceremony in San Francisco on Sunday, October 18, 2015; both maintain their practice site at the Georgia Regents University campus in Augusta.



May's professional interests include drug information, drug policy/formulary management, drug literature evaluation, gastroesophageal reflux disease, and adverse drug reaction monitoring/reporting. She is currently the incoming Chair for the ACCP Drug Information PRN. She has been a board certified pharmacotherapy specialist since 1999 and joined the faculty full time in 2009.

DeRemer's research interests include bone marrow transplant, clinical/translational research, hematologic malignancies, and supportive care. Last year he was the recipient of the Best Paper Award at the American College of Clinical Pharmacy (ACCP) meeting in Austin, Texas. He is the Chair-Elect for the ACCP Hematology/Oncology PRN. He is a Board Certified Oncology Pharmacist (BCOP) and director of the GRU-UGA PGY2 Oncology Residency Program. DeRemer joined the faculty in 2006.



Clinical Assistant Professor Christopher Bland was named Fellow of the Infectious Diseases Society of America (FIDSA). The Infectious Diseases Society of America represents physicians, scientists and other health care professionals who specialize in infectious diseases. Its purpose is to improve the health of individuals, communities, and society by promoting excellence in patient care, education, research, public health, and prevention relating to infectious diseases. Fellows represent those who have achieved professional excellence and provided significant service to the profession of infectious diseases. Only four pharmacists nationally achieved fellow status this year.

Bland's major interests include critical care, infectious diseases, drug dosing in obesity and antimicrobial stewardship. He is recipient of the Department of the Army Commander's Award for Civilian Service, 2015; Georgia Society of Health System Pharmacy (GSHP) Best Paper Describing a New Pharmaceutical Care Service award, 2013; Ralph D. Arnold Army Pharmacy Research award, 2012; and a Board Certified Pharmacotherapy Specialist (BCPS), 2003-present. He was University of Georgia College of Pharmacy Preceptor of Year, 2005-06; he is located at the College's Savannah campus and joined the faculty in 2015.



