New Faculty Named to Kroger Professorship

Henry N. Young, formerly of the School of Pharmacy at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, has joined the University of Georgia College of Pharmacy faculty this year as the Kroger Professor in Community Pharmacy. Young was previously an associate professor in the social and administrative sciences division and co-director of the Pharmacy Practice Enhancement and Action Research Link project.

In 2002 Young earned a doctorate in pharmaceutical sciences—pharmacy administration and a certificate of health communication at the University of Florida, where he also earned a bachelor of science degree in psychology in 1997, with a minor in business administration. Young completed a postdoctoral fellowship in health services research and health communication at the University of California, Davis in 2005.

The Kroger Professorship search committee recommended Young based on his potential success in teaching in the Doctor of Pharmacy and graduate programs, developing and maintaining a nationally recognized program of funded research and undertaking public service projects.

Young has a strong interest in community pharmacy and a demonstrated track record of working and publishing with pharmacy residents, plus national visibility in professional organizations. His most recent publications include telephonic encounters with underserved rural patient populations with asthma, pharmacists’ information provided to Spanish-speaking populations, medical student efficacy with family-centered care during bedside rounds, and influence of race and socioeconomic status on engagement in pediatric primary care. He has received funding support from the National Institutes of Health/Mental Health.

The Kroger Company is engaged in community pharmacy, primarily in retail settings, and is interested in expanding the traditional role of pharmacy. Special consideration was given to the professorship candidate who is involved in widening the scope of practice in community pharmacy in the retail setting, improving pharmacy services and/or engaging in preparing students for careers in community pharmacy.

The Kroger Professorship in Community Pharmacy was established in 2008 with a $250,000 endowment from the Kroger Company; it provides salary support, research or teaching assistance, travel expenses, memberships and other expenses that enhance the effectiveness of the professorship.

The College of Pharmacy’s first Kroger Professor was William Wade, professor of clinical and administrative pharmacy, who retired in December 2010.