Waters Lecture Scheduled

The 2015 Kenneth L. Waters Lecture will be presented at the University of Georgia 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.” The lecture is free and open to the public.

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.

He holds appointments as Contributing Editor, American Journal of Health-System Pharmacy (AJHP), and Historian, American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP); and he serves as project director for the annual Pharmacy Forecast report issued by the ASHP Foundation. He is also President of the American Institute of the History of Pharmacy, an elected volunteer position.

Zellmer recently served as co-chair of the Working Group on Pharmacist Ethics and Professional Autonomy of the International Pharmaceutical Federation (FIP), whose report, “Pharmacist Ethics and Professional Autonomy: Imperatives for Keeping Pharmacy Aligned with the Public Interest,” is available as an official reference document from FIP.

He served for nearly 40 years on the staff of ASHP in various capacities, including Deputy Executive Vice President and, earlier, as Editor of AJHP.


Among the recognitions he has received are an honorary Doctor of Science degree (Northeast Ohio Medical University, 2011), an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree (Western University of Health Sciences, 2011), the Harvey A. K. Whitney Lecture Award (ASHP, 1996), and the Donald E. Francke Medal (ASHP, 2009).

Zellmer is a native of Wisconsin and a pharmacy graduate of the University of Wisconsin--Madison. He completed an ASHP-accredited pharmacy residency in the U.S. Public Health Service, and he holds a Master of Public Health degree from The Johns Hopkins University.

The Kenneth L. Waters Lecture Series was started in 1982 to honor the late Dean Emeritus Kenneth L. Waters, who was dean of the College from 1948 until his retirement in 1977. The purpose of the lecture series is to bring nationally and internationally known leaders in pharmacy to the UGA campus and to recognize Waters’ outstanding accomplishments and contributions as dean.

For more information on the Waters Lecture, visit www.rx.uga.edu.