

Rx News

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AWARDS/HONORS

Trisha Nguyen Branan, Clinical Assistant Professor of Pharmacy Practice at MCG Health in Augusta, and WOS appointment

Recognized by Georgia Society of Health-System Pharmacists (GSHP) with GSHP Outstanding Young Health-System Pharmacist Award at the 2009 GSHP Annual Meeting at Callaway Gardens

Christina DeRemer, Clinical Assistant Professor of Pharmacy Practice at MCG Health in Augusta, and WOS appointment

Recognized by Georgia Society of Health-System Pharmacists (GSHP) with GSHP Outstanding Pharmacy Practitioner Award at the 2009 GSHP Annual Meeting at Callaway Gardens

Merrill Norton, Clinical Associate Professor

The International Certification and Reciprocity Consortium Board and the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Certification Board of Georgia has credentialed Norton as a Certified Co-Occurring Disorders Professional Diplomate (CCDP-D). The CCDP-D is the highest international credential that can be obtained through IC&RC and ADACB-GA and signifies that the holder has advanced training and experience in Addiction Treatment and is especially aware of ethical, methodological, and research issues associated with the treatment of the co-occurring patient(Diagnosis of addiction and mental illness).

Beth Phillips, Clinical Associate Professor

UGA/VA PGY2 Ambulatory Care Residency received notice of accreditation by the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists.

Abraham Duncan, Fourth-year student

Named by the National Community Pharmacists Association (NCPA) as an outstanding student chapter members at the 111th Annual Convention and Trade Exposition

Alpha Iota Chapter of Phi Delta Chi

At the annual Grand Council meeting in Phoenix, won 5th place overall with the Thurston Cup Award, Alpha Iota's highest rank in its history; also won 5th place in the Annual Window Display Project Award for its Pharm-Assist display, and won 1st place in the Professional and Service Projects Award

GRANTS

Susan Fagan, Jowdy Professor and Assistant Dean for MCG Programs

Received \$5,687 as an addition to the National Institutes of Health grant for study of mechanisms of vascular protection after ischemic stroke

PUBLICATIONS

Azza El-Remessy, Assistant Professor

Published "Early Intervention of Tyrosine Nitration Prevents Retinal Vaso-obliteration and Neovascularization in Ischemic Retinopathy" in the Journal of Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics. The article discusses screening the protective actions of dietary supplements (green tea and N-acetyl cycteine) to prevent vascular complication and vision loss in retinopathy of prematurity and diabetic retinopathy.

PRESENTATIONS

Susan Fagan, Jowdy Professor and Assistant Dean for MCG Programs

Presented "Basics of Clinical Research: Grant Funding" and "Therapeutic Frontiers and Drug Discovery in Stroke" at the ACCP Annual Meeting in Anaheim, CA

Presented "Vascular Protection for Stroke Recovery" at the Brain and Behavior Discovery Institute (BBDI) of the Medical College of Georgia

James Franklin, Associate Professor

Presented "Bax deletion prevents oxidative stress in the aging mouse brain" and "Effect of MitoQ treatment on the early pathological events of Alzheimer's disease in 3xTg-AD mice" at the annual meeting of the Society for Neuroscience in Chicago.

Rahul Jain, Assistant Professor

Presented poster "The utilization of rosiglitazone and pioglitazone after the cardiovascular risk warnings: Was there a differential effect?" at the ISPOR 12th Annual European Congress held at Le Palais des Congress de Paris

Merrill Norton, Clinical Associate Professor

Presented "Alcohol and the Neurobiology of Learning" at the UGA Safe Fall Break Program sponsored by the UGA Advocating Safe Alternatives for Peers

Presented "What's Up-The Neurobiology of Learning and Adolescent Substance Abuse" at The Science of Drug Abuse in Schools and Colleges Conference, Georgia Center

Beth Phillips, Clinical Associate Professor

Josh Guffey, Clinical Assistant Professor

Presented "Impact of clinical pharmacy services on diabetes mellitus at a Veterans Affairs Community Based Outpatient Clinic" and "Impact of clinical pharmacy services on hypertension at a Veterans Affairs Community Based Outpatient Clinic" at the 2009 ACCP Annual Meeting in Anaheim, Cal.

Beth Phillips, Clinical Associate Professor

Presented "Interview Preparation: An Overview. Preparation and Communication" at the ASHP Midyear Pre-Meeting Webinar Series for the 2009 Midyear Clinical Meeting; Webinar available at <http://www.ashp.org/Midyear2009/Students/PreMeetingWebinars.aspx>

Randall Tackett, Professor

Presented "Introduction to Abused Drugs" at the 2009 Substance of Abuse Workshop at the College of Pharmacy and was Moderator of afternoon session of "The Science of Drug Addiction in Colleges and Schools"

OTHER NEWS

James Bruckner, Professor

Served in Research Triangle Park, N.C., as a member of a National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS) panel reviewing applications for Superfund Basic Research and Training Program Projects. These are a means by which the NIEHS funds several biomedical and ecological grants to selected universities to study adverse effects of toxic chemicals found at Superfund hazardous waste sites.