

Rx News

A Monthly Newsletter
of The University of Georgia College of Pharmacy
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AWARDS/HONORS

Deborah Strong, Clinical Assistant Professor

Received intellectual property rights for the Instructional Compounding Videos written, edited, videotaped and produced through her classroom instruction

Sukhmani Sarao, Clinical Assistant Professor

Selected Teacher of the Year by Phi Delta Chi chapter

Robin Southwood, Clinical Assistant Professor

Named Teacher of the Year for the College

Catherine White, Associate Professor

A winner of the 2009 American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy Council of Faculties Innovations in Teaching Competition; her portfolio will be presented at the AACP annual meeting

GRANTS

Azza El-Remessy, Assistant Professor

Received \$150,000 as continued funding from the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation for study of the pro-inflammatory role of peroxytrite in diabetic retinopathy

PUBLICATIONS

Susan Fagan, Jowdy Professor and Assistant Dean for Programs at MCG

Published "Candesartan augments ischemia-induced proangiogenic state and results in sustained functional improvement after stroke" in Stroke 2009, with **Azza El-Remessy** (epub ahead of print)

Sally Huston, Assistant Professor

Published "Women's trust in and use of information sources in the treatment of menopausal symptoms" in Women's Health Issues

PRESENTATIONS

James Cooper, Professor Emeritus

Presented "Interdisciplinary Solutions in Elder Care: Drug-related Problems in an Adult Day Care and Senior Citizen Center" at the Southern Nursing Research Society in Baltimore in February, with University of Central Florida College of Nursing PhD Candidate Allison Burfield

Brian Cummings, Assistant Professor

Presented "Absorption, Distribution and Elimination of Bromate in Female F344 Rats" as a platform presentation at the Annual Society of Toxicology Meeting in Baltimore on March 17.

His graduate student **Xiaoling Zhang** presented "Cellular and Molecular Mechanisms of Bromate-Induced Toxicity in Rat and Human Kidney Cells" as a poster presentation and graduate student **Bin Sun** presented "Inhibition of Calcium-Independent Phospholipase A₂ Activates MAP Kinase Signaling Pathways during Cytotoxicity in Prostate Cancer Cells" as a poster presentation

Azza El-Remessy, Assistant Professor

Gave a presentation to the Department of Anatomy and Cell Biology at MCG on "Peroxynitrite and Cell Signaling: Small Molecule and Big Actions"

Merrill Norton, Clinical Associate Professor

Presented keynote address, "The ADHD Story: The Neurobiology and Pharmacology of ADHD," at the Southwest RESA Health Conference in Pelham

Presented keynote address, "What's UP- The Neurobiology of Learning and Adolescent Substance Abuse," at the Summit Conference on School Safety, Callaway Gardens

Presented "The Science and Technologies of Addiction Pharmacy," at University of Alabama School of Alcohol and Drug Studies at the University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL.

Matthew Perri, Professor

Graduate student **Nilesh Bhutada** was awarded the best paper at the Association for Marketing and Health Care Research annual meeting for their project on the use of coupon's in direct to consumer advertisements

Greene Shepherd, Clinical Associate Professor

Presented "Clinical Toxicology: Recent Advances and Future Needs" at UGA's Interdisciplinary Toxicology Program's Annual Retreat

Trina von Waldner, Public Service Associate

Presented "Optimizing Medication Therapy Management through Entrepreneurship", Part one of a 40-hour continuing pharmacy education certificate program, with Charles McDuffie and Jeff Sanford.

OTHER NEWS

Merrill Norton, Clinical Associate Professor

Released the following courses and CDs for Continuing Education credit through the U.S. Journal Training Website for physicians, pharmacists, counselors, psychologists, nurses, and social workers:

- 1.) What's Up - The Neurobiology of Learning and Adolescent Substance Abuse;
- 2.) Prescription Drugs: Abuse and Addiction;
- 3.) From DisGrace to Grace-The Neurobiology and Pharmacology of Cortisol and Addiction;
- 4.) Love Potion No.9 . . . No.10 . . . No.11- The Neurobiology of Love and Addiction;
- 5.) Psychotherapeutic Medications-2009-What Every Counselor Should Know;
- 6.) The Hijacking of the Brain-The Neurobiology & Pharmacology of Chemical Dependence;
- 7.) Contempt Prior to Investigation"-The Neurobiology of Anger, Trauma, Addiction and Recovery;

These are available through: www.usjt.com, U.S. Journal Training, Inc., 3201 SW 15th St. Deerfield Beach, FL 33442, Phone: 1-800-851-9100/954-360-0909

On March 9-12, 2009, the UGA College of Pharmacy and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration cosponsored the **33rd Annual International Good Manufacturing Practices Conference** at the Georgia Center. The conference was attended by pharmaceutical and government executives from around the world as well as many UGA pharmacy students and local FDA personnel. The keynote address was presented by David Horowitz, Assistant Commissioner for Policy, FDA. A highlight of the conference was the presentation of Dr. WeiPing Li, Director of Regulatory, Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Beijing, China, who spoke about the structure of the Chinese FDA and the current state of the approval and license system for pharmaceuticals in China. The International Conference on Harmonization, Supply Chain issues, counterfeiting and FDA GMP investigation findings were all discussed at the conference. Informal feedback from the attendees indicated that the conference was a success on many fronts. Formal evaluations will be analyzed and used in preparing for the 2010 GMP Conference.

Pharmacy students raised \$1,228 in a fund-raising competition to support **AIDS Walk Athens**, based on their original goal was \$500. First, second and third year students competed as classes in the fundraising effort through food sales and donations, with \$591.10 raised by 2nd year students, \$498.23 by 1st years, and \$94.50 by 3rd years. Members of the campus and local communities also participated, raising around \$12,000 total.

College of Pharmacy and Mercer pharmacy students teamed up for the annual **Atlanta Diabetes Expo** to conduct BMI screening, talk about gastroparesis, weight loss/dieting methods and supplements in diabetes therapy. Robin Southwood was the faculty advisor.