

Rx News

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of The University of Georgia College of Pharmacy
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AWARDS/HONORS

Tony Capomacchia, Associate Professor

Will receive an award on behalf of the College of Pharmacy honoring the College's commitment to diversity, interaction and exchange of ideas at the Minority Access' Tenth National Role Model Conference, HOPE for a Healthy, Diverse and Just Environment.

Caroline Dennis, Melissa Underwood, Brad Kirk, and LeAnn Walton of the National Community Pharmacists Association have been invited to compete against University of Washington and University of Arizona at the NCPA national convention in New Orleans as one of the top 3 out of 29 schools who submitted plans for the national competition. Throughout the semester, the students researched and compiled a 100-page plan for buying out and improving an independent pharmacy. The teams will receive money for their colleges and NCPA chapters, depending upon final placing.

Susan Fagan, Jowdy Professor and Assistant Dean for MCG Programs

Consulted as a Go Grant Reviewer: NIH - NINDS; July 2009, Challenge Grant Reviewer: NIH-NINDS; July 2009, and Program in Clinical and Experimental Therapeutics, University of Southern California College of Pharmacy, June, 2009

Kalen B. Porter, Clinical Assistant Professor

2009 recipient of the Distinguished Young Pharmacist Award presented at the Georgia Pharmacy Association's Annual Convention in Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida. Every year GPhA honors a pharmacist in their first 10 years of practice who has made significant contributions to the practice of pharmacy in the state of Georgia. This year's recipient is a pharmacist with the Medical College of Georgia Children's Medical Center and head of the College's pediatric pharmacy residency program.

Randy Tackett, Professor

Appointed to the American Heart Association Science Classification Taskforce

GRANTS

Susan Fagan, Jowdy Professor and Assistant Dean for MCG Programs

Received \$11,176 and \$20,438 from the Veteran's Administration Medical Center for study of Mechanisms and Consequences of Hypertension after Stroke

Mandi Murph, Assistant Professor

Georgia Cancer Coalition Distinguished Scholar Award Recipient (2009) receiving \$50,000 to support her research efforts.

PUBLICATIONS

Jim Bruckner, Professor

"Bayesian analysis of a physiologically based pharmacokinetic model of perchloroethylene in man" accepted for publication in the Journal of Toxicology and Environmental Health. Advanced statistical techniques were used to reduce uncertainty in physiological and biochemical parameters in the model, which was used successfully to predict PCE kinetics in humans, and the % of low doses converted to carcinogenic metabolites.

"Trichloroethylene (TCE) Risk Assessment: A review and commentary" accepted for publication in Critical Reviews in Toxicology. TCE is a widespread drinking water contaminant that causes tumors in some strains of mice and rats and is being used as the pilot chemical to implement the EPA's new guidelines for Carcinogen Risk Assessment. This paper explores the weight-of-evidence for different potential mechanisms of carcinogenesis, or order to assess their relevance to humans and the most reasonable ones to use in selecting a model to assess human cancer risks.

Susan Fagan, Jowdy Professor and Assistant Dean for MCG Programs

"Minocycline and tissue plasminogen activator for stroke: Assessment of Interaction potential," Epub ahead of print in Stroke 2009; 40: (July 23, 2009), with Azza El-Remessy and David Hess

Raj Govindarajan, Assistant Professor

Published an article titled "The Role of Nucleoside Transporters in the Erythrocyte Disposition and Oral Absorption of Ribavirin in the Wild-Type and Equilibrative Nucleoside Transporter 1 (-/-) Mice" in the Journal of Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics (JPET), July 2009 Edn.

Tim Long, Assistant Professor

"Preparation of vinylglycines by thermolysis of homocysteine sulfoxides" published in Tetrahedron Letters (2009), 50(36), 5067-5070.

"Is drug release necessary for antimicrobial activity of siderophore-drug conjugates? Syntheses and biological studies of the naturally occurring salmycin "Trojan Horse" antibiotics and synthetic desferridanoxamine-antibiotic conjugates" published in BioMetals (2009), 22(4), 633-648.

PRESENTATIONS

Lori Duke, Assistant Dean for Experience Programs

AACP Annual Meeting in Boston. Two poster presentations at the annual meeting of the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy: "Development of a Universal Competency Template for Evaluation and Assessment of Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experiences" and "Multicenter Assessment of APPE Placement Changes: An Examination of Reasons and Evaluation of Administrative Workload" with **Mindi Miller, Whitney Unterwagner, Melody Sheffield, Charles McDuffie**

"Opportunities and Challenges of Integrating Pharmacy Students into Healthsystem Pharmacy" presented at the Georgia Society of Health-System Pharmacists, Summer Meeting. Amelia Island, FL, July 2009

Susan Fagan, Jowdy Professor and Assistant Dean for MCG Programs

"Working with Grants Administration and Support Staff" presented at the Focused Investigator Training (FIT), sponsored by ACCP Research Institute, July 11-16, 2009

"Investigating Stroke Treatment: Bedside to Bench and Back" presented at the University of Southern California College of Pharmacy; June 25, 2009

Keith Herist, Clinical Associate Professor

Presented a poster at the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy July meeting in Boston with Drs. Henry Cobb and Brent Rollins, entitled "Evaluation of Communi-Pharm Simulation Program (CPSP) as a Practical Application of Basic Accounting and Pharmacy Business Principles

Rusty May, Clinical Professor

"Value of APPE Students on an Academic Medical Center Antimicrobial Stewardship Service" presented as a poster at the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy Meeting in Boston, July 19, 2009, with **Dianne B. Williams, Associate Clinical Professor (WOS) and Jill Butterfield, Clinical Assistant Professor (WOS).**

Mandi Murph, Assistant Professor

Presented "LPA-induced Transcriptome Characterizes Serous Epithelial Ovarian Carcinoma and Worsened Prognosis" at the FASEB summer conference on Lysophospholipid Mediators in Health and Disease in Carefree, Arizona

Flynn Warren, Associate Professor retired

Presented "Pharmacy Law Review to the Academy of Pharmacy Technicians of GPhA," "New Drug Update for 2009 to the 134th Annual Convention of the Georgia Pharmacy Association," and "You are 21, But are you legal -- A law review and update" to the 134th Annual Convention of the Georgia Pharmacy Association

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Josh William (Josh) Guffey hired as an Clinical Assistant Professor in the Department of Clinical and Administrative Pharmacy and **Dianne Williams** as Clinical Associate Professor in the Office of Experience Programs.