

# Rx News

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## AWARDS/HONORS

### **James Bruckner, Professor**

Chaired a meeting held in Washington, D.C., of the external expert panel that evaluated the U.S. EPA IRIS Toxicological Review of 1,4-Dioxane. IRIS documents contain the scientific basis and EPA's rationale for setting standards for lifetime inhalation and oral exposure to chemicals. Assessment of potential cancer risks is a major part of these documents.

### **Mandi Murph, Assistant Professor**

Recommended by the Award Selection Committee of the 2010 Searle Scholar's Program as UGA's candidate for submission under the Sponsored Programs Grant

### **Merrill Norton, Clinical Associate Professor**

Nominated and selected as the winning candidate for the Georgia School of Addictions Study Excellence In Treatment Award in appreciation of his work in the field of addiction, not only in Georgia but nationally.

**Jake Galdo, a 3rd-year student**, has been named a recipient of the Pharmacy Times/Wal-Mart RESPy Award, which recognizes student involvement in community service activities. The RESPy (respect, excellence, and service in pharmacy) is a nationally competitive award.

## GRANTS

### **Brian Cummings, Assistant Professor**

Received a \$155,882 for a study of pesticide dermal absorption in human skin from Syngenta Crop Protection, Inc., and another \$101,306 grant, also from Syngenta, to study pesticide dermal absorption in rat skin

## PUBLICATIONS

### **David DeRemer, Clinical Assistant Professor**

Published "Investigational drugs targeting FLT3 for leukemia" in Expert Opinion on Investigational Drugs, 2009 Aug 12, as an Epub ahead of print

### **Lori Duke, Assistant Dean for Experience Programs, Whitney Unterwagner, Public Service Associate, Mindi Miller, Clinical Associate Professor, Melody Sheffield, Public Service Associate, and Charles McDuffie, Public Service Associate**

Served as co-authors for the publication "Barriers to Expanding Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experience Site Availability in an Experiential Education Consortium," in The American Journal of Pharmaceutical Education 2009; 73(5) Article 82.

**Sally Huston, Assistant Professor**

Published "Decision-making about the use of hormone therapy among perimenopausal women" in the British Journal of Health Psychology, also available online

Published "Women's use of information sources in the treatment of menopause" in Womens Health Issues.

**PRESENTATIONS****Susan Fagan, Jowdy Professor and Associate Head, Department of Clinical and Administrative Pharmacy, and Assistant Dean, College of Pharmacy Programs at MCG**

Presented "Clinical Pharmacology (in Neurology trials)" and was on the Steering Committee of the Clinical Trial Methods Course, sponsored by NIH-NINDS and the University of Rochester, in Vail

**Raj Govindarajan, Assistant Professor**

Presented an invited talk entitled "Human Equilibrative Nucleoside Transporter-3: Localization, Transport, & Potential Link to Human H Syndrome and PHID Syndrome" at the international conference, "BioMedical Transporters 2009: Membrane Transporters and their Impact on Drug Discovery," held at Thun, Switzerland, in August

**Rahul Jain, Assistant Professor**

Made a poster presentation at American Association of Diabetes Educators Annual Meeting

**Michael Neville, Clinical Associate Professor**

Presented "Leading Small Groups in Clinical Skills Lab" at the UGA Residency Teaching Certificate Program in July

Presented "Selecting Research Outcomes" at the Georgia Society of Health-System Pharmacists Residency Research Forum in August

**Beth Phillips, Clinical Associate Professor**

Presented "Developing Clerkship Student and Resident Learning Experiences" at the Teaching Certificate Program for Residents and Preceptors in Athens

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The **Annual Howard C. Ansel Symposium** will be held on September 19, 2009, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Pharmacy South in the 1st floor Auditorium. This year's topic, "Pharmacy's Role in Pandemic Influenza," will have the latest information on H1N1 from State Public Health officials. Registration for faculty is free.

The University of Georgia's Center for Drug Discovery will host its second **Conference on Drug Discovery** on November 5, featuring three renowned scientists, who are international experts in HIV, Hepatitis C and inflammatory diseases. The day-long event will be held in the Georgia Center for Continuing Education's Mahler Auditorium. Registration is free and open to the public.

The College of Pharmacy will sponsor a **Homecoming Tailgate Party and Reunions** for the Classes of 2004, 1999, 1994, 1989 and 1984 on November 7 on Brooks Mall in front of the Wilson Pharmacy Building. Visit the News and Events posting on our website at [www.rx.uga.edu](http://www.rx.uga.edu) for more information.