AWARDS/HONORS

Lori Duke, Assistant Dean for Experience Programs
Appointed to the Accreditation Council on Pharmaceutical Education (ACPE) Board of Directors by the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (ACCP) for a six-year term

Kalen Manasco, Clinical Associate Professor
Appointed to the very first ACCP Updates in Therapeutics 2015: Pediatric Pharmacy Preparatory Review Course planning committee

GRANTS

James Bruckner, Professor
Received $105,000 from the Consumer Specialty Product Association for study of characterization of potential age-related differences in the pharmacokinetics of pyrethroids in vivo, in situ and in vitro studies in rats and human systems

Marie Chisholm, Adjunct Professor
Received $1,672,698 from the C&M Mason Trust for continuation of the statewide Medication Access Program (MAP) for solid-organ transplant recipients in Georgia

Chung Chu, Professor Emeritus
Received $1,500,000 from S Inc for design and synthesis of novel nucleos(t)ide anti-HCV agents

Azza El-Remessy, Associate Professor
Received $48,304 from the American Heart Association for study of the role of prongF/P75NTR in diabetes-induced barrier dysfunction

Rajgopal Govindarajan, Assistant Professor
Received a $448,530 award from the National Institutes of Health for study of nucloside transporter-connexin interplay in pancreatic cancer chemotherapy

Mandi Murph, Associate Professor
Received $47,530 from Georgia Research Alliance as a GCC Distinguished Cancer Clinicians and scientists contract

Received $426,849 from the National Institutes of Health for study of altered microrna as a biomarker for the onset of obesity-related women's cancers

Palak Patel, PCA PhD Candidate
Received a $450 Graduate Travel Award from the University of Georgia's Graduate School on January 8, 2014.
Palak will be presenting her abstract/poster, “Average Annual Cost of Prostate Cancer and Factors Predicting the Cost”, at the APhA Annual Meeting & Exposition, March 29, 2014, in Orlando, Florida.
**Presentations**

**Rusty May, Clinical Professor**

**Flynn Warren, Retired faculty**
Recently made presentations on "Medical Misadventures – I Can't Believe They Tried That" and "The Affordable Care Act (Obamacare) and Other Health Law

**Other News**

**Mandi Murph, Associate Professor**
Research on developing and testing potential anti-cancer medications that block a pathway where tumor cells take advantage of a specific protein that stimulates cell growth and bypass the toxic effects of chemotherapy was featured in December issue of The University of Georgia Magazine

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**Publications**

**Azza El-Remessy, Associate Professor**
M. Abdelsaid, S. Matragoon and A. B. El-Remessy. TXNIP expression is required for VEGF-mediated angiogenic signal in endothelial cells. Antioxidant and Redox Signal, 19(18):2199-212, 2013. This article was the first to show that shifting redox balance toward reductive stress by having extremely high antioxidant defense is detrimental for retina vasculature and can impair the response to VEGF angiogenic signal. One of the images made the journal cover for that particular issue.

The work demonstrated for the first time that high fat diet as a model of diet-induced obesity exerted an early and remarkable effect on inflammation and vascular dysfunction of the retina capillaries.

The work demonstrated how deletion of TXNIP can prevent retinal inflammation, neuro- and vascular degeneration and preserve retinal neuronal function assessed by electoretinogram in response to neurotoxic insult as a model of optic neuropathy. The study also included data from Glaucoma post-mortem patients to verify elevated TXNIP expression and release of inflammatory mediators in humans with optic neuropathy.

**Eileen Kennedy, Assistant Professor**
ACS Chem. Biol., Accepted Manuscript January 14, 2014, DOI: 10.1021/cb400900r

**Rusty May, Clinical Professor**

**Flynn Warren , Retired faculty**
Published "Three Wise Men of Georgia: Georgia Pharmacists Who Impacted Mankind" in The Georgia Pharmacy Journal, 35, No. 12, 6-8, 10-11; December, 2013. Changes for 2013”.

**Jason Zastre, Assistant Professor**