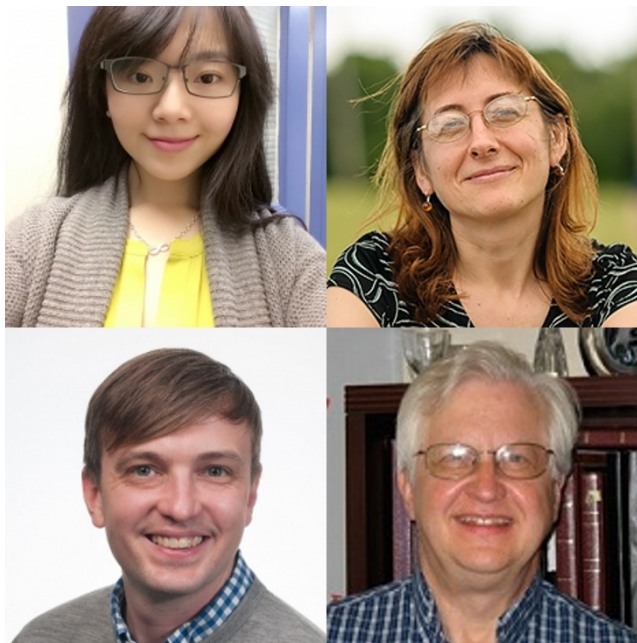




April 2017

Getting to know our faculty members

Congratulations on new research funding!



Our faculty continue to succeed in competing for research funding!

[Yeuting Wang](#) (top left) and [Irina Gaisina](#) (top right) from the UI Centre are co-Is on a grant from the NIH/NIA with PI [Leon Tai](#) (Anatomy & Cell Biology) and [Kejia Cai](#) (Radiology) for their project "Targeting APOE Modulated Neurovascular Dysfunction".

[Terry Moore](#) (bottom left) received his first R01 grant from the NIH/NIAMS with co-is [Luisa DiPietro](#) (Periodontics), [Seungpyo Hong](#) (U Wisconsin), and [Sekhar Reddy](#) (Pediatrics) for his project "Non-Covalent Nrf2 Activators for the Treatment of Chronic Wounds".

[John Nitiss](#) (bottom right) received an R03 grant from the NIH/NCI for his project "Novel Approaches for Studying Topoisomerase 2 Targeting Anti-Cancer Drugs".

View the full [funding news](#).

Faculty Awards



[Stephanie Crawford](#) (top left) has been selected by the [Chancellor's Committee on the Status of Blacks](#) (CCSB) to receive the 2017 Faculty Trailblazer Award. This is the first campus-wide recognition of African-American faculty, staff, and students, and is designed to recognize significant contributions to the UIC community, advancement of social justice issues, expertise and research that has a local, national or global implications, commitment to mentorship of graduate and graduate students at UIC, and resiliency in the face of academic, professional, and personal challenges. Read more about the winners [here](#).

[Nick Popovich](#) (top right) earned the [American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy](#) (AAP) [Lifetime Achievement Award](#). He is being honored for his dedication to the Association and to pharmacy education through instruction, leadership, service, and scholarship for more than four decades. Read Nick's comments on the award [here](#).

The [American Society of Health-System Pharmacists](#) (ASHP) is celebrating its 75th anniversary by recognizing CEOs that have served the organization over that time, including [Henri Manasse](#) (bottom left). An excerpt from an article by ASHP on Dr. Manasse states "Under his leadership, ASHP became increasingly engaged in proactive government advocacy and formed strong relationships with a wide variety of stakeholders in medicine, nursing, standards-setting bodies, hospital organizations, payers, and many others." Read the full article [here](#).

[Laura Sanchez](#) (bottom right) was named the [Honors College Fellow of the Year](#) for 2016-2017. Each Honors College student is assigned to an Honors College fellow, a professor, typically in the student's major area of study, who serves as an honors advisor and mentor for the student. Duties of fellows include providing guidance to the students in deciding on an honors activity each term, approval of the student's honors activity each semester, and helping them to perform at their highest level of ability.

Spotlight on our Trainees

Graduate College Award Winners Announced



The [UIC Graduate College](#) announced its annual [Graduate College awards](#), and CoP students received many honors. Clockwise from top left:

- Alanna Condren ([Sanchez](#)): Abraham Lincoln Retention Fellowship
- Subbulakshmi Karthikeyan ([Burdette](#)): Dean's Scholar Award
- Chase Clark ([Murphy](#)): Provost Deiss Award
- Shan Xing ([Lee](#)): Dean's Scholar Award
- Dulari Jayawardena ([Onyukse!](#)): Dean's Scholar Award
- Sungjoon Cho ([Jeong](#)): Provost Deiss Award

CSSLA Leadership Award Winners Announced



The [Office of the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs](#) announced its annual [Chancellor's Student Service and Leadership Awards](#) (CSSLA) and many CoP students were honored.

Clockwise from top left: Ally Young ([Burdette](#)), Shan Xing ([Lee](#)), Kayleigh Tovar ([Federle](#)), Alanna Condren ([Sanchez](#)), and Maryam Muhammad ([Eustaquio](#)).

Ernest Law Receives ISPOR Honor



PSOP Student Ernest Law, PharmD ([Pickard lab](#)), received the [International Society of Pharmacoeconomics and Outcomes Research](#) (ISPOR) [2016-2017 Student Chapter President Outstanding Service Award](#). He is one of 10 recipients out of over 90 chapters in the ISPOR Student Network. The UIC ISPOR Student Chapter has been previously recognized as the best student chapter, and is widely regarded for its high level of activity.

Matthew Gilbertson Wins Poster Prize at Rockford Research Day

BPS student Matthew Gilbertson ([Nitiss lab](#)) won the College of Pharmacy Outstanding Poster Award at the UIC Rockford College of Medicine [Research Day](#) out of 94 posters presented. His winning poster was entitled "Characterization of Etoposide hypersensitive Top2α mutants", with co-authors Karin Nitiss, Matthew Summerlin, and John Nitiss.



Matthew Dean Wins Poster Competition



MCP Postdoc Matthew Dean ([Budette lab](#)) was selected as a winner in his group for the Presidential Poster Competition at the [ENDO](#) 2017 annual meeting. His winning poster was entitled "The Role of the Ovary in Fallopian tube-Derived Ovarian Cancer".

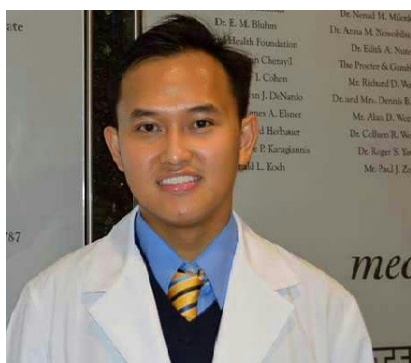
Kayleigh Tovar Earns Presentation Award

MD/PhD student Kayleigh Tovar ([Federle lab](#)) received the Life Sciences category Award for her presentation "Elucidating Rgg-mediated quorum sensing networks in *Streptococcus pneumoniae* and testing their contributions in pathogenesis" at the [UIC Research Forum](#).



Benito Valdepanas Receives Prestigious Research Fellowship

Benito Valdepanas, PharmD student and PSOP research assistant ([Nutescu lab](#)), has been selected to receive the 2017 [North American Society of Thrombosis and Hemostasis](#) (NASTH) [Research Fellowship](#). The NASTH Research Fellowship is a 10 week program aimed at introducing students to clinical and epidemiologic research in the field of hemostasis and thrombosis by supporting the students' work on targeted research projects. It is the first time in the program's history that this prestigious award is given to a PharmD student among a competitive pool of MD and PhD student applicants.



Beenish Manzoor Selected for Honors & Graduate College Award

PSOP student Beenish Manzoor ([Nutescu lab](#)) received the 2017 [Honors College-Graduate College Excellence in Undergraduate Mentoring Award](#). This award honors outstanding graduate student mentors for their work with UIC undergraduate or professional students. Recipients of this award demonstrate their contribution to the development and support of undergraduate or professional students outside of their regular duties as a teaching or research assistant.



Tom Speltz wins Oral Presentation & Travel Awards



MCP student Tom Speltz ([Moore lab](#)) won an Oral Presentation Award at the [2017 MIKI Medicinal Chemistry Meeting](#). MIKI (Minnesota, Illinois at Chicago, Kansas, and Iowa) is the largest regional medicinal chemistry meeting in the U.S. and brings together over 200 graduate students, post-doctoral fellows, and faculty members. Tom was also awarded the [Chemical Computing Group Excellence Student Travel Award](#) to give a talk at the Spring [American Chemical Society \(ACS\) Meeting](#) in San Francisco.

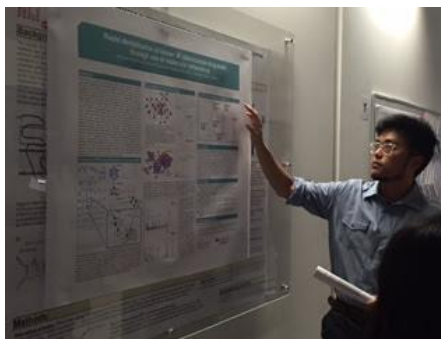
More Research News

2017 Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship (SURF) Program Accepts 3rd Class of Students

The [ASPET](#)-sponsored [SURF](#) program has accepted its 3rd cohort of students, and aims to be the best year yet!

Five students from 5 different schools will come to UIC on June 1 to participate in the program. They will work on independent research projects in the laboratories of their faculty mentors, in addition to a number of enrichment activities.

Meet the 2017 SURF Fellows:



SURF Fellow	Undergrad Institution	Mentor	Project
Sarah Colon	Universidad de Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras Campus	Mankin/Vazquez-Laslop	Mechanism of action of ribosomal antibiotics
Antonio Hernandez	UIC	Murphy	Discovery of antibiotics from the Great Lakes cultivatable sponge microbiome
Andres Ruiz	Pennsylvania State University	Hanakahi	Visualizing 3' terminal DNA-protein crosslinks in human cells
Zohra Sattar	Northern Illinois University	Moore	Development of Stapled Peptide Probes for the Estrogen Receptor/Coactivator Interaction
Allysen Schreiber	Wake Forest University	Tonetti	Characterization of novel therapeutics in endocrine resistant breast cancer cell and tumor model

2017 Riback Fellows Announced



The [Riback](#) PharmD Summer Research Award program has selected six fellows for Summer 2017. The David J. Riback Research Pre-doctoral Fellowships in the UIC College of Pharmacy are funded by an endowment created by Aaron E. Kaplan (Baccalaureate of Science in Pharmacy, 1947) in honor of his uncle, David (Graduate in Pharmacy, 1927). Funds from this endowment support intensive, short-term research training for PharmD students under the supervision of a College of

Pharmacy faculty mentor.

Meet the 2017 Riback Fellows:

Riback Fellow	Department	Mentor	Project
Nada Alsuehbany	Center for Biomolecular Sciences	Mankin/Vazquez-Laslop	Interactions between ketolide antibiotics and the bacterial ribosome
Jeremy Capulong	Pharmacy Systems, Outcomes & Policy	Nutescu	The Impact of Health Literacy and Numeracy on Quality of Anticoagulation Control in Minority Patients
Ashley Cha	Pharmacy Systems, Outcomes & Policy	Pickard	Have American Health Values Changed?
Zamia Siddiqui	Medicinal Chemistry & Pharmacognosy	Moore	Novel Chemical Probes for Estrogen Receptor-Positive Breast Cancer
Samantha Socco	Medicinal Chemistry & Pharmacognosy	Thomas	The Role of Linker Histone H1 in Tamoxifen Resistance in Breast Cancer
Zhaoju (Daisy) Wu	Pharmacy Systems, Outcomes & Policy	Calip	Comparative safety of TNF-alpha inhibitors among adolescent and young adult patients with rheumatologic conditions and risk of non-Hodgkin lymphoma

Important Dates/Upcoming Events

[UIC/NIH Center for Botanical Dietary Supplements Research Pilot Project Award Program](#)

05/01/2017 (Due Date)

[College of Pharmacy Commencement](#)

05/04/2017 @ 7:30 pm

UIC Forum

[Responsible Conduct of Research Workshop Seminar - Human Research Subjects Ethics](#)

Monday, 05/10/2017

COMRB, Room 6175

[Great Lakes Chapter ASPET 30th Annual Meeting](#)

Friday, 06/23/2018

COMRB Moss Auditorium

Abstract deadline: 06/09/2017

Registration deadline: 06/16/2017

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