Getting to know our faculty members

Young Jeong Receives ASPET Award

Young Jeong was named the 2017 recipient of the ASPET Division for Drug Metabolism Early Career Achievement Award. This award was established to recognize excellent original research by early career investigators in the area of drug metabolism and disposition. Young will receive her award on April 24 at the Experimental Biology Meeting held in Chicago.

Todd Lee & Marlowe Djuric Kachlic Interviewed on WBEZ’s “Morning Shift”

Todd Lee and Marlowe Djuric Kachlic were interviewed on a recent edition of WBEZ’s “Morning Shift”. The segment discussed the results of a Chicago Tribune investigation on drug interactions and pharmacy practice. They responded to questions from the host and outside callers about the findings, how these interactions could be missed, and about what patients can do to be better informed. Listen to the NPR show here, and read the Tribune article here.

Rockford Campus Welcomes Kevin Rynn as new Vice Dean

Dr. Kevin Rynn, PharmD, joined the College of Pharmacy as the Vice Dean for Rockford campus on January 1, 2017. Dr. Rynn’s research focuses on the role of the pharmacist in emergency medicine and clinical toxicology, specifically overdose management and benefits of pharmacy services to emergency departments. We would like to welcome Dr. Rynn to the College!

Congratulations on new research funding!
Our faculty continue to succeed in competing for research funding!

Farahnaz Movahed Zadeh (top left), along with co-Is Celerino Abad-Zapatero and Scott Franzblau received a grant from the Potts Memorial Foundation for their project "MtBPase (Rv1099c): A Promising Target for Tuberculosis Chemotherapy".

Joanna Burdette (top right) received an R15 grant from the NIH/NIGMS for the project "Asymmetric synthesis of highly functionalized lactones and lactams using a chiral Bronsted acid". She is collaborating with Kimberly Petersen from UNC Greensboro.

Yueting Wang (bottom left), along with Co-Is Mary Ladu (Anatomy and Cell Biology) and Greg Thatcher received a grant from Revivo Therapeutics for their project "Nomethiazoles harnessing GABA and NO Mimetic Activity for Alzheimer’s Therapy".

Greg Thatcher (bottom middle) was awarded two grants with Lijun Rong (Microbiology and Immunology) from Chicago BioSolutions, one for their project "4- (Aminomethyl) Benzamides as Novel Anti-Ebola Agents" and one for their project "Furopyrroless as Novel Anti-Ebola Agents".

Dima Qato (bottom right) earned a grant from Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Illinois for her work on "Pharmacy Deserts and its Impact on Access to Care".

View the full funding news.

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Faculty in the News

A JAMA article ("Prevalence of inappropriate antibiotic prescriptions among US ambulatory care visits, 2010-2011") co-authored by Katie Suda (top left) was among the top 100 most-discussed of all journal articles (in all fields), according to Altmetric.

Karen Sweiss (top middle) was selected for the 2017 Hematology/Oncology Pharmacy Association (HOPA) Oncology Pharmacy Practice Literature Award. She will receive the award at the 2017 HOPA Annual Conference in March.

Mike Federle (top right) was featured in a UIC news article for his new 5 year, $1.25 million NIH grant to study how bacteria that cause streptococcal infections can be manipulated. Read the press release here.

The work of Guido Pauli’s lab (bottom left) was highlighted in a Nature News story. The co-authors published a comprehensive critical review of curcumin, where they caution other researchers against wasted efforts into the compound, surmising there is no compelling evidence it has any specific therapeutic benefits. Read the Nature News Article here.

Glen Schumock (bottom right) served as a guest editor for a Special Issue of Pharmacotherapy published in January 2017, with the theme of the "Rising Cost of Pharmaceuticals". Read the
Spotlight on our Trainees

Four CoP Students Receive UIC Chancellor’s Graduate Research Awards

Zamia Siddiqui (top left, Moore lab), Sezen Meydan (top right, Mankin lab), Dulari Jayawardena (bottom left, Onyuksel lab), and Alexandria Young (bottom right, Burdette lab) all received the 2016 UIC Chancellor's Graduate Research Award from the Graduate College. The Chancellor's Graduate Research Award provides funding in the sum of $5,000 for one-year pilot grants to support preliminary research of students seeking future funding from external sources.

Kellyn Moran Interviewed as Future Pharmacy Leader

CPR fellow and PSOP graduate student Kellyn Moran (Walton lab) was interviewed on the "Pharmacy Future Leaders" podcast. Dr. Moran is a UIC PharmD graduate and is currently the 2015-2017 UIC-Takeda Fellow in Medication Adherence. Listen to her talk about her experience in the fellowship and her advice to pharmacy students on the podcast here.

Sezen Meydan Featured in Molecular Cell

CBS Student Sezen Meydan (Mankin lab) was featured in the "Meet the Author" article of Molecular Cell. She is the first author of the featured article of Volume 65, Issue 2, "Programmed Ribosomal Frameshifting Generates a Copper Transporter and a Copper Chaperone from the Same Gene". Read the journal article here, and the feather on Sezen here.

More Research News

Miscellaneous from around the College

Pharmacy Systems, Outcomes & Policy is offering a new online Masters degree in Comparative Effectiveness Research (CER). The program is designed for working professionals, including those already working in a pharmaceutical or medical product company, government agency, or in a health care provider organization. CER seeks to make the selection among therapeutic options (by patients, their caregivers, clinicians, and policy makers) more informed - resulting in better decisions and ultimately improved health outcomes and lower costs. The preferred deadline for Fall admissions is July 1 (absolute deadline is July 15).

Read more about the program here.
AbbVie has partnered with UIC to establish a new fellowship program in Health Economics and Outcomes Research (HEOR). Dr. Edith Nutescu, Director of the Center for Pharmacoepidemiology and Pharmacoeconomics Research (CPR) is the PI and fellowship director. PSOP PhD student, Jifang Zhou has been selected to be the first fellow in the program.

Read more about the program [here](#).

Applications are open for the Summer 2017 Riback PharmD Summer Research Fellowship. Please help us spread the word to motivated P1 and P2 PharmD students interested in research careers in biomedical sciences. Details about the program and the flyer can be downloaded from our [website](#). Letters of Intent are due 03/06/17 and full applications close 03/20/2017.

[More College News](#).

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**Save the Date!**

**Research Day is Friday, February 10, 2017**

We have 95 posters this year from trainees around the College! This year’s keynote speaker is Dr. Donald McDonnell from the Duke University School of Medicine. Dr. McDonnell is the Glaxo-Wellcome Professor of Molecular Cancer Biology and Chairman of the Department of Pharmacology & Cancer Biology. In addition, he serves as Co-Director of the Women’s Cancer Program within the Duke Cancer Institute. His research is focused on the genetic and pharmacologic dissection of the nuclear receptor superfamily of ligand-regulated transcription factors and, more specifically, on defining the mechanism of action of those nuclear receptors whose expression and/or activity is implicated in the pathogenesis of breast and prostate cancer. His lecture is entitled: *Mechanism-based discovery of new therapeutic targets in the estrogen receptor signaling pathway in breast cancer.* Tentative schedule and more information can be found on the Research Day [website](#).

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**Miscellaneous from around the Campus**

Support for the Chicago Biomedical Consortium (CBC) has been renewed through 2021! The Searle Funds at The Chicago Community Trust has pledged $21 million over five years, including $5 million for the first year. The CBC has funded many College of Pharmacy researchers, including through the Catalyst Award program, which is accepting new submission up to March 3, 2017.

[More UIC Health & Medicine news](#).

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**Important Dates/Upcoming Events**

- **College of Pharmacy Research Day**
  - Friday, 02/10/2017
  - College of Pharmacy - multiple rooms

- **CBC Catalyst Award**
  - Friday, 03/03/2017 (Application Due Date)

- **Riback PharmD Summer Research Fellowship**
  - Monday, 03/06/2017 (LOI Due Date)
  - Monday, 03/20/2017 (Application Due Date)

- **Responsible Conduct of Research Workshop Seminar - Data Ownership and Management**