Getting to know our faculty members

UIC & College of Pharmacy win National Award for Diversity and Inclusion

INSIGHT Into Diversity Magazine's 2016 Higher Education Excellence in Diversity (HEED) Award was granted to both UIC and the College of Pharmacy. The HEED award recognizes post-secondary schools that have made an outstanding commitment to diversity and inclusion. UIC, a two time recipient of this prestigious award, will be featured in the November issue of the magazine. Read the press release here.

Congratulations on new research funding in BPS & MCP/UICentre!

Biopharmaceutical Sciences and Medicinal Chemistry & Pharmacognosy faculty continue to succeed in competing for research funding!

Rick Gemeinhart (top left) and co-investigators Seungpyo Hong (top right) and Timothy Koh (College of Applied Health Sciences) received R21 funding from the NIH/NIBIB for their project "Activation of Monocytes and Macrophages by Polymeric Micelles".

Terry Moore (bottom left), along with PI Sekhar Reddy and his colleagues at the College of Medicine earned continuation funding for an NIH/NIEHS R56 grant for their project "Fra-1/Nrf2 Balance Signaling and Resolution of Inflammatory Lung Injury".

More NIH funding was awarded to Greg Thatcher (bottom right) and his collaborator Mary Ladu from Anatomy & Cell Biology for their project "Aged EFAD Mice as a Model for the Effects of..."
Congratulations on new research funding in PSOP/CPR & PP!

Pharmacy Systems, Outcomes & Policy and Pharmacy Practice faculty continue to earn top state and federal grants!

**Lisa Sharp** (left), along with PI [Sharmilee Nyenhuis](#) (College of Medicine) and co-I **David Marquez** (Kinesiology & Nutrition), received K01 funding from the NIH/NHLBI for their project “ACTION Intervention: Physical Activity in Minority Women with Asthma”.

More large-scale federal funding was awarded to **Surrey Walton** (center) and his collaborators, PI **Naoko Muramatsu** (Institute for Health Research & Policy) and co-is **David Marquez** and **Michael Berbaum** (Institute for Health Research & Policy), in the form of an R01 grant from the NIH/NIA for their project “Promoting Seniors’ Health with Home Care Aides: A Randomized Controlled Trial”.

**Mary Moody** (right) earned funding from the Illinois Department of Human Services for her project "FY17 BPCSS - Updating Drug Interaction System".

Faculty in the News

**CAN-TV** interviewed **Dima Qato** (top left) about the lack of access to medications in underserved communities (so called “pharmacy deserts”) in conjunction with the closing of a Washington Heights Walgreens. **Read press release here.**

The research of **Edith Nutescu** (top center) was featured in a *Journal of the American Medical Association* (JAMA) story regarding the barriers to widespread implementation of genotype-guided prescribing. **Read the full article here.**
Specialty Pharmacy Times Magazine highlighted Lisa Sharp’s (top right) work on the use of technology to impact medication adherence in diabetes patients. Read the full story here.

The work of PSOP faculty Glen Schumock (center left), Katie Suda (center), and JoAnn Stubbings (center right) on how drug expenditure data help pharmacists plan ahead was covered in a Drug Topics Magazine. Read the full article here.

Katie Suda’s work on antibiotic resistance as a result of over-prescribing was also featured in a UIC News Story. Read the full article here.

Momentum magazine spotlighted the mass spectrometry research and techniques pioneered by Richard van Breemen (bottom left) during his time at UIC and with the UIC/NIH Center for Botanical Supplements Research. Read the cover story here.

An article about Jim Wang’s (bottom center) selection as a 2016 University scholar (see June/July newsletter for original announcement) appeared this month in the UIC News Center. Read the article here.

Adam Bursua (bottom right) and colleagues produced a video aimed at improving opioid safety at UI Health. Watch it on YouTube here.

Faculty Awards

Eljim Tesaro (left) received the Neurocritical Care Society (NCS) 2016 Presidential Citation for exceptional support and dedication to society.

Frank Paloucek (center) was named a Fellow of the American Academy of Clinical Toxicology at the North American Congress of Clinical Toxicology meeting in Boston. Dr. Paloucek also received the American College of Clinical Pharmacy (ACCP) 2016 Emergency Medicine Practice and Research Network Outstanding Mentor of the Year Award.

Edith Nutescu (right) was the recipient of the AACP Cardiology Practice and Research Network’s 2016 Distinguished Researcher Award at the AACP’s Annual Meeting in Hollywood, Florida.

Spotlight on our Trainees

Laura Cook elected to Postdoctoral Association Executive Board

Dr. Laura Cook (Federle lab) has been elected to the Executive board of the UIC Postdoctoral Association (PDA) as one of the Newsletter Editors. The PDA runs out of the OVCR and aims to enhance the experience of UIC postdocs by building a community and providing representation across the university. The PDA hosts special events on topics such as grant writing, leadership, and career development. Learn more about the PDA here.

Two UIC students win Best Poster at the Cancer Center Research Forum

Congratulations to Jose Antonio Suarez Del Pino (left, Nitsis lab) and Subbulakshmi Karthikeyan (right, Burdette lab), who both won best poster in the Cancer Targets & Therapeutics Section at the UIC Cancer Research Forum. Read more about the awards and the forum here.
Rockford's Yilun Sun an author on Highlighted Review

Yilun Sun (right) and John Nitiss (left) were co-authors on a review in the prestigious journal Nature Reviews Molecular Cell Biology. The article covered the roles of topoisomerases during replication & transcription and DNA damage repair & genomic stability, and how their deregulation leads to pathologies such as cancer. Read the review here.

College Hosts Internship Events for Graduate Students

On October 17, the Summer Industry Internship Roundtable was held to provide information about internships to graduate students. Five current graduate students who recently interned at pharmaceutical companies shared their experience during a round table discussion. Our "industry experts" answered questions about applying for internships, the interview process, and much more.

Then, on October 25, Hospira/Pfizer visited the Chicago campus to present a seminar on their R&D Professional Development Program (PDP), attended by graduate students & postdocs interested in the program and careers in industry in general. Four scientists, including two current PDP interns, summarized the PDP experience and answered our trainees' questions. Hospira interviews for the program during these events, so keep an eye out next year for the application announcement!

More Research News

Miscellaneous from around the College

Voting is open for the 6th Annual Images of Research Competition!

Fifteen images were created and submitted by our trainees over the course of their research. Voting is now open and will end on 11/09. First prize is a $150 Amazon gift card, so please vote for your favorite image today!!

The UIC/NIH Center for Botanical Dietary Supplements is issuing a call for applications for their Research Pilot Project Program. Pilot awards ($25,000) are intended to provide promising new investigators, or established investigators new to botanical research, the opportunity to generate sufficient preliminary data to support the submission of competitive (peer-reviewed) botanical research applications. Application due date is 11/03.

Applications are open for the Summer 2017 ASPET SURF Program. Please help us spread the word to motivated sophomore & junior undergraduate students who are interested in pursuing graduate-level research in the future. Details about the program and the flyer can be downloaded from our website. Applications close 02/01/2017.

More College News
The Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research introduced a Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR) Workshop this fall. The brown-bag lunch series will be held every other month throughout the year, and will fulfill the NIH RCR training requirements for faculty and postdocs. Upcoming seminars will cover conflict of interest, responsible authorship, data ownership & management, human research subjects ethics, and animal research subjects. Registration is available on the OVCR website.

More OVCR news.

Important Dates/Upcoming Events

6th Annual Image Competition
10/19 - 11/09 (Voting Period)

Precision Health Forum 2016
10/28 @ 8:30 am
SCE Third Floor

MRC-SOT Meeting
10/28 @ 12:00 pm
AbbVie Campus

District IV Meeting
11/01 - 11/04, 2016
Crown Plaza Hotel

UIC/NIH Center for Botanical Dietary Supplements Research Pilot Project Program
11/03 (Application due date)

Targeting Cancer: 5th Annual Update in Oncology Pharmacy
11/05 @ 8:00 am
PHARM 134-1

14th Annual CBC Symposium: Genetics of Neurological and Psychiatric Disorders
11/11 @ 9:00 am
The University of Chicago - Ida Noyes Hall

Responsible Conduct of Research Workshop Seminar - Conflict of Interest
11/14 @ 12:00 pm
AOB 307 C (OVCR Conference Room)

3rd David J. Slatkin Symposium
11/18 @ 12:00 pm
Chicago State University - Douglas All, 3rd Floor

NIH Mock Review Session
Thursday, 12/08 @ 10:00 am
SPH-P1, Auditorium Rm. 109

College Holiday Party
12/12 @ 2:30 pm
PHARM 2N Suite

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

Experimental Biology Annual Meeting
04/22-04/26, 2017
McCormick Place Convention Center

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