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Getting to know our faculty members

Have Research-Related News?



If you or a lab member have research-related news or awards you would like to see highlighted in the monthly newsletter, please email the details to Lindsey at lmcquade@uic.edu by the 26th of July for the next edition of the Research Newsletter!

Congratulations on New Research Funding



[Todd Lee](#) (top left) and [Simon Pickard](#) (top middle) received a grant from the Illinois Department of Human Services ([IDHS](#)) for their project "Impact of Academic Detailing in the Chicagoland Region: a pilot study".

[Dan Touchette](#) (top right), along with co-Is [Todd Lee](#), [Simon Pickard](#), [Glen Schumock](#) (bottom left), and [Surrey Walton](#) (bottom right), have received a consulting agreement from the Institute for Clinical and Economic Review ([ICER](#)) to conduct economic evaluations of new medications.

Faculty in the News



[Terry Moore](#) (left) was highlighted by the [UI Cancer Center](#) for his work on protein-protein interactions that could lead to new cancer treatments. The Moore lab is using a new method involving said protein-protein interactions to target estrogen receptors that have become resistant to tamoxifen, a commonly used treatment for early and advanced estrogen receptor-positive breast cancer. Breast cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death in women and about one in eight women - 12.4 percent - will develop invasive breast cancer over the course of her lifetime, according to the American Cancer Society. Therefore discovering new treatments, particularly for resistant tumors, is of critical importance. Read the full story [here](#).

[Dima Qato](#) (right) and her team's work were highlighted in multiple news outlets this month. Her study on the use of dietary supplements among children, published in JAMA Pediatrics, found that use of alternative medicines among children has doubled since 2003. Driving the change is an increased use of Omega-3 fatty acids and melatonin among adolescents ages 13 to 18. "This study suggests supplement use is widespread and therefore an important, yet often ignored, public health issue," Qato said. Read the study [here](#), and articles online at [Time](#), the [New York Times](#), [US News & World Report](#), [MSN](#), and [Medscape](#).

Dr. Qato, PSOP graduate student Katharine Ozenberger, and Columbia University professor Dr. Mark Olfson's research on secondary effects of prescription medications was similarly highlighted by a number of national media outlets including [ABC News](#), [USA Today](#), [NPR](#), and the [Washington Post](#). The article, published in the Journal of the American Medical Association, suggests that more than one-third of U.S. adults may be using prescription medications that have the potential to cause depression. Read the study [here](#), and the press release [here](#).

Spotlight on our Trainees

Atieh Hajirahimkhan earns ACS Award



Atieh Hajirahimkhan (Postdoc, [Bolton lab](#)) received an [American Cancer Society](#) Award for her project "Breast Cancer Preventive Targets of Botanicals for obese Menopausal Women".

CoP Students & Postdocs earn Travel Awards this summer



Congratulations to MCP Postdoc Jana Braesel ([Eustaquio lab](#)), MCP student Sylvia Kunakom ([Eustaquio lab](#)), MCP student Brian Guo ([Che lab](#)), and ITR Postdoc Nina Wolf ([Franzblau](#) and [Cho](#) labs) on their travel awards. Jana, Sylvia, and Brian will all be attending the American Society of Pharmacognosy ([ASP](#)) meeting in Lexington, Kentucky, July 21-25. Nina will be attending The Protein Society ([TPS](#)) Annual Symposium in Boston, Massachusetts, July 9-12.

James Marks & Sezen Meydan Interviewed about Participation as Science Club mentors



James and Sezen have been [Science Club](#) mentors at the True Value Boys & Girls Club in Little Village since it started in 2016. For two and a half years, they've come every week to work with middle school students (Leo G. and Brian G., above) on hands-on science curriculum and experiments. They were interviewed by [Northwestern Science in Society](#) about their experiences over the past few years. Read the full interview [here](#).

More Research News

Illinois Ignite 2018



[Illinois Ignite](#) is an inaugural event presented by the University of Illinois OTM showcasing technologies and start-ups emerging from prominent research universities in Illinois. Hear from innovators and entrepreneurs in oncology, neuroscience, artificial intelligence, security, robotics, and advanced materials.

Ignite will feature presentations on breakthrough research and innovations from more than 35 faculty, including CoP faculty [Greg Thatcher](#) (see full list [here](#)). There will also be networking opportunities with technology-based start-ups.

September 27, 2018

Big10 Conference Center (minutes from O'Hare airport), Rosemont, Illinois

Register for free [here](#)

Important Dates/Upcoming Events

[2018 Chicago Mass Spec Day](#)

Friday, 07/20/2018

College of Pharmacy, various

[4th Annual SURF Riback Mini Symposium](#)

Thursday, 08/02/2018

MBRB 3rd Floor Lobby

[Pharmapalooza](#)

Wednesday, 08/22/2018

MBRB Lawn

[Illinois Ignite](#)

Thursday, 09/27/2018

Big10 Conference Center, Rosemont, IL

[Research Day](#)

Friday, 02/08/2019

College of Pharmacy, various

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