Silver Spring, MD - The American Society for Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition (ASPEN) President Jay Mirtallo MS, RPh, BCNSP, FASHP (above right) honors Roland N. Dickerson, PharmD, BCNSP (above left), as the 2012 Rhoads Lecturer.

The Rhoads Lecture is the highest and most prestigious of ASPEN’s annual research honors. This honor to Dr. Jonathan Rhoads recognizes his pivotal role in the field of nutrition support. The lecturer is someone who is recognized internationally for major contributions to the field of nutrition and metabolic support, and who has demonstrated a career-long commitment to the improvement of the nutritional status of the patient.
TOP STORIES

Dickerson ASPEN 2012 Rhoads Lecturer – continued

Dickerson is a professor of Clinical Pharmacy at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center and Clinical Pharmacist/Clinical Coordinator of the Nutrition Support Service at the Regional Medical Center at Memphis. He is a long-term member of ASPEN and has been actively engaged in clinical practice, education, and research in specialized nutrition therapy for over 30 years. Dr. Dickerson is the first pharmacist to achieve this honor since the award inception in 1978.

“We are thrilled to honor Dr. Dickerson as the 2012 Rhoads Lecturer,” said Debra S. BenAvram, CAE, Chief Executive Officer, ASPEN “Dr. Dickerson exemplifies what this prestigious award is all about. We are grateful to Dr. Dickerson for his tireless dedication to the field of clinical nutrition and metabolism.”

An author of over 150 publications and 80 scientific abstracts, Dr. Dickerson has given over 190 invited professional presentations at regional, national, and international professional meetings. He is a recipient of ASPEN’s Distinguished Nutrition Support Pharmacist Award, Pharmacists Research and Education Foundation’s Sustained Contributions to the Literature Award, Dean Joseph B. Sprowls Distinguished Lecturer Award from Temple University, and the John M. Kinney International Award in General Nutrition from Nestlé Nutrition and the journal Nutrition.

Dr. Dickerson serves on the editorial boards for several journals, specifically, Journal of Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition, Nutrition, Nutrition in Clinical Practice, and Hospital Pharmacy and is a reviewer for numerous pharmacy, nutrition, and medical journals. He is a Board Certified Nutrition Support Pharmacist and a fellow in the American College of Nutrition, American Society of Health-Systems Pharmacists, and the American College of Clinical Pharmacy.

Tillman Presents ASPEN Abstract of Distinction

Emma Tillman, PharmD, assistant professor of Clinical Pharmacy, was selected by the American Society for Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition (ASPEN) to present her abstract entitled ‘Peroxisome proliferator-activated receptor-alpha expression and activity are altered by omega-3 polyunsaturated long-chain fatty acids in a cholestatic liver disease model’ during ASPEN’s Clinical Nutrition Week on January 22, 2012 in Orlando, Florida. Dr. Tillman’s abstract was designated an Abstract of Distinction. This exemplary achievement is awarded to only the top 5-10% of submitted abstracts.
Andrew Holt, PharmD, has been appointed executive director of the Tennessee Board of Pharmacy. In this position, Holt oversees enforcement of the laws of the State of Tennessee pertaining to the practice of pharmacy; the manufacture, distribution or sale of drugs; and the process of medication use, including but not limited to compounding, selection, preparation, dispensing, education and monitoring of drugs, devices, chemicals or poisons.

"Andrew has exceptional qualifications for the position of director of the Board of Pharmacy," said Health Commissioner John Dreyzehner, MD, MPH. "His education and professional pharmacy experience will be an asset to our Bureau of Health Licensure and Regulation."

As director of the Board of Pharmacy, Holt will support the operations and administration of the board by advising and informing members and conducting studies and research. He will act as a consultant to the Bureau of Health Licensure and Regulation in its enforcement duties on behalf of the board. He will also be responsible for maintenance and operation of the Controlled Substance Monitoring Database.

“I look forward to working with the talented team we have in place in the Board of Pharmacy office. Our mission of protecting, promoting and enhancing the health of all citizens in a respectful and caring manner is something I believe in very strongly. I am also excited to have the opportunity to assist our dedicated and talented board members as they carry out their duties,” said Holt.

Holt comes to state government after working as a pharmacy manager for Target, where he was responsible for managing the daily operations of a retail pharmacy and developing a site to train pharmacists to counsel patients and providers on optimum and cost-effective drug utilization. He also managed a floating pharmacist pool for the company’s Memphis and Nashville markets. Holt has also worked as a pharmacy manager for Walgreens and as a nuclear pharmacist for GE Healthcare in Memphis.

Holt received his Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of Tennessee Health Science Center and completed his pre-professional curriculum at the University of Memphis. He is licensed as a pharmacist in Tennessee, Arkansas and Mississippi and holds certifications in immunizations and medication therapy management from the American Pharmacists Association.

Holt is an assistant professor for both the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences and Department of Clinical Pharmacy at the University of Tennessee College of Pharmacy. He has held memberships in the American Pharmacists Association and the Tennessee Pharmacists Association. He has served as a member of the UT National Alumni Association Board of Governors and has held several positions including a term as president of the Memphis-Shelby County Chapter of the UT Alumni Association Board of Directors.
Several Pharmaceutical Science faculty were honored by the University of Tennessee Research Foundation (UTRF) for their new patents. Richard Magid, PhD, vice president of UTRF at the UT Health Science Center (UTHSC) and Steve Schwab, MD, UTHSC chancellor presented plaques to those who were awarded patents in 2010 and 2011. Duane Miller, PhD, professor and chair of the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences (pictured left center), was recognized for three patents including *Treating Wasting Disorders with Selective Androgen Receptor Modulators*, *Large-Scale Synthesis of Selective Androgen Receptor Modulators*, and *Treating Muscle Wasting with Selective Androgen Receptor Modulators*. Himanshu Bhattacharjee, PhD, assistant professor; Bob Moore, PhD, professor; Ryan Yates, PhD, professor (pictured right center) and Dr. Miller were honored for their patent of Selective Androgen Receptor Modulators and Methods of Use Thereof. Shannon McCool, DPh, chairman and chief executive officer of RxBio and College of Pharmacy alumnus spoke at the luncheon on “Moving to the Market.”

**Franks Leads Curricular Development Workshop at University of Colorado**

Andrea Franks, PharmD, BCPS, associate professor of Clinical Pharmacy, was invited to facilitate two 3-hour workshops as part of the University of Colorado Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences retreat. The retreat was held in Golden, Colorado January 5-6, 2012. Dr. Franks (center) led sessions on *Teaching for Learning: The Theory and Research Behind the Practice*, *Creating Significant Learning Experiences*, and *Active Learning Strategies*. 
New regulations were put into place as of January 1, 2012 for pain clinics throughout the state of Tennessee. Pain clinics have become an increasing problem, making narcotic abuse a pressing issue. University of Tennessee College of Pharmacy Professor and Associate Dean of Continuing Education Glenn Farr states “Hydrocodone is the most prescribed drug that we have. In fact it’s over 40 million prescriptions more in the United States per year than the second leading prescription drug which is for lowering cholesterol.” With these new regulations, changes will be made concerning how people will be able to pay for visits and how pain clinics will be licensed. Knoxville police chief David Rausch states, “It’s the worst drug problem we have ever encountered.” Now, pain clinics become certified through the state department of health and will no longer be able to take cash for scheduled visits from patients. This will hopefully reduce the amount of prescriptions coming from these clinics. Police think that this should be the first of many steps that are needed from lawmakers to reduce the criminal activity associated with prescription pain medications.

Several faculty members and staff visited Duren’s Pharmacy in Waynesboro in January. This pharmacy serves as a site for one of the required rotations in our curriculum, Advanced Community Pharmacy. It will also be a new site for the Community Pharmacy Residency Program beginning in July 2012. During the visit, the potential of hosting an elective rotation in Medication Therapy Management was discussed. This rotation was recently approved by the faculty at UT College of Pharmacy. Drs. Jerry Duren and Rachel Barnes are two of the main pharmacists who precept our students. Dr. Jeff Duren also helps precept and train students at Duren’s Pharmacy. Laverne Jones (Office of Experiential Education staff), Haley Armstrong (P3 student taking the academia rotation), Dr. Stephan Foster (Director, IPPE program), and Dr. Rex Brown (Director, Office of Experiential Education) traveled from Memphis. Dr. Todd Bess who directs the Community Pharmacy Residency Program traveled from Nashville. Site visits are conducted frequently across the state of Tennessee each year. Pictured from left to right are Laverne Jones, Rex Brown, Jerry Duren, Hailey Armstrong, Todd Bess, Rachel Barnes and Stephan Foster.
Knoxville Faculty and Staff Support Arthritis Research in Jingle Bell Run

This year marks the 21st annual Jingle Bell Run in Knoxville. Runners and walkers alike make this a festive event, dressing the part and showing their Christmas spirit all while supporting the Arthritis Foundation. Over $100,000 was raised this year as 1700 participants made their way through downtown Knoxville. The faculty and staff of the University of Tennessee College of Pharmacy put on their Santa hats and running shoes, showing their support for research all while celebrating the season. Pictured left to right are staff members Michelle Nower and Stephanie Weathers, MS and Department of Clinical Pharmacy faculty members Shaunta Ray PharmD, BCPS; Michelle Z. Farland PharmD, BCPS, CDE; Debbie C. Byrd PharmD, BCPS; Heather D. Eppert PharmD, BCPS and Anthony Guarascio PharmD, BCPS.

Farland – UT Featured in Joint Report on Incorporation of MTM into Pharmacy Curricula

The American Pharmacists Association (APhA) and the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AACP) announced the release of the publication: Development and Implementation of Curricula Strategies in Medication Therapy Management by Colleges and Schools of Pharmacy – Summary Report of Submissions. The purpose of this report is to provide key information that will assist in the development of curricular strategies to introduce medication therapy management (MTM) in colleges and schools of pharmacy. Michelle Z. Farland, PharmD, BCPS, CDE, assistant professor of Clinical Pharmacy, submitted the entry on MTM at UT College of Pharmacy. Each entry in the report contains a summary of the submission with key points, barriers to implementation and key concepts. Both the full and summary reports can be found on the AACP Web site under Resources, Successful Practices in Academic Pharmacy.

Board of Pharmacy Specialties Update

Board of Pharmacy Specialties certification exemplifies a clinician’s competence and advanced abilities in their specialty area of clinical practice. The following faculty were recently board certified: Hannah Bursiek, PharmD, BCPS; Alyse Chandler, PharmD, BCPS; Chad Gentry, PharmD, BCACP, CDE; Benjamin Gross, PharmD, BCPS, BCACP, CDE; Brooke Whitmore Gross, PharmD, BCPS; Hope Swanson, PharmD, BCPS; Deb Ward, PharmD, BCOP, BCPS.
FACULTY

Franks Visits Capitol Hill as AACP Academic Leadership Fellow

Andrea Franks, PharmD, BCPS, associate professor of Clinical Pharmacy (center), is participating in the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AACP) Academic Leadership Fellow Program (ALFP). As part of the advocacy training during the November AACP ALFP program in Washington DC, each fellow spent a morning on Capitol Hill. Dr. Franks had the opportunity to participate in Tennessee Tuesday, visiting with political leaders and their staff. Dr. Franks is pictured with fellow Tennesseans participating in the AACP ALFP, Drs. Michael Crouch from East Tennessee State University (far left) and Mark Stephens (’85) from Union University (far right) and US Senators Lamar Alexander (left) and Bob Corker (right).

FACULTY PUBLICATIONS


McFarland MS, Markley BM, Zhang P, Hudson JQ. Evaluation of Modification of Diet in Renal Disease study and Cockcroft-Gault equations for sitagliptin dosing. *Journal of Nephrology* 2011 (Sep); 7:0.doi: 10.5301/jn.5000026.


FACULTY PRESENTATIONS


STUDENTS, GRADUATE STUDENTS, & POST DOCTORAL RESIDENTS

College of Pharmacy Supports St. Jude Memphis Marathon

Each year, students, alumni, faculty, and staff from the University of Tennessee Health Science Center run the St. Jude full or half-marathon. Participation in this event is never lacking from the College of Pharmacy. From runners to volunteers, everyone plays a role in the success of this annual charitable event. Some of the runners this year included Camille Hemund, Kristen DeHaven, PJ Bass, Julie Hancock, and Emily Barker (pictured right, L to R). Stations are set up, like the one pictured below with first year student pharmacists, on the UTHSC campus by student organizations to provide water and cheerful words of encouragement to the race participants. The St. Jude Memphis Marathon leaves runners with much more than just an achievement award at the end. This race sets itself apart by offering a deep sense of heart-felt pride and accomplishment. “Not many races have that feel-good nature or St. Jude moments that ours offers,” said event coordinator Dwight Drinkard. “We always hear from runners that their favorite part of the race is running through the St. Jude campus and seeing all the patients and staff cheering them on. That’s an experience that no other race can give you.”

ALUMNI & FRIENDS

New Building Dedication Video

The University of Tennessee Health Science Center dedicated the new College of Pharmacy building in August 2011. View a highlight video of the building dedication at: http://www.uthsc.edu/pharmacy/news/building-dedication.php
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Continuing Education: 35th Annual Pharmacy Update 2012

The University of Tennessee College of Pharmacy, in association with the Tennessee Pharmacist Association and the Tennessee Board of Pharmacy, presents the annual 15 hour live knowledge-based continuing education seminar, Pharmacy Update. Participation in both days of this seminar will grant 15 live contact hours of CE or you may choose to attend either the 8 live contact hour session Drug Update or the 7 live contact hour session General & Legal Update. Also, you may attend one session in one location and another session in a different location. These events will be presented on Saturdays and Sundays at these remaining locations.

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