

TEXAS Pharmacy

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Dr. Patrick Davis

New administrative structure

Dr. Patrick Davis returns to full-time faculty in August after serving 23 years as associate dean for academic affairs and as senior associate dean since 2008. In addition, Bill McIntyre has decided to retire from his position as associate dean for clinical programs at the end of August. Both have made significant contributions to the college's administrative team and will be greatly missed. Their departures provided an opportunity to make some adjustments in the administrative organizational structure. New appointments within the administration include:



- Associate Dean for Academic Affairs - Renee Acosta
 - Associate Dean for Healthcare Partnerships - Diane Ginsburg
 - Assistant Dean for Student Success - Bryson Duhon
 - Director of Pharm.D. Admissions - Greg Caldera
 - Director of Introductory Pharmacy Practice Education - Sherrie Bendele
- These new positions join our ongoing administrative team including
- Associate Dean for Research & Graduate Studies - John Richburg
 - Assistant Dean for Development & Alumni Relations - Susan Brown
 - Assistant Dean for Administration - Debra Madden
 - Assistant Dean for Experiential & Professional Affairs - Jennifer Ridings-Myhra
 - Assistant Dean for Financial Affairs - Joe Sosler



Dr. Bill McIntyre

Young to lead center for health interprofessional practice/education

Dr. Veronica Young, is the inaugural director of the new UT Austin Center for Health Interprofessional Practice and Education. The center is dedicated to developing interprofessional education, scholarship, and service among health education programs across the UT Austin campus. The center grew out of the highly-effective work of a multi-disciplinary steering committee that guided creation of an IPE class that launched last year. In addition to Dr. Young, members of the steering committee include John Luk (medicine), Barbara Jones (social work), and Gayle Timmerman (nursing). The new center received some of its start-up funding from Provost Maurie McInnis.



Dr. Veronica Young

College receives ACPE continued accreditation

The College of Pharmacy has been granted eight full years of continued accreditation by the Board of the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education. Dean Crismon shared that the site team report stated, "The College was proactive and deliberate in addressing the new requirements of Standards 2016." In this regard, they found the new Foundations of Professional Development six semester course series particularly noteworthy. The college also was commended on its efforts to implement interprofessional education at UT Austin.



Dr. Rueben Gonzales



Dr. Richard Morrisett

Alcohol Training Grant renewal

The College’s Alcohol Training Grant has received the fully-requested five-year renewal. The funding, which began in July 2017, provides financial support for five predoctoral and three post-doctoral trainees. The renewal provides funding for years 31-35 of this ongoing program. Total direct costs for the five-year period will be nearly \$1.6 million. The grant application was submitted under the co-principal investigatorship of Drs. Rueben Gonzales and Richard Morrisett. Effective Sept. 1, Morrisett becomes director of the grant and Gonzales will continue his participation as assistant director.



Mike Lester

Entrepreneurial program enters second year

In 2016, students were introduced to the Lester Entrepreneurial Scholars Program, an initiative designed to foster entrepreneurial thinking and creative leadership skills to tackle healthcare issues in innovative ways. The 2016-17 pilot program allowed organizers to optimize and scale the program to accommodate greater number of student participants. Faculty leaders including Drs. Nathan Pope, Janet Walkow and Alan Watts currently are accepting applications for the 2017-18 program through August 31. The program is named for Mike Lester, B.S. ‘79, who provided funding to support the program.



Team earns honors at Clinical Research Challenge

A team of three Longhorn student pharmacists placed among the elite programs in a national Clinical Research Challenge. The event, sponsored by the American College of Clinical Pharmacy (ACCP), attracted more than 80 teams from colleges across the country. The UT team was one of the eight CRC finalists. UT team participants included student pharmacists Austin Green, Laura Roccograndi, and Elwyn Welch. Dr. Tyler Gums, assistant professor of health outcomes and pharmacy practice, served as clinical research challenge advisor. Dr. Chris Frei, associate professor of pharmacotherapy, and Dr. Lucas Hill, clinical assistant professor of health outcomes and pharmacy practice, served as co-advisors of the college’s Student College of Clinical Pharmacy (SCCP) organization.



Dr. Kirk Evoy



Dr. Kentya Ford

Evoy, Ford receive funding from Kloesel Excellence Fund

Dr. Kirk Evoy, clinical assistant professor of pharmacotherapy, and Dr. Kentya Ford, assistant professor of health outcomes and pharmacy practice, are recipients of the latest grant from the Arlyn Kloesel Endowment for Excellence in Pharmacy Practice. The grant will support their study entitled “Addition of a Quit and Win Program to Intensive Smoking Cessation Therapy in an Underserved Hispanic Population.” Recipients of Arlyn Kloesel Awards are selected by an external review committee consisting of PhD graduates from the College’s graduate program in the Health Outcomes and Pharmacy Practice Division.



UT squad among top 10 at NCPA Business Plan Competition

Longhorn pharmacy was represented among the top ten at the 14th annual Good Neighbor Pharmacy NCPA Pruitt Schutte Business Plan Competition. Student pharmacists participating in this year's event included Cat McCormack, Tori Tackett, Kaylee Al-Saigh, and Tori Vaughan. Dr. Nathan Pope, clinical assistant professor of health outcomes and pharmacy practice, is advisor to the college's NCPA organization and helps prepare the team for this annual competition that is designed to motivate pharmacy students to create a business model for buying an existing independent community pharmacy or opening a new pharmacy.



Students attend summer addiction studies program

Four Longhorn student pharmacists attended week long summer programs sponsored by the Hazelden Betty Ford Foundation that permitted them to study addiction and its treatment. Student pharmacists Janci Addison, Claire Brandt, Kaitlin Kennedy, and Mandy Renfro participated in the Foundation's Summer Institute for Medical Students (SIMS). Kennedy attended a May session in Center City, Minn., while the other three travelled to Rancho Mirage, Calif. for sessions in May through July. At the institute, students live and learn in groups of 16 alongside top medical students from across the country. UT Austin is the only college of pharmacy in the country whose students participate in the SIMS program.



Celebrating staff

The college saluted the contributions of staff at the annual Staff Appreciation event held this year at the historic Broken Spoke restaurant and dance hall. Debra Madden, chief of staff, and Dean Lynn Crismon recognized staff successes including service anniversaries, merit and excellence award winners.

Service Anniversaries:
Oliver Gomez - 20 years
Jay Hamman - 20 years
Charmarie Burke - 15 years
Yung-Nan Liu - 15 years
Kristin Richards - 15 years
Shannon Vincent - 15 years
Anda Wynn - 15 years
DeCarlos Roberson - 10 years

Excellence Awardees:
Sherrie Bendele
Jay Hamman
Iris Jennings
John Reineke

Staff newcomer:
Jennifer Bindel

Merit Awardees:
Mirna Benhamou
Yolanda Camacho
George Castillo
Cheryl Dickens
Vicki Matustik
Cathy Rodriguez

Spirit of Texas Awardee:
Cene Abrams



Upcoming Calendar of Events

August

- 27 New Student Orientation
- 29 Gone to Texas
- 30 Fall Classes begin

September

- 16 Pharmacy Practice Seminar - CE
- 20 Advisory Council meeting

October

- 17 Career Day
- 14 NCPA meeting, UT reception
- 20 Homecoming Weekend
- 20 Alumni Reception/Awards Ceremony
- 21 Tailgate Party - UT vs. Oklahoma State

November

- 12 AAPS meeting, UT reception

December

- 3 ASHP mid-year meeting
- 11 Last day of fall classes
- 22 Winter break begins



Graduation 2017