

Faculty news

Barnes named to board appointment

J. Nile Barnes, clinical assistant professor of health outcomes and pharmacy practice, has been named one of three new appointees to the board of trustees of the TMF Health Quality Institute of Austin. Barnes is board-certified as a pharmacotherapy specialist as well as a pharmacist immunization provider/instructor. He is certified as an instructor in Advanced Cardiovascular Life Support, Pediatric Advanced Life Support and Basic Life Support. TMF Health Quality Institute focuses on improving lives by improving the quality of health care through contracts with federal, state and local governments, as well as private organizations.



Nile Barnes

Impact faculty

Every year graduating Pharm.D. students complete an exit survey in which they are asked, among other questions, to identify faculty members that had the greatest impact, academically and/or professionally on them during their time as a UT Pharm.D. student.

While many faculty received positive comments, the “Top Ten” in terms of receiving positive comments regarding their impact on the lives of members of the Pharm.D. Class of 2016 included:

Dewayne Davidson	Kelly Reveles
Pat Davis	Sharon Rush
Bryson Duhon	Laurajo Ryan
Diane Ginsburg	Jennifer Seltzer
Leroy Knodel	Veronica Young

Pope named to TPA leadership role

Dr. Nathan Pope, clinical assistant professor of health outcomes and pharmacy practice, has been elected as a director of the Texas Pharmacy Association effective in April 2016. Pope is also the director of the HEB Pharmacy/UT Community Practice Residency Program.

Koeller named HOPA fellow

James Koeller, professor of pharmacotherapy, has been named as one of the first fellows of the Hematology/Oncology Pharmacy Association (HOPA). He was recognized for this honor at the HOPA annual meeting in March.

Van Den Berg named Dean's fellow

Carla Van Den Berg, associate professor of pharmacology and toxicology, has been named as a Dean's Fellow for Academic Development. This is a one-year appointment during which she will develop her academic leadership skills and work with the college's Curriculum Committee, the Pharmacotherapy Revision Taskforce, the Pharm.D. Admissions Committee, the Learning Skills Committee, and the entire college faculty and administration to examine select critical issues related to the Pharm.D. program. The major charges of her appointment include development of an integrated pathophysiology sequence, assessment of prepharmacy curriculum and Pharmacy Adaptive Learning (PAL) oversight.

Faculty promotions

UT President Greg Fenves has approved faculty promotions throughout the university with two within the college including



Walter Fast



Jennifer Seltzer

- Walter Fast to professor of chemical biology and medicinal chemistry
- Jennifer Seltzer to clinical associate professor of pharmacotherapy

Congratulations to these two outstanding members of the college faculty. Their new appointments are effective with the start of the Fall 2016 semester.

Ghosh gains PhRMA grant

Dr. Debadyuti (Rana) Ghosh, assistant professor of pharmaceuticals, is recipient of a Research Starter Grant in Pharmaceuticals presented by the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America, PhRMA. The \$100,000 award is presented by the PhRMA Foundation by making quarterly payments of \$25,000 over a one-year period. For nearly 50 years the Foundation has provided funding to encourage and help young scientists launch careers in pharmacology/toxicology, pharmaceuticals, informatics, comparative effectiveness research, adherence evaluation, and adherence improvement.