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Congratulations to Andrea and Sue



Andrea Kjos,
PhD Graduate
(with her husband).

Andrea has accepted a position at Drake University as Assistant Professor of Social & Administrative Sciences. She is our 117th PhD graduate from the SAPh graduate program since 1974. **Sue** has accepted a position as a Pharmacy Manager at Summit Hospital in Milwaukee. She is our 2nd MS student to graduate in the Pharmacy Management Residency program since it began in 2006.



Susan Haight, MS-Resident Graduate (with her parents)

Graduate School Commencement May 2009



Pictured Left to Right: Professor Jon Schommer, MS Graduate—Susan Haight, PhD Graduate—Andrea Kjos, Associate Professor Marcia Worley, Associate Professor Richard Cline, and Professor Ronald Hadsall

Message from the Director of Graduate Studies



Jon C. Schommer, Ph.D.
Director of Graduate Studies, SAPh
Professor & Associate Department Head,
Pharmaceutical Care & Health Systems

Hello SAPh Friends around the world:

Greetings from Minnesota! I hope you enjoy this year's SAPh Graduate Program Newsletter. It is filled with news about our students, staff, and faculty. We have highlighted only a few of the many things going on in our program. The SAPh Graduate Program continues its heritage of leadership and pursuit of new opportunities.

If you haven't viewed our videos on our web site, they are a great way to get to know our graduate students a bit better. The videos can be found at:

<http://www.pharmacy.umn.edu/saphtrack/news/home.html>

We are an eclectic group, with diverse interests and personalities, but have the common goal of improving medication use for individuals, populations, and systems.

If you have a chance, please let us know what is happening with you! We would love to hear from you.

I wish to thank Val Cremin (cremi001@umn.edu) for putting together this year's newsletter. Val joined our department in Fall 2008 and is serving as the DGS-assistant for our graduate program.

We wish you a wonderful rest of 2009 and look forward to hearing from you!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jon C. Schommer". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jon Schommer
Director of Graduate Studies

No distance of place or lapse of time can lessen the friendship of those who are thoroughly persuaded of each other's worth.

~Robert Southey



SAPh Staff News



Department of Pharmaceutical Care & Health Systems and Social & Administrative Pharmacy Graduate Students, Faculty, and Staff pictured above with **Randi Tesdahl** at her retirement celebration on September 25, 2008. She worked at the University of Minnesota for 35 years. With sad news we report that Randi passed away on April 26, 2009 in her Florida home. A small family memorial was planned in her hometown of Duluth, Minnesota.



Staff: **Randi Tesdahl** (center) with Tola Ou-Quinlin and Lynn Harpel at the celebration.



Graduate Faculty Awards



Jon Schommer, recipient of the 2008-09 Award for **Outstanding Contributions to Postbaccalaureate, Graduate, and Professional Education: For Excellence in Teaching**. Pictured above are all the recipients of the Distinguished Teaching Award posed with President Bob Bruininks and Regent Clyde Allen before the ceremony on Monday, April 27.

Website: http://www.alumni.umn.edu/Great_Teachers_Honored.html

Peters Institute of Pharmaceutical Care Research Awards – 2009

Mark Scheiderhan, PharmD, BCPP: “Point-of-Care Testing for Metabolic Syndrome Induced by Antipsychotics”

Shannon Reidt, PharmD, MPH, BCPS: “Pharmacist Managed Medication –Related Problems Reporting System”

Jody Lounsbery, PharmD, BCPS: “Evaluation of Strategies to Increase Resident Physician Use of Pharmaceutical Care Services”

Tim Cernohous, PharmD; Advisor: Randall Seifert, : “Delivery of Medication Therapy Management via Distance Based Technology- A Feasibility Study”

2009 APhA Conference Award

Dr. Steve Schondelmeyer, Pharmaceutical Care & Health Systems Department Head, was recognized as the PPSI Distinguished Person of the Year at the APhA (American Pharmacists Association) annual conference in San Antonio.

Graduate Faculty Awards

Faculty Promotions

Professor Brian Isetts has been promoted from Associate to Full Professor effective July 1, 2009.

Professor Wendy St. Peter has been promoted from Associate to Full Professor effective July 1, 2009.

Faculty Retirement

Professor Linda Strand retires from the University of Minnesota in June 2009. She will continue work in her pharmaceutical care business. We wish Dr. Strand all the best and thank her for all of her contributions to the SAPh program.



Patrick Gleason, Adjunct Associate Professor & Director of Clinical Outcomes Assessment, Prime Therapeutics LLC. Received the *Award for Excellence* for the best article in JMCP during 2008 from the Journal of Managed Care Pharmacy.



Bob Cipolle, Professor PCHS, (above left) and **Tom Rector**, Adjunct Professor PCHS, (above right photo) were recognized at the U of M **2008 Inventor Recognition Ceremony**.

Dr. Cipolle (and collaborators Dr. Linda Strand and Dr. Peter Morley) received special recognition by Vice President Mulcahy for their important work in documentation and medication management systems that have been translated into real world uses.

www.research.umn.edu/techcomm/Ustartups.htm

Dr. Rector's recognition was for his development of a quality of life measure for "living with heart failure" that is used throughout the world.



Pharmacy Management Residency with MS Degree Program Awards



Scott Knoer (left) receives the Hugh Kabat Award



Sue Haight, MS Graduate, receives the Resident of the Year Award



Pam Phelps receives the Tom Kohout Meritorious Service Award

The Pharmacy Management Residency Program is a 2-year residency program that fulfills the requirements of a PGY-1 and PGY-2 residency. The successful resident is awarded a certificate for the PGY-1, the PGY-2, and a Master's Degree in Social & Administrative Pharmacy from the University of Minnesota College of Pharmacy. The program began in 2006 and **Dr. Scott Knoer** is the Director of Pharmacy, University/Fairview Medical Center. **Dr. Pam Phelps** is the Director of Clinical Pharmacy Services, University/Fairview Medical Center and **Dr. Sue Haight** is the 2nd student to graduate from this program.

Pictured are the award recipients at the 2009 Minnesota Society of Health Systems Pharmacist (MSHP) conference presented by Michael Gulseth.



Sue Haight, Pam Phelps, Scott Knoer

MS Students—past and present

2008 Graduate: **Lindsey R. Kelley**, M.S., Pharm.D.
Pharmacy Manager
UPMC Presbyterian Shadyside
Pittsburgh, PA

2009 Graduate: **Susan Haight**, M.S., Pharm.D.
Pharmacy Manager
Summit Hospital
Milwaukee, WI

2nd-year Student (2008- 2010): **Veena Rajanna**, Pharm.D.

1st-year Student (2009 - 2011): **Rachel Root**, Pharm.D



Graduate Students



2009 GRADUATES

SUSAN HAIGHT, Pharm.D, MS—Topic: Impact of Pharmacist Led Discharge Medication Teaching in the Pediatric Inpatient Setting

ANDREA KJOS, Pharm.D., Ph.D.—“The Role of Social Networks in Medication Information Seeking Behavior”

CURRENT STUDENTS & PROJECTS

JONATHAN ABDUL-HAQQ—Topic of Interest: Bioethics applications for pharmaceuticals

MATEUS ALVES—Topic Interest: Health Care as a Human Right

CHRISTINE BARTELS—“Analysis of Pharmacist Clinical Decision-Making for Medication Therapy Management in the Ambulatory Care Setting”

JENNEL BILEK—Topic of Interest: Pharmaceutical Policy and Law

MADLINE CARPINELLI—Topic Interest: States’ Maximization of the 340B Drug Discount Program

JOSE WILLIAM CASTELLANOS—“Characteristics of Latino smokers willing to quit tobacco use, of Latino smokers not willing to quit tobacco use, and of Latino former smokers living in Minnesota”

TIMOTHY CERNOHOUS Duluth—1) “Halvor Lines Hypertension and Diabetes Trial (HHD1)”; 2) “Delivery of Medication Therapy Management (MTM) via Distance Based Technology - A Feasibility Study”

YEN-WEN (CINDY) CHEN—“The Role of Bisphosphonates in the Inhibition of Vascular Calcification: Potential Novel Pharmaceutical Therapy for Reducing Cardiovascular Morbidity and Mortality”

HOLLY EPPERLY—“Drug Surveillance and Safety using secondary data”

SHEIREN FARAG-EL-MASSAH—Topic of Interest: Successes and Failures of Designated Orphan Drug Products

WILLIAM FISHER—Topic of Interest: Pharmaceutical Policy

CHAMIKA HAWKINS-TAYLOR—Topic of Interest: BiDil Heart Failure Drug: Innovation or Redundancy?

TAO JIN—“The Intention to Enroll in Medicare Part D: An analysis in the population approaching sixty-five years of age”

VICTORIA LOSINSKI—Determining the Educational Experiences Required to Prepare Pharmaceutical Care Practitioners

JAGANNATH MUZUMDAR—“Use of Anthropomorphism in Direct-to-Consumer Advertising of Medications”

MOUSTAPHA OMAR—Topic of Interest: Language Barriers for Pharmaceutical Care in the United States

TAEHWAN PARK—Research Project: 2009 National Pharmacist Workforce Survey

RICHARD PHAM—“Examining Knowledge Differences Between Cross-Sectional and Longitudinal Studies Using An Annual National Health Survey”

ELITA POPLAVSKA—Topic of Interest: Pharmaceutical Care

VEENA RAJANNA (MS Resident Program)—“Evaluation of Clinical Parameters and Resistance Patterns after Implementation of an Antimicrobial Stewardship Program”

DANIEL SEPULVEDA—“Generic Utilization in the Medicaid Program: 1991 to 2008”

AKEEM YUSUF—Research Project: 2009 National Pharmacist Workforce Survey

KIMBERLY ZEMKE—“Define the elements that enhance and impede the sustainability of academic clinical practices in Schools/Colleges of Nursing and Pharmacy”

SITING ZHOU—Topic of Interest: Pharmaceutical Outcomes Evaluation

INCOMING STUDENTS FALL 2009

ERIKA FREITAS, Brazil (PhD Program)

KATERINA GONCHARUK, Minnesota (PhD Program)

RACHEL ROOT, Minnesota (MS Program)

DANIEL TOMASZEWSKI, Duluth, MN (PhD Program)

Student News & ISPOR

2008-2009 Student Awards and Recognition

Christine Bartels—received the Wiederhold Consortium for Research in Administrative Pharmacy Best Presentation Award at the 2008 Midwest SAPh Conference in Chicago

Holly Epperly—in-coming APhA-APRS Post Graduate Officer

Andrea Kjos—awarded the AFPE Fellowship & **SAPh Wertheimer Leadership Fellowship Award** (pictured below with Dr. Schommer); also the out-going APhA-APRS Post Graduate Officer



Andrea Kjos, received the 6th Annual Wertheimer Fellowship Award presented by Professor Jon Schommer

Wertheimer Leadership Fellowship Award:

Created to encourage and recognize leadership qualities and aspirations among Ph.D. students in the SAPh program. Donations to this Fellowship Fund are welcome—please make your check payable to the University of Minnesota/ Wertheimer Fellowship and mail to: Jon Schommer, College of Pharmacy, 7-155 Weaver-Densford Hall, 308 Harvard Street SE, Minneapolis, MN 55455

ISPOR (Minnesota Student Chapter)

International Society For Pharmacoeconomics and Outcomes Research

http://www.ispor.org/student/UMNSC-ISPOR/UMNSC_chapter.asp



Pictured (from left to right): **Front Row:** Yen-Wen Chen (Cindy), Siting Zhou, Taehwan Park

Second Row: Holly Epperly, Andrea Kjos, Mateus Alves

Third Row: Elita Poplavska, Daniel Sepulveda, Chamika Hawkins-Taylor

Back Row: Jagannath Muzumdar, Akeem Yusuf, Timothy Cernohous

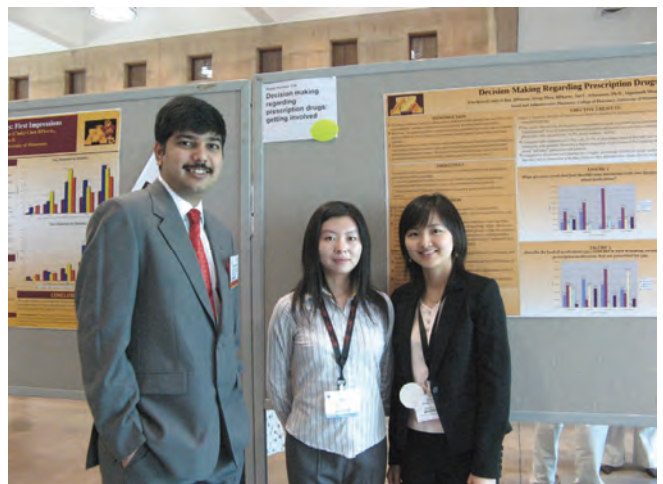
Student News



2008 Midwest SAPh Conference in Chicago—graduate students and faculty attended. The next meeting will be in 2010 in Iowa



Graduate students met for Thai dinner with **Surasak Chaiyasong** (pictured front/center) for a celebration of his completion of the SAPh Visiting Scholar Program



Jagannath, Siting, and Cindy present their research posters at the APhA conference in San Antonio, TX in April 2009.



Andrea Kjos presenting her final dissertation



Jagannath Muzumdar giving a lecture to a Pharmacy class

Alumni News



Michael Ira Smith, '79, Ph.D.— (pictured above) Giving a SAPh Student Seminar Lecture

Kudos to the following Alumni:

Lawrence M. Brown, ('03, Ph.D.) was recently promoted to Associate Professor with Tenure at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center and is the Director of UT Center for Medication Therapy Management. In addition he is now the Director of Graduate Studies in Health Outcomes and Policy Research.

Joni Buffalohead, ('07, Ph.D.) is now the Executive Director of Pejuta: Indigenous Medication Therapy Management Services. Pejuta: IMTMS is a nonprofit organization formed to improve access to medication therapy management services and pharmaceutical products to decrease health disparities for American Indian tribes, organizations and communities.

Alumni—Please send us any changes in your contact information, awards, and promotions. We would be pleased to hear from you with any news you would like to share with us.

Josh Devine, ('06, Ph.D.) was awarded the 2008 AMSUS Award for Excellence in Clinical Pharmacy Practice that recognizes the leadership role of a Federal pharmacist in the transformation of pharmacy practice. Fall 2009 he will be reassigned to Director of Pharmacy Services to the Randolph AFB Medical Group that provides medical and dental care, disaster response, health promotion and occupational public health support to the 12th Flying Training Wing.

Marcus Droege, ('03, Ph.D.), Joel Farley ('06, Ph.D.), and Richard Hansen ('03, Ph.D.) were part of a team that won best post at the year's ISPOR meeting.

Richard Hansen, ('03, Ph.D.) was recently promoted to Associate Professor at University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, Eshelman School of Pharmacy, Pharmaceutical Policy & Evaluation Sciences.

Vijj Kasemsup, ('05, Ph.D.) was promoted in 2008 to Assistant Dean for Research at the Faculty of Medicine, Ramathibodi Hospital, Mahidol University, Thailand.

Phantipa Sakthong, ('06, Ph.D.) was promoted to Assistant Professor (September 2008) at Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, Thailand. She received the 2008 Nagai Award (Japan) for excellent research in the field of pharmacy practice/administration.

Luz Dalia Sanchez, ('06, Ph.D.) was elected chair of the Northwest Maricopa Regional Partnership Council at the Arizona Early Childhood Development & Health Board, First Things First in May 2008. She also received an award for outstanding services during the Emergency Preparedness Awareness Program, in 2007 from Maricopa County Department of Public Health and also an award for community services to the Diabetes Expo 2008 from the American Diabetes Association.

Mark Siracuse, ('03, Ph.D.) has been promoted to Associate Professor with tenure in the Department of Pharmacy Sciences, Creighton Health Services Research Program, School of Pharmacy and Health Professions at Creighton University.

Xin (Sam) Ye, ('05, Ph.D.) has a new position as Associate Director at the Health Economics and Reimbursement—ETHICON

Dongmu Zhang, ('06, Ph.D.) was Awarded "Best New Investigator Podium Presentation" at the International Society for Pharmacoeconomics & Outcomes Research (ISPOR) conference.

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SAPh Mission:

The widespread use and dependency on drugs and drug products in today's society, coupled with an increased utilization and application of pharmaceutical services, has created a need for individuals who can study the social, psychosocial, political, legal, historic and economic factors that impinge upon the use, non-use and abuse of drugs. A number of critical factors shaping the health policies in the United States and around the world emphasize the need for increased research concerning the role of pharmaceuticals and the pharmacy practitioner in new and old systems of health care. In order to accomplish this goal, the University of Minnesota College of Pharmacy offers a graduate program in Social and Administrative Pharmacy.

