

Social & Administrative Pharmacy Graduate Program

2013 GRADUATES



L to R: Madeline Wallack (PhD); Ahmed Soliman (PhD);
Gina Rozinka (MS Residency); Taehwan Park (PhD);
Erika Freitas (PhD); Jennell Bilek (PhD)



Congratulations! Taehwan, Madeline, Gina, Ahmed, Erika & Jennell
Hooding Ceremony held at the TCF Bank Stadium on May 11, 2013

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- **Dr. Ronald Hadsall** was awarded the U's Excellence in Teaching
- **Dr. Norrie Thomas** received the U's Outstanding Achievement Award
- **Dr. Angie Carlson** received the 2013 Paul and Sheila Wellstone Public Health Achievement Award



Jon Schommer, PhD
Director of Graduate

DGS MESSAGE

It's been another event– full year for the SAPh graduate program.

We will let the pictures tell the story.

Wishing you a Wonderful Year,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jon C. Schommer".

Jon Schommer
Director of Graduate Studies

2013 SAPh Graduates “Hats Off to Thee”



Jennell C. Bilek, Pharm.D., J.D.; Degree: Ph.D.
Thesis Title: *The Relationship Between Overall Utilization and Settlements Involving Off-Label Promotion of Prescription Drugs*

Erika L. Freitas, M.S.; Degree: Ph.D.
Thesis Title: *Why do I think the way I do? Troubling the concept of critical thinking in pharmacy classrooms*

Taehwan Park, M.S.; Degree: Ph.D.
Thesis Title: *Development of an instrument to assess patient's coping responses to perceived adverse drug problems using item response theory*

Gina Rozinka, Pharm.D.; Degree: M.S.
Thesis Title: *Applying the Principles of Project RED: Evaluation of an Enhanced Discharge Pilot on Readmission Rates in a General Medicine Service*

Ahmed Soliman, M.S.; Degree: Ph.D.
Thesis Title: *Medication Therapy Management (MTM): A Tool for Optimizing Clinical and Economic Outcomes in the Management of Chronic Diseases*

Madeline Carpinelli Wallack, M.S.; Degree: Ph.D.
Thesis Title: *Critical Access Hospitals and the 340B Drug Discount Program*



STUDENT NEWS & AWARDS



Ahmed Soliman pictured with Dr. Angie Carlson (advisor) is awarded the **Wertheimer Leadership Fellowship Award** for 2012-2013 academic year

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.



Graduates and their families at the Hooding Ceremony Reception



STUDENT NEWS & AWARDS



Benjamin Aronson & Reid Smith were awarded **AFPE Pre-Doctoral Fellowships in the Clinical Pharmaceutical Sciences** (September 1, 2013 to August 31, 2014). The receipt of an AFPE Pre-Doctoral Fellowship is a national competition with peers. They are now members of a distinguished group who have received this fellowship since 1942.

Benjamin D. Aronson, Margarette L. Kading, Reid C. Smith, Duluth SAPh Graduate students are the recipients of the **2013 AACP Walmart Scholar Program**.



Delford Doherty is the recipient of the **2013-14 Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship**. His dissertation title is *Non-Deemed LIS: An Evaluation of Expenditure, Utilization, and Healthcare Outcomes*.



Fellowship Recipients for 2012-2013

Maggie Kadding: 1st Year Graduate School Fellowship

Basma Gomaa: AAUW Fellowship

Ahmed Soliman: Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship & Wertheimer Leadership Fellowship

Ruizhi Zhao: 1st Year Graduate School Fellowship

Combined SAPh MS Residency Students

Margo Bowman (UMMC)

Gina Rozinka (HCMC)

Bernadette Aragon ((HCMC)

Brandon Ferlas (UMMC)



Incoming Fall 2013 SAPh Graduate Students

Megan Born: MS Residency Program, UMMC

Kristin Showen: MS Residency Program, HCMC

Bithia Fikru: PhD

Michael Fitzgibbons: MS

Miigis Gonzalez: PhD

Claire Kolar: PhD

Kashayar Memari: MS

Deborah Pestka: PhD

Sirikan Rojanasart: PhD

Incoming Spring 2013: Muskadee Montano: PhD



CONFERENCES & EVENTS

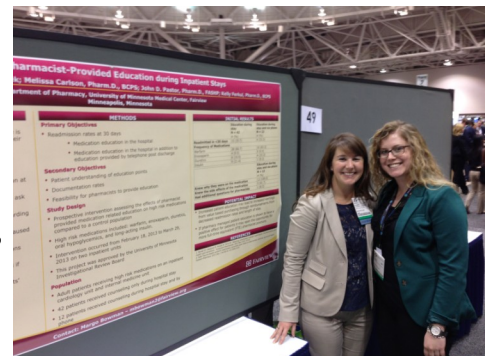
2012 Midwest SAPh meeting in Madison, Wisconsin Aug 8—10



U of M SAPh alumni, faculty and students with the WI Badger mascot.



Left: **ISPOR Conference** in Washington, DC, Ahmed Soliman, Taehwan Park, Weiping Su, and Siting Zhou



Right: **ASHP Conference** in Las Vegas with Margo Bowman, and Gina Rozinka

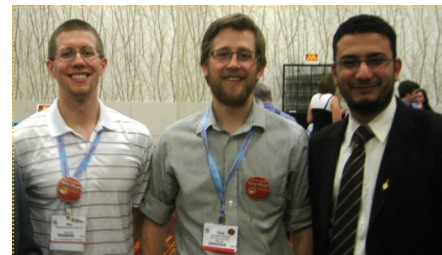
APhA annual meeting in LA (SAPh Reception Event) March 1—5, 2013



Richard Hansen, Jon Schommer, & Lawrence Brown (LB)



Margo Bowman & Bernadette Aragon



Ben Aronson, Reid Smith, & Ahmed Soliman



Congratulations to faculty recognized at this year's MPhA Annual Meeting

Left: **Bruce Thompson: Harold R. Popp Award** (MPhA's highest award)

Right: **Randy Seifert: Incoming President-elect**



GRADUATE FACULTY NEWS



Terrence Adam was promoted with tenure to Associate Professor effective July 1, 2013.



Barbara Brandt is the PI of the \$800,000 HRSA grant. The focus of the grant is to align Minnesota workforce goals with new national vision for linking interprofessional education and collaborative practice.



Brian Isetts is currently a health policy fellow, at the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation. He presented the **2013 Melendy Lecture** on March 25 & 26: "Progress Toward Goals: Building a Medication Use System Our Country Deserves," Isetts was selected by the College Board to present his lecture and visit with students.



Kristin Janke is the director of the **Wulling Center for Innovation & Scholarship in Pharmacy Education (W-CISPE)** that was launched Spring 2013. For more information visit the website: <http://www.pharmacy.umn.edu/w-cispe/index.htm>



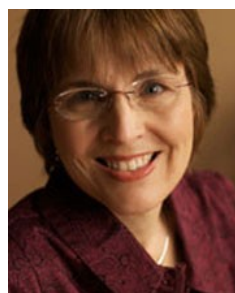
Michelle Johnson-Jennings was appointed to a 2-year term on the National Institute of Health, National Institute of Drug Abuse (NIDA) American Indian Alaska Native work group. This group makes recommendations to NIDA on research needed to better understand, prevent and treat substance abuse and addiction in American Indian/Alaska Native populations and to develop addiction research capacity in those communities. **Johnson-Jennings** also received an R01 NIH/NIDA grant for her project, *American Indians, Substance Use, and HIV Risk Behaviors: Secondary Data Analysis of the National Longitudinal Study of Adolescent Health*.



Serguei Pakhomov is one of three co-PIs on an R01 award from the National Library of Medicine. The project, *Natural Language Processing for Clinical and Translational Research*, will receive \$148K per year for four years. **Pakhomov** also received a \$400,000 award from the Alzheimer's Association for his project, *Automated Semantic Indices for Early Detection of Cognitive Changes*.



Paul Ranelli was elected to one of the Section Councilor positions in the Medical Care Section of the American Public Health Association (APHA). His term begins after March APHA annual meeting and runs until fall 2015.



Wendy St. Peter was featured on the ACCP website in recognition of her contributions to the college and the profession of pharmacy: <http://www.accp.com/membership/vrp.aspx>

GRADUATE FACULTY NEWS



Angie Carlson will receive the **Paul and Sheila Wellstone Public Health Achievement Award** from the Minnesota Public Health Association (MPHA) during the annual meeting in June. This award honors an individual who has distinguished him/herself in public health through an outstanding contribution, which exemplifies MPHA's mission to promote and protect the health of individuals, families and the community.



Left: **Ronald Hadsall** was awarded the 2012-2013 **Outstanding Contributions to Graduate Education** at the Alumni Associations Distinguished Teaching Award Ceremony on April 30.



Right: **Jon Schommer** and **Don Uden** were past Distinguished Teaching award recipients.



Jon Schommer is a recipient of a \$15,000 award from the College of Pharmacy's New Research Directions in the Grants Award Program for his project, *National Consumer Survey on the Medication Experience*. **Schommer** was also voted as Professor of the Year, TwinCities PharmD class of 2014



Todd Sorensen was named the **Peters Chair in Pharmacy Practice Innovation**, effective Jan. 1, 2013. The Peters Chair was established through a gift from William and Mildred Peters to stimulate innovation and research that would advance the practice of pharmacy.



Randy Seifert received the **Faculty Recognition Award** from the Pharmacy Alumni Society.



Tim Stratton is the 2012-13 recipient of the **College of Pharmacy Excellence in Professional Education Faculty Award**. He was recognized for his leadership in the PPPS Department, across the University and in the practice community.

ALUMNI NEWS



Norrie Thomas (PhD 1983) received the **University's Outstanding Achievement Award** for her accomplishments in managed care pharmacy. This is the Highest Non-Degree Conferred by the University of Minnesota.



Elected Fellows by APhA—APPM 2013

L: **Virginia Scott** (PhD 1996)—is currently Professor at West Virginia University and
R: **Richard A. Hansen** (PhD 2003) is currently Professor and Dept Head at Auburn University



Özlem H. Ersin, MBA, MEd, (PhD 2011), is the Assistant Department Chair and Associate Professor in Pharmaceutical Sciences, Manchester University College of Pharmacy. Pictured on the left she is at a White Coat Ceremony for the inaugural class, mentees, and dean.



Center: **Puree Anantachoti** (PhD 2001) visited October 2012. She is faculty at Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, Thailand.



Center: **Sam (Xin) Ye** (PhD 2005) visited June 2013. He is the Director of Health Economics & Outcomes Research, Daiichi Sankyo Inc. in New Jersey. L-R: Jon Schommer, Ruizhi Zhao, Sam Ye, Weiping Su, Ron Hadsall.

ALUMNI NEWS



Dr. Ahmad Fuad Afdhal (MS 1981, PhD 1983) was honored as the Recipient of the 2012 University of Minnesota, Distinguished Leadership Award for Internationals: http://global.umn.edu/honors/dlai/12_afdhal.html

He has demonstrated outstanding leadership in academia, business and international research in pharmacoeconomics. Currently he is president of his local chapter of the International Society for Pharmacoeconomic and Outcomes Research.

“Hello, from Duluth!
Yay! It’s not
snowing.

~Dan, Maggie, Paul,
Reid & Ben



Guest Speaker, **Dr. Afdhal**, at SAPh Seminar on September 20, 2012 with the graduate students and faculty on the Minneapolis campus and via ITV in Duluth .

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S A P h M i s s i o n

The mission of the Graduate Program in Social and Administrative Pharmacy is to educate and mentor graduate students in the discovery and dissemination of new knowledge to foster appropriate use of drugs in order to improve patient outcomes at the individual and societal level.

S A P h V i s i o n

Develop leaders and scholars to effect systems change that optimizes medication use and improves the health of all people. (adopted 2010)

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