

# Social & Administrative Pharmacy Graduate Program Newsletter

## Congratulations 2015 Graduates



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Pictured L to R: Jon Rumbley, Asst. Professor; **Reid Smith**, PhD Grad;  
**Kristin Showen**, MS Grad; **Dan Tomaszewski**, PhD Grad; **Maggie Kading**, PhD Grad;  
Ron Hadsall, Professor; **Megan Born**, MS Grad; Caroline Gaither, Professor;  
Tim Stratton, Professor; Randy Seifert, Professor; Melissa Walls, Asst. Professor;  
Raquel Rodriguez, Assoc. Professor; Jon Schommer, Professor;  
Sue Haight, Adj. Asst. Professor; John Pastor, Adj. Clinical Assoc. Professor;  
**Weiping Su**, PhD Grad (not pictured)

## Director of Graduate Studies Message



Jon Schommer,  
PhD

Hello SAPH Colleagues:

This past year in the SAPH Graduate Program has been filled with travel.

1. Our graduates have moved to new positions throughout the world.
2. This Fall, we will be welcoming 10 new graduate students to Minneapolis.
3. Last Fall, over 100 alumni and friends gathered for our reunion.
4. Visiting scholars from around the world have been working with us here in Minnesota.
5. Faculty and students have been traveling throughout the world for conferences and collaborations in diverse areas such as: pharmacy practice, managed care, health systems, public health, psychology, social pharmacy, rural health, population health, education, leadership, policy, economics, and outcomes research.

We have benefited greatly as we share our work and discuss our ideas. There is an energy in our program right now that reflects some of the wisdom contained in the quotes listed below. We are reminded of how fortunate we are to have world-wide connections with our alumni and friends!

Sincerely, Jon Schommer, Director of Graduate Studies

**“We must go beyond textbooks, go out into the bypaths and untrodden depths of the wilderness and travel and explore and tell the world the glories of our journey.” – John Hope Franklin**

*Life  
is a Journey*

**“Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn’t do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover.” – Mark Twain**

**“You do not travel if you are afraid of the unknown, you travel for the unknown, that reveals you with yourself.” – Ella Maillart**

**“Once you have traveled, the voyage never ends, but is played out over and over again in the quietest chambers. The mind can never break off from the journey.” – Pat Conroy**

### 2015 Graduates

**Megan Born**, PharmD, MS, Thesis : *Impact of discharge interventions at an academic medical center*

**Margarette Kading**, PharmD, PhD, Thesis : *Positive Mental Health: A Concept Mapping Exploration*

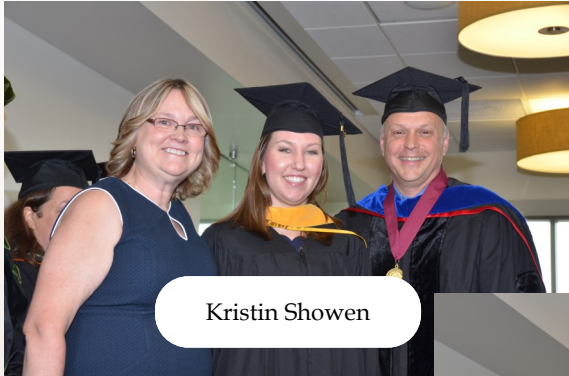
**Kristin Showen**, PharmD, MS, Thesis : *Impact of insourcing all IV sterile compounding and development of a pharmacist workload and productivity tool at a large academic medical center*

**Reid Smith**, PharmD, PhD, Thesis : *Examining Risk Perception and Its Influence on Treatment Adherence in Those with Type II Diabetes Mellitus*

**Weiping Su**, MS, PhD, Thesis: *The Impact of Retail Pharmacy Benefit Design Changes on Medication Adherence and Prescription Drug Utilization Among Commercially Insured Continuously Enrolled Patient with Chronic Disease*

**Daniel Tomaszewski**, PharmD, PhD, Thesis : *Using the Theory of Planned Behavior to Measure Pharmacists’ Engagement in Political Advocacy and Determine Factors Impacting Their Engagement*

# Hats Off To Thee 2015 Graduates



Kristin Showen



Megan Born



Reid Smith



Dan Tomaszewski



Maggie Kading

## Faculty & Student Speakers



- ⇒ Jon Schommer (above)
- ⇒ Dan Tomaszewski (below)



# Graduate Student News



Sheiren Farag-El-Massah (center) mentoring PharmD students



Sirikan Rojanasart and Rebecca St. Germaine and team placed 3rd out of 14 teams at the Global Health Case Competition, held at the University of Minnesota, sponsored by the Global Health and Social Responsibility. Presentation: "2024 Full Spirits: Public Health Olympics in Kolkata, India,"

## MIDWEST SAPH CONFERENCE JULY 2014

### GRADUATE FACULTY & STUDENTS @ PURDUE

**SAPh students and faculty attended the bi-annual Midwest SAPH conference at Purdue University, July 2014:** Ben Aronson, Basma Gomaa, Alina Cernasev, Trung Nguyen, Sirikan Rojanasart, Rebecca St. Germaine, Weiping Su, Ruizhi Zhao, Oscar Garza, Ron Hadsall, Steve Schondelmeyer, Tim Stratton, and Akeem Yusuf



APhA Conference in San Diego March 2015



2014 National Pharmacist Workforce Survey Poster Presentations

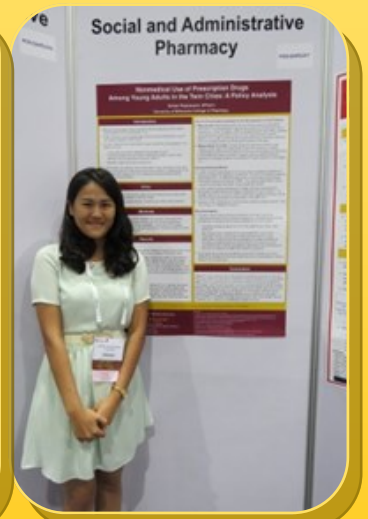
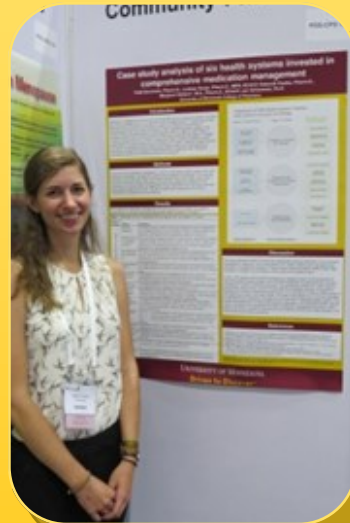
**Table 1. Stress in work environment descriptive statistics**

| Statement   | Mean Score | Standard Deviation |
|---|------------|--------------------|
| Being interrupted by phone calls or people while performing my duties                   | 33.9%      | 32.4%              |
| Not being notified with an adequate number of prescriptions                             | 31.4%      | 38.4%              |
| Being responsible paper work or documentation (i.e., not doing work, approval, records) | 24.9%      | 37.3%              |
| Having too much work to do that everything cannot be done well                          | 28.9%      | 42.9%              |
| Dealing with difficult patients   | 33.4%      | 31.4%              |

**Table 2. Reliability of the scales**

| Scale               | Cronbach's alpha | Mean Score   | Standard Deviation | Scale Score # of items |
|---------------------|------------------|--------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| Job satisfaction    | 0.922            | 18.85 (1.85) | 15                 | 8-25                   |
| Professionalism     | 0.894            | 17.34 (2.23) | 15                 | 9-25                   |
| Job stress factor 1 | 0.834            | 14.25 (2.82) | 10                 | 9-21                   |
| Job stress factor 2 | 0.834            | 14.25 (2.82) | 10                 | 9-21                   |

## Graduate Student News



**Debbie Pestka, Sirikan Rojanasart, and Rebecca St. Germaine** presented posters at the FIP Conference in Thailand, September 2014.

### INTERNSHIPS Summer 2015

**Ruizhi Zhao** has started a paid internship at Cardiovascular Solutions, Inc in Health Economics and Outcomes Research.

**Rebecca St. Germaine** has been selected to receive one of the summer Graduate School Intern stipends. She will be at the Minnesota Department of Health Asthma Program working with Drs. Wendy Brunner, Pamela Van Zyl York and Angie Carlson.

**Sirikan Rojanasart** has been selected to receive one of the summer Graduate School Intern stipends. She will be at the American Lung Association of the Upper Midwest working with Jill Heins-Nesvold and Angie Carlson on a data analysis to support ALA-UM work in health system quality improvement processes for asthma patients.

**Trung Nguyen** will be at the American Lung Association in Minnesota working with Jill Heins-Nesvold and Angie Carlson on a data analysis project to support an analysis of COPD and working-age individuals. Trung was also awarded one of the summer Graduate School Intern stipends.

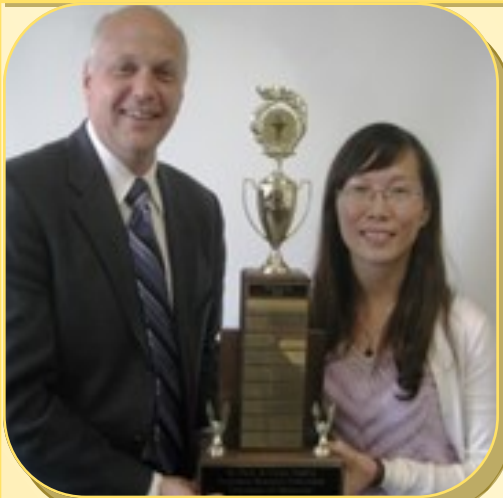


### SAPh Graduate Students Inducted into Rho Chi

**Greg Rhee** and **Bithia Fikru** were inducted into Rho Chi Honor Society.

The Rho Chi Society encourages and recognizes excellence in intellectual achievement and advocates critical inquiry in all aspects of pharmacy. The Society further encourages high standards of conduct and character and fosters fellowship among its members. The Society seeks universal recognition of its members as lifelong intellectual leaders in pharmacy, and as a community of scholars, to instill the desire to pursue intellectual excellence and critical inquiry to advance the profession.

# Graduate Student News



**Ruizhi Zhao** was awarded the 2014 St. Peter and Leiner Family Outcomes Research Fellowship and **Margarette Kading** was awarded the 2014 Albert I. Wertheimer Leadership Fellowship.

## SAPh Fellowships

Created to encourage and recognize leadership qualities and aspirations among PhD students in the SAPh graduate program:

**SAPh Alumni Fellowship (new 2014)**  
**St Peter & Leiner Family Fellowship**  
**Wertheimer Leadership Fellowship**

[Donations to these Fellowship Funds are welcome. Please make your check payable to the University of Minnesota and mail to:](#)

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308 Harvard Street SE,  
Minneapolis, MN 55455

## GRANTS & AWARDS

**Ben Aronson**, PharmD: American Foundation for Pharmaceutical Education (AFPE) Board of Grants awarded 2014 AFPE Pre-Doctoral Fellowship in the Pharmaceutical Sciences. \$6,500 for September 1, 2014 to August 31, 2015. Research focus: Factors Influencing Self-Care and Medication Adherence in Indigenous Individuals with Type 2 Diabetes.

**Ben Aronson**: 2014 Best Graduate Student Poster Award Co-Recipient, Rho Chi Symposium for "Roadblocks Ahead: Barriers to Care for Over-the-Road Truck Drivers."

**Miigis Gonzalaz**: 1) \$1000 scholarship for the 2014 Lynn Reyer Award for Tribal Community Development in support of her Dissertation work in Food as Medicine 2) Scholarship for \$6,984 from The University's Consortium on Law and Values in Health, Environment & the Life Sciences to fund her proposal on "Food as Medicine: Exploring Community Members' Views, Values, Benefits, and Barriers to Traditional Foods and Traditional Food Practices, a Photovoice Project"; 3) 2014, Student Scholar, Cohort III. Native Children's Research Exchange, University of Colorado, Denver; and 4) 2014, 1<sup>st</sup> Place Student Poster. Native Research Network, Phoenix, Arizona; 2013-2015, Student Scholar, National Portland Area Indian Health Board, Portland, Oregon.

**Claire Kolar** and Kristin Janke were awarded a \$1,000 grant from the U of M Women's Center for their educational program "Outside the Pharmacy: Conversations with Women in Leadership."

**Claire Kolar**, 2014 AACP Walmart Scholars Program recipient: (faculty mentor: Kristin Janke) The goal of this scholarship program is to strengthen the recipient's skills and commitment to a career in academic pharmacy through participation in programming and activities at the 2014 AACP Annual Meeting and Seminars. The program provides \$1,000 travel scholarships to attend the AACP Annual Meeting.

**Muskadee Montano** who has been selected as a recipient of the American Indian Graduate Center - Post Graduate Scholarship for the academic year 2014-2015 in the amount of \$20,000.

**Daniel Tomaszewski** was recognized by the Pharmacy Alumni Society as a Mentor of the Year at a ceremony on December 4, 2014. Dr. Tomaszewski is now an assistant professor at Chapman University, School of Pharmacy in California.

## Graduate Student News



**Shujie Dong** (Visiting Scholar in the SAPH program from Peking University 2014)



Peking University Health Science Center Delegation and the University of Minnesota; making new friends; and building the foundation for future collaboration. August 25, 2014

### International Symposium on Clinical Pharmacy Education - Shenyang, China

SAPH, PCHS, and PPPS Faculty and Visiting Scholars (Randy Seifert, Yun Lu, and Shujie Dong) attended the International Symposium on Clinical Pharmacy Education in Shenyang, China. The purpose of this symposium is to develop further collaboration between the University of Minnesota and universities in China for advancing Clinical Pharmacy and Social and Administrative Pharmacy. SAPH faculty member, Jon Schommer, also made a presentation at the symposium.



# Faculty News



**Jon Schommer** was named to **Peters Chair in Pharmacy Practice Innovation**, effective Jan. 1, 2015. This position is a rotating, two-year appointment for College of Pharmacy faculty. As the Peters Chair, Schommer plans to collaborate with colleagues around the country and conduct the 2015 National Consumer Survey on the Medication Experience. The 2015 survey will collect data from over 30,000 people and will describe the U.S. adult population in terms of their medication experiences and their views of pharmacists' roles. The findings will be useful and impactful for: 1) expanding the identification and description of segments of the population based on components of the medication experience and 2) incorporating components of the medication experience into patient care processes building systems for identifying and matching patients and providers based upon preferences and capacities in the medication experience domain.

The Peters Chair was established through a \$13.5 million gift from William (Bill) and Mildred Peters to stimulate innovation and research that would advance the practice of pharmacy. Bill, a 1910 College of Pharmacy graduate, along with his wife Mildred owned and operated the Lowry Hills Drugstore in Minneapolis for 33 years.



**Stephen Schondelmeyer** received the **2014 Tyler Prize for Stimulation of Research**. The award recognizes an individual for encouraging research by peers, students, fellows, residents and others via publications or by directing research, serving as a preceptor, or mentoring in any discipline of the pharmaceutical sciences. This award is considered one of the three most prestigious scientific awards of the American Pharmacists Association (APhA) and is presented every three years. Schondelmeyer received the award at APhA 2014 in Orlando, Florida, March 28-31, 2014.

**Steve Schondelmeyer** received the Harold R. Popp award for Outstanding Service at last week's Minnesota Pharmacists Association Annual Meeting. The award is the highest honor bestowed by the association.



**Patrick Gleason** received the **AMCP Spirit of Volunteerism Award**, which recognizes a current AMCP Committee Member who has demonstrated exemplary and outstanding service to AMCP over the past year and has provided volunteer activities that resulted in successful and/or high-quality AMCP programs, projects or services for its members.



**Todd Sorensen** was installed as **Chair Elect of the Council of Faculties** and member of the AACP Board of Directors at the AACP annual meeting in July. This is a three year term that will begin at this summer's AACP Annual Meeting.

**Todd Sorensen** – awarded prestigious **APhA Gloria Niemeyer Francke Leadership Mentor Award**.



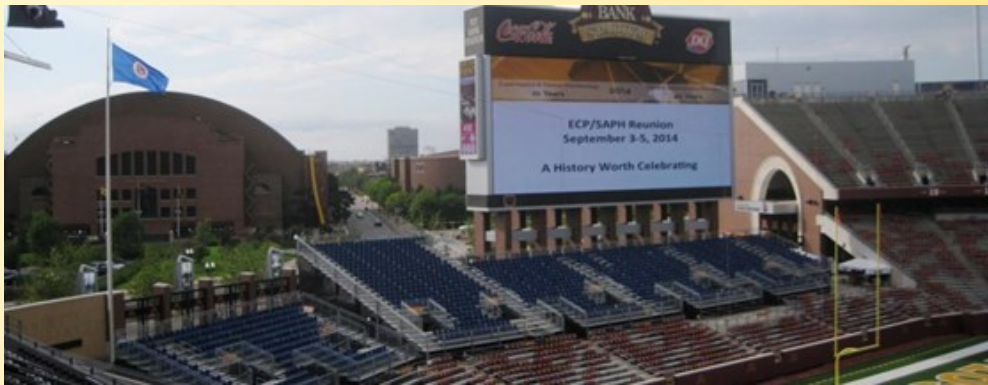
**Brian Isetts** was appointed to represent the Pharmacy Health Information Technology Collaborative in the capacity as their alternate American Medical Association (AMA) CPT HCPAC Advisor –effective immediate to May 2016.

**Brian J. Isetts** received the **Hubert H. Humphrey Award** that recognizes APhA members who have made major contributions in government and legislative service at the local, state or national level. He received the award at the annual APhA meeting in San Diego.



**Caroline Gaither, Brian Isetts & Jon Schommer** had lead stories in May 2015 & June 2015 issues of *Drug Topics*  
<http://drugtopics.modernmedicine.com/drug-topics/news/aca-opens-doors-mtm-pharmacist-reimbursement?page=full>  
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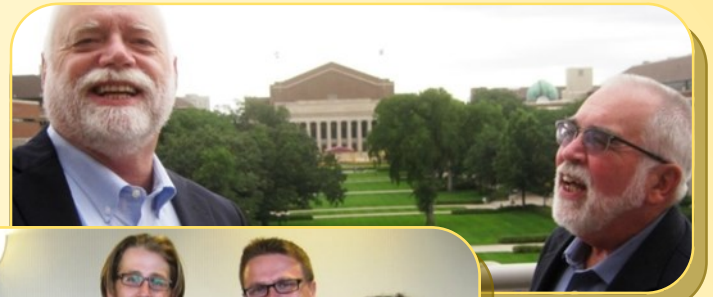
## Alumni 40-Year Reunion Celebration

## SAPh 40-Year Reunion Sept 3-5, 2014 for Alumni, Faculty and Friends

3-day Celebration was held at Coffman Union Campus Club/ Mississippi Room & TCF Bank Stadium

### Visit Highlights of the Celebration:

[www.pharmacy.umn.edu/pchs/graduate-education-celebration/index.htm](http://www.pharmacy.umn.edu/pchs/graduate-education-celebration/index.htm)



# Alumni News



**L**ucinda Maine, PhD 1985: Received the International Pharmaceutical Federation (FIP) Fellow recognition at the Bangkok, Thailand conference in September 2014. FIP Fellow (FFIP): The purpose of the award is to recognize individual members of FIP who have exhibited strong leadership internationally, who have distinguished themselves in the pharmaceutical sciences and/or practice of pharmacy, who have contributed to the advancement of the pharmaceutical sciences and/or practice of pharmacy, and who have served FIP.



**Jagannath Muzumdar**, PhD 2011: Assistant Professor, St. John's University. Congratulations! New Investigator Award (NIA) has been peer-reviewed and approved for funding for proposal submitted to AACP 2014-2015: *Evaluating the Medium of Comics for Providing Information on Adult Immunizations*



**Chamika Hawkins Taylor**, PhD 2010 has accepted an assistant faculty position in Pharmacy Practice at South Dakota State University.



**Brandon Ferlas**, PharmD, MS 2012, Pharmacy Manager, Outpatient, Saint Anthony North Hospital– Centura Health, Denver, CO

"I miss you all so much! I love my job and especially West Michigan but there is something special about pharmacy practice in Minnesota!"

~**Margo Bowman**, PharmD, MS 2013



**Bernadette Cornelison**, MS 2012 accepted a position as a Pharmacy Quality, Regulatory and Safety Manager at Banner University Medical Center.



# Alumni News

## SAPH Faculty and Alumni - Active in the Pharmacy Alumni Society and the Century Mortar Club

SAPH faculty and alumni were well represented at the Pharmacy Alumni Society and Century Mortar Club meetings held in Minneapolis on May 8, 2015.

SAPH PhD graduates Mateus Alves, PhD 2012 and Djenane Oliveira, PhD 2003 provided an update (via Skype) regarding their work in Brazil. Since moving back to Brazil, they have been advancing pharmaceutical care practice and medication management services in their country.



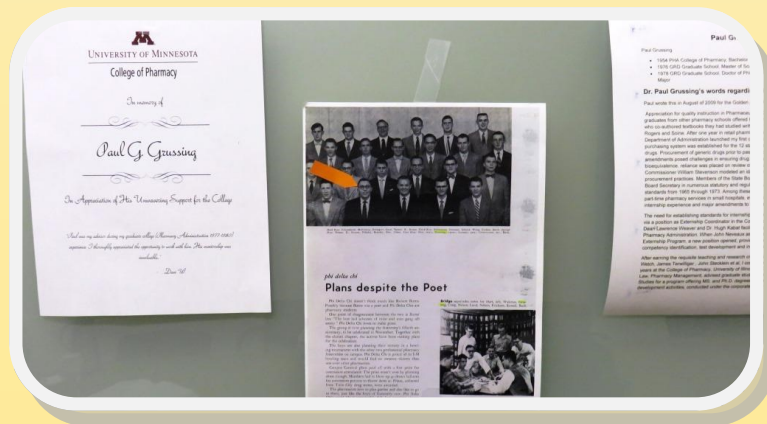
**Christy Bartels**, PhD, 2013 was inducted as a 3-year Board Member for CMC. Since her graduation from the SAPH program, Dr. Bartels has been living and working in Japan and, most recently, Toronto, Canada.



**Charles Daniels**, PhD 1981 was the recipient of the 2014 John W. Webb Lecture Award from the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP). The Webb Award honors health-system pharmacy practitioners or educators who stand apart because of their extraordinary dedication to fostering excellence in pharmacy management and leadership .

Webb Award Lecture; “Who will sit in my chair?”

[ASHP Lectures](#)

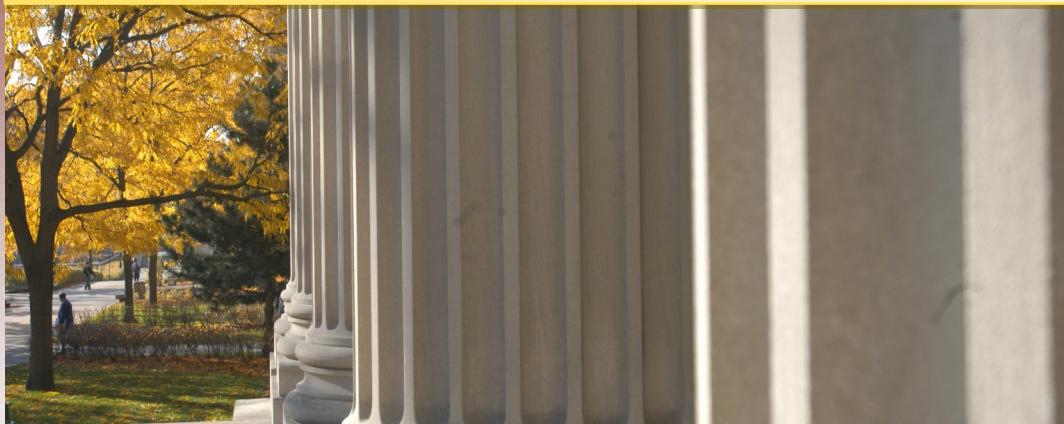


**Paul Grussing**, PhD, 1978 (1933-2014) Dr. Grussing was a former faculty member and Minnesota pharmacy leader who received his Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy Degree from the University of Minnesota in 1954 and his



Doctor of Philosophy Degree through the College of Pharmacy's Social and Administrative Pharmacy Program in 1978.

# Social & Administrative Pharmacy Graduate Program



## SAPH MISSION

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.

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