

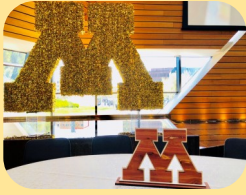
Social & Administrative Pharmacy Graduate Program Newsletter

College of Pharmacy University of Minnesota

Congratulations 2020 Graduates

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- ◆ Fifty Years: 1970-2020
- ◆ 158 PhD Graduates
- ◆ 35 MS Graduates
- ◆ 133 MS Resident Grads
- ◆ 326 Alumni
- ◆ 36 Current Grad Faculty



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College of Pharmacy Graduate Programs MS/PhD Class of 2020 Virtual Commencement Held on May 16, 2020

Via Zoom and YouTube Live
Student, faculty and staff

- Welcome - Assoc. Dean for Grad. Studies, Dr. Esam El-Fakahany
- Congratulatory remarks - Dean Lynda Welage
- Faculty speaker - Dr. Ron Siegel
- Student speaker - Kunlin Wang, Pharmaceutics
 - Recognition of graduating students by DGSS
- Dr. Jon Schommer
- Dr. Angela Birnbaum
- Dr. Barry Finzel
- Dr. Calvin Sun
- Closing remarks - Dr. Esam El-Fakahany



Virtual Campus Learning began March 16, 2020



 OUR VIRTUAL CAMPUS



Zachary Rivers, PhD Candidate:

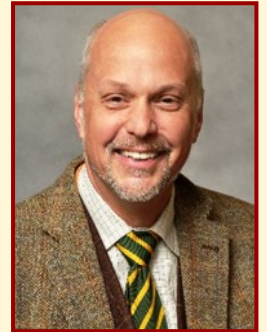
<https://clinicalaffairs.umn.edu/covid-19-updates/zachary-rivers-social-administrative-pharmacy-phd>

DIRECTOR OF GRADUATE STUDIES (1999 - 2020) : MESSAGE DECEMBER 2020

Hello SAPH Colleagues:

This past year in the SAPH Graduate Program, we have been celebrating our Golden Jubilee (1970-2020) by holding virtual gatherings for alumni, by incorporating a celebration of our history into our courses and seminars for students, and by working as a graduate faculty to develop next steps for the bright future that is before us.

The word that comes to mind this year is **Gratitude**. Mary Davis is quoted as saying, "Through the eyes of gratitude, everything is a miracle." As I take a moment to think about the development of our program, the contributions it has made, and the marvelous faculty, students, alumni, and friends that we have ... it really is miraculous.



Jon C Schommer, PhD



I am already grateful for the miracles that will astound us in the years to come!

Sincerely,

Jon Schommer, Director of Graduate Studies (1999 – 2020)

DIRECTOR OF GRADUATE STUDIES (2021) MESSAGE JANUARY 2021



Joel Farley, PhD

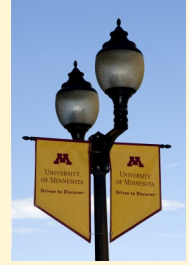
Hello SAPH Colleagues:

When I entered the SAPH graduate program in 2001, I never imagined that one day I might have the opportunity to serve as Director of Graduate Studies. The rich history of the program, the former graduates that have gone on to positions of leadership, and the legacy of the faculty involved in our program is truly remarkable. Reflecting on the strong history of our program, what stands out to me is how forward thinking SAPH has always been. SAPH faculty and student research has been used to develop new models of pharmacy practice, develop health policy, and inform clinical practice. As I take on the role of DGS from Dr. Schommer, it is clear I have big shoes to fill. His leadership and vision for the SAPH program has been integral to the program's success for the past 20 years. I hope to continue his forward thinking vision to ensure the SAPH program meets the needs of our students both now and in the future.

Sincerely,

Joel Farley, Director of Graduate Studies

STUDENT NEWS 2020



2020 Graduates' Final Defense Presentations

**Ryan Bortz, PharmD (MS Degree)**

Thesis: *Experiences of Transgender People Filling Prescriptions at Community Pharmacies*

Advisor: Jon C. Schommer

**Kamila Ibrahim, (PhD Degree)**

Thesis: *The Effect of Personality Temperaments on Medication Adherence in Chronic Disease Patients of Two Different Populations: The USA and the Sultanate of Oman*

Advisor: Jon C. Schommer

**Anthony Olson, PharmD (PhD Degree)**

Thesis: *Patient-Centeredness in Pharmacist Practice: Filling a Foundation for What Counts to Patients*

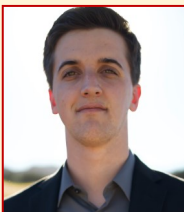
Advisor: Jon C. Schommer

**Joseph Steinle, PharmD (MS Degree)**

Thesis 1: *The Impact of a Pharmacist Medication History in a Preoperative Assessment Center (PAC) Clinic Appointment*

Thesis 2: *Outpatient Pharmacy Automation: A Look into GSL Intellicab Will Call System Cost Savings Opportunities*

Advisor: John Pastor/Sue Haight

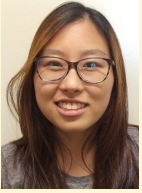
**David Vermeulen, PharmD (MS Degree)**

Thesis 1: *Patient Satisfaction with Infusion Therapy Site for Treatment of Inflammatory Bowel Disease*

Thesis 2: *Old Technology with Profound Utility in Specialty Pharmacy*

Advisor: Tim Affeldt/Holly Budlong

STUDENT NEWS 2020



Christy Choi, PharmD, PhD student, was the recipient of a Fall 2019 **Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award** in the 2019-2020 academic year.



Federico Facciolo, MS, PhD student, is serving as COGS Vice President. The Council of Graduate Students is the Recognized Student Governance Association (RSGA) at University of Minnesota that represents, advocates for, informs, facilitates communications among, and supports Twin Cities graduate students (students who are seeking a research degree: a PhD or a Master's that is associated with a PhD program).



Basma Gomaa, PhD Graduate 2020, accepted a Postdoctoral Fellowship in Digital Health at Indiana University, School of Public Health-Bloomington. Basma will be working with the team at the Department of Applied Health Sciences conducting research in mHealth applications, websites, and social media like Instagram & Reddit.



Sam Hsu, PharmD, PhD Student, was the recipient of the **Spring 2020 Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award** in the 2019-2020 academic year.



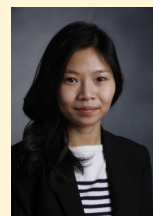
Meena Murugappan, PharmD, MPH, PhD Student, was elected as a **Postgraduate Officer (2021-2023)** in the APhA-APRS Postgraduate Representative election. *The APhA-Academy of Pharmaceutical Research and Science (APhA-APRS) stimulates the discovery, dissemination and application of research to improve patient health and serves pharmacists and those members who are involved in the pharmaceutical sciences.*

Meena was also the recipient of the College of Pharmacy 2020-2021 **Olsteins Fellowship**.



Zachary Rivers, PharmD, PhD Student, received a two year post-doctoral fellowship with the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Center and Bayer Healthcare, starting early this summer 2021.

Zach is also the 2020 president of the International Society for Pharmacoeconomics and Outcomes Research (ISPOR) student chapter at the University of Minnesota.



Summer Tran, Pharm D, PhD Student was a recipient of the **ASHP-AFPE Pre-Doctoral Fellowship** award for her research project that focuses on improving health outcomes.

Summer's research title is "Impact of Concurrent Antibiotic Use on Effectiveness of Immunotherapy in Patients with Metastatic Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer."

STUDENT NEWS 2020

SAPh Fellowships 2020

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

- ◆ SAPh Alumni Fellowship
- ◆ St Peter & Leiner Family Fellowship
- ◆ Wertheimer Leadership Fellowship



Donations to these Fellowship Funds are welcome.

Please visit the [SAPH website](#): click on **MAKE A GIFT**.

You can also send a check payable to the University of Minnesota and mail to:
Joel Farley College of Pharmacy
7-159 Weaver-Densford Hall, 308 Harvard Street SE, Minneapolis, MN 55455

Congratulations 2020 Fellowship Recipients



**Basma
Gomaa**

**Meena
Murugappan**

Wertheimer Leadership: This fellowship was created in 2002 to recognize and honor Dr. Albert Wertheimer for his contributions to the Graduate Program in Social and Administrative Pharmacy at the University of Minnesota. Recipients are chosen based on demonstration of a desire to pursue a leadership role in pharmacy—as has been the trademark of the many graduates who studied under Dr. Wertheimer.



**Vivienne
Heitlage**

SAPH Alumni: This fellowship was created in 2016 by alumni of the Graduate Program in Social and Administrative Pharmacy at the University of Minnesota to provide an annual award for a graduate student completing their first year of doctoral studies in Social and Administrative Pharmacy at the University of Minnesota. Recipients are chosen based on a demonstration of academic accomplishment, research / scholarly activity and professional/ community engagement that are hallmarks of graduates from the SAPH program.



**Zachary
Rivers**

St. Peter & Leiner Family Outcomes Research: This fellowship was created in 2013 in honor and memory of Wayne and Marilyn Leiner, and Jack and Geraldine St. Peter. The recipient is chosen based on demonstration of a desire to pursue outcomes research. The purpose of the fellowship is to encourage and recognize outcomes research among Ph.D. students in the Social and Administrative Pharmacy Graduate Program.

GRADUATE FACULTY NEWS 2020



Barbara Brandt, PhD, EdM, FNAP, is the recipient of the **Academy for Excellence in the Scholarship of Teaching & Learning**, that recognizes faculty who have demonstrated exceptional scholarly contributions to advance learning in their schools and across academic programs in the University of Minnesota. Initiated in 2008, the Academy for Excellence has 29 inductees in the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning. <https://academies-excellence.umn.edu/>



Kristin Janke, PhD (SAPh '93), professor and SAPh graduate, **Claire Kolar**, PharmD, PhD (SAPh 2017) were honored in 2020 by the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AACP) with the Rufus A. Lyman Award in July. This award recognized the best paper published in the American Journal of Pharmaceutical Education (AJPE) in 2019. The paper, "Aiding Transformation from Student to Practitioner by Defining Threshold Concepts for the Pharmacists' Patient Care Process," describes the milestones in the transition of a student to practitioner by identifying critical threshold concepts involved in the learning of the Pharmacists' Patient Care Process (PPCP).



Serguei Pakhomov, PhD, MA, MS, professor's lab is engaged in three NIH funded projects.
 Project 1: "Feasibility of Using Wearable Technology for Just-In-Time Prediction of Smoking Lapses" (Funded by an R21 from NIDA)
 Project 2: "Computerized Assessment of Linguistic Indicators of Lucidity in Alzheimer's Disease Dementia" (Funded by R21 from NIA)
 Project 3: "Open Health Natural Language Processing Collaboratory" (Funded by NCATS)



Pamela Phelps, PharmD, FASHP, FMSHP, adjunct clinical assistant professor, was elected to American Society of Health-System Pharmacists **ASHP's Board of Directors (2021-2024)**

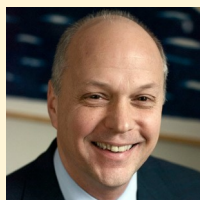


Amy Pittenger, PharmD, MS, PhD, professor was appointed as the **Pharmaceutical Care & Health Systems department head**, effective January 2020. Dr. Pittenger also received the University of Minnesota **2020 President's Award for Outstanding Service**. This award recognize exceptional service to the University, its schools, colleges, departments, and service units by any active or retired faculty or staff member. She has had a distinguished career at the University of Minnesota as a faculty member, scholar and administrator. She is a dedicated advocate of the College of Pharmacy and University which is demonstrated through her long-time involvement and high quality of participation in governance, committee and service activities. She has served in numerous elected and appointed positions.

GRADUATE FACULTY NEWS 2020



Paul Ranelli, PhD, BS Pharm, FAFPE, FAPhA, professor, was the recipient of the **2020 American Public Health Association (APHA)—Lifetime Achievement Award** from the Pharmacy Section of APHA.



Jon Schommer, PhD, professor, is the recipient of the American Association of College of Pharmacy (**AACP Graduate Education Achievement Award**). The mission of the Graduate Education SIG is to strengthen pharmacy graduate education and post-doctoral training by fostering a national dialogue that will enable development of programs, courses, and shared resources between institutions.

The award will be presented at the 2021 AACP Annual Meeting.



Stephen Schondelmeyer, PharmD, PhD, professor, is the co-principal investigator of the CIDRAP Resilient Drug Supply Project:

<https://www.cidrap.umn.edu/sites/default/files/public/downloads/cidrap-covid19-viewpoint-part6.pdf>



Wendy St Peter, PharmD, FCCP, FASN, FNKF, is the recipient of the **2019 Lawrence C. and Delores M. Weaver Medal**. Through teaching, scholarship and service, Dr. St. Peter has demonstrated unwavering commitment to patients, the profession of pharmacy, the college and the University, throughout her career. The Weaver Medal recognizes sustained and distinguished support of the College of Pharmacy and its students, and/or acknowledges outstanding contribution to pharmacy education, practice, research or community outreach.

In Memory



Don Uden, PharmD, professor in the Department of Pharmaceutical Care & Health Systems and SAPH Graduate Program, died on Saturday, March 21, 2020.

Don, was part of the College of Pharmacy and University community for more than 30 years and was an inspirational mentor who had a profound impact on the lives of our College of Pharmacy community. He was generous with his time and talents to help others' professional growth and shared his knowledge with his students in the classroom.

Don also served in leadership positions within the college, including as associate dean for Student Services from 2000-2007. He advised the CLARION student organization to drive pharmacy's role as a leader in interprofessional education forward and was actively involved in leading the Minnesota Rural Health School.

Don was awarded fellow status with the American College of Clinical Pharmacy (ACCP) in 1979 and influential in the evolution of that professional organization. He was the recipient of the **University of Minnesota Graduate-Professional Teaching Award in 2003**, the Center for Health Interprofessional Program (CHIP) Champion in 2005 and the Weaver Medal in 2017.

ALUMNI NEWS 2020

SAPh Alumni colleagues have scheduled the next Social Network and Connections **SNAC** virtual event on **January 28, 2021**.

Theme: *Arctic Blast*

Previous successful **SNAC** was held on June 12, 2020 since the in-person 50th Anniversary reunion was canceled due to COVID19 restrictions. Over fifty attendees connected via Zoom.



Angie Carlson (PhD 1990) is a recipient of the 2020 MPHA Albert Justus Chesley Award

The Minnesota Public Health Association the Albert (MPHA) Albert Justus Chesley Award honors those who have made outstanding contributions to MPHA. Angie is currently adjunct professor in the SAPH graduate program.



Chamika Hawkins-Taylor (PhD 2010) is recipient of the APHA 2020 Early Career Award

The American Public Health Association (APHA) Early Career award recognizes outstanding and promising contributions to the practice and profession of health education, health promotion, and/or health communication. Chamika is currently an assistant professor in the Department of Pharmacy Practice at Xavier University of Louisiana.



Debbie Pestka, PharmD, (PhD 2018), was welcomed to the Minnesota Learning Health System Mentored Career Development Program (MN-LHS) second cohort of scholars program.

The MN-LHS K12 scholar training program is one of 11 institutions funded by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) and the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI) to support the training of researchers to conduct patient-centered outcomes research within learning health systems. Additional support for MN-LHS scholars is offered by the University of Minnesota Office of Academic Clinical Affairs.



Reshmi Singh (PhD 2005) is recipient of UW Faculty Engagement Award

Reshmi Singh, a University of Wyoming social and administrative pharmacy associate professor, is among four recipients of the 2020-21 Faculty Engagement Fellowship awards from the Office of Engagement and Outreach (OEO). Reshmi received the OEO-Center for Global Studies (CGS) International Faculty Engagement Fellowship. The two offices collaborate to build capacity for engaged scholarship/teaching/service and to coordinate with colleagues, who do work in international engagement and programming in and out of Wyoming. The fellowship will enhance the work between CGS and OEO in engaged and service learning, scholarship and community outreach.

Five SAPH Decades

1970: Graduate Program in Pharmacy Administration Professors Lael Gatewood, Theodor Litman, and Vernon Weckwerth were key sponsors.

Hugh Kabat served as the founding Director of Graduate Studies followed by professors:

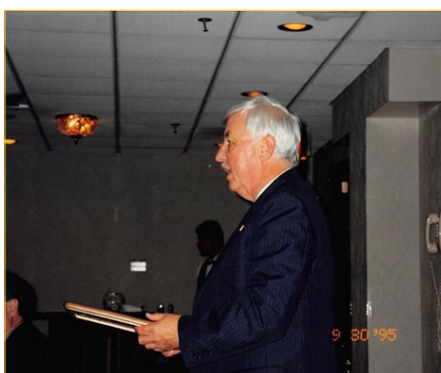
Albert Wertheimer (1973-1990)

Ronald Hadsall (1990—1999)

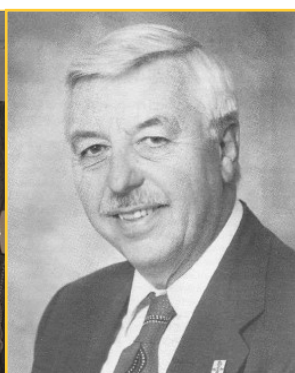
Jon Schommer (1999—2020)



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Hugh Kabat



2001 Weaver Medal



Henri R. Manasse Jr.

**Henri R. Manasse Jr.
PhD-1974**

First SAPH PhD graduate
Dissertation: *The Stages and Process of Socialization in the Profession of Pharmacy*

[https://
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profiles/henri-manasse](https://www.pharmacy.umn.edu/alumni/connect/alumni-profiles/henri-manasse)

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**Cynthia Gross, Albert Wertheimer,
Jean Woodward, Ron Hadsall 1980s**



SAPH Class of 1979—1980



1990s



**Hugh Kabat, Larry Weaver,
Albert Wertheimer, Ron Hadsall 1995**



**Raquel Rodriguez, Lucinda Maine,
Brian Isetts 1998**



**Ron Hadsall
Eastcliff 1998**

2000s



**2006 Graduates: Dongmu Zhang,
Phantipa Sakthong, Josh Devine,
Joel Farley, Lucy Liu, Kiran Gupta**



**Jon Schommer & Dick Brundage
SAPH + ECP = SACP (2000's)**



Midwest SAPH Conference 2008

2010s



**2010 Graduates: Chamika Hawkins
-Taylor, Cindy Chen, Jagannath
Muzumdar, Kim Zemke**



**SAPH Midwest Conference 2012:
Alumni, Faculty, Students**



**SAPH / ECP Reunion 2014:
A History Worth Celebrating**



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SAPH MISSION

The mission of the **Social & Administrative Pharmacy** graduate program 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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