



# UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING

School of Pharmacy



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## The School of Pharmacy welcomes the class of 2020

### 2016 Distinguished Alumnus



**Courtney Fletcher** was selected as the University of Wyoming School of Pharmacy's Distinguished Alumnus for 2016.

Fletcher received a Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy with honors at UW in 1978, as well as a Doctor of Pharmacy from the College of Pharmacy at University of Minnesota in 1982. He is currently Dean of the College of Pharmacy at the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha.

Dr. Fletcher has received numerous honors for his work in HIV therapeutics. He was elected fellow of the American

Association for the Advancement of Science and in 2005 he was selected to give the Therapeutics Frontiers Award Lecture for the American College of Clinical Pharmacy. [Click here](#) to read more.

### IPE News

**Carol Kobulnicky**, Director of Interprofessional Education, completed two trips this summer to visit the St. Louis College of Pharmacy, St. Louis University, and the



University of Washington (pictured). The purpose of her trips were to learn about how the campuses implement their Interprofessional Education and Geriatric Workforce Education Programs. She developed new contacts, gained a clearer understanding of how IPE clinical simulations are planned and implemented, and learned about resources that are available for IPE and geriatric training. Her travels were funded by the Wyoming Center on Aging.

## Upcoming Events

**October 22<sup>nd</sup> 7:30 - 11:30 am**  
Health Fair  
Wyoming Union (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)

**October 25<sup>th</sup> 12:00 - 1:00 pm**  
Kaiser Diversity Series  
"Touching the Dream"

**November 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
Alumni Reception  
Powell, WY

**November 29<sup>th</sup> 12:00 - 1:00 pm**  
Kaiser Diversity Series  
"Life in Balance"

## Student News



**Nancy McKee** (PharmD candidate, 2018), has been accepted into the Utah Regional Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental Disabilities training program. The goal of the program is to develop leaders who are dedicated to improving the health status of infants, children, and adolescents with or who are at risk for neurodevelopmental and related disabilities and to enhance the system of care for these children and their families.

## PCOA Results

The Class of 2017 recently took the Pharmacy Curriculum Outcomes Assessment exam. The class composite score was in the 72<sup>nd</sup> percentile indicating that the class, as a whole, performed in the top 28% of all P3 classes in the country.



**Linzi Barton, Lauren Pulley and Jessica Papke** (PharmD candidates, 2017) were the winners of the 2016 American College of Clinical Pharmacy (ACCP) Clinical Challenge Local competition. They will be representing the University of Wyoming in the national team based competition. Groups of three students will compete against teams from other schools and colleges of pharmacy in a "quiz bowl"-type format.



**Luke Aust** (PharmD candidate, 2017), presented research completed with **Sarah Bockman** (PharmD candidate, 2020, ASPIRE student) and **Carol Kobulnicky** (Associate Professor) titled: "One Click Away: Examining the Perceived Academic Impact of Screen Time Among Pharmacy Students". This presentation served as the capstone for Luke's UW Honor's Project.

Phi Delta Chi participated in the St. Jude Run/Walk in Denver in September. Participants pictured are **Kirsten Valcic, Jake Speidel, Mikala Tabuchi, Sarah Koontz, Carolyn Parton, and Ashley Moore.**



**Kara Nazminia** (PharmD candidate, 2020) and **Laurel Markret** (undergraduate lab assistant in BaskiLab) presented their research at the 2016 INBRE Retreat in September at Teton National Park.





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**Taylor Schmick** (PharmD Candidate, 2018) was awarded the George Malmberg Student Scholarship for Compounding Excellence from the American College of Apothecaries Research and Education Foundation. The scholarship supports a student with a demonstrated interest in pharmaceutical compounding and independent pharmacy, who shows leadership qualities, extra-curricular activities, and a high level of academic success.



**APhA-ASP** hosted Pie, Policy, and High Tea in September. Participants discussed ways to further the profession of pharmacy. They also discussed issues in pharmacy and came up with two ideas for policy to take to the APhA midyear regional meeting.

NCPA students **Jessica Hunt**, **Carson Hutchinson**, and **Amy Thompson** (PharmD candidates, 2018) attended the 34th annual RxPlus meeting and golf tournament in Westminster, CO. They're pictured below with meeting organizers and School of Pharmacy Dean **Kem Krueger**.



## Faculty News



**Sree Nair** has been appointed to the American College of Clinical Pharmacy PharmGrad Advisory Committee for the 2016-17 academic year. The committee will counsel the Association and Liaison International on the development and promotion of the Pharmacy College Application Service (PharmCAS) for Graduate Programs.



**Melissa Hunter**, Director of the Drug Information Center, has been selected as the Drug Information Editor for the American Pharmacists Association's Pharmacotherapy First: A Multimedia Learning Resource that will be published on [PharmacyLibrary.com](#). In her capacity as Drug Information Editor, Hunter will create and maintain a Top 200 Medication database as well as manage drug information content and questions for every disease state in Pharmacotherapy First.



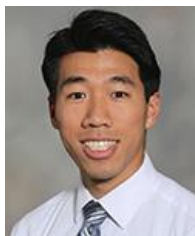
**Reshmi Singh** gave a poster presentation at the International Social Pharmacy Conference in Aberdeen, Scotland, entitled "Exploring Healthcare Resources and Barriers for a Rural Parkinson's Disease Community" Her co-authors were Erin Bush and Mary Jo Cooley Hidecker, UW College of Health Sciences. Singh also presented a workshop there with multiple colleagues from Australia, New Zealand, UK and the US entitled: " Taking the next step with health literacy and medicines use: focusing efforts to maximize the gain."



**Dave Bruch** was recognized at the Annual Meeting of the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AACP) as one of the AACP Teachers of the Year. Each year the AACP recognizes outstanding faculty at regular and associate member colleges and schools of pharmacy. The Teachers of the Year are selected by their institutions and submitted to AACP.



**Michelle Hilaire** had an article published in *Pharmacotherapy*, "A Self-Assessment Guide for Resident Teaching Experiences." This was a collaboration from her service on the ACCP Education Affairs Committee. In addition, Hilaire has obtained her Board Certification in Ambulatory Care.



The School of Pharmacy welcomes **Alvin Oung**, Clinical Assistant Professor of Pharmacy Practice. Dr. Oung received his Doctor of Pharmacy degree from MCPHS University – Boston in 2014. He then completed a PGY-1 Pharmacy Practice Residency with a focus in ambulatory care at the Moses H. Cone Memorial Hospital (Cone Health) in Greensboro, NC in 2015 and a PGY-2 Ambulatory Care/Family Medicine Residency at the University of Colorado Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences in Aurora, CO in 2016. Dr. Oung's practice site is Rose Medical Center working with the Rose Family Medicine Residency in Denver, Colorado. His clinical and research interests include family medicine/primary care, cardiovascular risk reduction, HIV, and patient health literacy. In addition, Oung been selected to receive the ACCP Ambulatory Care PRN Academy Sponsorship for the 2016 ACCP Teaching and Learning Certificate Program. The program seeks to prepare clinical faculty "to motivate and prepare students to perform current and emerging roles that pharmacists have assumed within health-care teams." Participants complete 28 hours of coursework on effective teaching and learning, and develop a portfolio of their work in the program.



**Jaime Hornecker** (pictured, left) and **Michelle Hilaire** (pictured, right) have been appointed to the 2016-2017 ASHP Ambulatory Care Educational Steering Committee. This committee designs and submits programming for the ASHP Summer and Midyear Clinical Meetings.



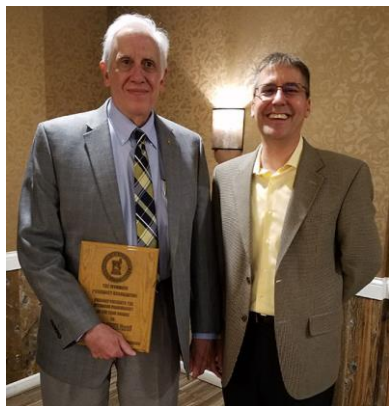
Lauren Biehle was asked to present on water-borne diseases in September. Her presentation was titled “Wyoming Water: There is More than Fish in the Sea. An Overview of Water-borne Diseases” at the Earth, Wind, and Water series. This series is part of the new initiative University of Wyoming Institute for Advanced Study (IAS) through the Center for Global Studies.



Larry He and Matt Peterson had their abstract entitled “CARD9 Knockout Ameliorates Fibrosis and Hypertrophy in a TAC Pressure-overload Model” accepted for an oral presentation at the 2016 APS Conference: Inflammation, Immunity, and Cardiovascular Disease.

### Faculty Awards

School of Pharmacy faculty received numerous awards at the 2016 Annual Meeting of the Wyoming Pharmacy Association.



College of Health Sciences Dean Joe Steiner received the Wyoming Pharmacist of the Year award.



Jaime Hornecker was the recipient of the Bowl of Hygeia award.



Lanae Fox was the recipient of the Community Pharmacists Association Leadership Award and the McKesson Leadership Award. She is currently President of the WPhA.



Tonja Woods received the ASHP National Leadership Award for her leadership service to WSHP.

Carol Kobulnicky was the recipient of the Excellence in Innovation award.



## Alumni News

**Craig Frederick** (PharmD, 2004) has been named the new Executive Director of the Wyoming Pharmacy Association. He succeeds Kara Beech who served in the position for 10 years.

### Alumni Honored at WPhA Meeting



**Anna Sweat** (PharmD, 2010) received the Distinguished Young Pharmacist award at the 2016 Annual Meeting of the Wyoming Pharmacy Association.



**Molly Jay** (PharmD, 2008) was presented with the WPhA Past President – Pharmacy Leadership Award for her efforts on legislative issues that affect pharmacy.



**Meghan Jeffres** (PharmD, 2004) was the recipient of the 2016 NASPA & Upsher-Smith Laboratories, INC Excellence in Innovation Award at the Colorado Pharmacists Society Annual Meeting. This award seeks to recognize and honor a qualified member pharmacist who has demonstrated significant innovation in their respective practice, method or service directly or indirectly resulting in improved patient care and/or advancement of the profession of pharmacy. Meghan is an assistant professor at the University of Colorado Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences and has an internal medicine practice site at the University of Colorado Hospital.