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Dear colleagues,

In the Department of Pharmacy Practice and Science (PPS), our faculty, staff, and residents are pioneering new roles for pharmacists in outpatient clinics, hospital units, mental health institutions, skilled care facilities, and community pharmacies by applying their knowledge of disease and drug therapy. The same is true of their efforts related to educational innovations.

One recent example is the development of a new [Master of Science in Palliative Care and Graduate Certificates program](#), envisioned and spearheaded by [Mary Lynn McPherson, PharmD](#), a professor in PPS. Launching this spring, the online program has been designed to meet the educational needs of individuals who are currently working or who wish to work in hospice and palliative care and want to gain a deeper understanding of the physical, psychological, spiritual and social needs of patients and families affected by advanced illness, or those wishing to do so. It's right for physicians, pharmacists, nurses, advanced practice nurses, physician assistants, therapists, psychologists, administrators, social workers, chaplains, counselors, bereavement and volunteer specialists, thanatologists, and more. The program is enrolling now for the fall semester. [Click here](#) to learn more.



Sincerely,

Jill A. Morgan, PharmD, BCPS, BCPPS
Associate Professor and Chair

PPS Faculty Member Named Assistant Dean for Experiential Learning

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[Agnes Ann Feemster, PharmD, BCPS](#), assistant professor in PPS, has been named the new assistant dean for [experiential learning](#) at the School. A member of the School's faculty since 2014, Dr. Feemster brings more than 15 years of clinical, leadership, and management experience to her new role. [Read more here...](#)



Rodriguez de Bittner Named Inaugural UMMS Population Health Fellow

[Magaly Rodriguez de Bittner, PharmD, BCPS, FAPhA](#), professor in PPS and the School's associate dean for clinical services and practice transformation, has been named the inaugural fellow for the University of Maryland Medical System's (UMMS) Fellowship in Population Health. Working alongside members of UMMS senior leadership, Dr. Rodriguez de Bittner will share her expertise in pharmacy and patient care, while gaining insight about new trends in health care delivery and factors that influence leadership decision making in the field of population health. [Read more here...](#)



SOP's Heil Leads Study Showing Penicillin Testing Can Change Treatment Course

A study from the University of Maryland reveals that testing hospital patients for penicillin allergy leads to optimal antibiotic treatment, since most people who think they are allergic to penicillin are actually not. And finding out doesn't take an allergist: the study evaluated a penicillin allergy skin testing program that was managed by infectious diseases physician fellows who were able to appropriately assess patients for penicillin allergy and perform the testing. The study, led by [Emily L. Heil, PharmD, BCPS-AQ ID, AAHIVP](#), assistant professor in PPS, confirmed that many people who think they have a penicillin allergy actually do not when penicillin allergy testing is performed. [Read more here...](#)



Leadership Transition at the Lamy Center

Following the retirement of Bruce Stuart, PhD, professor emeritus in PHSR and former executive director of the Peter Lamy Center on Drug Therapy and Aging, [Nicole Brandt, PharmD, MBA, BCPP, CGP, FASCP](#), has been named as the Center's new executive director. [Chanel Whittaker, PharmD, BCPS](#),

[CGP, FASCP](#) associate professor in PPS, and [Linda Simoni-Wastila, BSPHarm, MSPH, PhD](#), professor in PHSR, have also been named as director of education and training programs and director of research and policy for the Center, respectively. [Read more here...](#)



Faculty Members Honored with Statewide Awards

Three faculty members in PPS were honored with statewide awards from the Maryland Society of Health-System Pharmacy (MSHP) in November in recognition of their excellence and dedication to advancing the pharmacy profession. [Jill A. Morgan, PharmD, BCPS, BCPPS](#), associate professor and chair, received the highest honor presented by MSHP - the W. Arthur Purdum Award - in recognition of her significant contributions to the field of health-system pharmacy. [Emily Heil, PharmD, BCPS-AQ ID, AAHVP](#), an assistant professor in PPS who specializes in infectious diseases, received the 2016 MSHP Medication Safety Award for her work with on the implementation of an infectious disease fellow-led penicillin allergy testing consult service. [Alison Duffy, PharmD, BCOP](#), a clinical assistant professor in PPS who practices in oncology, received the 2016 Jeffrey Ensor Leadership Award for her impact on Maryland health-system pharmacists or pharmacy practice as a young pharmacist. [Read more here...](#)

Balassone Lecture Spotlights Pharmacists' Role in Improving Care for Underserved

Steven W. Chen, PharmD, FASHP, FCSHP, FNAP, associate professor and chair of the Titus Family Department of Clinical Pharmacy and William A. and Josephine A. Heeres Endowed Chair in Community Pharmacy at the University of Southern California School of Pharmacy, delivered the annual Francis S. Balassone Memorial Lecture at the School of Pharmacy in October. Titled "Improving Health Outcomes While Advancing Pharmacy Practice through Innovative Pharmacy Services for the Underserved," the lecture spotlighted the efforts of Dr. Chen and his team to integrate comprehensive clinical pharmacy services into local safety net clinics - clinics that offer low cost or free health care services to underserved and uninsured populations - and the impact of those services on patients' health care quality, safety, and cost. [Read more here...](#)

Kudos!

Our department's faculty are regularly recognized at the local and national level for their expertise. Here is a short list of recent accomplishments.

- [Nicole Brandt, PharmD](#), professor and executive director of the Peter Lamy Center on Drug Therapy and Aging, has been appointed to the National Committee for Quality Assurance's Geriatric Measurement Advisory Panel. She is the first pharmacist appointed to this group.
- [Jeffrey Gonzales, PharmD](#), associate professor, received the American College of Clinical Pharmacy's Critical Care Practice and Research Network Clinical Practitioner Award.
- [Emily Heil, PharmD](#), assistant professor, received the 2016 Infectious Disease Practice and Research Network Clinical Practice Award from the American College of Clinical Pharmacy.
- [Brent Reed, PharmD](#), assistant professor, has been appointed to the American Heart Association's (AHA) Leadership Committee of the Council on Quality Care and Outcomes Research, has been named chair of the Maryland Advocacy Coordinating Committee of AHA's Mid-Atlantic Affiliate, and received the Outstanding Reviewer Award from the journal *Pharmacotherapy*. He has also been appointed to the editorial board of the journal *Pharmacotherapy*.
- [Charmaine Rochester, PharmD](#), associate professor, has been elected chair and treasurer of the Maryland Board of Pharmacy's Practice Committee.
- [Deanna Tran, PharmD](#), assistant professor, has been appointed chair of the Research Committee for the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy's Laboratory Instructors Special Interest Group and has been re-appointed chair of the Maryland Pharmacists Association's Communications Committee.

- [Mona Tsoukleris, PharmD](#), associate professor, has been elected to the Association of Asthma Educators' Board of Directors.

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- **Heil EL.** "Regulatory Standards in Antimicrobial Stewardship in Acute Care" - American College of Clinical Pharmacy Annual Meeting - Hollywood, FL, October 2016.
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