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## SOP Faculty Earn 2008 TTUHSC President's Award

Drs. Paul Lockman, Reza Mehvar and Majid Moridani recently became the latest SOP faculty whose exceptional efforts on behalf of the University were recognized with a TTUHSC President's Award.

The accolades were announced Oct. 16 at the 2008 Faculty Awards Convocation, which followed the 2008 State of the University address delivered by TTUHSC President Dr. John C. Baldwin.

Dr. Lockman (Assistant Professor, Dept. of Pharmaceutical Sciences - Amarillo) received a 2008 President's Excellence in Teaching Award for his sustained excellence in teaching and his strong commitment to the educational process at TTUHSC, as demonstrated in student and peer evaluations.

Dr. Mehvar (Professor, Dept. of Pharmaceutical Sciences - Amarillo) received the 2008 President's Research Achievement Award for his accomplishments in research and scholarship, as demonstrated by his high-impact publications, external funding, national and international peer recognition and research awards for work performed at TTUHSC.

This is the second President's Award for Dr. Mehvar,



*The TTUHSC President's Award medal.*

who also received an Excellence in Teaching Award in 2004.

Dr. Moridani (Assistant Professor, Dept. of Pharmaceutical Sciences - Amarillo) received the 2007 President's Young Investigator Award for demonstrating exceptional potential as an independent investigator in his research activities at TTUHSC.



*The SOP's 2008 TTUHSC President's Award recipients. From left: Dr. Majid Moridani, Dr. Reza Mehvar and Dr. Paul Lockman.*

Each TTUHSC President's Award is a prestigious honor for our program. Drs. Lockman, Mehvar and Moridani join a long list of SOP faculty who have been so recognized during the last five years.

That list includes: Dr. Fakhrul Ahsan (Young Investigator Award, 2004); Dr. Ulrich Bickel (Research Achievement, 2006); Dr. C.A. (CAB) Bond (University Distinguished Professor, 2006); Dr. Sherry Luedtke (Distinguished Clinician, 2005); Dr. Kenneth "Mac" McCall (Excellence in Teaching, 2006); Dr. Quentin Smith (University Distinguished Professor, 2007); Dr. James Stoll (Excellence in Teaching, 2005); Dr. Thomas Thekkumkara (Research Achievement, 2007); Dr. James Tsikouris (Young Investigator, 2004); Dr. Michael Veronin (Young Investigator, 2005); and Dr. Jon Weidanz (Excellence in Teaching, 2007).

Each of these individuals truly represents the hard work and dedication that has come to symbolize the entire SOP faculty. Our 2008 honorees certainly add to that reputation and I want to personally extend my congratulations to each of them for this important and noteworthy accomplishment.

## SOP Grad Student Donates Time to WISE Program

Katie Bennett, a graduate student at the SOP's Amarillo campus, recently spent part of her weekend helping some young ladies more about pharmacy and science at an annual Amarillo Independent School District event known as the WISE (Women in Science Endeavors) seminar.

The program was held Oct. 25 at AISD's Amarillo Area Center for Advanced Learning (AACAL) campus. More than 100 girls from AISD middle school



*Katie Bennett helps two Amarillo middle school students extract DNA from a strawberry at the WISE seminar.*

campuses attended the event.

"At this age, kids are really starting to think and dream about what they want to be when they grow up," Katie explained. "I wanted the opportunity to present the field of pharmacy in a fun way that the students could really connect with."

Katie made her presentation in four sessions, each consisting of approximately 15 students. With her guidance, the girls learned about compounding by making flavored lip balm, extracted DNA from strawberries and punched capsules filled with lactose.

"I loved seeing their eyes light up as they watched the strawberry DNA appear in the test tubes, and they were so excited about the compounding exercises," Katie said. "That kind of young enthusiasm is really contagious."

Although her day was a bit hectic, Katie said it was time well spent and that programs like the WISE seminar are important.



*Katie Bennett explains DNA extraction to a group of WISE seminar attendees.*

"I think young women can really benefit from hands-on science programs. It helps to remove the intimidation factor, and they begin to think, 'maybe I could do stuff like that, too.' I hope this experience will encourage some of these girls to start dreaming about one day becoming a pharmacist or scientist."

Encouraging young women to enjoy science also has a special and personal meaning to Katie.

"I have two little daughters, and as they grow, I look forward to showing them all of the fascinating wonders of science."

## Bond, Raehl Receive Literature Award

The Research and Education Foundation Board of Directors for the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists recently selected Dr. C.A. (CAB) Bond and Dr. Cynthia Raehl for one of its 2008 ASHP Foundation Literature Awards.



*Dr. C.A. (CAB) Bond*



*Dr. Cynthia Raehl*

Drs. Bond and Raehl will receive the 2008 ASHP Research Award for Achievement in Pharmacy Practice Research for their work, entitled "Clinical and Economic Outcomes of Pharmacist Managed Antibiotic Prophylaxis in Surgery Patients"

The award includes a plaque, an honorarium and a \$1,000 expense allowance to be used to attend ASHP's 2008 Midyear Clinical Meeting in Orlando, FL.

This is the seventh ASHP Foundation Literature Award for Drs. Bond and Raehl.



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## **Three SOP Residency Accreditations Extended**

In August the Commission for Credentialing for the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists voted to extend the accreditation of three SOP residencies. Those votes became official on Sept. 26 when they were reviewed and accepted by the ASHP Board of Directors.

The approvals were granted to our PGY1 pharmacy practice residency in Lubbock and our PGY2 pediatrics and pharmacotherapy residencies in Amarillo.

Dr. Charles Seifert (Professor and Regional Dean, Dept. of Pharmacy Practice - Lubbock) is



*Dr. Charles Seifert*



*Dr. Sherry Luedtke*

program director for the approved PGY1 pharmacy practice residency. Practice sites include University Medical Center and Covenant Health System.

Dr. Sherry Luedtke (Associate Professor and Associate Dean for Professional Affairs, Dept. of Pharmacy Practice - Amarillo) directs the PGY2 pediatrics residency program

and the Amarillo PGY2 pharmacotherapy residency is directed by



*Dr. Krystal Haase*

Dr. Krystal Haase (Associate Professor, Dept. of Pharmacy Practice - Amarillo).

Northwest Texas Healthcare System is the practice site for both the pediatrics and pharmacotherapy residency programs in Amarillo.

The approved extensions for all three programs covers the remainder of the current six-year cycle that ends in 2011.

## **Introducing...**

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**Please take a moment to welcome each of these individuals to TTUHSC and the School of Pharmacy.**



## Annual Career Fair Set for Nov. 7 in Lubbock

The 2008 Career Fair for all SOP campuses will be held Nov. 7 at the United Spirit Arena in Lubbock. Recruiters from more than 40 companies and institutions across the country will be available to discuss opportunities in all areas of pharmacy, including residencies and internships.

Classes at all SOP campuses will be cancelled for the day to afford every student the opportunity to attend the event. Recruiter



*CVS recruiters prepare to visit with TTUHSC-SOP students at the 2007 Career Fair.*

exhibits will be open from 9 a.m.-noon. Interviews with recruiters will be held from 12:30-3:30 p.m.

Bus transportation to Lubbock will be provided for students at SOP campuses in Amarillo, Abilene and Dallas/Ft. Worth.

Dallas/Ft. Worth students will depart Nov. 6 at 4 p.m. Buses will depart Nov. 7 from Amarillo (6:30 a.m.) and Abilene (6 a.m.).

Students returning to the D/FW campus via bus will leave Lubbock Nov. 7. at 2:30 p.m. The return bus to Abilene is scheduled to depart at 4 p.m. Amarillo students will have two return options: 2:30 or 4 p.m.

The Career Fair is great way to make connections and network for future positions and a wonderful occasion to meet with your fellow classmates from other campuses. We hope you will take advantage of this unique opportunity to meet and interact with other present and future pharmacists.

## SOP Breaks Ground on Academic Building

The SOP held a ground breaking ceremony Sept. 30 for the new Academic Classroom Building.

The new building will be constructed adjacent to the existing SOP building on the grounds of the TTUHSC campus in Amarillo. The



*Ground breakers for the new SOP Academic Classroom included (from left) Amarillo Mayor Debra McCardi; Rep. John Smithee; TTU Vice Chancellor for Facilities and Planning Mike Ellicott; Rep. David Swinford; yours truly; TTU Board of Regent member Bob Stafford; and Michael Hooten, Amarillo Regional Dean for the SOAH.*

project budget is \$8,010,000.

The 23,000 square-foot facility is scheduled to open January 2010. It will include two 120-student instructional classrooms, a patient simulation training and assessment center, administrative space for the SOP's student services division and space for student and technology support staff.

State Reps. John Smithee and David Swinford and Amarillo Mayor Debra McCardi were the featured speakers at the event.

SOP representatives Dr. Arthur Nelson (Dean and Professor), Dr. Glenn Anderson (Associate

## How to Submit Items for the Dean's Newsletter

The mission of "From the Dean's Desk" is to communicate the news, events and achievements from the TTUHSC School of Pharmacy to all four of our campus sites and to alumni and other friends of the school who enjoy hearing about your good work.

If you or your department, division, organization or class have something you'd like to include in this newsletter, or if you have a question about the types of items typically included in the newsletter, please contact:

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*A drawing of the new TTUHSC-SOP Academic Classroom Building in Amarillo. The facility is slated to open in January 2010.*

Dean of Academic Affairs), Ms. Summer Balcer (Assistant Dean for Student Services) and second-year SOP student Ms. Toni Edgar also addressed the crowd.

## In Case You Missed It...



*Dr. Quentin Smith*

• Dr. Quentin Smith (Chair and Professor, Dept. of Pharmaceutical Sciences – Amarillo) recently made three presentations.

In September he traveled to Washington, D.C. and delivered a presentation for the American Society of Clinical Oncology entitled Lapatinib distribution in brain metastases of breast cancer following oral dosing in mice. The following week he attended the annual meeting for the DOD Center of Excellence in Breast Cancer in Amelia Island, Florida and made a presentation entitled Report of

research on drug permeability to brain metastases and planning for upcoming clinical trial.

In October he was invited to Boston and presented Blood-tumor barrier permeability and drug uptake in brain metastases of breast cancer at the 8th Annual Carolyn Frye-Halloran Symposium. He also traveled to New York City to review grants for the drug delivery study section of the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research.

• Drs. Eric MacLaughlin and Krystal Haase (Associate Professors, Dept. of Pharmacy Practice - Amarillo) are among

a group of 23 American College of Clinical Pharmacy members who were named ACCP Fellows during a ceremony held October 19 at the ACCP's 2008 Annual Meeting in Louisville, Kentucky.

Recognition as a ACCP Fellow is awarded to organization members who have demonstrated a sustained level of excellence in clinical pharmacy practice and/or research.



*Dr. Eric MacLaughlin*



*Dr. Krystal Haase*

## Getting to Know...

**Lisa Brinn, Ph.D.**  
**Academic Instructor**  
**Dept. of Pharmaceutical Sciences - Abilene**

Lisa was born in the Long Island area of New York City, but she and her family moved to her mother's home country of Brazil when Lisa was two years old. She remained in Brazil for her education and earned a B.S. in biology from Brazil's Universidade Santa Ursula. She also received her M.S. in morphology & cell biology and her Ph.D. in psychobiology and education from Universidade de São Paulo.

Lisa and her husband, Jefferson, were married in 1999 and then moved to St. Louis, MO so she could work on her postdoctoral research in brain development at the Washington University School of Medicine in the laboratories of Dr. Alan Pearlman and Dr. Janice Brunstrom. "I did research on neuronal migration of mice and

rat animal models," Lisa says. "Jefferson got a job preparing mice cardiomyocytes for cell cultures."

Lisa says she and Jefferson "have two beautiful daughters who were both born in St. Louis." She says both girls—eight-year old Sophia and six-year old Olivia—love to play soccer. "I guess

they have some of our Brazilian genes." Lisa and Jefferson moved the family to Abilene after she accepted a position in the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences at our Abilene regional campus.

In her spare time, Lisa "loves going out to the park with my family for a picnic, going to the swimming pool, or just spending some quality time at home." She also loves to travel, "especially to places that are warm and have beaches."

Lisa and her family also have about 30 pets! "But they are all fish," she says with a laugh. "We don't have to worry about feeding them when we travel, we just connect a feeding machine. They also don't shed and we don't have to spend money at the vet. They are perfect for our life style!"



*Dr. Lisa Brinn with her husband, Jefferson, and daughters Sophia and Olivia.*



## SOP Photo Gallery

*Mike Schwettmann, SOP admissions director, samples entries at the Student Senate salsa competition and then tries to put out the fire with a bottle of water.*



*P2 Maxie Friemel administers a flu vaccine to the wife of a veteran at the Thomas E. Creek VA Medical Center in Amarillo.*



*SOP department chair Dr. Cynthia Raehl (middle left), Immediate Past President of the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy, joins AACCP Executive VP Lucinda Maine (left), AACCP President Vic Yanchick (middle right) and AACCP President-Elect Jeff Baldwin at a reception hosted by the Association of American Medical Colleges in Washington, D.C.*

*Major sponsors of our 2008 Tailgate Party included SOP alums Tracey (McMasters) Carruthers (Class of 2000) and Tyson Cromeens ('02). We truly appreciate their continued support!*



*Thanks to KGNC-AM and host Greg Glen for allowing me to discuss our program with listeners of "Let Me Speak to the Realtor."*



*SOP graduate student Chris Adkins (left) and TTUHSC student Will Hulsey enjoy some pre-game eats at the SOP's 2008 Tailgate Party.*

*Dr. Chuck Seifert, Lubbock Regional Dean, is ready for some football at the SOP's 2008 Tailgate Party prior to the Red Raiders' Sept. 20 win over UMass.*



*Ligit Mathew (P2), a member of the National Community Pharmacy Association, takes a blood pressure reading at the grand re-opening of Southpark Pharmacy in Amarillo.*

