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ALUMNI NOTES

Bethany Fedutes, Drug Information Resident '03, accepted a clinical faculty position at UPMC Drug Information Center in 2003.

Hong-Diep Nguyen, Ambulatory Care Resident '00, is in Los Angeles. Her email is htnst2@yahoo.com.

Rhonda Rea, Critical Care Resident '03, accepted a clinical faculty position at UPMC Presbyterian in 2003.

Simone Taylor, Critical Care Resident '99, is now a senior clinical pharmacist in Emergency Medicine at Austin Health in Melbourne, Australia.

MEET THE 2003-2004 RESIDENTS

The 2003 – 2004 residency year has kicked off to a great start. On June 25, 2003 several of the incoming residents attended the Residency Banquet at Dave and Buster's at The Waterfront. The new residency year began on July 1, 2003. During the first month, we were oriented to both the institution and the University.

On July 18th many of us participated in a scavenger hunt on the University of Pittsburgh campus. This gave several of us the opportunity to enjoy our first Pittsburgh classic Primanti's sandwich and the award winning Dave and Andy's ice cream. The Center for Pharmacoinformatics and Outcomes Research sponsored an evening for the residents to attend the Pittsburgh Pirates game on August 12th. In addition, we also plan monthly dinners outside at different ethnic restaurants.

This year we are partici-



Residents at the Petersen Center

pating in regular Research Group meetings to help with the development and progress of our research projects. Various faculty members attend and assist us in the design of study aims and objectives, design of data collection sets, etc. . This is a great way to keep us on track with our research projects and help us get ready to pre-

sent at our respective Spring conferences.

Some of the residents attended the ACCP Annual Meeting in Atlanta, GA. They had a great time networking with other residents and pharmacists who are leaders in their respective fields.



Shelby, Erika and Mike at the Pitt Residency Showcase, October 2003



Paul, Kristin, Ditina and Sheel at the WPSHP October 2003 Meeting

Brianne Fairchild, Pharm.D. VA Pharmacy Practice Resident

Brianne grew up in Summersville, WV (pop. 3,500). She graduated from West Virginia University in May 2003 with her Pharm.D. and she is currently residing in Washington, PA. Brianne was attracted to the VA Healthcare System for her pharmacy practice residency because of its focus on ambulatory care and her interest in geriatrics and diabetes. She hopes to enhance her patient care skills and become a more

confident and proficient clinician, especially in regards to her presenting and precepting abilities. Brianne would like to pursue a career that would allow her to provide direct patient care.

Mike Korczynski, Pharm.D. VA Pharmacy Practice Resident

Mike graduated from Duquesne University in 2001. Following graduation he took a position with Kaiser Permanente in Falls Church, VA as clinical ambulatory care pharmacist, working in their anticoagulation and cholesterol management clinics. Then he decided to pursue a residency and to move back to Pittsburgh, his hometown. In-

terests include all Pittsburgh sports teams, running and lifting weights, playing baseball, basketball, and golf. Following the residency he hopes to find employment as clinical pharmacist in the Pittsburgh area.

Ashley Jenkins, Pharm.D. VA Pharmacy Practice Resident

Ashley is from Huntington, WV. She enjoys camping, hiking, mountain biking and has recently decided to learn the game of golf. She attended WVU, where she graduated with her Pharm.D. in May 2003. Ashley decided to pursue a residency because she wanted to expand on the knowledge she gained at WVU. She discovered the wonderful opportunities of the VA system after having several rotations at the Huntington

VA. During her residency, Ashley hopes to become a confident practitioner and gain relationships that will last throughout her career as a pharmacist.

Stefanie Conley, Pharm.D. UPMC Oncology Resident

Stefanie Conley received her B.S. in Pharmacy from Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana in 1994. After five years as a hospital pharmacist in Bloomington, Indiana, she returned to Purdue University to pursue the Doctor of Pharmacy degree, which she completed in 2000. Prior to beginning her residency with UPMC, Stefanie

was a Clinical Coordinator with Tallahassee Memorial Hospital in Florida. Her primary interest is in the area of oncology pharmacy and after completion of this residency, hopes to become board certified in this field.

Beth Wise, Pharm.D. UPMC Oncology Resident

Beth Wise grew up in Smithfield, PA. Smithfield is a small town that is about one hour south of Pittsburgh. She received her Pharm.D. from Duquesne University in 2002. Beth then completed a residency in pharmacy practice at Charleston Area Medical Center, located in Charleston, West Virginia. After completing her specialty residency, Beth hopes to have developed the skills to become an independent practitioner in oncology pharmacy. She would like to attain a position as a clinical specialist in oncology and also be affiliated with a school of pharmacy. In the future, Beth is also interested in possibly exploring the academic and research arenas.

Shelby Corman, Pharm.D. UPMC Drug Information Resident

Shelby was born and raised in State College, PA, and attended the University of Pittsburgh, where she earned her Pharm.D. in 2002. She became interested in hospital pharmacy operations as well as clinical disease state management and drug information. She decided to complete the Drug Information residency where her main practice interests are disease state management and clinical outcomes research. In her spare time, Shelby also works in community pharmacy.

PROFESSIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF CURRENT RESIDENTS

Publications:

Fairchild B, Terpening C. New Hypertension Trials: What Do the Results Mean for the Elderly? *Consult. Pharm.* (In Press)

Schober, CE; Ansani, NT. Venlafaxine Hydrochloride for the Treatment of Hot Flashes. *Ann. Pharmacother.* **2003**; *37*:1703-1707.

Ansani, NT; Schober, CE; Fedutes, BA; Culley, CM; Patel, SM. Meeting the Modified Drug Information Requirements of ASHP-Accredited Pharmacy Practice Residency Programs. *Am. J. Health. Syst. Pharm.* (In Press)

Presentations:

Jon Ference and **Kristin Zerumsky** presented at the PSHP Annual Meeting.

Paul Juang, Ditina Raval, Christina Schober and **Kristin Zerumsky** presented at the WPSHP October Meeting.

Christina Schober presented at the Clinical Concepts 2003 program and spoke to Bidwell Training Center for an invited talk on HIPAA.

Erika Felix-Getzik, Pharm.D. UPMC Cardiology Resident

Erika is from Punxsutawney, PA. Her mother is a pediatric nurse, so she always knew that she would enter into a health profession. As a pharmacy student, Erika worked as an intern at the Medicine Shoppe Pharmacy in DuBois, PA and at Magee Women's Hospital in Oakland. In 2002, she graduated with a Pharm.D. from the University of Pittsburgh after which she completed a pharmacy practice residency at Tufts-New England Medical Center in Boston, MA. During this year at UPMC, Erika hopes

to further develop her clinical skills, participate in a research project, and to have an impact on future pharmacy students. In the future, she hopes to work as a clinician at a university teaching hospital and to teach/precept students. Outside of pharmacy, Erika enjoys skiing, yoga, sports, cooking, spending time with friends and family, art, and traveling.

Brian Watson, Pharm.D. UPMC Critical Care Resident

Brian was raised on a ranch outside of Severy, Kansas. After graduation from high school, Brian attended the University of Kansas. During that time, he became interested in the field of pharmacy and was accepted into pharmacy school. In May of 1998, he received his Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy. After graduation, he worked as a staff pharmacist and pharmacy manager at Walgreen's Drug Stores. In order to quench his thirst for knowledge and professional growth, he acquired

his Pharm.D. and is now in residency training. Brian chose the University of Pittsburgh's Critical Care program because of its solid reputation and the opportunities it has to offer. Brian's professional interests include critical care, cardiology and infectious disease. After completion of residency training, he will pursue a career in academia. For his personal interests, he enjoys sports, running, watching movies, and traveling.

Paul Juang, Pharm.D. UPMC Pharmacy Practice Resident

Paul is from Brooklyn, NY and received his Pharm.D. from University at Buffalo in May 2003. Currently, his interests are in the field of infectious disease and critical care. He was attracted to UPMC due to its extensive number of opportunities in the area of critical care and infectious disease. In searching for a residency program, he was interested in the Antibiotic Management Program

and the teaching opportunities at UPMC. The residency program offers its residents the unique opportunity to conduct didactic lectures and precept students. Upon completion of the pharmacy practice residency, he plans to pursue a specialty residency in either infectious disease or critical care.

Ditina Raval, Pharm.D. UPMC Pharmacy Practice Resident

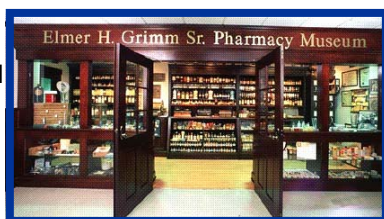
Ditina is a native of Maryland. She completed her Pharm.D. from the University of Maryland in May 2003. She became interested in UPMC's program for a variety of reasons. She was impressed by the integrated health system setting. Since she is also interested in teaching, this residency program matched her interests by offering structured and varied teaching opportunities. In the

future, she is planning to find a clinical pharmacist position that affords her the ability to precept students on clinical rotations. For fun, she enjoys making crafts.

Kristin Zerumsky, Pharm.D. UPMC Pharmacy Practice Resident

Kristin is from Philadelphia, PA. From the age of 12, she knew that she wanted to be a pharmacist and planned to attend Philadelphia College of Pharmacy. She graduated from PCP with her Pharm.D. this past May. Kristin chose the UPMC program because of its strong reputation of the residency program and the hospital and its association with the pharmacy school. She would like one day to attain a faculty position at a pharmacy school. She has a strong interest in cardiology and

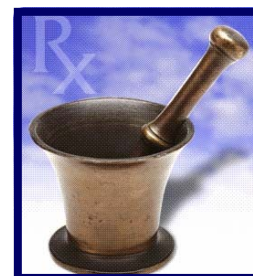
ambulatory care. Next year she plans to pursue a specialty residency. Outside of pharmacy she enjoys spending time with her friends and family, attending sporting events, going to the movies and shopping.



Christina Schober, Pharm.D. UPMC Primary Care Resident

Christina graduated in 2002 with a Pharm.D. from the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy. She completed her pharmacy practice residency at UPMC where she was able to recognize her passion for general medicine and ambulatory care. Christina was attracted to the reputations of the faculty and the various new and growing patient care experiences. She hopes to continue enhancing her patient care skills while integrating herself into various ambulatory care settings. She will have ample opportunities

to improve her public speaking skills. Overall, she hopes to gain several new mentors and colleagues with whom she will keep in touch throughout her career.



Julie Kuhn, Pharm.D.
Eckerd Health System Resident

Julie Kuhn is from Allison Park, PA and received her Pharm.D. from the University of Pittsburgh in April 2003. Julie chose to complete a pharmacy benefits management residency in order to learn to control healthcare costs while ensuring appropriate drug use and positive patient outcomes. After completing the pharmacy benefits management residency at Eckerd Health Services, Julie plans on pursuing a career in managed care, possibly focusing on patient care and disease state management.

Jonathan Ference, Pharm.D.
UPMC Family Medicine Resident

Jonathan is originally from Lancaster, PA and attended Wilkes University in Wilkes-Barre, PA. He graduated in May of 2003. Jonathan first became interested in ambulatory care and family medicine during his clinical ambulatory care rotation and decided on UPMC- St. Margaret due to its emphasis on physician-pharmacist collaboration in the area of family medicine and teaching. After completing his residency Jonathan plans on pursuing a career in academia as a clinical faculty member.

Mark Your Calendar

38th Annual ASHP Midyear
December 7-11, 2003
New Orleans, LA

Eastern States Conference
May 6-8, 2004 — Baltimore, MD

**PITT FUNCTIONS
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Residency Showcase
Monday, December 8th

Pitt Reception
Tuesday, December 9th
Hyatt Regency
5:30-7:30pm

Feel free to stop by and say hello
and catch up on new develop-
ments.

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