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Ten new faculty join UGA College of Pharmacy

Ten new faculty have joined the University of Georgia College of Pharmacy for the 2014-15 academic year – six in the Department of Clinical and Administrative Pharmacy (CAP), two in the Department of Pharmaceutical and Biomedical Sciences (PBS), one in the Division of Experience Programs and one in the Division of Non-Traditional Education and Outreach (NTEO).

New CAP faculty are: Trisha Branan (’06), clinical assistant professor, was formerly a critical care clinical pharmacy specialist at Georgia Regents Medical Center and a clinical assistant pharmacist without salary at the College’s Pharmacy and Therapeutics program in Augusta. She completed a PGY1 pharmacy residency at the Medical College of Georgia in 2007 and a PGY2 critical care pharmacy residency at the University of Virginia Health System in Charlottesville, VA, in 2008.

Assistant Professor Ewan Cobran completed a postdoctoral fellowship in Cancer Health Disparities at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 2014. He earned his Ph.D. in pharmaceutical sciences at Howard University College of Pharmacy in 2012 and a B.S. in health science at the University of Florida College Health and Human Performance in 2006. He has previous experience as a management and program analyst with the United States Department of Homeland Security, Office of Health Affairs, Workforce Health Protection & Medical Support.

Anthony Hawkins (’12), a clinical assistant professor at the Albany campus, earned his Doctor of Pharmacy at UGA in 2012, followed by a PGY1 pharmacy practice residency and PGY2 critical care specialty residency at Emory University. He has worked as an adjunct clinical instructor at Mercer University College of Pharmacy and as a clinical/staff pharmacist at Emory University Hospital.

Ray Maddox (B.S. ’72) is a new assistant dean at the College of Pharmacy, hired to develop the Southeast Georgia campus in Savannah. He has been the director of clinical pharmacy, research and pulmonary medicine at St. Joseph’s/Candler Health System in Savannah since 2002 and was Director of Clinical Pharmacy Services and Research from 1997 to 2002. He earned his Doctor of Pharmacy degree in conjunction with a clinical pharmacy residency at University of Kentucky in 1977, following a hospital pharmacy residency at the Medical University of South Carolina in 1973 and a B.S. in pharmacy at UGA in 1972.

Lilian Elizabeth Sattler is assistant professor in the new interdisciplinary program with the Colleges of Pharmacy and Family and Consumer Sciences (FACS) that focuses on education and delivery of care that improves patient outcomes and wellness of Georgians. She has been an instructor and a research assistant in the FACS Department of Foods and Nutrition where she earned a Ph.D. in 2013 focusing on food insecurity, medication utilization, and medication adherence among low-income older adults. She received a B.S. degree in the College of Pharmacy at the University of Bonn in Bonn, Germany, in 2005.
Michael Thiman (’12) is a clinical assistant professor who completed a PGY1 residency in pharmacy at the Durham VA Medical Center and a PGY2 in ambulatory care pharmacy from UGA, the Charlie Norwood VA Medical Center and Mercy Health Center. He has a UGA graduate certificate in clinical pharmacy and a teaching certificate from the University of North Carolina Eshelman School of Pharmacy at Chapel Hill.

New to PBS is associate professor Scott Pegan, who earned his Ph.D. and M.S. in chemistry and biochemistry at University of California, San Diego, in 2006 and 2002, respectively, and a B.S. in biochemistry and molecular biology at University of California, Santa Barbara, in 2000. He was previously an assistant professor at the University of Denver, a research assistant professor at the University of Illinois at Chicago and a post-doctoral research fellow at the University of Illinois at Chicago and the Salk Institute for Biological Sciences.

Russell Mumper is UGA vice provost and a part-time professor in PBS. He was previously vice dean and McNeill Distinguished Professor at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill Eshelman School of Pharmacy. Mumper earned his bachelor's degree in chemistry and his doctorate in pharmaceutical sciences from the University of Kentucky, where he began his academic career in 1999. He joined UNC-Chapel Hill in 2007. Prior to his academic career, he spent nearly a decade working in the pharmaceutical and biotechnology industries.

Andrew Darley (’12), a new faculty in Experience Program, will be coordinator of the third-year Introductory Pharmacy Practice Experience (IPPE) program. He was previously a clinical pharmacist at Memorial University Medical Center in Savannah where he also completed a PGY1 pharmacy residency. HE earned an associate's degree at East Georgia College in Swainsboro in 2008 and a Doctor of Pharmacy at UGA in 2012.

Robert Geiger is an academic professional who will be working with NTEO's Regulatory Affairs Program. He had been employed at Ambiopharma, Inc., in North Augusta, South Carolina, as co-founder and global vice president of Quality and Regulatory since 2007. He worked as a sales manager at American Peptide Company in Vista, CA, from 2005 to 2007 and at UCB, Inc., in Smyrna from 1998-2005. He earned a B.S. in chemistry at Hampden-Sydney College in 1994, a Ph.D. at Georgia Institute of Technology in 1998, and an M.B.A. at Kennesaw State University in 2003.