**NEWS**

**Graduate Programs in the Pharmaceutical & Translational Sciences Open House was a success!**

The Office of Research and Graduate Affairs hosted 26 prospective students for the Graduate Programs in the Pharmaceutical and Translational Sciences Open House on Friday, October 5. This year the open house permitted students to attend in-person and virtually, which allowed for participation from students at several universities from across the globe including various California universities, Yale University, and Qatar University. The students were introduced to the various graduate programs found at the USC School of Pharmacy and had a chance to hear about ongoing research projects from various faculty in the CXT and PPSI Departments. The students were also able to hear about the graduate school experience from our current graduate students. Finally, the Open House ended with research lab tours and a presentation about the various services offered through the TRLab Core Facilities.

Lauren Henkhaus received the AHRQ Health Services Research Dissertation Award!

Lauren Henkhaus (HELC Program, Dr. Darius Lakdawalla, advisor) won the Health Services Research Dissertation Award (R36) from the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) to fund her dissertation research titled, “Health care use, access, and economic welfare of adults with histories of childhood sexual abuse.” This award carries up to $40,000 to be used to support dissertation research projects that aim to improve healthcare patient safety; harness data and technology to improve healthcare quality and patient outcomes and to provide a 360-view of the patient; and/or increase accessibility and affordability of health care by examining innovative market approaches to care delivery and financing. Lauren also recently published her work with Dr. Geoffrey Joyce in an article titled, “Generic drug price hikes and out-of-pocket spending for Medicare beneficiaries” in the October 2018 edition of Health Affairs, Vol 37, No 10. Congratulations Lauren!

Monique Carter co-authored two chapters in Fundamentals of Internal Regulatory Affairs, RAPS 2018!

Monique Carter, MS, RAC (DRSc Program) co-authored two chapters titled, “Global Premarket Dossier Requirements” and “Global Authorization Procedures for Pharmaceutical Products” which can be found in pages 83-90 and pages 91-108, respectively in the 4th Edition of Fundamentals of Internal Regulatory Affairs, RAPS September 2018. Monique currently is a US and Global Regulatory Lead at Pfizer, Inc. in the Worldwide Regulatory and Safety-Global Initiative Pharma Business in the Neuroscience and Pain therapeutics area. Congratulations Monique!

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Amgen—USC Educational Outreach Seminar Series, Mondays Sep 10 – Nov 12, 10:30 am: This seminar series will host a different Amgen scientist every Monday from 10:30 am to 11:30 am in room PSC 104. The topics will include the identification of therapeutic targets and their role in disease; approaches to optimize therapeutic efficacy and safety; case studies from bench top to clinic; and information on process development and manufacturing of devices. The seminar series will end with an opportunity to tour the Amgen Thousand Oaks campus on Friday, November 30th; this will be available for a limited number of students that attend this seminar series. For more information please email Liz.aguiniga@usc.edu.

**PhD Pathways: Career Planning and Preparation Series, Various Dates, Oct—Nov:** The PhD Pathways Career Series workshops are open to all graduate students at USC and are held at either the HSC or UPC campuses. These events are co-sponsored by the School of Pharmacy, Keck School of Medicine, Public Health Sciences and the Graduate School. Most workshops will be held during lunch time and lunch will be provided for all attendees. Please RSVP for workshops at https://bit.ly/2BpwaAQ.

“Optimizing LinkedIn for PhD Professionals” October 26, 1-3pm, SSB 116 – HSC “Branding and Managing your Online Presence” November 7, 12-1:30pm, TBD – UPC

“Let’s Talk” Drop-in Counseling Sessions, Mondays, 12-1 pm: Counselors from the Eric Cohen Student Health Center will be in PSC B16 every Monday from 12:00 pm until 1:00 pm weekly for drop-in counseling session. No appointment is necessary to attend these sessions and your personal information will not be required for the session. Everyone is welcome to drop-in to talk about any areas of concern. These sessions are available at various location on HSC and UPC. For more information locations and times visit: https://teachlifelines.usc.edu/2018/09/21/lets-talk-student-drop-in/.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Graduate Women in Science Happy Hour, Wednesday, October 24, 6-8 pm: The Graduate Women in Science (GWiS) LA Chapter is hosting happy hour networking event and would love to have you and your colleagues join them! The event is free and open for everyone to attend. Location: Public School 818, 15300 Ventura Blvd, Sherman Oaks, CA 91403. RSVP requested: https://bitly.com/GWIS-AW8-Networking-HappyHour

Amgen Career Opportunities Session, Monday, November 12, 10:30 am in PSC 104: The Amgen Career Opportunities Session will host personnel from various departments and programs at Amgen including R&D HR, University Relations/Summer Intern Program, Amgen Staffing, Postdoctoral Fellows Program Steering Committee, and Hiring Managers from Biologics. Come by and learn about how to get your foot in the door at Amgen! RSVP is required: https://goe.gi.com/zuade574k/PFjyqO.

BCLA Biotech Summit 2018: Healthcare Innovations from Local to Global, Saturday, October 27, 9 am—4pm: The 4th Annual BCLA Biotech Summit will feature two panel discussions, a breakout session, and networking accommodations for attendees interested in the biotech and healthcare industry. This year’s keynote speaker will be Vanessa Belozeroff, Executive Director of Global Program Management and Strategic Operations at Amgen. Location: UCLA California Nano Systems Institute, 570 Westwood Plaza Building 114, Los Angeles, CA 90095. RSVP required: https://bit.ly/BCLA-biotech-summit-2018.

Student Seminars (Wednesdays at noon in PSC-104):

Oct 24: Sophia Chen (MPTX, Stiles lab)
Oct 31: Albert Lam (PSCI, Zhang lab)
Nov 7: Wannita Klongam (PSCI, Hamm-Alvarez lab)
Nov 14: Juliana Chen (PSCI, Zhang lab)
Nov 28: David Tyrpak (PSCI, MacKay lab)

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**CONGRATULATIONS**

Kianjing Shi (PSI Program, Dr. Zhang, advisor) was selected for a podium presentation titled, “Reprogrammed exosomes as a Novel Immunotherapy for Breast Cancer” at the the Globalization of Pharmaceutical Education Network (GOPEN) 2018 conference held at the National University of Singapore in Singapore on Sep. 26-29, 2018.

Anh Truong (PSI Program, Dr. MacKay, advisor) will present a poster titled, “Temperature-responsive Exogem Receptor-fusions: A Novel Approach for Studying Cell Signaling” at the NIH Institute for Research on Engineering-Medicine for Cancer Symposium on October 19 in Pasadena, CA.

ISPOR 2018 in Barcelona, Spain Nov 10-14
**Graduate Student Presentations**

Sang Cho will present “Total cost of care and budget impact for patient with CLL treated with Venetoclax” at poster session V, PCN84.

Xue Han will present “Impact of timely initiation of antihypertensive medications for patients with hypertension or elevated blood pressure” at poster Session IV, PCV31.

Kin Sangha will present “Impact of adherence to HEDIS measures on the quality of care for pediatric patients with pharyngitis: Evidence from a large health plan” at poster session II, PN2.

Jeffrey Ye will present “Do all research groups align on the value of an intervention? Concordance of cost-effectiveness findings between ICER reports and other publications” at poster session III, PPB362.

Zifen Zhou will present “Cost-effectiveness analysis of apalutamide for treatment in non-metastatic castration-resistant prostate cancer” at poster Session V, PCN153.