

PharmTox Fights COVID-19

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Dr. Sung Rhee Recommended for Promotion to Professor



Congratulations to associate professor Sung Rhee who has been recommended by the College of Medicine Promotion and Tenure Committee to advance to the rank of Professor! This promotion will be effective July 1, 2021, pending approval by the Dean and the UA Board of Trustees. Dr. Rhee joined the department in 2006 as a research assistant professor. He entered the tenure track in 2009 as assistant professor and was promoted to associate professor in 2012. Dr. Rhee has been awarded grants from the NIH and the American Heart Association for his research to identify therapies for hypertension and stroke. He has served as major advisor to two graduate students and three postdoctoral fellows, and served on many dissertation committees. Dr. Rhee also directs the cardiovascular module for medical students at UAMS and has been the recipient of the Sophomore Golden Apple award for five consecutive years. Way to go, Dr. Rhee!

Dr. Abdelrahman Fouda to Join Department in 2021

We are pleased to announce that Dr. Abdelrahman (Abdel) Fouda, a senior postdoctoral fellow in the Vascular Biology Center at the Medical College of Georgia, Augusta University, will join the department as an assistant professor on the tenure pathway on July 1, 2021. Dr. Fouda was one of three faculty candidates chosen from a field of more than 60 applicants to interview last Spring by our Faculty Search Committee chaired by Dr. Paul Prather. Dr. Fouda is a licensed pharmacist in addition to being awarded a PhD from the University of Georgia in 2015 with training in mechanisms, biomarkers and therapies for stroke. His postdoctoral training has focused on the retinal circulation, mechanisms of retinal protection, and the study of arginase to ameliorate retinal neurodegeneration. Dr. Fouda has published more than 30 original manuscripts, was awarded an American Heart Association postdoctoral fellowship, and is the recipient of a highly competitive K99/R00 Award from the National Eye Institute of the NIH. Welcome, Dr. Fouda!



Dr. MacMillan-Crow Appointed GPIBS Track Director

Professor Lee Ann MacMillan-Crow will assume the position of GPIBS Track Director, effective December 1. She will be the contact person for the program, chair the GPIBS Advisory and Admission Committees, and work with the track directors to continue to advance this graduate program. Dr. MacMillan-Crow has served on tens of dissertation/thesis committees and served as a major advisor to many PhD students. She was the graduate program director for the former Interdisciplinary Toxicology Graduate Program, and since the start of GPIBS, has served as the track director for the Pharmacology, Toxicology, and Experimental Therapeutics (PTET) graduate track. Professor Paul Prather will take over as the PTET track director. Dr. Prather has been active in graduate education and the mentoring of graduate students throughout his career. He also directs the NIH-funded Systems Pharmacology and Toxicology (SPaT) T32 training grant.



Dr. Ho Participates in External Advisory Board

Professor Shuk-Mei Ho participated recently at the annual External Advisory Board Meeting of the Center of Excellence in Environmental Toxicology (CEET), Perelman School of Medicine, University of Pennsylvania. The mission of the CEET is to elucidate the mechanistic links between environmental exposures and human disease and translate its findings into action to improve the health of vulnerable individuals, and local, national and global communities. CEET is supported in part by P30-ES013508 from the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences. Dr. Ho has been a member of this external advisory board for more than ten years.

