



# Husson University School of Pharmacy Bulletin

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## Special points of interest:

- **Hannaford Foundation Gift**
- **Faculty scholarship**
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- **Experiential Advisory Board holds inaugural meeting**
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## Hannaford Foundation Provides Gift to School

The Hannaford Charitable Foundation presented a \$100,000 gift in support of Husson's new Doctor of Pharmacy program. Husson University's President William Beardsley said, "Our focus is on preparing students for careers as pharmacists in Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont, the same region in which Hannaford operates pharmacies. Hannaford's extraordinary gift will finance equipping our new Cognitive Skills Laboratory which is

currently under construction. We are honored by Hannaford's support and our Pharm.D. graduates will be testament to Hannaford's trust."

"Hannaford is proud of our record supporting the health of communities, associates and customers," said Mark Polli, Director of Pharmacy Professional Services for Hannaford. "This grant is consistent with our commitment to professional pharmacy services and quality health care in the communities we serve." - Courtesy of Bangor Daily News

## Faculty Scholarship

Dr. Bai: S. Bai and F. Ahsan (2009) "Synthesis and evaluation of pegylated dendrimeric nanocarrier for pulmonary delivery of low molecular weight heparin" *Pharm. Res.*, 26(3):539-548.

Dr. Devaud: NIH AA011877 Principal Investigator "Molecular Basis for Sex-Selective Effects of Ethanol" 9/05-7/10, \$1,167,674. Transferred to University of Maine, Orono with move to Husson University.

J.L. Azevedo, S.A. Walls, E. Baergen and L.L. Devaud, "Organotypic hippocampal slice cultures as a model system to study alcohol dependence and withdrawal" 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Maine Medical and Biological Research Symposium, March 2009.

Dr. Huff: "Precepting Pharmacy Students" MPA Spring Seminar, March 2009.

Dr. Jarvi: Kuykendall, JR, Mellinger, KN, Miller, KL, Cain, AV, Perry, MW, Bradley, M, Jarvi, EJ, and Paustenbach, DJ (2009) "DNA-Protein cross-links in erythrocytes

of freshwater fish exposed to hexavalent chromium or divalent nickel" *Arch. Env. Con. Tox.* 56: 260-267.

Dr. Larson: Larson RA, Cormier J. "New School Update/Preceptor Expectations" MSHP Clinical Symposium, May 2009.

Dr. Lindblad/Devaud: NIH/NCRR Recovery Act Limited Competition: Extramural Research Facilities Improvement Program (C06). "The Husson Institute for Bioanalysis and Therapeutics" \$9.4M requested to construct a building to house wet lab research, clinical research and a vivarium (pending).

Dr. Shirley: "Anti-psychotic Pharmacotherapy and Cardiovascular Risk Management" MPA Spring Seminar, March 2009.

Dr. Yang: S. Vemula, K. E. Roder, T. Yang, G. J. Bhat, T. J. Thekkumkar, and T. J. Abbruscato (2009) "A functional role for sodium-dependent glucose transport across the blood-brain barrier during oxygen glucose deprivation", *J. Pharmacol. Exp. Ther.*, 328(2):487-495.



## Meet our Newest Faculty and Staff Members



Dr. Shuhua Bai  
Asst. Prof. of Pharmaceutics



Geze Fekete, R.Ph.  
Experiential Coordinator for Northern Maine



Dr. Tianzhi Yang  
Asst. Prof. of Medicinal Chemistry

## HUSOP Faculty Reach Out to Island Residents

The School of Pharmacy has undertaken a unique collaborative arrangement to help influence rural health care services in the State of Maine. In conjunction with the Maine Sea Coast Mission's Health Services three clinical faculty members from the School of Pharmacy have journeyed to Maine's offshore islands to offer free medication education programming to augment the regular medical care received by the island residents. Dr. Kara Shirley discussed safe medication storage and Drs. Ahmed Abdelmageed and Dan Huff conducted "brown-bag" medication review sessions.

In 2002 the Maine Sea Coast Mission began operating the seaworthy

health clinic, the *Sunbeam*, serving the islands of Isleford, Frenchboro, Matinicus and Swan's Island. The *Sunbeam* provides island residents with access to high quality health care utilizing an on-board registered nurse supported by medical specialists located in Augusta via a telemedicine link.

Dr. Huff said, "This is the initial effort at what will be an ongoing program bringing pharmacists to the year around residents of all four islands on a regular basis to discuss their individual medication therapy management issues." Future goals include establishing a mail back program and pharmacy medication management clinics utilizing HUSOP practice faculty and students.

## Experiential Advisory Board's Inaugural Meeting

The first meeting of HUSOP's Experiential Advisory Board (EAB) was held on June 12 in Bangor. EAB members, all who serve in a volunteer capacity, include: Ahmed Abdelmageed, Carl Boucher, Robin Brittelli, Miranda Byard, Ron Chase, Steve D'Amato, Nancy Dyer, Geza Fekete, Don Galipeau, Danny

Huff, Mark Miller, Christine Perry and Jason Tremblay.



The EAB acts in a consulting capacity to the Chair of Pharmacy Practice and the Director of Experiential Education to ensure the quality of the professional phase of the pharmacy curriculum including both the introductory and advanced pharmacy practice experiences.

The EAB advises on strategic planning related to experiential education, helps ensure all experiential components meet ACPE accreditation standards and recommends strategies to cultivate and engage alumni, pharmacy associations and other stake holders into a sustained working relationship with the School of Pharmacy.

## HUSOP Hires

Personnel	Start Date
Shuhua Bai, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Pharmaceutics	April 2009
Tianzhi Yang, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Medicinal Chemistry	April 2009
Geze Fekete, B.Pharm., R.Ph., Experiential Coordinator for Northern Maine	May 2009
Conrad Dhing, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Social and Administrative Sciences	July 2009
Aaron Domina, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Biochemistry and Microbiology	July 2009
David Romerill, Pharm.D., BCPS, Assistant Professor of Pharmacy Practice	August 2009

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