



# NEWS FROM OEL

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Welcome to News from OEL, a quarterly newsletter designed to provide preceptors for the Harrison School of Pharmacy information about the Office of Experiential Learning (OEL). We hope that you enjoy it and encourage you to let us know what features you would like to see in future issues.

## **PRECEPTOR SPOTLIGHT— LYNDA STAGGS**

Lynda Staggs was born in east central Alabama and grew up in the small town of Heflin, Alabama. Her father was postmaster and her mother taught second grade. At an early age, she became interested in the sciences and started to work in her father's cousin's drugstore when she was 14 years old. She worked at the soda fountain, but always wanted to be a pharmacist. When first enrolled at Howard College, now Samford University, she immediately declared pharmacy as her major and never really wanted to do anything else.

After graduation, Lynda married Jacob Wayne Staggs and practiced in several hospitals before returning to retail. She has practiced in both chain and independent community pharmacies and also (for a brief time) in a long-term care setting. She and her late husband owned two community pharmacies: Center Drugs of Huntsville, which they owned for about 20 years; and Whitesport Pharmacy, which they owned for 8 years. At Whitesport Pharmacy, she began a compounding practice that continues today at Medical Arts Pharmacy of Huntsville and through that practice, she became involved with hospice and pharmaceutical care. Lynda considers her work with hospice patients and staff to be one of her best professional accomplishments and that service is the most professionally rewarding experience of her career. Because her late husband had diabetes from age 27, they were active in causes that support diabetes education, particularly pharmacy-based diabetes education. Lynda continues that interest today.

Today, Lynda is a compounding pharmacist in an independent community pharmacy and co-owns MTM Services of Alabama. She is active in many community causes including, the Huntsville Symphony Orchestra, the Huntsville Youth Orchestra, the local Diabetes Association Walk, the Downtown Rescue Mission for the homeless and Delta Zeta Sorority. Lynda is also an active member of the Alabama Pharmacy Association, the Alabama Independent Drugstore Association, the Madison County Pharmaceutical Society, and the Alabama Pharmacy Research and Education Foundation.

She is the mother of Alicea Staggs Williams, the Director of Christian Education at Court Street United Methodist Church in Flint, Michigan and Russell Kyle Staggs, a music Attorney for Universal Pictures in Hollywood, Ca. She is the very proud "Grammy" to two wonderful grandsons, Jacob Williams, age 12, and Jackson Staggs, age 3 years and one beautiful new granddaughter, Evelyn Blake Staggs, age 3 months.

Lynda states "Pharmacy has been very good to me. I have been honored to receive awards and organizational offices beyond anything I ever expected. I can never adequately repay the profession for its many gifts, but if my legacy can be one of service; of 'giving back', through mentoring students and expanding the opportunities for pharmacists to improve the

pharmaceutical care of their patients, then I will consider that my greatest professional accomplishment.”

### **FACULTY SPOTLIGHT— KRISTI KELLEY, BCPS, CDE**

Kristi Kelley is an Associate Clinical Professor of Pharmacy Practice with Auburn University Harrison School of Pharmacy. Kristi joined the faculty in August 2001 and currently serves as a Clinical Pharmacist at the Continuity Clinic Teaching Services with Baptist Health System, Inc. at Trinity Medical Center in Birmingham. Her interests include diabetes, women's health, cardiovascular disease, and obesity. Other scholarly interests include patient education, assessment of outcomes, experiential education, and curricular design/revision. Kristi serves as a preceptor for AUHSOP students on rotations in an outpatient internal medicine resident clinic where students have the opportunity to see patients for pharmacotherapy consults, as well as participating in patient visits with medical residents in a teaching setting.

Kristi teaches throughout the traditional part of the curriculum and co-coordinates a Metabolic Syndrome Elective for third year pharmacy students. Kristi has been actively involved in the school's curricular development serving as chair of various components of the school's curriculum committee (known at AUHSOP as the Professional Education Committee – PEC).

Kristi was born and raised in Birmingham but left to attend Furman University in Greenville, South Carolina. Although she had always been interested in being a pharmacist, it took her 2 years of undergrad to decide to pursue pharmacy. She transferred to Auburn University and received her BS in Pharmacy from Auburn University in 1999 and her Doctor of Pharmacy in 2000. After graduation, she moved to Mississippi where she completed a Primary Care Pharmacy Residency at The University of Mississippi Medical Center. Having strong ties to Alabama, Kristi and her husband, Jonathan, gladly moved back to Birmingham when she completed her residency. During her time with Auburn, Kristi has served as the Clinic Pharmacist, Anticoagulation Clinic Coordinator, and Diabetes Educator at Carraway Medical Foundation from 2001 – 2005 and Clinical Pharmacist, Anticoagulation Clinic Coordinator, and Diabetes Educator at Carraway Community Care Clinic - Internal Medicine Residency Clinic – Physician's Medical Center Carraway from 2003 – 2008. Kristi is a board certified pharmacotherapy specialist and a certified diabetes educator.

Kristi has been active in pharmacy organizations including being a member of the American Society of Health System Pharmacists (ASHP) and being actively involved with state chapter, AISHP. She has had opportunities to serve on various committees within the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AACP) and the American College of Clinical Pharmacy (ACCP). Kristi received the Hargreaves Faculty Mentor Award in 2004, was recognized as the Roche Preceptor of the Year in 2006 and twice has been recognized as a Preceptor of Excellence.

Although Kristi has always enjoyed reading, traveling, shopping, and Auburn football, her time away from work and pharmacy these days is full keeping up with her two girls!

### **ROTATION INFORMATION**

Thank you for submitting your availability information for the 2010-11 P4 rotations. Please watch for availability forms for the P1 IPPE Community rotations, as they will be sent to you before Thanksgiving. We have changed the introductory rotations for this year so that students will spend two weeks in the community pharmacy setting the summer after their P1 year and

two weeks in the institutional pharmacy setting the summer after their P2 year. Dates for the 2010 summer IPPE rotations are May 24 – June 4, June 7 – 18, June 28 – July 9, July 12 – 23, July 26 – August 6. We have scheduled these blocks so that you will not have both P1s and P4s starting on the same week.

### **OCTOBER IS AMERICAN PHARMACISTS MONTH**

Don't forget to include the student pharmacists in any planned activities at your practice site or in your community during the month of October. There are some great ideas on the APhA website ([www.pharmacist.com](http://www.pharmacist.com)).

### **IN THE LITERATURE**

ACCP White Paper: Development of Student Professionalism (Pharmacotherapy 2009;29(6):749-756)

### **PRECEPTING PEARLS**

A simple but very important aspect of precepting is to teach the student pharmacists to do what you do as a pharmacist.

### **REMINDERS**

We are still accepting applications for the IPPE Clinical Director position. For more information, please visit [http://pharmacy.auburn.edu/professionals/pdf/pp\\_ippe\\_ad.pdf](http://pharmacy.auburn.edu/professionals/pdf/pp_ippe_ad.pdf)

### **UPCOMING EVENTS & DEADLINES**

AISHP Residency Conference: October 13th

National Pharmacy Week: October 18-24

HSOP Career Day for P4's: November 3

HSOP Preceptor Seminar: November 8, 1 - 4:30 PM, Harrison School of Pharmacy, Auburn

[http://pharmacy.auburn.edu/pge/09\\_ce.htm](http://pharmacy.auburn.edu/pge/09_ce.htm)

### **A THOUGHT ABOUT EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING...**

"Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn." Benjamin Franklin

### **PRECEPTOR LICENSE FOR ALABAMA STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY**

Preceptors in Alabama are encouraged to obtain a preceptor license with the Alabama Board of Pharmacy (ALBOP). This license allows the preceptor to sign hours required for licensure for student pharmacists. To become a licensed preceptor, the pharmacist must be licensed for at least 2 years and attend an ALBOP approved preceptor seminar once every 3 years. Upcoming preceptor seminars are listed on the ALBOP website under CE. The next preceptor seminar offered by HSOP will be on November 8, 2009. This only applies to preceptors in Alabama. If you are not currently a licensed preceptor with the ALBOP and need additional information, please contact Lynn Stevenson at [tls0002@auburn.edu](mailto:tls0002@auburn.edu) or 334-844-4329 or the ALBOP.

### **OEL WEBSITE**

Remember that the OEL website is full of resources for preceptors and students. On our pages, you will find policy information, evaluation forms, rotation standards and information about the library and other documents. Please bookmark us at <http://pharmacy.auburn.edu/oel>.

### **PRECEPTOR DEVELOPMENT MODULES**

ACPE accreditation standards require that all schools of pharmacy provide preceptor development and training. The Southeastern Pharmacy Experiential Education Consortium

(SPEEC), which is made up of experiential education faculty and staff from Auburn, Samford, Mercer, UGA, South University and the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine (PCOM) School of Pharmacy (GA campus), has developed several modules for preceptors of these schools. These modules are available at <http://www.rxugace.com/programs>. Current modules are approved for 1 hour of continuing education through ACPE. Preceptors for any of the SPEEC schools may receive these preceptor development modules at no cost by using the coupon code obtained from OEL. If you need the coupon code, please contact Lynn Stevenson at [tls0002@auburn.edu](mailto:tls0002@auburn.edu).

Preceptor development modules are also available through the Pharmacist's Letter-Preceptor Training and Resource Network. A link to this Training and Resource Network is available on the OEL website. There is some upcoming live programming so check out this site for valuable preceptor CE.

### **RECOGNITION OF OUTSTANDING STUDENT ACTIVITIES**

Two P4 student pharmacists, Melissa Overfelt and Wendy Herring, recently on rotation at the AU Student Pharmacy (preceptor, Nancy Kicklighter) volunteered at Hope Clinic in Lafayette, Alabama. Hope Clinic is a free medical clinic for uninsured men and women in need, serving the surrounding tri-county area that includes Chambers, Randolph and Tallapoosa Counties in East Alabama. These student pharmacists were involved in direct patient care, counseling patients and reviewing medication therapy with the physicians to improve patient outcomes. They also assisted patients with enrollment in medication assistance programs for patients unable to afford their prescription medications. As result of these interventions by our student pharmacists, the physicians at the clinic have requested that more student pharmacists participate in the care provided at this clinic.

Jeff Scott, a P4 student pharmacist on rotation at Children's Hospital (preceptor, Kerry Parsons) in Birmingham, Alabama was recently charged with the task of educating a young teen with multiple chronic disease states on insulin and enoxaparin injections. In addition to covering potential side effects and problems, Jeff also discussed the details of administering the injections. For enoxaparin, he addressed how the syringes will be in ready-to-administer form and how to work with these devices. For the insulin injections, he emphasized the importance of rotating injection sites. Jeff established a nice rapport with both the patient and mother. Furthermore, he insightfully recommended the importance of an influenza vaccine for this high-risk patient. The patient was not happy with the idea of receiving another shot, but Jeff light-heartedly encouraged the patient by explaining that he also had to receive the vaccine. Jeff did an excellent job of representing how pharmacy can positively influence patient care.

### **ARE YOU ON FACEBOOK?**

We have created a Facebook Group called "Harrison School of Pharmacy, Office of Experiential Learning" and would love to have you join us. We plan to use this group as a way to share information with our preceptors as well as to have a place to allow our preceptors to interact and share ideas.

### **SHARE YOUR NEWS!**

Are you involved in an innovative practice? Have our students been involved in a notable intervention while on rotation at your site? Tell us about it and we will share it in a future newsletter!

### **WHERE ARE YOU?**

Have you moved or changed practice sites? Please let us know so that we can update our records and so we do not send students to the wrong location.

## OEL CONTACTS

**P1 – P3 students** – For questions about P1-3 students, IPPE Rotations, or the PPE program, please contact Olivia Shanks for students in Mobile at 251-445-9305 or [oww0001@auburn.edu](mailto:oww0001@auburn.edu), or Kathy Kyle for students in Auburn at 334-844-8345 or [kylekat@auburn.edu](mailto:kylekat@auburn.edu). For student issues or practice experience questions, please contact Lynn Stevenson at 334-844-4329 [tls0002@auburn.edu](mailto:tls0002@auburn.edu).

**P4 students** – For logistical issues relating to P4 students or rotations, please contact April Staton at 334-844-4195 or [statoag@auburn.edu](mailto:statoag@auburn.edu), or student issues or practice experience questions, please contact Lynn Stevenson at 334-844-4329 [tls0002@auburn.edu](mailto:tls0002@auburn.edu).

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