A Message from the Graduate Program Director

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2020 was a year of challenges. Yet, it was also a year of incredible successes for our department and a time to reflect on our purpose. I am incredibly proud of each and every student and the hard work you each bring to your research and coursework every day. In particular, I am so proud of our new students who continue to amaze me with their positivity and resilience.

We are each here for a reason. Each of us are here because we believe in science and want to make this world a better place. We are united by our desire to grow as scientists and to improve public health. In my humble opinion, there are few places in the world where there are more opportunities to accomplish these goals than here at UF.

I hope this pace of life allows us to slow down, reflect, and find balance. I also ask that you continue to nurture our department’s desire to celebrate the successes, diverse experiences, and professional development of one another.

I am proud to be a Florida Gator, and I am just as proud to be a part of the POP family.
Recent Student/Post-Doc
First-Author Publications*
*since Aug 2020


If any recent publications were missed, please email earl.morris@ufl.edu and they will be included in the next issue!
More Student Successes and Accomplishments

*since Aug 2020*

**Cheng “Alice” Chen** was named as one of 10 finalists in the UF Three Minute Thesis Competition. Alice’s virtual presentation compared the risk of opioid-related adverse events, traumatic injury, and long-term opioid use between patients with gabapentin-opioid therapy versus patients with opioid-only therapy.

**Raj Desai** was selected as a spotlight poster award winner at the 36th International Conference on Pharmacoepidemiology and Therapeutic Risk Management. His poster compared the risk of major adverse cardiovascular events, or MACE, and death between epoetin and darbepoetin.

**Sebastian Jugl** was elected as ISPE student council co-chair and will represent all international student chapters and promote participation in activities such as webinars, workshops and social activities.

**Motomori Lewis** was selected to chair the COP Graduate Diversity Committee which aims to promote and foster an environment of cultural diversity and inclusion among graduate students and faculty in the college.

*If any recent student accomplishments were missed, please email earl.morris@ufl.edu and they will be included in the next issue!*
Upcoming Dates and Deadlines

**ISPE Student Chapter Dates and Deadlines:**
- February 8, 2-3pm: ISPE-ISPOR Student Chapter Joint Event: From POP Student to Professional
- February 12: abstracts due for 37th Annual ICPE Conference
- March: Applications for ISPE Midyear Conference student funding support open
- April 19-20: ISPE Midyear Conference (virtual)

**ISPOR Student Chapter Dates and Deadlines:**
- February 8, 2-3pm: ISPE-ISPOR Student Chapter Joint Event: From POP Student to Professional
- March 1: abstracts due for Virtual 2021 ISPOR
- April TBA: Guest Speaker
- May 17-20: Virtual 2021 ISPOR

**Miscellaneous Dates and Deadlines:**
- January 26, 12-1 pm: COP Graduate Diversity Career Series with Elvin Price, PharmD, PhD
- February 5: abstracts due for inaugural Cannabis Clinical Outcomes Research Conference (CCORC) (more info: http://ccorc.mmjoutcomes.org/)
- March 31: abstracts due for 2021 AcademyHealth Virtual Meeting
- April 8-9: Cannabis Clinical Outcomes Research Conference (CCORC) (virtual) student pricing $20
- June 14-17: 2021 AcademyHealth Virtual Meeting
Get to Know the Faculty & Staff

Almut Winterstein, R.Ph., Ph.D., FISPE Professor & Chair; Director, Center For Drug Evaluation & Safety (CoDES)

We all know about Dr. Winterstein’s research interests, but how well do you really know her? Whoever scores the highest on the quiz below will win a prize from the department! Winner will be announced on February 1st!

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/C86YSXV

Scan the QR code above to be taken directly to the quiz.

We will continue to highlight faculty and staff members in this section. We hope these quizzes offer a fun way to get to know each other a little better!
Please feel free to share any suggestions you might have below!

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