Tyler Distinguished Lecturers

The Varro E. Tyler Distinguished Lectureship was established in honor of Dr. Tyler to recognize his many contributions to the development of the professional and research programs in the College of Pharmacy during his 20 years tenure as Dean (1968-1988). The next lecture will be held on November 1, 2017.

2017 Varro E. Tyler Distinguished Lecturer
Julia A. Johnson, PharmD
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Dr. Julie Johnson is Dean of the University of Florida College of Pharmacy and Distinguished Professor of Pharmacy and Medicine. She is also Director of the UF Health Personalized Medicine Program. She received her BS in Pharmacy from The Ohio State University and her PharmD from The University of Texas at Austin and The UT Health Science Center at San Antonio. She completed a post-doctoral fellowship in cardiovascular pharmacology/pharmacokinetics at Ohio State. She is a board certified pharmacotherapy specialist (BCPS) with added qualifications in cardiology.

Dr. Johnson’s research focuses on cardiovascular pharmacogenomics and genomic medicine. She leads a hypertension pharmacogenomics research group, funded under the National Institutes of Health (NIH) Pharmacogenomics Research Network, and another NIH-funded group in genomic medicine implementation in the NIH IGNITE network. She is an internationally-recognized leader in cardiovascular pharmacogenomics and genomic medicine, with over 240 peer reviewed publications and more than $35 million in research funding as principal investigator.

She has served on the Nonprescription Drugs Advisory Committee of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), the XNDA Study Section at NIH, and in numerous scientific capacities with NIH’s NHLBI. She has held leadership roles in the American College of Clinical Pharmacy (ACCP), the American Heart Association (AHA), the American Society of Clinical Pharmacology and Therapeutics (ASCPT), for which she became President in March 2016, among others. She is an elected Fellow of the ACCP, AHA, and ACCP.

Dr. Johnson was elected to the National Academy of Medicine (formerly Institute of Medicine) in 2014. She is the recipient of numerous awards including teaching awards from both the University of Tennessee (1996) and the University of Florida (2001); the William Oxley Thompson Award for early career achievement, Ohio State University Alumni Association (1997); Leon I. Goldberg Young
Investigator Award, ASCPT (2004); Paul Dawson Biotechnology Research Award, American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (2007); Therapeutic Frontiers Award (2009) and Russell R. Miller Award for Contributions to the Literature (2010), both from ACCP; and the Southeastern Universities Research Association Distinguished Scientist Award (2015).

Previous Lecturers

2016: Gunda I. Georg (November)

2016: Lawrence A. Trissel (March)

2015: No speaker

2014: Nick Barber

2013: Philip S. Portoghese

2012: Stephen P. Spielberg

2011: David W. Bates

2010: Richard B. Silverman

2009: Suzanne Hill

2008: Michael R. Cohen

2006: Janet Woodcock

2005: J. Lyle Bootman

2004: Joseph R. Robinson

2003: Daniel H. Rich

2001: William E. Evans

2000: Jane E. Henney

1999: Palmer Taylor

1998: Christopher T. Walsh

Gerhard Levy


1994: D. Craig Brater

1993: Allan H. Conney

1992: Gertrude B. Elion

1991: Donald J. Cram

1990: Avedis Donabedian

1989: Arvid Carlsson

1988: Leslie Z. Benet

1987: Alan R. Battersby