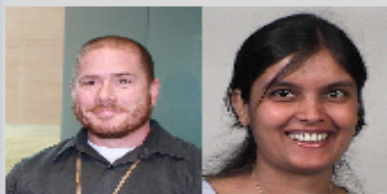


PharmTox Fights COVID-19 Weeks of June 29 - July 10, 2020 Accolades

Drs. Fantegrossi and Parajuli Submit Grant Applications



Two department faculty members have submitted grant applications during the past two weeks. Associate Professor, Bill Fantegrossi submitted "Evaluation of hallucinogenic substances using the drug discrimination assay" as part of a contract with the U.S. Department of Justice, Drug Enforcement Administration. Assistant professor, Nirmala Parajuli submitted an R01 application to NIH, "Targeting heat shock protein 72 to improve renal function after transplantation".

Department Spotlight: Dr. Philip Mayeux

Emeritus professor, Philip Mayeux has been very active since his retirement. He is working part time at his husband's pipe organ design/construction company, Nichols & Simpson Organbuilders, Inc. Dr. Mayeux always has been interested in the arts and in March he started the Arkansas Art Scene blog (arkansasartscene.com), where he has already posted 18 interviews with local artists, including Shelley Gentry, Dr. Brooks Gentry's wife. "It has been lots of fun since retirement!", Dr. Mayeux says. He also is taking an online course at Sotheby's Institute of Art to learn more about art collecting. On the science side, Dr. Mayeux just served on a Zoom NIH Study Section for NIGMS to review T32 training grant applications. He is keeping active on all fronts.



Dr. Mu Builds Playset for Safe Play

Assistant professor, Shengyu Mu and his wife, postdoctoral fellow, Yungmeng Liu, recently designed and built a playset for their daughter, Emma, so that she will have a place to play until it is safe to go to public parks again. Wow!



Health Screener Recognition

Professors Nancy Rusch, Alexei Basnakian, assistant professors Lisa Brents and Shengyu Mu, department business manager, Fred Goad, research technicians Kelly Ball and Suki Fukuda, and education specialist Sylvia Stewart have volunteered the past two weeks at the health screening station at the entrance to the Cancer Institute. There still are volunteer shifts left in July. [Click here](#) to see available shifts.



Stocked and Reddie

Stocked and Reddie, the UAMS food pantry, is looking for volunteers and donations of food and money. You can go to their [website](#) to give online.