

PharmTox Weekly Buzz

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Week of August 30-September 3, 2021

HAVE A SAFE & HAPPY
LABOR DAY WEEKEND

Welcome Dr. Andrew Morris!

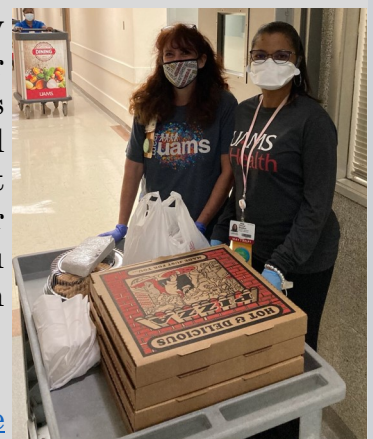


Professor Andrew Morris officially joined the department this week. Dr. Morris joins us from the University of Kentucky, where he was the Ashwin Annand Endowed Professor of Cardiovascular Research in the Department of Medicine and directed an institutional mass spectrometry facility that provided support for biomedical and environmental diseases research. Dr. Morris also was a Research Investigator at the Lexington Veterans Affairs Medical Center. He received his PhD in biochemistry from the University of Birmingham, England, and has held faculty positions at Stony Brook University and the University of North Carolina prior to moving to the University of Kentucky. Dr. Morris studies the role of lipid mechanism and lipid signaling in human diseases. Areas of interest include phospholipases, integral membrane lipid phosphatases and bioactive lysophospholipid mediators. He also investigates mechanisms linking genetic factors, diet-induced obesity and exposure to environmental pollutants to cardiovascular and metabolic disease risk. Additionally, he develops and applies mass spectrometry-based methods for structural analysis and quantitation of lipids (lipidomics) and investigates lipid biomarkers of disease.

Admin Staff Volunteers to Support Clinical Staff



Department admin staff responded to a call sent out by the campus asking for volunteers to provide support for clinical staff caring for COVID-19 patients. Business manager Fred Goad volunteered recently on a weekend to help deliver meals to patients. Education specialist Cheryl Shelton and program manager Pam Kahler stayed late to deliver meals to clinical staff. If you



would like to pick up a shift and help out, please sign up at one of the links below.

- Entrance Screening Stations: [Sign up for a shift.](#)
- Patient Meal Delivery: [Sign up for a two-hour shift any day of the week, either the 7 – 9 a.m. shift or the 5 – 7 p.m. shift.](#)
- Clinical Staff Meal Delivery: Volunteer for a one-hour shift Monday through Friday. [Sign up for the 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. shift or for the 7:30 – 8:30 p.m. shift.](#)
- Housekeeping: Email PCO@uams.edu to get more information.