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Dr. Nancy Rusch Appointed Distinguished Professor



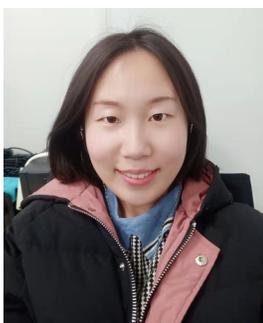
We are pleased to announce professor and chair Nancy Rusch was promoted to the esteemed rank of Distinguished Professor by the University of Arkansas System Board of Trustees. Promotion to Distinguished Professor is a special distinction reserved for faculty members who are recognized nationally or internationally as intellectual leaders in their academic disciplines with exceptional accomplishments in research, teaching, scholarly publications and other work. Promotion to the rank requires endorsement from the respective department, college and UA campus leadership as well as the Board of Trustees. Congratulations to Dr. Rusch on this well-deserved honor!

Dr. Zufeng Ding Joins Department



Dr. Zufeng Ding, an assistant professor in the Department of Internal Medicine, joined our department as an assistant professor on the basic scientist non-tenure pathway on January 1, 2022. Dr. Ding holds a PhD in biomedical engineering from Beihang University in Beijing, and joined the UAMS Department of Internal Medicine in 2011, rising from the position of post-doctoral fellow to assistant professor. He has published 62 papers and 2 book chapters on topics related to cardiovascular research, including mechanisms of atherosclerosis, cardiac ischemia and fibrosis, and vascular disease. He has a strong skillset in molecular biology and genetic mouse models of cardiovascular disease, and already collaborates with cardiovascular researchers in our department. We anticipate that these collaborations will be strengthened and expanded since his arrival in the department. Dr. Ding is a peer reviewer for the American Heart Association, and is the recipient of a NIH R21 grant, which was scored at the second percentile. Please welcome him to the department.

Welcome Jiaojiao Fan



Please welcome Jiaojiao Fan. Jiaojiao is a new research technician in assistant professor Huiliang Zhang's laboratory. Jiaojiao graduated from a medical school in China's northern coastal region, majoring in pharmacy for her undergraduate degree and anti-tumor pharmacology for her master's degree. After graduation, she worked for a biotechnology company in Shanghai that specializes in stem cell and immune cell therapy. Jiaojiao is very interested in the stem cell biology field. Her hobbies outside of work include cooking, shopping, traveling, and singing.