for Asian American, Pacific Islander, and white elders in Medicare in Hawai‘i from December 2006 to 2010.” In Prev Chronic Dis. Lead author: Mary Guo, Office of Public Health Studies. Dr. Juarez also gave an oral presentation entitled, “Change in health status related to inability to afford medications and Asian American ethnicity” at the Mountain West Clinical Translational Research Infrastructure Network (CTR-IN) conference in June.

Russell Molyneux, affiliate faculty, was awarded $5,000 by the International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry (IUPAC) to support the work of an international panel of experts, chaired by Dr. Molyneux, designed to specify “Recommended Methods for the Structural Identification of Biologically Active Compounds in Food and Flavor Chemistry.” The outcome will be published in the journal Pure and Applied Chemistry as an official IUPAC recommendation. He has also co-authored “Targeted Metabolomics: a New Section in the Journal of Agricultural and Food Chemistry” by James N. Seiber, Russell J. Molyneux, and Peter Schieberle.

Karen Pellegrin, director of strategic planning and continuing education, is an invited member of the Academy of Managed Care Pharmacy Medication Therapy Management (AMCP MTM) Advisory Group. The group said Pellegrin was chosen because her “proven leadership in Managed Care and MTM and ability to think both creatively and strategically will assist AMCP with understanding the opportunities and challenges our membership faces with regards to MTM and how AMCP can enhance its support to this important topic.” Dr. Pellegrin also was the author of a manuscript entitled “Ben & Jerry’s CEO Pay Cap and Corporate Social Responsibility: Sweet Justice or Frozen Fiduciary?” accepted in the peer-reviewed journal Sage Business Cases.


Judi Steinman, psychopharmacology program coordinator, was a co-author in an article published in the American Society for the Advancement of Pharmacotherapy’s magazine The Tablet entitled “Hawaii FQHC Update.” Her co-author was Kathleen M. McNamara.

Aaron Jacobs, assistant professor in the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, and his lab published a study entitled “ERK-dependent phosphorylation of HSF1 mediates chemotherapeutic resistance to benzimidazole carbamates in colorectal cancer cells” in Anticancer Drugs 2015 (epub ahead of print). Lab technician Christina Wales was the lead author, with co-authors Taylor FR, Higa AT, McAllister HA and Jacobs AT.

Dianqing Sun, associate professor, Pharmaceutical Sciences, received a $50,000 grant from George F. Straub Trust of Hawaii Community Foundation to develop novel small molecule agents for the treatment of Clostridium difficile infections. Also Dr. Sun gave a talk entitled “Synthesis and biological evaluation of nature-inspired new chemotherapeutic agents” at the 11th Sino-US Chemistry and Chemical Biology Professor Conference held at Soochow University, Suzhou, China, June 21-23. In addition, Dr. Sun was invited by National Institutes of Health to serve on two special emphasis panels in Bethesda, Maryland in July for reviewing grant applications related to Non-Traditional Therapeutics that Limit Antibacterial Resistance.