gents’ approval culminates a several year process that was initiated at the request of the local medical products community, students attending UW’s Certificate in Biomedical Regulatory Affairs, and much-appreciated encouragement from the Corporate Advisory Board. Tom Hazlet is the Director of this program.

Global Health Grant Received

The University of Washington has received a grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation in the amount of $550,000 to support an economic evaluation of potential innovations in measles vaccination in resource-limited settings. The nine month project—the Global Measles Vaccination Strategies (GMVIS) study—headed by principal investigator Lou Garrison, will examine the likely cost and health impacts of innovations, such as improved thermostability or needle-free delivery. Co-investigators include Tom Hazlet, Srikanth Kadiyala, Dave Veenstra, and Brian Bresnahan as well as Chris Bauch, an infectious disease modeler, from the University of Guelph in Canada.

Gifts

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1st Row, Graduates: Lisa Meckley, Sarika Ogale, Jennie Best
2nd Row, Faculty: Danny Shen, Srikanth Kadiyala, Jacqueline Gardner, Louis Garrison, Sean Sullivan, Thomas Hazlet, David Blough, Beth Devine, David Veenstra

Congratulations to Recent Graduates

Jennie Best, MA, PhD
Dissertation Title: Preference Values for Health States Associated with Colon Cancer & its Treatment
Dissertation Advisor: David Veenstra
Current Position: Consultant, Outcomes Research

Ronald Caldwell, MS, PhD
Thesis Title: The Economics of Smoking Cessation: An Economic Simulation Model Comparing the Costs and Benefits Associated with Standard Cessation Methods
Thesis Advisor: Sean Sullivan
Current Position: Assistant Director, Global Health Outcomes, GlaxoSmithKline

Matthew C. Kerrigan, MSE, PhD
Dissertation Title: Cost-Effectiveness of Adjunct Treatment & Subsequent Surveillance of Non-Invasive Bladder Cancer
Dissertation Advisor: Scott Ramsey
Current Position: Assistant Director, Global Health Outcomes, GlaxoSmithKline
He has been working as the Medical Affairs Manager for Latin America at Sanofi-Aventis and has realized that research and education in pharmaceutical outcomes is essential. He will be pursuing a PhD degree.

Ryan Hansen, PharmD
Pre-Doctoral Fellow

Ryan Hansen graduated from the University of Washington in 2003 and has been working as a technology manager and clinical pharmacist, as well as managing his own pharmacy consulting business. He is interested in researching outcomes and adverse drug events related to electronic prescribing, pharmacoeconomic modeling and the following clinical disease states: respiratory disease, epilepsy and diabetes. He has worked as a research pharmacist on grants from NCQA, ASHP and AHRQ and has produced peer reviewed and published manuscripts. His fellowship is being sponsored by Abbott Laboratories. Ryan will be pursuing his PhD degree.

Jonathan Watanabe, PharmD
Post-Doctoral Fellow
BS, Zoology, University of Washington 1998; PharmD, University of Southern California, 2007.

Jonathan has been trained in global payer planning, trends in the U.S. managed care system and government price negotiations for Medicare Part D drugs. He was charged with scenario planning a pipeline product with a focus in Western Europe. As an intern pharmacist at the Los Angeles County Dept. of Health Services Pharmacy Affairs Office he was given the task of developing a pharmacy benefit plan for the indigent population of Los Angeles County. He hopes to broaden his knowledge in decision making in health care and will be pursuing a Master’s degree during the fellowship training period. His fellowship is being sponsored by Allergan.

Jonathan Campbell, MS
Post-Doctoral Fellow

Jonathan is the recipient of the Eli Lilly Post-Doctoral Pharmacoeconomics Fellowship. The focus of the fellowship will be in the use of healthcare technology assessment to improve decision making. He will receive extensive training in cost-effectiveness analysis, decision analysis, and disease state modeling, and expects to collaborate with the Lilly health outcomes department on some projects beginning this fall.

Honors and Awards - Faculty
Jacqueline Gardner was instrumental in the establishment of the Institute for Innovative Pharmacy Practice, I2P2. The School of Pharmacy formally announced the establishment of the Jacqueline Gardner Endowed Chair in her honor. The endowed funds will help attract and retain distinguished faculty in the areas of pharmacy management and senior care. I2P2 focuses on training, research and advocacy of pharmacy management, value-added pharmacy services and senior care.

Beth Devine was promoted to Research Associate Professor, July 2007.

Lou Garrison has been elected to the ISPOR Board of Directors for a two year term.

Scott Ramsey has completed a two year term on the ISPOR Board of Directors.

Honors and Awards - Students & Alumni
PORPP graduate students, Catherine Wavure and Joseph Babigumira, were key speakers at the annual Western Regional Health Conference, Pharmacy Session, held in Seattle earlier this year. The theme for this year’s conference was “Opportunities and Challenges for Pharmacy Global Health.” Catherine and Joseph used this opportunity to discuss solutions for the rational use of medications in resource-constrained countries and to share their peers the pharmaceutical issues they see in Kenya, Ethiopia and Uganda. Andy Stergachis and WSU faculty Colleen Terriff helped facilitate the session.

D. Eldon Spackman is a current recipient of the UW Warren G. Magnuson Scholar Award for 2007-2008. This Scholars Program is part of the Warren G. Magnuson Institute for Biomedical Research and Health Professional Training, established in 1991 in honor of the late Washington State senator.

Lisa Meekley received the Best Student Poster Award at the 2007 ISPOR Conference for her poster: Cost-Effectiveness Landscape of Genetic Testing with Warfarin Therapy.

Todd Lee PhD, ’01, a former graduate of the PORPP PhD program has been awarded the prestigious Bernie J. O’Brien New Investigator Award from the International Society for Pharmacoeconomics Research 2007 Conference.

Jonathan Campbell received Honorable Mention for his poster: “Categories and Transition Patterns of Guideline Informed Control in Severe or Difficult-to-Treat Asthma” at the 2007 ISPOR Conference.

Announcements and New Initiatives
Endowments and Awards
Ryan Hansen created the Adam Christopher Hansen Endowed Scholarship to provide financial support for entering PharmD students.

We are pleased to announce the establishment of the PORPP Endowed Prize in Health Policy and Economics, supported by an anonymous donor. This award will be granted to eligible candidates in the PhD or Master’s program in PORPP, or related fields such as Public Health Genetics, Health Services, Economics or Global Health who are enrolled in a class taught or mentored by a PORPP faculty member. On an annual basis, graduate students will be invited to submit an original health policy or economics paper for consideration. A $1000 award will be given to the successful student.

New Course
At its meeting on July 19, 2007, the University of Washington Board of Regents granted authority to the Department of Pharmacy to offer the Master of Science in Biomedical Regulatory Affairs degree program. This two-year program will admit its first class of 20 in the Winter Quarter, 2008. The Regent