Dr. Marilyn Morris: Our Alumnae of Distinction 2013

On September 27, 2013 the Faculty of Pharmacy Outstanding Alumni Award was presented to Dr. Marilyn E. Morris (née Brown). Dr. Morris received a BSc. (Pharmacy) in 1973 from the University of Manitoba’s, Faculty of Pharmacy. She received a M.Sc. (Pharmacology) from the University of Ottawa, Canada. After completing a pharmacy residency program, she held a faculty position in clinical pharmacy at Dalhousie University, Halifax, Canada from 1976 to 1978. Dr. Morris was awarded her Ph.D. degree in pharmaceutics from the State University of New York at Buffalo in 1984 for her work on the pharmacokinetics of sulfate conjugation and inorganic sulfate. She was a Canadian Medical Research Council Fellow (1984-85) working on drug metabolism in isolated perfused organ systems at the University of Toronto, Canada before joining the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences at the University of Buffalo in 1985.

Dr. Marilyn E. Morris is currently a Professor of Pharmaceutical Sciences, University at Buffalo (UB), State University of New York (SUNY). She is the author of over 160 scientific papers and two books. She also serves on various grant review and advisory panels. Her research interests include drug metabolism and membrane transport. Her recent research is focused on the pharmacokinetics and pharmacodynamics of the dietary components, flavonoids and organic isothiocyanates. Dr. Morris has been an advisor to ten postdoctoral scholars, 25 Ph.D. students, 11 master’s students, six bachelor/master’s students, as well as Pharm.D., undergraduate and high school students.

Dr. Morris is an Associate Editor for The AAPS Journal, on the Editorial Boards of the Journal of Pharmaceutical Science, Pharmaceutical Research and Biopharmaceutics and Drug Disposition, and is an American Association for the Advancement of Science fellow (2012). Dr. Morris is also an advisory committee member for the United States Food and Drug Administration’s Center for Drug Evaluation and Research. A 2006 recipient of the SUNY Chancellor’s Award in Excellence for Research and Creative Activity, she also served as associate dean for graduate and postgraduate education in UB’s Graduate School from 2006-12 where she established the Office of Postdoctoral Scholars.

Dr. Marilyn Morris is fellow of the American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists (AAPS) and serves as 2013 AAPS president-elect. She has received the UB Distinguished Postdoctoral Mentor Award from the Graduate School in 2012. A service Award, from the Pharmacokinetics, Pharmacodynamics and Drug Metabolism Section, American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists (2010) and a Faculty Service Award, Pharmacy Leadership Society, Beta Omicron Chapter, University at Buffalo, (2010).

Congratulations Dr. Morris we are proud to have you as a distinguished alumnae of our pharmacy program.
The Dean’s Distillate

This past summer our pharmacy community suffered a tragic public loss with the death of Lisa Gibson (née Nichol), B.Sc.(Pharm) 2004 and her children. Many other alumni have passed on throughout the year including Archie Orlikow, B.Sc.(Pharm) 1948. We recognize the individual and collective contributions to the profession of all those in our pharmacy family that have passed on as we continue with our professional service in our communities we grieve these significant losses.

Since our last communication we have welcomed 54 new pharmacy students who have commenced our program in the fall. Our White Coat Ceremony was very memorable with the cloaking of the students by some members of the alumni of classes of 1958, 1963, and 1966. Homecoming was also a special time for our graduating classes of 1963 and 1973 with our second Outstanding Alumni Lecture from Dr. Marilyn Morris from the class of 1973. Our Grand Rounds seminar series has been very enjoyable so far with many outstanding seminars from alumni of 1955, 1973, 1976, 1986 and 1992 taking place. We also welcomed back Dr. Harold Segal, B.Sc.(Pharm) 1962 who provided some outstanding guest lectures in the pharmacy management class.

We are proud of our graduating students of 2013 who have performed very well in the Pharmacy Examining Board of Canada examination process. Furthermore, student and faculty involvement in volunteer and community activities remains thriving. Our faculty continues to shine as leaders in research and education in pharmacy; this is a result of hard work and commitment to the profession.

With the companionship of colleagues I have continued on my tour of over 250 pharmacies in our friendly province. I have enjoyed every single interaction with alumni including pickerel and burger lunches, numerous coffees, cakes and stimulating conversations and even a flat tire along the way! I look forward to meeting more of you over the next year as our journey continues.

Everywhere I turn I see the accomplishments of our dedicated faculty, staff, students and alumni who continue to strengthen our national and international reputation. The Faculty of Pharmacy is committed to innovation while also maintaining our proud traditions. The profession of pharmacy has so much to be proud of in its past, but must rejoice and enjoy in the now, and has even more to look forward to in the future. What an exciting time to be a pharmacist.

Thank you for having me as your Dean.

Sincerely,

Neal Davies BSc.(Pharm), Ph.D., R.Ph. Dean and Professor

SPEP Preceptor Awards 2013
Pharmacy Team of the Year

Wal-Mart Unicity nominated by Magkie Cheung

The Wal-Mart Pharmacy team composed of Shannon Trapp, Anthony Davis, Matt Newman, Stacy Hillman, Brittany Gardner, Mel Waldie and Ray Tan was nominated by Magkie Cheung who said: “The Wal-Mart pharmacy team is an enthusiastic group of pharmacists and pharmacy technicians who work very effectively with each other to create a strong environment for patient care. They are supportive to each other and are very welcoming and willing to teach new students. Everyone treated me as a respected member of the group and as a result I got to participate in all areas of patient care. They have been such a pleasure to work with and have been a popular site of rotations for so long I felt like it was time they were recognized for being such a fun, knowledgeable and caring team!”
Hospital Preceptor of the Year

**Grazia Prochazka (Deer Lodge Center), nominated by Kim Galvin**

Grazia Prochazka graduated from the Faculty of Pharmacy University of Manitoba in 1987. She went on to do a hospital residency at the HSC in 1998. She worked at HSC and Miserconcordia in the past but currently works at the Deer Lodge Center and provides clinical pharmacy services to a rehab and PCH unit. At Deer Lodge she is the co-chair of the pain committee, she is the pharmacy representative for the WRHA MAPS (medication administration policy subcommittee) and a Board member of the DLC foundation. Grazia also won the Bonnie Schultz award in 2006.

Grazia loves the enthusiasm of her students – their freshness. She sees the future of the profession and loves teaching. Grazia was nominated by her student Kim Galvin who says: “Grazia has been an amazing preceptor. She has guided me in my learning experience while letting me choose which areas I wanted to pursue more thoroughly. She is always available for questions when needed but makes me formulate my own answers and decisions as much as possible. She is active in all aspects of patient care and is not only an exceptional pharmacist but an exceptional human being with great empathy. She cares for everyone around her and is the type of pharmacist I aspire to be.”

Community Preceptor of the Year

**Ryan Buffie (Rexall – Assiniboine Clinic), nominated by Kim Galvin**

Ryan Buffie graduated from the Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Manitoba in 2001. He has been employed by Rexall since graduation. He worked in various stores in Winnipeg and then in Ottawa for a year. In 2004 he came back to Winnipeg and managed the Rexall in City Place, the Corydon location and has been the manager at his current location (Assiniboine Clinic) since December 2006.

Ryan says he loves taking students and really enjoys seeing their different perspectives. He says the students are on top of current knowledge and have different ways of looking at things. He asks many questions of the students and gets them to counsel him while he checks the prescriptions before sending them out to counsel the patient. He likes to give them independence but is always available for questions.

Ryan was nominated by Kim Galvin who said: “Ryan was excellent in making sure I completed all my objectives and then some. He questioned me on drug therapies coming in and made me consider problems and alternatives on my own. He allowed me to be involved in the decision making process often and listened to my input and advice. It was an amazing rotation!”

Homecoming

Alumni from the class of 1963 and 1973 celebrated their 40th and 50th anniversary during homecoming weekend from September 27th to 30th. Alumni still residing in Winnipeg were reunited with their classmates from several of the United States including Montana, Florida and New York, as well as other Canadian provinces such as Ontario and British Columbia. Alumni residing in Steinbach, Brandon, Hamiota and Deloraine also ventured into Winnipeg to join the festivities.

Alumni partook in various activities such as the Alumni of Distinction lecture presented by the recipient of the award, Dr. Marilyn Morris from the class of 1973 with a reception following the lecture (see story on page one). Members of the class of 1973 met at the Manitoba Club and reminisced about their time in the pharmacy program. Both classes joined Dr. Neal Davies and former Dean, Dr. John Steele at the Homecoming dinner.

The weekend came to a close with members of the class of 1963 attending the annual White Coat ceremony and had the honour of presenting the first year students with lab coats along with members from the class of 1958 and 1966 (see story on page four).

Want to reconnect and reminisce with your classmates during Homecoming 2014? Contact Tammy Holowachuk at 204-474-6455 or tammy.holowachuk@umanitoba.ca to arrange your own reunion!
New faculty and staff

Dr. Christine Leong, B.Sc.(Gen), B.Sc.(Pharm), Pharm.D. joined the Faculty of Pharmacy in July 2013 as an Assistant Professor. She graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy from the University of Manitoba in 2010 and completed her Doctor of Pharmacy degree at the University of Toronto in 2012. Her research interests include primary care practice, neuropsychiatry and pharmacy education. Dr. Leong has been a contributing author of nine peer-reviewed papers and served as a peer reviewer for the Annals of Pharmacotherapy. During the Doctor of Pharmacy program, Dr. Leong examined a near-peer teaching model in pharmacy education, which was published in the Canadian Journal of Hospital Pharmacy last year. In collaboration with the Manitoba Centre for Health Policy, Dr. Leong’s research will aim to describe the trend in antidepressant use in older adults. Prior to her appointment with the faculty, she has worked as a clinical pharmacist at the Health Sciences Centre in Surgery. She also acted as preceptor to pharmacy students and provided presentations in the area of seizure disorders, insomnia, infectious disease, and antidepressant use for depression in patients with dementia, to pharmacists, nurses, and medical residents.

Dr. Geoffrey K. Tranmer, Ph.D., joined the Faculty of Pharmacy as an Assistant Professor in July 2013. He has a B.Sc. (Hons.) degree from Brock University in Chemistry and a Doctor of Philosophy degree from the University of Guelph, specializing in Organic Chemistry. Following post-doctoral studies at Princeton University, he received an NSERC post-doctoral fellowship and continued his studies at the University of Cambridge under the supervision of Prof. Steven V. Ley, CBE, FRS, examining the application of new technologies in organic synthesis. His first industrial role was as a Senior Research Chemist at Merck Frosst in Montreal as a member of the Technology Enabled Synthesis group, integrating the application of automated synthesis and purification into medicinal chemistry programs. Following subsequent employment at McMaster University as the Synthesis and NMR Lab Manager in the Centre for Microbial Chemical Biology and research at the Centre for Probe Development and Commercialization, he has accepted the appointment of Assistant Professor in the Faculty of Pharmacy, with specialization in Medicinal Chemistry. His research interests are focused on the application of innovative technologies in the field of organic synthesis as applied to medicinal chemistry and new strategies for targeted cancer therapies. Specifically, he is interested in developing novel flow chemistry techniques that will aim at enhancing current synthetic organic methodologies, and focus on lead generation and optimization in drug discovery, while simultaneously focusing on the development of novel targeted cancer therapies, with particular focus on hypoxia. He has co-authored 16 papers and 3 reviews in peer-reviewed international journals, and has been named as co-inventor on six published patent applications.

“Geoff Tranmer – Taking the “ick” out of Organ-ic Synthesis since 1998”

Angela Shank joined the support staff team effective October 7, 2013. Angela’s most recent position was with Student Housing at the University of Manitoba. She previously was employed by Seneca College and completed her Bachelor of Arts and Science degree in history and biology from the University of Windsor.

Elective Preceptor of the Year

Keith J. Simons, BSc (Pharm) 1966 (Manitoba), MSc (Manitoba), PhD (Washington), joined the Faculty of Pharmacy in 1975 as an Assistant Professor. He was promoted to Full Professor in 1986, with adjunct appointments in the Faculty of Science (Department of Chemistry) and the Faculty of Medicine (Department of Pediatrics & Child Health). He was Head of the Division of Pharmaceutical Sciences from 1994-2004, and Associate Dean (Research) from 2004 to 2009. During a career spanning more than three decades, he developed and taught undergraduate and graduate courses in physical pharmacy, pharmaceutics, dispensing and non-prescription drugs, and pharmacokinetics. He has mentored many MSc and PhD students. His research focuses on assay development and on the pharmacokinetics and pharmacodynamics of medications used in the treatment of allergic diseases. These include: xanthines, H1-antihistamines, H2-antihistamines, leukotriene modifiers, and epinephrine and other adrenergic agonists resulting in more than 360 publications. During his long career, he served on and/or chaired most of the Faculty of Pharmacy standing committees and many with the University of Manitoba, the most recent being the Faculty of Graduate Studies Committee. He was a University of Manitoba Senator from 2003-2005. He is an active member of a number of pharmaceutical and medical associations in Canada and the United States. He served as a Council Member (1976-1985) and as President (1986-1987) of the Association of Faculties of Pharmacy of Canada, as an examiner (1976-1988) on the Pharmacy Examining Board of Canada, and as the elected representative of the academic pharmacists on the Canadian Pharmacists Association Board of Directors (1991-2002).
New students welcomed into the pharmacy program

Fifty-four new students were welcomed into the pharmacy program on September 27th, 2013. Outstanding achievements of students throughout the undergraduate pharmacy program were recognized in addition to faculty members, preceptors and a special friend of the Faculty of Pharmacy.

Dr. Neal Davies, Dean, served as the master of ceremonies and Mr. Ronald Guse, Registrar of the Manitoba Pharmaceutical Association was invited as a guest speaker.

Students from all four years of the program were presented with awards, including the Summer Student Research Awards. Three of the awards presented to students had a name associated with them: William G. Eamer. The Manitoba Pharmaceutical Association made him a honourary member in 2008 and now in 2013 he was recognized by the Faculty for his contributions with the presentation of a personalized white lab coat.

Dr. Dennis Cote invited Mr. Garry McManus, Dr. Robert Noble and Mr. Ted Bartman from the class of 1963, along with Mr. Lyle Merrell (Class of 1958) and Drs. Keith Simons and Daniel Sitar from the class of 1966 to the stage to present the first year students with a white coat. The presentation of the white coat symbolizes the students’ entry into the pharmacy program. Dr. Harris Iacovides led the first years in the reciting of the Pledge of Professionalism.

Senior co-stick, Jillian James and junior co-stick, Riley Love addressed the first year students before Dr. Davies invited all the guests to the Apotex Centre for a reception.

Grand Rounds Alumni Seminar Series

Several more Pharmacy alumni were invited back again in our Grand Rounds seminar series 2013-2014. It always is exciting to hear about the great success stories and contributions to the profession of our University of Manitoba Pharmacy Bison alumni as they roam throughout the world. We are already looking forward to next year’s seminars!

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Biomedical Youth Summer Camp (BYSC)

This summer was the third year that the Faculty of Pharmacy was represented at the Biomedical Youth Summer Camp (BYSC). BYSC gives participants ranging from grades 5-12 the opportunity to experience a week full of hands on science and health science related activities. This year’s camp ran from July 22-26, 2013 and hosted over 200 participants, including students from Moose Lake, Flin Flon and Thompson.

The pharmacy activity leaders were Amanda Li (4th year) and Ruth Habte (3rd year) who provided the participants with three fun pharmacy activities and gave a short presentation about the role of the pharmacist. First, the students used legends to learn how to decode and read prescriptions. Next, students learned about tablet formulation and did an experiment to test the difference between a film coated and enteric coated tablet. Lastly, we brought back a camp favorite, and the students learned how to compound their own zinc oxide sunblock.

We look forward to next year’s camp and meeting possible future pharmacists!

Making a difference in Dominican Republic

Submitted by Amanda Li and Samantha Maryk, class of 2014

In May 2013, we joined a team of 29 building, medical and dental volunteers on a trip to Nuevo Renacer, Dominican Republic, as part of Shine the Light. This initiative, founded by Dr. Brent Wong and his wife Wendy, has built about 15 houses and provided dental and medical care to community members since 2011.

Nuevo Renacer means “new birth” in Spanish. The village was formerly called Agua Negra, which means “black water”. You can see that Shine the Light has really made a difference! We joined in the building of two homes, played with the local children, and even helped out at a feeding program to provide a healthy meal for malnourished children.

The dental team performed cleanings and extractions and provided oral health education. Our medical team included three nurses, one pharmacist, two pharmacy students (that’s us!), and one interpreter. We worked with a local doctor and his team, and every day we visited a different village and set up clinics in churches, community centres and schools.

Our patients suffered from conditions such as fungal and bacterial skin infections, uncontrolled diabetes, nutrient deficiencies and parasite infections. They were triaged by the nurses, examined by the doctor and then came to the pharmacy for prescriptions and counselling through our translators. It was difficult to communicate, but the patients seemed to appreciate our work and the thought that people thousands of kilometers away care about their community.

We’d like to thank our professors, because our in-depth education allowed us to participate in this humanitarian work. In addition, the donation from the faculty allowed us to provide services and high-quality medications to people who would normally go without. We greatly enjoyed our time in Dominican Republic and would highly recommend this experience to other students who have the desire to volunteer overseas.
In 1957 an ad hoc Committee of the American Medical Association was formed to consider the charge that amphetamines were being used in increasing amounts in intercollegiate athletics. At that time the list of banned substances issued in 1967 included narcotic analgesics and stimulants, which comprised sympathomimetic amines, psychomotor stimulants and miscellaneous central nervous system stimulants [including alcohol]. The classification of anabolic steroids as doping substances remained dubious until the 1970s and the use of EPO was not even contemplated.

Winnipeg was chosen as host of the 5th Pan American Games which were held from July 23 to August 6, 1967. The Winnipeg Velodrome was a banked short-track oval with a cement surface that was ultimately demolished in 1998 and the site is now occupied by retail stores. There were a total number of six cycling events, with only men competing.

In January 1967, officials of the Canadian Wheelmen’s Association (forerunner of the Canadian Cycling Association) and of the Union Cycliste Internationale requested that a testing programme be designed to detect the use of stimulants by heat winners, semi-finalists and finalists. **Dean Emeritus**

**Dr. John Steele** was a Professor at the School of Pharmacy, University of Manitoba, at the time of the 5th Pan American Games and he initiated a drug testing program for the cycling event. Fortuitously, Dr. Steele had taken a sabbatical the previous year at the University of London, Chelsea College of Pharmacy where he observed the 1966 World Cup of Soccer. The entire drug testing for the World Cup was undertaken in the laboratory of Dr. Arnold Beckett where Dr. Steele was on sabbatical. Dr. Steele’s formed a research team of **Mike Bolan**, a research techni-

cian, and **Peter Weitzel**, who at the time was a summer undergraduate research student in the pharmacy program. This was the first athlete testing in Canada, the first-drug testing at the Pan American games, and pre-dates the first compulsory doping controls at the Winter Olympic Games in Grenoble, France in 1968 and again at the Summer Olympic Games in Mexico City in the same year. After witnessed urine collections from the competitors, initial regulations stipulated that samples be divided into three aliquots; one for the testing laboratory, one for the officials and the third for the individual. The competitors generally refused or discarded their portion of the sample and this regulation is no longer in any regulations or current practices.

During the road race, ten finishing riders out of a field of 44 were tested and, during the 100-kilometer time trial, four teams of four riders out of a field of ten teams was tested. All samples were analysed qualitatively by gas chromatography in the School of Pharmacy, University of Manitoba. Samples were delivered to the School of Pharmacy immediately after the final event each evening by Dr. Steele and the work was carried out during the night by gas chromatographic identification on a Beckman GC-4 instrument. All samples were also subjected to thin layer chromatography on silica gel plates. All positive results were confirmed by a repeat analysis by another analyst.

Between July 24 and August 2, 1967 of the eight cases in which a banned drug was taken, five were methylamphetamine and three were amphetamine. Nine other samples clearly showed the presence of suspected drug metabolites which were not normal urinary constituents. These substances, however, were not any of the proscribed lists of drugs. These instances created problems for both the analysts and the cycling officials. They clearly showed contravention of the regulations concerning the use of drugs and the directive issued to the competitors prior to the Games.

A final report of the anti-doping testing submitted to the Pan-American Games Committee concluded: “It is felt that with a cooperative effort on the part of the cycling officials, coaches, trainers and the medical profession, the drug problem in cycling could be eradicated in less than a generation.” Unfortunately, as the cycling doping controversies of Lance Armstrong and others have proven, this has not been the case.

**Dr. Peter Weitzel** went on to complete a B.Sc.(Pharm) in 1969 and a M.Sc. in Pharmacy in 1971 from the Faculty of Pharmacy at the University of Manitoba. He ultimately completed a PhD at the University of Sydney 1974. Dr. Weitzel had a distinguished career in Australia at the Technical and Further Education Commission, a leading vocational education and training provider in Australia.
New bursary for passionate students

Archie Orlikow (BSc Pharm/48) had an enthusiasm for the pharmacy profession that lasted for 64 years. “He loved people and he loved the opportunity to connect with them at the pharmacy. In fact, he was always there, so we were, too. It was our playground when we were kids,” says his son, Jim.

When their father passed away last year, Jim and his brother Bill talked about ways to pay tribute to their father and his dedication to pharmacy. They realized a bursary in his name would be the perfect testament. “He was big on helping other pharmacists and students, so offering financial aid to a student in need was consistent with his beliefs,” says Jim. “That the university was able to obtain matching funds (through the Manitoba Scholarship and Bursary Initiative program) was a great surprise. We were thrilled.”

The Archie Orlikow Memorial Bursary will be offered to one full-time student every school year who writes a letter which best outlines their understanding of the pharmacy profession and their potential role in benefitting the communities they will serve.

The deserving student would do well to emulate Archie Orlikow as a great example of a successful pharmacist. He dedicated his life to retail pharmacy, usually working six days a week, fifty weeks a year throughout his career. He first worked at the original Broadway Pharmacy, and then at Saunderson Drugs in the North End, which he purchased and renamed Orlikow Drugs. He was a powerful advocate as well, and served on the Province of Manitoba’s Advisory Committee on Drug Purchasing, the Interchangeable Drug Formulary and Pharmacare. His illustrious career was recognized in many ways, including a lifetime membership with the Manitoba Pharmaceutical Association, the Manitoba Pharmacist of the Year award, and the Queen’s Golden Jubilee Medal.

“He and my mom went to every pharmacy convention every year for more than 50 years. It was really his life and his passion, and hers too, she supported him all the way,” says Jim. “We’re excited to carry that on and support an ambitious student in pursuing their dreams of a career in pharmacy.”

Message from donor relations

Fall is in the air! With new legislation on the horizon for Manitoba’s pharmacists, this is an exciting time for everyone in this profession. Homecoming 2013 has just wrapped up and Faculty of Pharmacy alumni were out in full force.

It has been a pleasure to see so many of our alums showing their University of Manitoba pride at events across campus. The classes of 1963 and 1973 were especially well represented as they celebrated their 50th and 40th reunions at the homecoming dinner on September 28. We wrapped up the week by bringing our trailblazing alumni together with our newest students at the white coat ceremony. It was fantastic to see so many eras of the faculty represented as the class of 2017 was welcomed to the profession.

We understand that many classes have already started to plan their 2014 reunions. If you want to make a campus visit part of your class’s festivities we would be thrilled to welcome each of you back for a reception, a tour, or the annual alumni dinner. The class of 2004 is planning to mark their tenth reunion by supporting future generations of pharmacists with the establishment of a memorial scholarship.

As always, if you are planning a trip to Winnipeg, we would love to show you around our gorgeous Bannatyne Campus and Apotex Centre, which houses our faculty. Please contact me at 204-789-3537 or Kyla.Denisuik@umanitoba.ca to talk about your visit or what is new at the faculty.