

**Elizabeth Scharman, PharmD honored with 2015
Women in Science & Health Advanced Career Excellence Award**

Elizabeth J. Scharman, PharmD, ABAT, BCPS, FAACT has been honored with the 2015 WVU HSC Women in Science and Health Advanced Career Excellence Award. This award recognizes the career achievements of advanced women faculty/staff in the WVU Health Sciences Center who demonstrate excellence in WVU HSC missions of education, leadership, diversity, scholarship, service to West Virginia and research. Dr. Scharman is a tenured Professor in the WVU School of Pharmacy Department of Clinical Pharmacy at West Virginia University. She received her B.S. in Pharmacy from Butler University and a PharmD. from Virginia Commonwealth University (Medical College of Virginia) then completed a Clinical Toxicology Fellowship at the Pittsburgh Poison Center/University of Pittsburgh.

Dr. Scharman is the Director of the West Virginia Poison Center; a position she has held since July 1992. Her national reputation increased following the hazardous chemical leak into the water supply in southern West Virginia in 2014. Dr. Scharman also serves as the Deputy Strategic National Stockpile Coordinator for West Virginia and she is involved in multiple disaster related projects in West Virginia including being an active member and past Chair of the Kanawha/Putnam Emergency Planning Committee. Dr. Scharman was selected by the American Academy of Clinical Toxicology as the 2012 Distinguished Service Award recipient for outstanding and extraordinary service to the organization over the years of her professional career. Her research focus involves evidence-based evaluations of clinical toxicology practice. She is also lauded for her effective teaching to WVU and other health career students as well as state medical professionals about disaster-planning and response.

A reception to honor the WISH Mid-Career and Advanced Career awardees will be scheduled during the Fall 2015 semester at the HSC.

Gibson Honored with Fifth Annual Women in Science & Health Excellence Award

Laura Fowler Gibson, PhD, Associate Center Director for Translational Research, Osborn Distinguished Professor, Mary Babb Randolph Cancer Center, was honored with the Women in Science and Health Excellence Award. This award recognizes the career achievements of women in the Health Sciences Center who demonstrate excellence in mentorship, leadership, service, research and education.

Laura F. Gibson, PhD is the Deputy Director of the Mary Babb Randolph Cancer Center, Co-Leader of the Osborn Hematopoietic Malignancy and Transplantation Program of the MBRCC, Osborn Distinguished Professor in Hematological Malignancies Research, and Professor of Microbiology. Her research interests include studies focused on the tumor microenvironment, influences on therapeutic response, and chemotherapy induced alterations of the marrow microenvironment as it relates to efficiency of hematopoietic recovery post-transplantation. She has a sustained history in mentoring basic and physician scientists in her laboratory and has trained several residents as well as over 20 undergraduate and pre-doctoral students, who have moved on to diverse positions in academic settings as well industry. She participates in training efforts in the Cancer Cell Biology Program as both a faculty advisor and member of several graduate student advisory committees. She serves a PI on the WVU CoBRE Signal Transduction in Cancer (RR016440), a recent ARRA supplement to establish a statewide tumor banking network with the PI, Dr. Richard Niles at Marshall University, as well as 2 NIH R01 grants awarded by NHLBI and NCI. Under her leadership and mentorship during the current CoBRE funding cycle (2006-2011) 5 investigators have gone on to receive independent investigator awards (4 NCI R01 grants – Drs. Stahlik, Agazie, Guo and Pugacheva; and an ACS investigator grant – Dr. Liu). Dr. Gibson serves as a regular member of the NIH Tumor Microenvironment Study Section, special emphasis panels, and previously on the Experimental Therapeutics (ET-2) study section.

(This is from 2010.)