In the Spotlight

2012 Distinguished Service Award Winner

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Dr. Kelly M. Smith is Associate Dean, Academic Affairs and Associate Professor, Department of Pharmacy Practice and Science at the University of Kentucky College of Pharmacy. Following graduation from the University of Georgia, she completed a drug information residency at ShandsJacksonville. A previous director of the University of Kentucky Drug Information Center, she also directed the organization’s Postgraduate Year One Pharmacy Residency Program. She received the program’s inaugural Preceptor of the Year Award, and was at the helm when the program received the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP) Pharmacy Residency Excellence Award. She and two faculty colleagues won the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AACP) Innovations in Teaching Competition for their development of the nation’s first pharmacy residency teaching certificate program. Her national contributions to residency training are notable for her five-year stint on the ASHP Commission on Credentialing, for which she served as Chair.

Dr. Smith’s ASHP policy experience includes roles with the Council on Therapeutics, Council on Education and Workforce Development, and the House of Delegates. A past Chair of ASHP’s Section of Clinical Specialists and Scientists Executive Committee, she was instrumental in strategic planning that resulted in the formation of new Section Advisory Groups on emerging sciences, preceptor development, and clinical leadership. She also served on the Section’s Committee on Nominations and ASHP’s Leadership Conference steering committee. She is a frequent participant in national invitational summits and conferences on pharmacy practice models and residency training. Dr. Smith is a member of ASHP’s Task Force on Organizational
Structure, the ASHP Research and Education Foundation’s Manasse Campaign Steering Committee, and is an ASHP Board Member-Elect.

Other national leadership roles include: Chair, University Health-System Consortium’s Pharmacy Research and Education Committee; Chair, American College of Clinical Pharmacy Residency Training Task Force, and Drug Information Practice and Research Network; and Public Member, American Academy of Wound Management Board of Directors. She completed the AACP Academic Leadership Fellow program in 2008. In recognition of her profession-wide and organizational contributions, she was named Pharmacist of the Year by the Kentucky Society of Health-System Pharmacists (2005) and the Kentucky Pharmacists Association (2008), as well as Fellow of ASHP (2007) and Fellow of ACCP (2008). Dr. Smith has held roles on the editorial advisory board of American Journal of Health-System Pharmacy, Journal of the American Pharmacists Association, and Orthopedics. A prolific journal and book author, her scholarship and practice innovations center on pharmacy workforce development.

Click here to read Dr. Smith’s remarks about receiving her award.