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Pharmacy Schools' Positive Economic Impact Exposed in Award-Winning Paper
AACP to honor authors at 2009 Annual Meeting in Boston

Alexandria, Va. – A team of faculty members from The University of Tennessee and the University of Memphis will be awarded the 2009 AACP Rufus A. Lyman Award, honoring the best paper published in the *American Journal of Pharmaceutical Education*. The award will be presented at the 2009 American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AACP) Annual Meeting and Seminars Closing Banquet on Tuesday, July 21 at 7:00 p.m. at the Westin Boston Waterfront Hotel.

“The Economic Impact of a College of Pharmacy” was authored by Dick R. Gourley, Pharm.D., and Shelley I. White-Means, Ph.D., both of The University of Tennessee Health Science Center, and Jeff Wallace, Ph.D., of the University of Memphis. The paper quantifies the dollar value of economic returns to a community when a college of pharmacy attains its fourfold mission of research, service, patient care and education.

Gourley’s pharmacy career spans nearly four decades, having first served as a clinical faculty member at Mercer University from 1970-1972, founding chair of the Department of Pharmacy Practice at the University of Nebraska Medical Center from 1972-1984 and professor and dean of the Mercer University College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences from 1984-1989. Since then, Gourley has served as professor of pharmacy and dean of The University of Tennessee College of Pharmacy. He is the author or co-author of 69 manuscripts, 11 proceedings and 16 books, and is the recipient of more than \$9 million in grants and contracts.

As professor of health economics in the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences at The University of Tennessee Health Science Center, White-Means’ research publications focus on racial and ethnic health disparities; labor market and retirement implications of care giving; and health and medical care utilization of underserved populations including the aged, women and ethnic minorities. She is a past-president of the National Economic Association and a 2007 recipient of the University of Tennessee Student Government and Faculty Senate Excellence in Teaching Award for the College of Graduate Health Sciences.

Wallace has been an economist and research associate professor of applied economic research at the Sparks Bureau of Business and Economic Research at the University of Memphis since 1994. He specializes in economic impact studies, having completed a study of the economic impact of Baptist Memorial Health Care Corporation and the Memphis International Airport, both in 2005. Wallace also has substantial experience in tax revenue forecasting, government fiscal analysis, survey research, labor market analysis, product-market pricing analysis, state labor training program evaluation, and other state and local government program evaluations.

“With the rapid changes in the practice of pharmacy, there is a strong fundamental need for quality research and evaluation of the profession,” said David G. Miller, director of pharmacy affairs for Merck & Co., Inc. “The Rufus A. Lyman Award acknowledges the importance of scholarly research within the profession and Merck is

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proud to support the award which recognizes the authors from the universities of Tennessee and Memphis for their outstanding paper in the *American Journal of Pharmaceutical Education*.”

Supported by Merck & Company, Inc., the award is presented annually as a framed certificate along with a stipend of \$5,000 to be shared by the authors of the paper.

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