



PHARMACOLOGY FRIDAY OCTOBER 2, 2026

Remembering the Chairs Who Shaped Pharmacology

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As we celebrate Dr. John Scott's 10 years as chair, it's also a fitting time to look back at the leaders who helped shape UW Pharmacology throughout its history. Over the coming weeks, we'll share reflections written by Frank F. Vincenzi, Ph.D., Professor Emeritus of Pharmacology, on the department's past chairs, beginning with Dr. James M. Dille, the department's first chair.

In the 1940s, James Madison Dille was a faculty member in the College of Pharmacy, then located in Bagley Hall. He was the only pharmacologist at the UW at the time. When the UW began to contemplate a School of Medicine, Dille took leave from the UW to earn an MD degree from the University of Nebraska. He never practiced medicine but returned to the UW and was instrumental as an Assistant to the Founding Dean, Edward L. Turner, in the founding of the School of Medicine in 1946. Dille was the Founding Chair of the Department of Pharmacology.

The Department grew rapidly with faculty members in research areas, including CNS, cardiac, autonomic, gastroenterology, and toxicology. The Washington State Toxicology Laboratory was an integral part of the Department until 1977. Diverse research areas provided a rich environment for training graduate students in the 1950s and beyond.

Graduate Student and Postdoc Career Development Opportunities

UW graduate students and postdocs have several career development opportunities coming up this month. Just a few of the events happening include:

- Rock Your Profile – October 5
- Career Fair 101: How to Prepare for a Fair – October 5
- UW Seattle Fall Job & Internship Fair – October 7
- Optimizing Your Resume for Today's Job Hunt – October 12
- How to Be Better at Networking – October 13
- Essential Job Search Strategies in a Tough Market – October 14
- Alumni Panel: Careers in UX/UI – October 14
- Immigration Options for Postdocs – October 15

Visit the [UW Career & Internship Center](#) to view event details, explore additional opportunities, and register for upcoming workshops, fairs, and career programs.

Upcoming Events

October 6, 2026: Catterall Lecture - Dr. Lori Isom, 2:30 PM, Room K-069

October 13, 2026: Seminar - Dr. Anna J. Bowen, 2:30 PM, Room K-069

October 20, 2026: Seminar - Dr. Ivan Soltesz, 2:30 PM, Room K-069

October 27, 2026: Seminar - Dr. Sita Kugel, 2:30 PM, Room K-069

October 28, 2026: PhD Thesis Defense - Deziree Coleman, 3:00 PM, Room K-069

Staff Notes

Please note the following out-of-office dates:

Debbie: October 8

Angie: October 9, 19 - 23

Do you have news to share? Please email phcol@uw.edu and use the subject line: Pharmacology Friday.

