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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Pharmacology and Toxicology (2010), University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Medicine, Birmingham, AL

B.S., Molecular Biology (2006), Auburn University College of Arts and Sciences, Auburn, AL

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

University of Montevallo, Montevallo, AL (2011-Present)

Director, Malone Center for Excellence in Teaching (2017-Present)

Associate Professor of Biology (2017-Present)

Assistant Professor of Biology (2011-2017)

Samford University, Birmingham, AL (2010-2011)

Adjunct Instructor of Biology

Southern Research Institute, Drug Discovery Division, Birmingham, AL (2010-2011)

Postdoctoral Research Fellow

PUBLICATIONS

Underlined names represent undergraduate student authors.

Refereed Journal Articles:

1. **Tinsley, H.N.** (2019) "Teaching Cell Structures through Games" *CourseSource* 6:1-6.
Available at <https://www.coursesource.org/courses/teaching-cell-structures-through-games>.
2. Wood, K., Donnenwirth, R., Mills, K., and **Tinsley, H.N.** (2019) "Cyclic GMP signaling during human lactation and breast cancer: Implications for breast cancer prevention" *The Breast Journal* 25(4): 775-777.
3. **Tinsley, H. N.** (2016) "Ripped from the Headlines: Using Current Events and Deliberative Democracy to Improve Student Performance in Non-majors Biology Courses," *Journal of Microbiology and Biology Education* 17(3): 380-88.
4. Abdel-Rahman, H.M., Abdel-Aziz, M., **Tinsley, H.N.**, Gary, B.D., Canzoneri, J.C., Piazza, G.A. (2016) "Design and Synthesis of Substituted Pyridazinone-1-Acetylhydrazones as Novel Phosphodiesterase 4 Inhibitors." *Archiv der Pharmazie* 349(2): 104-11.
5. Windham, P.F., Rodriguez, P.S., Rivers, N.J., **Tinsley, H.N.** (2015) "PKGI mediates the growth inhibitory effects of cGMP signaling in human breast cancer cells independent of β -catenin." *Integrative Cancer Science and Therapeutics* 2(4): 185-91.

6. Windham, P.F., Tinsley, H.N. (2015) "cGMP signaling as a target for the prevention and treatment of breast cancer." *Seminars in Cancer Biology* 31: 106-10.
7. Sestero, C., **Tinsley, H.N.**, Ye, Z., Zhang, X., Graze, R., Kearley, M. (2014) "Using the Cell Engineer/Detective Approach to Explore Cell Structure and Function." *CourseSource* 1: 1-5. Available at <https://www.coursesource.org/courses/using-the-cell-engineerdetective-approach-to-explore-cell-structure-and-function>.
8. Fajardo, A.M., Piazza, G.A., **Tinsley, H.N.** (2014) "The role of cyclic nucleotide signaling pathways in cancer: targets for prevention and treatment." *Cancers* 6(1): 436-58.
9. Li, N., Xi, Y., **Tinsley, H.N.**, Gurpinar, E., Gary, B.D., Zhu, B., Li, Y., Chen, X., Keeton, A.B., Abadi, A.H., Moyer, M.P., Grizzle, W.E., Change, W.C., Clapper, M.L., Piazza, G.A. (2013) "Sulindac selectively inhibits colon tumor cell growth by activating the cGMP/PKG pathway to suppress Wnt/ β -catenin signaling." *Molecular Cancer Therapeutics* 12(9):1848-59.
10. Abadi, A.H., Hany, M.S., Elsharif, S.A., Eissa, A.A., Gary, B.D., **Tinsley, H.N.**, Piazza, G.A. (2013) "Modulating the cyclic guanosine monophosphate substrate selectivity of the phosphodiesterase 3 inhibitors by pyridine, pyrido[2,3-d]pyrimidine derivatives and their effects upon the growth of HT-29 cancer cell line." *Chemical and Pharmaceutical Bulletin* 61(4):405-10.
11. Whitt, J.D., Li, N., **Tinsley, H.N.**, Chen, X., Zhang, W., Li, Y., Abadi, A.H., Gary, B.D., Keeton, A.B., Grizzle, W.E., and Piazza, G.A. (2012) "A novel sulindac derivative that potently suppresses colon tumor cell growth by inhibiting cGMP phosphodiesterase and β -catenin transcriptional activity." *Cancer Prevention Research* 5(6): 822-33.
12. **Tinsley, H.N.** and Piazza, G.A. (2012) "Novel Therapeutics: Sulindac, Derivatives, and Phosphodiesterases." *Current Colorectal Cancer Reports* 8(4): 325-30.
13. Ahmed, N.S., Ali, A.H., El-Nashar, S.M., Gary, B.D., Fajardo, A.M., **Tinsley, H.N.**, Piazza, G.A., Negri, M., Abadi, A.H. (2012) "Exploring the PDE5 H-pocket by Ensemble Docking and Structure-based Design and Synthesis of Novel β -Carboline Derivatives." *European Journal of Medicinal Chemistry* 57:329-43.
14. Mohamed, H.A., Girgis, N.M.R., Wilcken, R., Bauer, M.R., **Tinsley, H.N.**, Gary, B.D., Piazza, G.A., Boekler, F.M., and Abadi, A.H. (2011) "Synthesis and Molecular Modeling of Novel tetrahydro- β -Carboline Derivatives with Phosphodiesterase 5 Inhibitory and Anticancer Properties." *Journal of Medicinal Chemistry* 54(2): 495-509.
15. **Tinsley, H.N.**, Gary, B.D., Keeton, A.B., Lu, W., Li, Y., and Piazza, G.A. (2011) "PDE5 inhibition by sulindac sulfide selectively induces apoptosis and attenuates oncogenic β -catenin mediated transcription in human breast tumor cells." *Cancer Prevention Research* 4(8):1275-84.
16. Abadi, A.H., Ibrahim, T.M., Lehmann, J., **Tinsley, H.N.**, Gary, B.D., and Piazza, G.A. (2010) "Discovery of Colon Tumor Cell Growth Inhibitory Agents through a Combinatorial Approach" *European Journal of Medicinal Chemistry* 45:90-7.
17. Abadi, A.H., Gary, B.D., **Tinsley, H.N.**, Piazza, G.A., and Abdel-Halim, M., (2010) "Synthesis, molecular modeling and biological evaluation of novel tadalafil analogues as

phosphodiesterase 5 and colon tumor cell growth inhibitors, new stereochemical perspective." *European Journal of Medicinal Chemistry* 45:1278-86.

18. Piazza, G.A., Keeton, A.B., **Tinsley H.N.**, Gary, B.D., Matthew, B., Whitt, J.D., Grizzle, W., Singh, R., and Reynolds, R. (2010) "NSAIDs: old drugs reveal new anticancer targets." *Pharmaceuticals* 3:1652-67.
19. **Tinsley, H.N.**, Gary, B.D., Thaiparambil, J., Li, N., Maxuitenko, Y.Y., Keeton, A.B., and Piazza, G.A. (2010) "Colon tumor cell growth inhibitory activity of sulindac sulfide and other NSAIDs involves PDE5 inhibition." *Cancer Prevention Research* 3(10):1303-13.
20. Eccleston, H.B., Andringa, K.K., Betancourt, A.M., King, A.L., Mantena, S.K., Swain, T.M., **Tinsley, H.N.**, Nolte, R.N., Nagy, T.R., Abrams, G.A., and Bailey, S.M. (2010) "Chronic exposure to high fat diet induces hepatic steatosis, impairs nitric oxide bioavailability, and modifies the mitochondrial proteome in mice." *Antioxidants and Redox Signaling* 15(2): 447-59.
21. Ahmed, N.S., Gary, B.D., Piazza, G.A., **Tinsley, H.N.**, Laufer, S., and Abadi, A.H. (2010) "A novel access to arylated and heteroarylated beta-carboline based PDE5 inhibitors." *Medicinal Chemistry* 6(6): 375-87.
22. Ahmed, N.S., Gary, B.D., **Tinsley, H.N.**, Piazza, G.A., Laufer, S., and Abadi, A.H. (2010) "Design, synthesis, and structure-activity relationship of functionalized tetrahydro- β -carboline derivatives as novel PDE5 inhibitors." *Archiv der Pharmazie* 344(3): 149-57.
23. Piazza, G.A., Keeton, A.B., **Tinsley H.N.**, Gary, B.D., Whitt, J.D., Matthew, B., Coward, L., Gorman, G., Li Y., Sani, B., Hobrath, J., Maxuitenko, Y., and Reynolds, R. (2009) "A Novel Sulindac Derivative That Does Not Inhibit Cyclooxygenases, but Inhibits Colon Tumor Cell Growth and Induces Apoptosis with Antitumor Activity." *Cancer Prevention Research* 2(6): 572-80.
24. Abadi, A.H., Ibrahim, T.M., Lehmann, J., **Tinsley, H.N.**, Gary, B.D., and Piazza, G.A. (2009) "Design, Synthesis and Biological Evaluation of Novel Pyridine Derivatives as Anticancer Agents and Phosphodiesterase 3 Inhibitors." *Journal of Bioorganic and Medicinal Chemistry*, 16: 5479-72.
25. Abadi, A. H., Abouel-Ella, D. A., Ahmed, N. S., Gary, B. D., Thaiparambil, J. T., **Tinsley, H. N.**, Keeton, A. B., and Piazza, G. A. (2009) "Synthesis of Novel Tadalafil Analogues and their Evaluation as Phosphodiesterase Inhibitors and Anticancer Agents." *Arzneimittel forschung/Drug research* 59:415-21.
26. **Tinsley, H.N.**, Gary, B.D., Keeton, A.B, Zhang, W., Abadi, A.H., Reynolds, R.C., Piazza, G.A. (2009) "Sulindac sulfide selectively inhibits growth and induces apoptosis of human breast tumor cells by PDE5 inhibition, elevation of cGMP, and activation of PKG" *Molecular Cancer Therapeutics* 8(12):3331-40.
27. Lu, W., **Tinsley H.N.**, Keeton A., Piazza G.A., and Li, Y. (2009) "Suppression of Wnt/Catenin signaling inhibits prostate cancer cell proliferation" *European Journal of Pharmacology* 602: 8-14.

Refereed Book Chapters:

1. **Tinsley, H.N.**, Eckelman, A., Chandler, E., Martin, C. (2019) The Role of Interdisciplinary Teaching in the Honors Curriculum: Insight from a Public Liberal Arts University. In: Harper, G. (ed) *Excellence, Innovation, and Ingenuity in Honors Education* (pp. 9-22). Newcastle, UK: Cambridge Scholars.
2. **Tinsley, H.N.**, Grizzle, W.E., Abadi, A.H., Keeton, A.B., Zhu, B., Xi, Y., and Piazza, G.A. (2013) New NSAID targets and derivatives for colorectal cancer prevention. In: Chan, A., Detering, E. (eds) *Prospects for Chemoprevention of Colorectal Neoplasia: Emerging Role of Anti-inflammatory Drugs* (pp. 105-120). Berlin: Springer.

AWARDS AND HONORS

University Scholar (2016-2017), University of Montevallo, Montevallo, AL

Research and Creative Projects Grant (2015-2017), "The Role of cGMP Signaling in Human Lactation and Breast Cancer Prevention," \$2,000 per year, University of Montevallo, Montevallo, AL

Course Development Grant (2015), "High Impact Practices for BIO 105 Introductory Biology I," \$2,000, University of Montevallo, Montevallo, AL

Research and Creative Projects Grant (2014-2015), "Characterization of cGMP Signaling in Human Breast Cancer," \$2,000, University of Montevallo, Montevallo, AL

Pre-Tenured Faculty Summer Research Stipend (2015), "Characterization of cGMP Signaling in Human Breast Cancer," \$5,000, University of Montevallo, Montevallo, AL

Course Development Grant (2013), "Economics of Environmental Toxicology," \$1,000, University of Montevallo, Montevallo, AL

Susan G. Komen Travel Grants (2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2015), \$999 per year, North Central Alabama Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure, Birmingham, AL

William C. Bailey Award for Excellence in Cancer Prevention and Control Research (2009), University of Alabama at Birmingham Comprehensive Cancer Center, Birmingham, AL

Outstanding Doctoral Student (2008), University of Alabama at Birmingham Department of Pharmacology and Toxicology, Birmingham, AL

MEDIA APPEARANCES

Genomics: Messing around with DNA (April 11, 2019), Let's Think on It segment of Oh Brother Radio, Birmingham Mountain Radio 107.3FM, Birmingham, AL; available at <http://letsthinkonitnow.com/messin-with-dna/>

Faculty Friday: Collaboration between Disciplines (April 5, 2019), Social Media, Montevallo, AL; available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GxkaGDbtqoY>

Motivating Nonmajors (September 21, 2017), *Teaching Newsletter: Helping Students Persist*, Chronicle of Higher Education, Washington, D.C.; available at <https://www.chronicle.com/article/helping-students-persist/241256>

Breast Cancer (October 2015), WKLF 95.5FM 980AM, Clanton, AL

Faculty Spotlight (Winter 2015), *Montevallo Today* Magazine, University of Montevallo, Montevallo, AL; available at <https://issuu.com/montevallo/docs/mt-w15>

INVITED TALKS

Science on the Screen (2019), “The Good, the Bad, the Amazing: Exploring the Possibilities of Human Genomics,” McWane Science Center, Birmingham, AL

GCAT Career Day (2017, 2018), “The Other Side of Academia: Tenure Track at a Liberal Arts University,” University of Alabama at Birmingham, Birmingham, AL

Lunch and Learn (2016), “The Role of Breastfeeding in the Fight against Breast Cancer,” North Central Alabama Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure, Birmingham, AL

Faculty Convocation (2016), “Interdisciplinary Approaches to Teaching: Deliberative Democracy in Science,” University of Montevallo, Montevallo, AL

Lunch and Learn (2015), “Breast Cancer Prevention,” North Central Alabama Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure, Birmingham, AL

Research Seminar Series (2012), “PDE5 as a Molecular Target for Breast Cancer Prevention,” University of South Alabama Mitchell Cancer Institute, Mobile, AL

Seminars on Research (2011), “Targeting PDE5 in Breast Cancer,” Samford University Department of Biology, Birmingham, AL

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

Oral Presentations:

1. Tinsley, H.N. (2019) “Using Deliberative Democracy in the Introductory Biology Classroom,” ASCB Regional Meeting: Teaching Tomorrow’s Scientists
2. **Tinsley, H.N.**, Chandler, E. and Eckelman, A. (2019) “A New Approach to Interdisciplinarity in General Education Courses,” AAC&U Creating a 21st Century General Education Conference
3. **Tinsley, H.N.** (2016) “Using Current Events and Deliberative Discourse to Improve Student Performance in Gateway Science Courses,” JNGI Gateway Course Experience Conference
4. Piazza, G.A. and **Tinsley, H.N.** (2010) “PDE5, a Novel Anticancer Target,” Gordon Research Conference on Cyclic Nucleotide Phosphodiesterases

Poster Presentations:

1. **Tinsley, H.N.** (2018) "Improving student engagement and success in non-majors biology using a novel interdisciplinary approach," ASCB Annual Meeting
2. Windham, P.F., Rivers, N.J. and **Tinsley, H.N.** (2015) "The Significance of PKGI β in cGMP Induced Breast Cancer Cell Death," AACR Annual Meeting
3. **Tinsley, H.N.** (2014) "Ripped from the Headlines: Current Events as the Framework for Inquiry-based Learning in Nonmajors Biology," AAC&U Transforming STEM Education Conference
4. **Tinsley, H.N.**, Gary, B.D., Whitt, J.D., Zhang, W., Chen, X., Keeton, A.B., Grubbs, C.J., Grizzle, W.E., Piazza, G.A. (2012) "Breast cancer chemopreventive activity of a novel amide derivative of sulindac involves inhibition of PDE5, activation of PKG, and attenuation of Wnt/ β -catenin signaling," AACR Annual Meeting
5. **Tinsley, H.N.**, Keeton, A.B., Lu, W., Li, Y., Piazza, G.A. (2011) "PDE5 Suppression Selectively Induces Apoptosis of Human Breast Tumor Cells and Attenuates Wnt/ β -Catenin Mediated Transcription," AACR Annual Meeting
6. **Tinsley, H.N.**, Gary, B.D., Keeton, A.B., Reynolds, R., Piazza, G.A. (2009) "Sulindac Sulfide Inhibits Growth and Induces Apoptosis of Human HT-29 Colon Cancer Cells through Inhibition of PDE5A," AACR Annual Meeting
7. **Tinsley, H.N.**, Gary, B.D., Keeton, A.B., Reynolds, R., Piazza, G.A. (2008) "SRI 21009: A novel non-cyclooxygenase inhibitory derivative of sulindac that potently and selectively inhibits the growth and induces apoptosis of human breast tumor cells," AACR Annual Meeting

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Montevallo:

BIO 100: Principles of Biology (Traditional and Online)	BIO 425: Molecular Biology
BIO 101: Freshman Seminar in Biology	BIO 490: Senior Seminar in Biology
BIO 105: Introductory Biology I	BIO 551: Current Topics in Cell Biology (Online)
BIO 107: Honors Introductory Biology I	Special Topics: Economics of Environmental Toxicology
BIO 300: Microbiology	Special Topics: Environmental Justice
BIO 307: Cell Biology	

Samford University:

BIOL 225: Microbiology for Allied Health Sciences

SERVICE

Service to the Profession:

1. Community Grants Review Panel Member (2014-Present), North Central Alabama Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure, Birmingham, AL

2. Journal Reviewer (2019), *Molecular Cancer Therapeutics and Endocrine Regulations*
3. Journal Reviewer (2018), *Nitric Oxide*
4. Journal Reviewer (2015), *Oncotarget*
5. Textbook Reviewer (2015), *Biology for the Informed Citizen, 2nd Edition*, Oxford Press
6. Judge and Mentor (2015), Undergraduate Student Caucus and Special Event for High School Students, AACR Annual Meeting
7. Judge (2012), Undergraduate Student Caucus Poster Competition, AACR Annual Meeting

Service to the Department and University:

1. Faculty Development Advisory Committee Co-Chair (2019-Present)
Member (2017-2019)
2. Human and Animal Subjects Research Committee Member (2011-Present)
3. Technology Advisory Committee Member (2017-2019)
Chair, Academic Support Subcommittee (2018-2019)
4. Instructor of Biology Search Committee Member (2018-2019)
5. Chair, Classroom Prioritization Committee (2017-2018)
6. Data Governance Task Force Member (2017-2018)
Chair, Education and Communication Subcommittee
7. First Year Experience Task Force Member (2017-2018)
8. Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs Search Committee Member (2016-2017)
9. Faculty Senator (2015-2017)
Untenured Faculty Liaison (2016-2017)
Faculty Grievance Committee Appointee (2015-2016)
10. Instructor of Biology Search Committee Member (2014-2015)
11. Faculty and Professional Staff Salary Committee Member (2012-2014)
12. Assistant Professor of Biology Search Committee Member (2011-2012)

Community Involvement:

1. Girl Scout Troop 30564 Volunteer (2016-Present)
Daisy Leader (2019-Present)
2. North Central Alabama Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure Volunteer (2009-2018)
Chair, Education and Research Committee (2013-2017)
Research Advocate (2012-2017)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Society of Cell Biologists (2018-Present)

Professional Organization of Developers (2017-Present)

National Science Teachers Association (2015-Present)

American Association of Cancer Researchers (2008-2016)

American Academy for the Advancement of Science (2004-2009)