Integrative Sciences and Engagement

Stephen M. Lanier, Professor of Pharmacology and Vice President for Research

Tuesday, September 12, 2017 12:30PM-1:30PM Student Center Building, Hilberry Ballroom B, Room 285

Stephen M. Lanier (SML) received his doctorate in pharmacology from the University of Tennessee Center for Health Sciences (Mentor – K. U. Malik) and received postdoctoral training in the laboratory of Charles Homcy and Robert Graham at Harvard Medical School in the Cardiac Unit at Massachusetts General Hospital, which was under the direction of Edgar Haber. SML was appointed as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Medicine, Harvard Medical School and continued his research in the Cardiac Unit at Massachusetts General Hospital. In 1991, he was recruited to the Department of Cell and Molecular Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics at the Medical University of South Carolina. Dr. Lanier accepted the position of Chair of the Department of Pharmacology at Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center in New Orleans in 2001. He served as the Chief Scientific Officer, Associate Provost for Research and Professor of Pharmacology at the Medical University of South Carolina December 1, 2006 to June 15, 2014. On June 16th 2014, SML was appointed as Professor of Pharmacology and Vice President for Research at Wayne State University in Detroit, Michigan.

In each of his various institutional leadership roles, SML has enhanced research support operations, augmented entrepreneurial initiatives, developed new research infrastructure, nurtured growth in extramural research funding, developed strong community ties and developed significant inter-institutional collaborations and partnerships involving the public and private sector.

SML is recognized as a leading investigator in the area of cell signaling and signal integration in health and disease and his work has been supported by the National Institutes of Health for almost 30 years. His work has led to the development of new concepts in the field of cell signaling and has resulted in the generation of a number of new concepts in the field as well as a range of tools and resources that are widely used in the research community.

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