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## Interview with Joshua Brown, Pharm.D., Ph.D., M.S., Assistant Professor and Associate Graduate Program Director

### Where did you get your Pharm.D. and Ph.D.?

I grew up in Van Buren, Arkansas, and am a first-generation college graduate. I graduated with a Pharm.D. and an M.S. from the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences. I received my Ph.D. from the University of Kentucky. I completed a concurrent fellowship with Humana and Pfizer and started at UF in November 2016.

Dr. Brown recently received the 2019 New Practitioner Award from the Academy of Managed Care Pharmacy.

\*M.S. program only

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### What drew you to UF and how do you define your teaching philosophy?

I was interested in industry but decided to interview with UF and instantly felt at home. Academia should be about a family environment and that's what I found here. In terms of my teaching philosophy, I am more informal than formal. I want students to know the hard-to-learn tidbits that I have picked up over the years. They'll get the content, rules and jargon elsewhere.

### What unique perspectives do you bring to the UF graduate program?

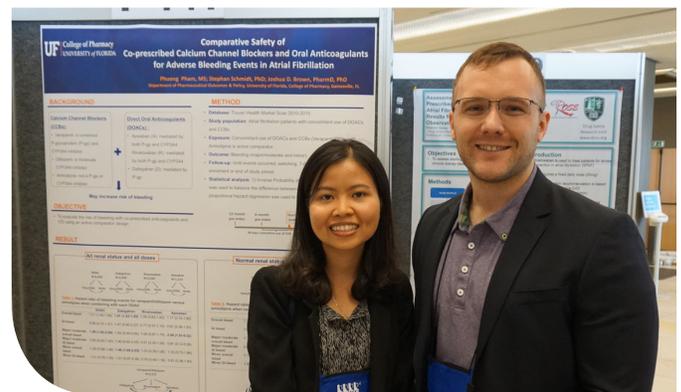
I was uniquely exposed to academia, industry and managed care and am now conducting research largely focused on regulatory activities. This broad exposure helps to make connections for all students, since many come in with varied interests and backgrounds.

### When you were in graduate school, what was a particularly challenging experience and how did you handle it?

In graduate school, I unfortunately experienced a few tough relationship patches. This led to distractions, poor performance and depression, among other effects. So when I see students struggling, not acting themselves or being closed off, I reach out and let them know they are supported and can talk to me, other faculty or other students. It's important as educators to realize that students, faculty and staff are all people with issues, concerns, needs and their own lives outside of school.

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Representing the UF College of Pharmacy with a current graduate student at the 2018 International Conference for Pharmacoepidemiology in Prague.



My parents and me celebrating the big 30.



My partner, Lisa, and my two nieces.



Posing in Peru, 2018.

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### Who are your mentors and heroes, personally and professionally?

I draw an odd amount of inspiration from music, particular Jason Isbell. He’s an excellent songwriter and musician, and his life experiences resonate with me. I try to see him live every chance I get.

Professionally and personally, it takes a village. My heroes and mentors are people like my chair, Almut Winterstein and her husband, Pat; my mentor, Todd Manini; my co-worker, Carl Henriksen; and several others who I learn from and try to emulate on a daily basis.

### Tell us about your family.

My family is based in rural Arkansas, where I was born and raised. My parents are laborers and wannabe farmers (they have a large garden and chickens). My older sister is a nurse and has given me the most amazing gift of two beautiful nieces.

### How do you spend your free time?

I travel quite a bit, and it has become a pastime. I have a trip planned in my head to go to the Galapagos in the next few years. There are weeklong yacht cruises where you can snorkel and swim off the boat and experience the same ecology that inspired Darwin. Besides travel planning, I spend a good amount of time hiking or running and rewatching the Lord of the Rings, Harry Potter and Star Wars movies.

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