Ashley Mishoe and Daniel Yokell Chosen as Recipients of the 2017 Henkin Fellowship

SNMNI and the Education and Research Foundation for Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging are pleased to announce that Ashley Mishoe, B.S., Pharm.D., and Daniel L Yokell, Pharm.D., are the recipients of the 2017 Robert E. Henkin Government Relations Fellowship. Each year, the recipients come to Washington, DC, and spend a week with SNMNI staff, visiting Congress, federal agencies and other medical societies. Throughout the week, the Fellows learn first-hand how the federal legislative and regulatory processes impact nuclear medicine and molecular imaging. The program is designed for young professionals, defined as residents or fellows (physicians, scientists or technologists) who have completed their training within the last 10 years.

Mishoe currently serves as the Cyclotron Facilities manager at the University of California, San Francisco, where she works alongside researchers to bring novel radiotracers into routine clinical use. In 2008, Mishoe received her B.S. in Psychology before deciding to focus her career on radiopharmacy and PET regulatory affairs. In 2012, she received her Pharm.D. from the South Carolina College of Pharmacy in Charleston, South Carolina. In addition to volunteering at multiple professional societies, Mishoe devotes her time to studying the nuances of federal regulations to understand how they impact the daily operations of radiopharmacies. She hopes to use the Henkin Fellowship to become director of an academic PET research facility that advocates for the advancement of radiopharmaceutical sciences.

Yokell serves as director of GMP PET Production Chemistry and Regulatory Affairs at the Gordon Center for Medical Imaging, Massachusetts General Hospital, and lectures in radiology at Harvard University. He received his Pharm.D. at Northeastern University in 2009 and completed his post-graduate NRC nuclear pharmacist authorized user training at The Ohio State University. Based on knowledge and experience he gained during his participation in SNMNI’s 2013 Capitol Hill Day, Yokell was chosen to lead the USP<797> compliance efforts for the Massachusetts General Hospital Radiology Department. He hopes to use the Henkin Fellowship to enhance his knowledge of regulatory and government affairs issues to educate stakeholders on the essential role nuclear medicine and molecular imaging plays in patient care. Specifically, Yokell aims to use the fellowship to leverage opportunities that may arise from the increased funding for the FDA and NIH under the 21st Century Cures Act.

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