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Lauren Bloodworth and Phil Ayers working to promote profession across state

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OXFORD, Miss. – The **Mississippi Pharmacists Association** has welcomed two faculty members from the University of Mississippi **School of Pharmacy** into leadership positions for the organization.

Lauren Bloodworth, clinical associate professor of pharmacy practice, will serve as the organization's president for the 2018-19 term, and Phil Ayers, also a clinical associate professor of pharmacy practice, is MPhA's interim executive director.

"For years, I have been proud to serve alongside our tremendous pharmacy family, and I am honored by the opportunity to serve as the next president of the Mississippi Pharmacists Association," Bloodworth said.



MPhA connects pharmacists from all areas of the profession to one other and with other health care professions to promote pharmacy and patient welfare across the state.

Both Ayers and Bloodworth are graduates of the Ole Miss pharmacy school. Ayers joined the faculty in 1997 after graduating in 1996. Bloodworth graduated in 2000 and joined the school's faculty in 2008.

David D. Allen, dean of the School of Pharmacy and ex officio member of MPhA's executive committee, said the School of Pharmacy is "very proud" to have Ayers and Bloodworth lead the organization.

"Lauren and Phil are both extremely dedicated to bolstering Mississippi's pharmacy landscape and are natural fits for these positions," Allen said.



Phil Ayers

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