



Dr. Gregory A. Ordway

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Paulding High School	1974
The Ohio State University	BS 1980
The Ohio State University	PhD 1985

Gregory A. Ordway graduated from Paulding High School in 1974. He received a B.S. in Pharmacy and a Ph.D. in Pharmacology from the Ohio State University, after which he completed a 3-year fellowship at the University of Pennsylvania in neuropsychopharmacology. Dr. Ordway's first academic appointment was at Case Western Reserve University where he began his research on the biology of depression and suicide. In 1993, Dr. Ordway moved to the University of Mississippi Medical Center (UMC) where he served as Director of the Division of Neurobiology and Behavior Research. In 2002, he founded the federally funded Center for Psychiatric Neuroscience at UMC, a center devoted to facilitating the psychiatry research careers of young faculty. He later assumed the role of Assistant Vice Chancellor for Research at UMC. At UMC, he received the Bronze, Gold and Platinum Awards for excellence in research and was named a Billy S. Guyton Distinguished Professor. In 2005, Dr.

Ordway assumed leadership of the Department of Pharmacology at the Quillen College of Medicine at East Tennessee State University (ETSU). In 2012, he was administratively responsible for merging 5 basic science departments at the medical school to one department, of which he served as interim chair until 2014. During this time, he was the Principal Investigator of a federal grant that provided the renovation of the primary research facility at ETSU. At ETSU, he received the University President's Distinguished Faculty Award for Research, as well as the Jack L. Beal Postbaccalaureate Award from the Ohio State University College of Pharmacy (for outstanding contributions made to the pharmaceutical sciences), and two Distinguished Investigator Awards for suicide research from the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. Dr. Ordway provides professional review service for grant applications to federal and private agencies, and for numerous scientific journals. He has published over 85 articles and one book on the biology of mental illness. Over the course of his academic career, Dr. Ordway has garnered over \$25 million in grants from National Institutes of Health, national foundations and the pharmaceutical industry to support biomedical research. The goal of his own research has been to study the human brain pathology of depressive disorders and suicide as means to identify novel biological targets for the development of more effective drug treatments. His most recent research has identified a potentially novel class of drugs for treatment-resistant depression. Dr. Ordway currently serves as Senior Advisor to the Dean for Research, and Professor in the Departments of Biomedical Sciences and Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences, at the Quillen College of Medicine at ETSU. He has two sons (Benjamin and Adam) and lives in eastern Tennessee where he enjoys mountain biking, hiking and kayaking in the southern Appalachian Mountains.