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## PAUL D. BOYER 1918 - 2018











REMEMBERING WITH GRATITUDE PAUL D. BOYER



### 1918 - 2018

## DIRECTOR'S REPORT

### Dear Colleagues,

This year will be forever memorable in the history of our Institute because it marks the passing of our beloved Paul Boyer. His many scientific and academic accomplishments have been highlighted in several journals and it has been wonderful to hear so many colleagues speak about how much Dr. Boyer meant to them. We are grateful for his vision, his collegiality, his commitment to scientific excellence and his optimistic spirit, all of which became part of the culture of our institute. Thank you, Paul!

The last year was also marked by several changes in the MBIDP office and building. Two new SAOs,



Stephanie Cuellar and Ashley TerHorst joined our office and have smoothly taken over the administration of the MBIDP and have quickly become familiar with our body of students and faculty. A new administrator assistant, Altagracia Alvarado is now the face behind the MBI emails, workshops, events and interactions with our body of students. Big *kudos* to Helen Houldsworth for "filling the blanks" as we completed searches and recruited this great team. We also welcome Mike Kane, our new building manager who has so efficiently adapted to UCLA and Boyer Hall and continued to take care of the Institute and Boyer Hall occupants.

Much of our attention has been placed on the renovations of Boyer 159, our premier conference room. The much needed upgrade was only possible because of the commitment and support of the Deans of Life Sciences, DGSOM and Physical Sciences as well as the Chair of Chemistry and Biochemistry. We could not have done it without you! The patio adjacent to the conference room will also be renovated by the end of November and will provide an outstanding space for events, meetings, student recruitment, informal discussions and celebrations. We are extremely excited to have this great space available for all the events, thesis defenses and scientific seminars. Thank you all for your patience and trust.

Highlights of the past year for the MBI included the Sigman Symposium honoring Professor Yigong Shi who delivered a memorable lecture entitled "Mechanism of pre-mRNA splicing by the Spliceosome". As in previous years, this was a wonderful event and I must acknowledge the MBI Sigman Lectureship Committee that includes Feng Guo, Reid Johnson and Jim Bowie (chair). Thank you for the outstanding selection and your continuous commitment to this event. Along these lines, the flagship of the institute, MBI Thursday Seminar Series has brought in fantastic talks and impressive scientists. Thank you to Margot Quinlan and Tracy Johnson and their committee for their hard, hard, hard work on this endeavor.

As can be easily noted in the Newsletter, the membership continues to thrive and the scientific caliber of our faculty is unquestionable. Here I must highlight a few honors received by our members: the election of Utpal Banerjee to the National Academy of Sciences, HHMI investigator award to Tamir Gonen, the William C. Rose Award given by the ASBMB to Steven Clarke, the Paul Sigler Prize given by Yale University to David Eisenberg and the American Heart Association Russel Ross Memorial Lectureship to Karen Reue. Congratulations!

Our graduate program is expanding, with a total of 145 students. We just welcomed our incoming class of 2018-2019 with 23 students. During this academic year, 14 students received their doctorates and combined they produced 119 scientific publications. They are our legacy and we are fully committed to constantly improve their training and research experience. I would take the opportunity to thank our home area directors: Feng Guo (BBSB), Jeff Long (CDB), Michael Carey (GREAT) and Peter Bradley (IMMP) who have placed a lot of energy into the recruitment of the incoming class and the guidance of current students. Our mission to reconnect with our large body of graduates has continued, through alumni newsletters and other options to connect with the program. During this coming year, alumni located in the LA area will be invited to attend the upcoming MBI retreat which will be in Lake Arrowhead. It

has been nice to receive feedback from some of them stating how much the institution, and the MBI in particular, meant to them at a critical time in their careers.

Through the generosity of our dear Audree Fowler, the MBI has been able to award four Audree Fowler Fellowships in Protein Science this past year. This has become a wonderful tradition and our graduate students are very appreciative for the opportunity to compete for this award. This year's awardees are: Michael Hughes (Eisenberg lab), Kanishk Jain (Clarke lab), William Barshop (Wohlschlegel lab) and Yuxi Liu (Yeates lab). The Jules Brenner Achievement Fellowship in Molecular Biology went to Aimee Flores (Lowry lab). Congratulations to all these outstanding graduate students! Finally, the 18<sup>th</sup> annual Boyer-Parvin recognition awards have continued to provide a stand-up salute to our body of post-doctoral trainees. This year, from 9 exceptional nominees, 3 were selected. The winners were Francis Mercer (Patricia Johnson's lab), Marcus Seldin (Jake Lusis' lab) and Michael Hicks (April Pyle's lab). This has been a special signature of the MBI, initiated by our founder, and we are committed to seek additional funds to continue the support of this important event.

As in previous years, the Imaging Workshop and the Biotechnology Workshops were a success with attendance to full capacity. We are preparing some slight modifications to the Imaging workshop to better support our community with more stratification in training (beginner, intermediate, advanced).

Hope to see you at our events, symposia and seminars!

Hasta pronto.

Luisa

Luisa Iruela-Arispe, Ph.D. Director, Molecular Biology Institute

# COMMITTEES

### **EXECUTIVE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Amander Clark, Catherine Clarke, Alexander Hoffmann, Siavash Kurdistani, Sabeeha Merchant and Jerome Zack

### **MBI MEMBERSHIP**

Arnold Berk (Chair), Alison Frand, Bennett Novitch, Thomas Vondriska and Megan McEvoy

### **THURSDAY SEMINARS**

Margot Quinlan (co-Chair), Tracy Johnson (co-Chair), Douglas Black, Hilary Coller, David Eisenberg, Sri Kosuri, Michael Teitell and Tom Vallim

### SIGMAN AWARD SELECTION

James Bowie, Feng Guo, Luisa Iruela-Arispe and Reid Johnson

### AUDREE FOWLER FELLOWSHIP IN PROTEIN SCIENCE

Jose Rodriguez, Siavash Kurdistani, Kathrin Plath and Gregory Payne

JULES BRENNER SCHOLAR'S ACHIEVEMENT FELLOWSHIP IN MOLECULAR BIOLOGY

Jules Brenner, Amander Clark, Don Kohn and Timothy Lane

### **PHILIP J. WHITCOME FELLOWSHIP**

Feng Guo, Jeffrey Long, Peter Bradley and Michael Carey

### **BOYER/PARVIN POSTDOCTORAL AWARDS**

Karen Reue, Jose Rodriguez, Oliver Fregoso and Hilary Coller

### MOLECULAR BIOLOGY INTERDEPARTMENTAL PH.D. PROGRAM

Luisa Iruela-Arispe, Peter Bradley, Michael Carey, Jeffrey Long and Feng Guo

### 2017-2018 ANNUAL RETREAT

Geoffrey Provonost (Chair), Aaron Van Loon, Brenda Molgora, Guillaume Urtecho, Samantha Edwards, Alex Sercel and Jessica Ochoa

### **ANNUAL RETREAT POSTER JUDGES**

Peter Bradley, Michael Carey, Hilary Coller, Andrew Goldstein, Feng Guo, Luisa Iruela-Arispe, Tracy Johnson, Jeffrey Long, Margot Quinlan and Melissa Spence

### ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF ACTIVITIES

### ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES Helen Houldsworth, Boyer Hall Management Services Officer

It's a pleasure to update you on the administrative team that made the activities you read about in this report possible. I'm consistently impressed by the energy they bring to their roles, as well as their commitment to serve our Faculty and students and the teamwork they show each other.

In October we welcomed Altagracia Alvarado as our new Office Coordinator, replacing Megan Weitzel who moved on to an SAO position in north campus. Altagracia ("Gracie") is a recent graduate from UCLA and a passionate Bruin. Although new to the south campus science community and to many of the tasks she was faced with, she threw herself whole-heartedly into learning and adapting to her new role. She also brought her creative skills which have given our advertising materials, website and social media a much needed boost. She's made the position her own and become a valued member of the team.

At around the same time, we hired Stephanie Cuellar, and shortly after that Ashley TerHorst as new SAO's for the Molecular Biology IDP. (Yes, it was a busy fall quarter!). In a new organizational arrangement for us, Stephanie now takes primary responsibility for student recruitment, admissions and alumni relations and Ashley is responsible for continuing student activities and time-to-degree progress. Both Ashley and Stephanie joined us from other positions at UCLA, which helped them adapt to their new roles. Nevertheless, they worked tirelessly to become familiar with our MBI community and the nuances of an IDP, at a time when the academic quarter was already in full-swing. Their willingness to support each other and work as a team is a huge benefit to the program and gives us a greater capacity to support all aspects of our students' education.

In the absence of any MBIDP SAO's during the summer, new Bioinformatics SAO Mandy McWeeney held down the fort for both programs. We could not have survived this hectic time without her! She also generously shared her knowledge and experience with Stephanie and Ashley when they arrived, helping them get up to speed.

As a final summer challenge in the Graduate Programs office, we decided to initiate a remodel, to improve the awkward configuration and create three entirely separate and private offices for our SAOs. The work took much longer than hoped and Ashley was confined to temporary office space for several months after she started. However, I'm happy to report that all three SAOs are now in place and we have a much more functional suite!

Long-time Building Manager, Shawn Lockard, retired from UCLA at the end of 2018. Shawn had a long and successful career at UCLA and a deep knowledge of Boyer Hall, both the personnel and the infrastructure. He left big shoes to fill. After an extensive search for his replacement, we were fortunate to find Michael Kane. Mike came onboard in late January, bringing his experience in university building management from MIT and a background in construction project management which is proving to be invaluable in Boyer Hall at this time (see his first managers' report below!). Mike's attention to detail, enthusiasm to learn about Boyer Hall and his easy-going personality have all been greatly appreciated by our admin team and the Faculty. We also appreciated Oren Saig, our Facilities Coordinator who stepped in as Building Manager until Mike was hired. Oren covered for Shawn with the same level of focus and dedication he brings to his own role, making sure there was minimal impact to the researchers of Boyer. As a result we were happy to recommend him for a promotion to Assistant Building Manager, a request which was approved recently. Oren and Mike have developed a great working relationship and the occupants of Boyer are fortunate to have both of these dedicated guys in the Building Management office.

I would be remiss at this point to not mention Luz Torres, who has kept our finances on an even keel throughout the year. Luz successfully manages internal and external funds for the MBI, MBIDP, QCBio and Bioinformatics, which represents hundreds of payments, reimbursements, transfers and overall budgeting oversight. Luz also plays a leading role in training junior administrators in financial transactions and answering their questions as they become familiar with the UCLA systems. This has been a very busy year for Luz and we appreciate her calm leadership and oversight of all of our operations. Luz will be in even higher demand next year, as the MBI office moves into inter-departmental grants submissions. We believe this is a much-needed service to our members and one we are uniquely placed to provide. More on this in next year's report!

Finally, a note about QCBio, which continues to grow and evolve. BIG summer, the undergraduate program to introduce young students to bioinformatics welcomed around 40 participants this year, from across the country.

QCBio Program manager Jessica Jimenez has taken the lead in this innovative program and, due to a family move, she's now handing over the reins to Lana Martin. Lana joined us at the end of July and will take over both BIG Summer and the QCBio collaboratory postdoctoral teaching program.

QCBio administrator Marie Grossett spent a large part of her year planning and running the International Systems Biology of Human Diseases Conference, which was hosted at UCLA this year. Marie arranged all the conference logistics, meals, accommodation and guest speakers. The conference was a big success and Marie's warm, hospitable approach was commented on by many of the guests.

As you can see, we had a very full year with lots of changes! We'll look forward to seeing what the new academic year brings our way.

### BUILDING MANAGEMENT Michael Kane, Boyer Hall Building Manager

### Projects

We had two projects commence during the 2017-2018 academic year in Boyer Hall. (1) Lab Renovation in Boyer 332 for Dr. Allard (ISG Dept), which was completed in June, and (2) Conference Room Renovation in Boyer 159, which will be completed by Fall Quarter 2018.

The following projects are in the design development phases, and will likely be completed in the 2018-2019 academic year:

- <u>Elevator Upgrades</u> Both Boyer Hall elevators will have their mechanical systems replaced and both cabs will receive interior refreshes. It looks like our elevator upgrade will commence in the Fall Quarter of 2018. Stay tuned...
- **Boyer Hall Patio Refresh** We will be sprucing up the patio now the conference room provides more access and visibility. Improvements will include new furniture and landscaping features.
- **<u>QC Bio Wall Relocation</u>** We are in the design phase for this wall relocation project. This minor renovation will help open up the corridor on the 5<sup>th</sup> floor and create more of a collaborative space for the 5<sup>th</sup> floor labs.

### **New Faculty**

We are excited to welcome Dr. Patrick Allard from The Institute for Society and Genetics. Dr. Allard just completed his move from CHS to Boyer Hall in June of 2018. Dr. Allard and his lab group now reside in Boyer Hall Room 332 where they research environmental impacts on gene expression and their relevance to health.

### **Building Personnel Changes**

I was hired on as Building Manager late January of 2018. It has been great getting to know everyone in the building, and I look forward to serving the Boyer Hall residents. I would also like to congratulate Oren Saig on his welldeserved promotion to Assistant Building Manager. Oren has been an exemplary employee from the time I've known him and we're excited to see him grow into his new role.

### **Building Services**

The refrigeration unit to cold room 324 was replaced, this was a \$20,000 maintenance project. We are currently looking to add a – 20 to our freezer backup program located in the basement of Boyer Hall.

### **Building Maintenance**

We are currently working with Associate Vice Chancellor, Kelly Schmader, to modernize the general use areas in Boyer Hall. We are hoping to make aesthetic improvements to general building areas (corridors, small conference rooms, and restrooms). We are also seeking deferred maintenance funds from the state to upgrade DI water and building lab waste lines. In addition to these deferred maintenance projects, we are working to set up a preventative maintenance program for the general/shared areas of Boyer Hall. This would include activities such as regularly scheduled stripping and waxing of the corridor floors and touch up painting throughout the shared spaces of Boyer Hall.

### PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

### **DAVID S. SIGMAN MEMORIAL LECTURE**

Thursday, October 19, 2017



David S. Sigman Professor, Biological Chemistry and Chemistry & Biochemistry

The Sigman Lectureship Award was established in 2002 to honor the memory of David Sigman, Professor in the Departments of Biological Chemistry and Chemistry & Biochemistry, and a founding member and former Associate Director of the MBI. He was a leader in the field of chemical biology at UCLA and discovered chemical nucleases in a career that illuminated the molecular mechanisms of catalysis. A permanently endowed fund was made possible by contributions from over 200 of Professor Sigman's colleagues, friends, and family, as well as corporate donors including the Amgen Foundation, Eli Lilly and Company, the Bristol-Myers Squibb Foundation, and Raytheon Systems Company.

### 2017 Sigman Lectureship Honoree

### Yigong Shi, Ph.D.

Vice President, Tsinghua University Dean, School of Life Sciences, Tsinghua University Co-Director, Tsinghua-Peking Joint Center for Life Sciences, Beijing

### **Keynote Presentation**

"Mechanism of pre-mRNA Splicing by the Splicesome"

### Abstract

Precursor messenger RNA (pre-mRNA) splicing, discovered 40 years ago, is an essential step in the information flow from DNA to protein in all eukaryotes. Research efforts of the past four decades have led to molecular delineation of the splicing pathway, including discovery of



Honoree Yigong Shi with Sigman Chair Jim Bowie

the nature and specifics of the splicing reaction, definition of the spliceosome and identification of its components, and biochemical analysis of the various splicing complexes and their regulation. Structural information is central to mechanistic understanding of pre-mRNA splicing by the spliceosome. X-ray crystallography of the spliceosomal components and subcomplexes is complemented by electron microscopy (EM) of the intact spliceosome. In the past two years, a burst of atomic structures on the intact spliceosome at different stages of the splicing cycle has revealed unprecedented mechanistic insights into pre-mRNA splicing, corroborating and explaining a large body of genetic and biochemical data. The spliceosome is proven to be a protein-directed metalloribozyme. In this presentation, I will summarize mechanistic revelations from recent structural advances on the yeast and human spliceosomes.

At a lunchtime event, the following trainees presented their research to Dr. Shi:

Presenter	PI/Mentor	Title of Presentation
Mimi Ho	Pascal Egea/Jasmine Zhou	"Interactions and epitope mapping in Human Cytomegalovirus gH/gL Pentamer complex"
Duyoung Min	Jim Bowie	"How CLC chloride transporter folds"
Yuxi Liu	Todd Yeates	"A Symmetric Molecular Scaffold for Protein Imaging by Cryo-Electron Microscopy"
Yi Ying	Doug Black	"Splicing activation by an Rbfox protein requires self-aggregation through its tyrosine-rich domain"
Kevin Murray	David Eisenberg	"Computational Design of Amyloid Fibril Inhibitors

### AUDREE FOWLER FELLOWHIPS IN PROTEIN SCIENCE



Dr. Audree V. Fowler has been a dedicated Bruin for more than 60 years. A strong supporter of the basic sciences, the performing arts, and medicine at UCLA, she recently demonstrated her devotion to the College of Letters and Science again by establishing the Audree V. Fowler Graduate Fellowship in Protein Science, to be administered by the Molecular Biology Institute. Since 2008, 30 talented graduate students have received these fellowships.

Audree received her B.S. in chemistry from UCLA in 1956 and went on to earn a Ph.D. in biochemistry in 1963, when that field was almost exclusively male. She served as a NIH postdoctoral fellow at the Albert

Einstein College of Medicine in New York and in UCLA's Department of Biological Chemistry before becoming a research biological chemist in the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA. She built an eminent research career which includes over 80 publications. She also built strong connections with the Molecular Biology Institute, the Department of Biological Chemistry in the David Geffen School of Medicine, the UCLA Protein Microsequencing Facility—where she served as director for 15 years—and the Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center. She is one of five founding members of the Association of Biomolecular Resource Facilities (ABRF), which is now an international organization of 1,100 members. She was named the first lifetime member of the organization in 2008.

Although she retired from UCLA in 1999, Fowler is determined to remain active. She is an avid Bruin, maintaining her emeriti membership in the Molecular Biology Institute and serving on the board of directors of Women & Philanthropy. She also is on the executive board of Design for Sharing and the Iris Cantor UCLA Women's Health Center, and she volunteered at the Santa Monica Pier Aquarium—formerly the UCLA Ocean Discovery Center. She expanded her involvement by giving tours of the Palisades Park hosted by the Santa Monica conservancy and of the Marion Davies Beach House.

The Audree V. Fowler Graduate Fellowships in Protein Science serves as a fitting testament to Dr. Fowler's commitment and dedication to her research and to UCLA. The fellowships are awarded to promising Ph.D. candidates working in protein science. The crucial resources provide by the award advance the education of the Fowler Fellows by enabling them to concentrate on their innovative research.

"The sciences gave me a great life and now I want to help others to have the same opportunities I enjoyed."

### 2017-18 Recipients

- Michael Hughes (Eisenberg Lab) "Structural insights into low-complexity domains & non-membrane bound organelles"
- Kanishk Jain (Clarke Lab) "Understanding protein arginine methyltransferases and their biochemical mechanisms"
- William Barshop (Wohlschlegel Lab) "MilkyWay: A Proteome Bioinformatics Platform, and its Application in Development of Proteolytic Digestion Resistant Affinity Purification Beads"
- Yuxi Liu (Yeates Lab) "Characterization of Natural and Engineered Symmetric Protein Oligomers"

More information about this year's recipients and their research can be found <u>www.mbi.ucla.edu/fowler-fellows.</u>



Awardees (L-R) Michael Hughes, Yuxi Liu, Kanishk Jain and William Barshop, with Dr Fowler.

### JULES BRENNER ACHIEVEMENT FELLOWSHIP IN MOLECULAR BIOLOGY

Jules Brenner has worked in the cinematography division of the motion picture industry from the end of his military service in 1959 to the day of his retirement in 1996, starting as a camera assistant/loader at Warner Bros up to Director of Photography (1968-1991) with such film credits as Dalton Trumbo's "Johnny Got His Gun," John Milius' "Dillinger," two early episodes of the MacGyver TV series and the cult fave, "The Return of the Living Dead." (His full credit list is available on IMDB). He is a voting member of the



full credit list is available on IMDB). Past and present Brenner Fellows: Lulan Wang (2016), Courtney Young (2017) and He is a voting member of the Aimee Flores (2018) with Mr. Brenner

Academy of Motion Picture Arts & Sciences (AMPAS) and serves as a judge in their Nicholl Fellowship Screenwriting Competition.

Since retirement he has been active as a motion picture and book reviewer, accredited by the Motion Picture Association of America (MPAA) as a print and online freelance journalist. His reviews have been published in print publications such as Mystery Scene Magazine, and all around the web on such sites as filmcritic.com, Paste.com, About.com, and others in addition to his own sites, Cinema Signals and Critical Mystery Tour. His review blurbs appear on Rotten Tomato. He has lectured on Screenwriting for Columbia College of Chicago, Studio City campus. He writes code in HTML, Visual Basic and ASM and loves swimming, scuba diving, and weight training. His addictions are movies and reading and he has an intense interest, strictly as a layman, in the sciences.



Mr. Brenner believes that Molecular Biology is where the future lies and has provided a gift to recognize one outstanding student that has advanced the discipline. The awardee was selected by a committee of distinguished faculty and by Mr. Brenner, who also introduced the award in a video presentation at the Annual MBI Retreat, April, 2017.

2018 Recipient

Aimee Flores (Lowry Lab)

Aimee receiving her award from Mr. Brenner

### **BOYER/PARVIN POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCH AWARDS**

MBI Founding Director Paul Boyer had a deep regard for postdoctoral researchers. He appreciated the dedication, intellect and skill they bring and the impact of their research on scientific progress. It was in this spirit that Dr Boyer donated a portion of his 1997 Nobel Prize to establish the Postdoctoral Awards. Additional support from his long-time colleague James Peter, from Phyllis Parvin on behalf of the Parvin Foundation and from Amgen Inc. created an opportunity to recognize over 100 exceptional researchers in Chemistry, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, for the past 16 years.

The Parvin Foundation has been a tireless supporter of molecular biology research since the gift of \$1 million made the Molecular Biology Building (now Paul D. Boyer Hall) possible. Foundation President Phyllis Parvin continues to be an avid supporter of the postdoctoral awards. Thanks to the Parvin Foundation, Amgen Inc and individual donors who believe in the value of postdoctoral research, we are able to continue the tradition of recognizing these exceptional scientists.



(L-R) Awardees Marcus Seldin, Francis Mercer and Michael Hicks

The recipients of these three awards were:

**Francis Mercer, Ph.D.** Mentor: Prof. Patricia Johnson; Microbiology, Immunology & Molecular Genetics

> Marcus Seldin, Ph.D. Mentor: Prof. A. Jake Lusis; Cardiology

Michael Hicks, Ph.D. Mentor: Prof. April Pyle; Microbiology, Immunology & Molecular Genetics

Thanks go to the members of the Selection Committee, Karen Reue, Jose Rodriguez, Oliver Fregoso and Hilary Coller, for their extensive efforts in selecting the winners.

### **RESEARCH SEMINAR SERIES**

This seminar series continues to be a focal point of MBI activities. The 2017-2018 schedule included national and internationally renowned speakers, invited and hosted by MBI Faculty and students from the MBIDP program.

Date	Speaker	Institution(s)	Title	Host
10/5/2017	Liana Lareau, Ph.D.	California Institute for Quantitative Biology, University of California, Berkeley	"Ribosome Dynamics Captured by Deep Sequencing and Deep Learning"	MBIDP students (GREAT Home Area)
10/12/2017	Elcin Unal, Ph.D.	University of California, Berkeley	"Meiotic Differentiation: Uncovering Unique Modes of Gene Regulation and Organelle Remodeling"	Sri Kosuri
10/19/2017	Yigong Shi, Ph.D.	Tsinghua University, Beijing	"Mechanism of pre-mRNA Splicing by the Spliceosome"	Jim Bowie/Reid Johnson
10/26/17	Raymond Deshaies, Ph.D.	Amgen and California Institute of Technology	"The Adaptive Exchange Hypothesis: Dynamic Specification of the SCF Ubiquitin Ligase Repertoire by Substrate"	Steve Young
11/2/2017	Peter Jackson, Ph.D.	Stanford University School of Medicine	"Reformulating adipogenesis: Cilary trafficking of a fatty acid GPCR activates cAMP-dependent differentiation of mesenchymal stem cells"	Jorge Torres
11/9/2017	Leonard Zon, M.D.	Children's Hospital Boston, Harvard Medical School Howard Hughes Investigator	"Pathways regulating hematopoietic stem cell self-renewal and migration"	Carla Koehler
11/16/2017	Tamir Gonen, Ph.D.	Investigator, Howard Hughes Medical Institute Department of Biological Chemistry	"MicroED opens a new era for biological structure determination"	Doug Black
11/30/2017	Raymond Stevens, Ph.D.	University of Southern California	"A new approach towards diabetes structure based drug discovery"	Ron Kaback
12/7/2017	Christopher Lima, Ph.D.	Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center	"Nuclear quality control and the RNA exosome"	Tracy Johnson & Doug Black
1/11/2018	David Rawlings, M.D.	Seattle Children's Hospital University of Washington	"Engineering human lymphoid cells for novel clinical applications"	MBIDP students (IMMP Home Area)
1/18/2018	Karen Adelman, Ph.D.	Harvard Medical School	"Transcription as a Central Hallmark of Active Enhancers"	Tracy Johnson
1/25/2018	Vamsi Mootha, M.D.	Harvard Medical School,	"Genomics Approaches to Mitochondrial Bioenergetics"	Steve Young & Sabeeha Merchant
2/1/2018	Scott Keeney, Ph.D.	HHMI Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center Howard Hughes Investigator	"Breaking Par: Sex Chromosome Recombination in Male Meiosis"	Tracy Johnson

2/8/2018	Michel Goedert, M.D., Ph.D.	Medical Research Council, University of Cambridge	"Synucleinopathies and Tauopathies"	David Eisenberg
2/22/2018	William A. Petri Jr., M.D., Ph.D.	University of Virginia	"Role of Human Genetics, environment and microbiome insusceptibility to amebic colitis"	Patricia Johnson
3/1/2018	Emanuela Gussoni, Ph.D.	Harvard Medical School	"Tetraspanin CD82 in Muscle Stem Cells and Muscular Dystrophy"	MBIDP students (CDB Home Area)
3/8/2018	Olga Boudker, Ph.D.	Cornell University	"Glutamate Transporter Dynamics: How Fast Can It Go?"	Jim Bowie
3/15/2018	Steven Boxer, Ph.D.	Stanford University	"Reactions, Interactions, Dynamics and Mass Spec Imagine in Model Biological Membranes: Viruses and Rafts"	Steve Young
4/12/2018	Sophie Dumont, Ph.D.	University of California, San Francisco	"Cell Division: Mechanical Integrity with Dynamic Parts"	Margot Quinlan
4/19/2018	Hana El Samad, Ph.D.	University of California, San Francisco School of Medicine	"Cellular Feedback Control - What Do All the Loops Do?"	Margot Quinlan (MBI) & Van Savage (QCB)
4/26/2018	Roy Parker, Ph.D.	University of Colorado, Boulder	"RNP Granules in Health and Disease"	Ming Guo
5/3/2018	Gregory Alushin, Ph.D.	The Rockefeller University	"Cytoskeletal structural plasticity in force generation and mechanosensation"	Hilary Coller
5/10/2018	Photini Sinnis, M.D.	Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health	"Establishment of Malaria Infection: Parasite Bottleneck & Point for Intervention	Peter Bradley
5/17/2018	Tim Stearns, Ph.D.	Stanford University	"Centrosomes and Cilia: From Single Molecules to New Model Organisms"	Margot Quinlan
5/24/2018	Jay Keasling, Ph.D.	University of California, Berkeley	"Engineering Microorganisms for Production of Isoprenoid Natural Products and Some Not-So-Natural Products"	MBIDP students (BBSB Home Area)
5/29/2018	Angelique Bordey, Ph.D.	Yale School of Medicine	"Understanding How MTOR Hyperactivity Leads to Epilepsy and Behavioral Deficits"	Ye Zhang (MBI) & Chris Evans (BRI)

### FACULTY RESEARCH SEMINAR SERIES

These informal presentations contribute to our scientific progress and enable our membership to keep up-to-date on current research developments by the MBI faculty.

Date	<b>MBI Faculty Member</b>	Department	Title
10/3/2017	Luisa Iruela-Arispe, Ph.D.	MCDB	"State of the MBI 2017: A growing membership, new staff, facility renovations and more"
10/10/17	Patrick Allard, Ph.D.	Institute for Society and Genetics	"Mechanisms of transgenerational inheritance of environmental exposures in C. elegans"
10/17/17	Manish Butte, Ph.D.	Ped Allergy/ Immunology	"Pulling out the Stops in T-cells"
10/24/2017	Don Puppione, Ph.D.	Emeritus Professor	"Combining proteomics with genomics to look at the evolution of mammalian apoC-I"
10/31/2017	Gerald Lipshutz, M.D., D.D.S.	Surgery, Endocrinology, Diabetes and Hypertension, Molecular & Medical Pharmacology	"Trials and Tribulations with Arginase: Progress in Gene and Cell Therapy for its Deficiency and Defining its Possible Cell Autonomous Role in Neuronal Development"
11/7/2017	Alice Soragni, Ph.D.	Hematology-Oncology	"Protein aggregation in cancer: p53 and beyond"
11/14/2017	Matteo Pellegrini, Ph.D.	MCDB	"What can DNA methylation tell us about metabolic syndrome?"
11/28/2017	Jose Rodriguez, Ph.D.	Chemistry & Biochemistry	"Structures of Mammalian Prion"
12/05/2017	Brigette Gomperts, M.D.	Pediatrics, Hem/Onc	"Maintaining Mucociliary Clearance - the Critical Role of Airway Basal Stem Cells"
1/9/2018	Grace Aldrovandi, M.D.	Pediatrics-Infectious Diseases	"Moms, Milk and Microbes: How to Build Healthy Babies"
1/30/2018	Hong Zhou, Ph.D.	MIMG	"Structural studies of Human Herpes Viruses"
2/6/2018	Margot Quinlan, Ph.D.	Chemistry & Biochemistry	"Cytoskeletal Control of Cell Polarity in the Drosophila Oocyte and Other Actin News"
2/13/2018	Amander Clark, Ph.D.	MCDB	"Molecular Regulation of Human Germ Cell Formation"
2/20/2018	Feng Guo, Ph.D.	Biological Chemistry	"RNA Structures and microRNA Biogenesis"
2/27/2018	Lily Wu, M.D., Ph.D.	Molecular & Med Pharmacology	"Tumor heterogeneity and metastatic progression in renal cell carcinoma"
3/6/2018	Todd Yeates, Ph.D.	Chemistry & Biochemistry	"Giant Protein Assemblies in Nature and By Design"
3/13/2018	Yousang Gwack, Ph.D.	Physiology	"Calcium Signaling Components in Innate Immunity"
3/20/2018	Louis Bouchard, Ph.D.	Chemistry & Biochemistry	"Technology Development for Precise Modulation of T-Cells Fate, Tissue Engineering, Mechanosensing and Other Stories"
4/3/2018	Elissa Hallem, Ph.D.	MIMG	"Host-Seeking Behaviors of Parasitic Nematodes"
4/10/2018	Sri Kosuri, Ph.D.	Chemistry & Biochemistry	"Synthetic Approaches for Understanding Biology"
4/17/2018	Luisa Iruela-Arispe, Ph.D.	MCDB	"MBIDP Update-Report to the Faculty"
4/24/2018	Ren Sun, Ph.D.	Molecular & Med Pharmacology	"Rational Vaccine Design Enabled by High Resolution Genetic Maps of Viral Genomes"
5/1/2018	Joseph Loo, Ph.D.	Chemistry & Biochemistry	"Pushing (and Imaging) the Boundaries of Protein Mass Spectrometry Beyond Sequencing to Structural Biology"
5/8/2018	Jerome Zack, Ph.D.	Hem- Onc/MIMG	"Developing an Approach to Purge HIV Reservoirs"

5/15/2018	Peter Tontonoz, M.D.,	Path & Lab Med	"Lipid Transport Pathways in Physiology and
	Ph,D.		Disease"
5/22/2018	Michael Carey, Ph.D.	Biological Chemistry	"Gene Unit Sub-Tads: How ES Cell Enhancers
			Interact with Promoters within the 3D Genome"

### **MBI ANNUAL RETREAT & RESEARCH CONFERENCE**



Retreat Committee Chair Geoff Pronovost talks to fellow students at the retreat poster session.

The MBI Retreat is organized each year by student representatives from the Molecular Biology Interdepartmental Ph.D. Program, the Cellular & Molecular Biology Training Program and the Cell-Biology Interface Training Program. The program offers the opportunity for the MBI community; students, postdocs and faculty, to gather together to celebrate the diversity of intellectual pursuits that comprise modern molecular biology at UCLA.

The 40th MBI Annual retreat was held on March 17 - 18, 2017 the Crowne Plaza Ventura Beach. 169 people attended the retreat, including 146 graduate students and 23 faculty members. 44 students presented posters and 10 students gave oral presentations. One of the highlights of this year's retreat was the presentation by our Keynote Speaker, Dr. Michael Snyder from

Stanford University.

Another highlight of the retreat was the Career Panel, where professionals from academia and industry outlined their career paths and gave professional development advice to the students.



Panelists with student host Jessica Ochoa

The panelists this year were:

- Edwin Saada (Sandia National Laboratories)
- Jennifer Lovick (SAGE Publishing)
- David Leibly (ADRx)

• Emily Lowe (Kite Pharma/Gilead)

The retreat program also included time to relax and enjoy the beautiful location. The Home Area "House Cup" was extremely popular, which included a game of tug-o-war on the beach, with Gene Reg and IMMP tying to end the events.

We were grateful for the financial support of several UCLA Departments: Biological Chemistry; Chemistry and Biochemistry; MCDB; MIMG; Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, and the David Geffen School of Medicine, Broad Stem Cell Research Institute, and Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center, who made this retreat possible.

Also, a very special THANK YOU to our benefactors Dr. Audree Fowler, Dr. Garry Miyada and Jules Brenner, for believing that investing in graduate education is the path to a better future for all.

### **RETREAT SCHEDULE**

### Saturday, March 17, 2018

**Keynote Address** 

Introduction 1:30 – 2:30PM

### Session I

Chair: Manish Butte, M.D., Ph.D. 2:30 – 2:50PM 2:50 – 3:10PM 3:10 – 3:40PM

**Career Panel** Moderator: Jessica Ochoa 4 – 5PM

5:30 – 7PM 7 – 8:30PM 8:30 – 11PM

### Sunday, March 18, 2018

**Session II** Chair: Andrew Goldstein, Ph.D. 9:30 – 9:50AM 9:50 – 10:10AM 10:10 – 10:40AM

**Session III** Chair: Oliver Fregoso, Ph.D. 10:50 – 11:10AM 11:10 – 11:40AM Guillaume Urtecho

Michael Snyder, Ph.D. Stanford University "Big Data and Health"

Aanand Patel (Quinlan Lab) Adewunmi Adeleja (Hoffmann Lab) Donald Kohn, M.D.

Q&A with Panelists: Emily Lowe (Kite Pharma/Gilead) Edwin Saada (Sandia National Laboratories) David Leibly (ADRx) Jennifer Lovick (SAGE Publishing) Dinner and Presentation of Student Awards Poster Session Pub Trivia

Guillaume Urtecho (Kosuri Lab) Thang Nguyen (Teitell Lab) Siavash Kurdistani, Ph.D.

Jaspreet Sandhu (Tontonoz Lab) Stephanie Demarco (Hill Lab)

**Graduate Student Awards** 1:30PM

### Fowler Fellowship Award Presentations Introduction

1:40 – 2PM 2 – 2:20PM 2:20 – 2:40PM 2:40 – 3:00PM 3 – 3:30PM

**Closing Remarks** 

**MB-IDP House Cup** 3:40 – 4:45PM Audree Fowler

Michael Hughes (Eisenberg Lab) Kanishk Jain (S. Clarke Lab) William Barshop (Wohlschlegel Lab) Yuxi Liu (Yeates Lab) Kathrin Plath, Ph.D.

Director Luisa Iruela-Arispe, Ph.D.

Water Balloon Toss, Tug of War, Flag Tag, Cornhole

### BIOTECHNOLOGY EDGE WORKSHOP MBI & Amgen Inc.

March 26th- 30th, 2018 the MBI collaborated with researchers at Amgen to hold the 3rd Annual "Biotechnology Edge" Workshop. The workshop provided an opportunity to learn firsthand about the biotechnology industry,

Lecture	Day	Title	Presenter
1.1	Monday March 26 9:30am to 11:00am	Introduction to Biotechnology	Jim Johnston Executive Director, Research Inflammation
1.2	Monday March 26 11:15am to 12:30pm	Case Study – Metabolic – Bone Biology Genomics/Genetics, Bone Biology, and Osteoporosis Therapies	Chris Paszty Director, Research Cardio-metabolic Disorders
2.1	Tuesday March 27 9:30am to 11:00am	Large Molecule Lead Generation	Kevin Graham Scientist Biologics
2.2	Tuesday March 27 11:15am to 12:30pm	Small Molecule Lead Generation and Lead Optimization The Role of Medicinal Chemistry in Drug Discovery	Ana Minatti Sr Scientist Medicinal Chemistry
3.1	Wednesday March 28 9:30am to 11:00am	Comparative Biology and Safety Sciences: Large and Small Molecule Drug Discovery & Development	Graeme Moffat Executive Director CBSS
3.2	Wednesday March 28 11:15am to 12:30pm	Pharmacokinetics in Drug Discovery & Development PK: What does a Body do to a Drug?	Winnie Sohn Principal Scientist Medical Sciences
4.1	Thursday March 29 9:30am to 11:00am	Case Study – Oncology – BiTE Therapeutics	Paul Hughes Scientific Director Oncology Research
4.2	Thursday March 29 11:15am to 12:30pm	Process Development	Linda Narhi & Maria Silve Elipe Scientific Executive Director Process Development Process Development
ATO Campus Visit	Friday March 30 9:00am to 9:15am	Welcome – Visit Overview	Jim Johnston /Linda Narhi
ATO Campus Visit	Friday March 30 9:30am to 1:00pm	ATO Campus Visit & Lab Tours	

11.40 - 12.101 M

Margot Quinlan, Ph.D.

Poster Award Presentations

including all aspects of the drug discovery process and the ways in which trainees can prepare for a career in the private sector. During the first four days, senior Amgen scientists came to UCLA to give presentations on various aspects of drug design and testing. They also spoke to the audience about preparing for careers in biotechnology.On the last day of the workshop the trainees traveled to Thousand Oaks to tour Amgen labs to interact with directly group leaders and junior researchers and see first-hand how the latest technologies are being used to move potential therapeutics through the pipeline. The entire workshop was extremely popular and only 30 trainees could be accommodated due to space limitations on the Amgen tour.

### FOCUS IN IMAGING WORKSHOP

MBI, CNSI, Carl Zeiss Microscopy & Bitplane

Held August 1<sup>st</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup>, the "Focus on Imagining" workshop, provided essential hands-on training in the basic principles of microscopy, confocal, electron microscopy and Imaris 3D/4D visualization and analysis. This was the third workshop organized in collaboration with partners at Zeiss and Bitplane, who provide equipment and expert training personnel. Each session was 2 hours long and was offered on multiple days and times to accommodate as many as possible. Bitplane Specialist Lynsey Hamilton, Ph.D. gave an introductory seminar for the IMARIS Training on the final day. 55 trainees and faculty attended.



### **TRAINING SESSION SCHEDULE**

### Tuesday – August 1st

Principles of Microscopy **Confocal Microscopy Electron Microscopy** 

1pm and 3:30pm 1pm and 3:30pm 1pm and 3:30pm

### Wednesday - August 2nd

Principles of Microscopy 9:30am, 1pm and 3:30pm **Confocal Microscopy** Electron Microscopy

9:30am, 1pm and 3:30pm 9:30am, 1pm and 3:30pm

### <u>Thursday – August 3rd</u>

Principles of Microscopy **Confocal Microscopy** Electron Microscopy

9.30am, 1pm and 3.30pm 9.30am, 1pm and 3.30pm 9.30am, 1pm and 3.30pm

### <u>Friday – August 4th</u>

**Bover Hall 130 Introductory Seminar** 10am "Explore your 3D data with Imaris" Lynsey Hamilton, Ph.D. Bitplane Specialist

### **IMARIS Training Sessions**

### Introductory Sessions Friday August 4th 1pm – 2pm: Imaris 3D rendering & animations Friday August 4th 2pm – 3pm: Imaris Automated object detection, counting and volumetric statistics

Advanced Sessions Friday August 4th 3.30pm – 4.30pm: Imaris Colocalization analysis techniques Friday August 4th 4.30pm – 5.30pm: Imaris Neuron Tracing, Q&A

### **MOUSE GENOME INFORMATICS WORKSHOP**

After a short hiatus, the MBI reconvened its popular mouse genetics and genome informatics workshop. The 2 hour workshop was held on Tuesday March 20, 2018 and lead by Dr. Meiyee Law, Outreach Coordinator at Jackson Labs. Dr. Law began by covering basic concepts of mouse genetics, data structures, page navigation in the MGI database (www.informatics.jax.org) and batch data mining/analysis. In the second half of the workshop, she lead participants through practical examples to demonstrate how the MGI database could be used to answer biological questions. Attendees also received one-on-one assistance with analyzing their own data. The workshop was extremely popular and registration reached the room capacity of 60, with a waiting list for open spots. Given the interest in this area, and with the support of Jackson Labs we hope to offer this workshop annually.

# FACULTY RESEARCH AND PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

### **NEW MBI MEMBERS**



### Justine C. Lee, MD, Ph.D., FACS Associate Professor, Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery www.uclahealth.org/JustineLee

Dr. Lee is a craniofacial surgeon-scientist. Her research program includes a basic science and clinical component focused on craniofacial reconstruction and investigating practical solutions for defects of the craniofacial skeleton. Her basic work is focused on understanding and developing materials-based calvarial bone regeneration strategies for rapid translation. Her clinical work is focused on outcomes of craniofacial surgery with a particular emphasis on pediatric congenital anomalies. She is funded by the Jean Perkins Foundation, the Bernard G. Sarnat Endowment, the Plastic Surgery Foundation, and the US Department of Veterans Affairs. Dr. Lee graduated summa cum laude from UCLA with a

Bachelors of Science in Molecular, Cell, and Developmental Biology. Subsequently, she received her MD and PhD from the University of Chicago. She completed her plastic and reconstructive surgery residency at the University of Chicago and returned to UCLA for her craniofacial surgery fellowship. She is the Bernard G. Sarnat Endowed Chair for Craniofacial Biology. In addition to her work at UCLA, she is highly active in both national and international reconstructive surgery organizations. She serves as Associate Editor for Annals of Plastic Surgery, Section Editor in Craniofacial Surgery for the Cleft Palate-Craniofacial Journal, and Section Editor in Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery for the Cleft Palate-Craniofacial Journal.



### Melody Li, Ph.D.

### Assistant Professor, Microbiology, Immunology and Molecular Genetics www.melodylilab.org

Dr. Li is a molecular virologist and her laboratory studies host defense strategies that control infections with arthropod-borne viruses (arboviruses), which have caused devastating outbreaks in recent years. Viral infection stimulates the production of interferon, resulting in the expression of a large and diverse repertoire of interferon-stimulated genes. However, most of these genes have not been characterized. In graduate school, Dr. Li elucidated the functional consequences of human polymorphisms in the *APOBEC3H* gene. Her work was among the first studies to establish an anti-HIV-1 role for human APOBEC3H *in vivo*. Her postdoctoral work on two interferon-induced proteins, ZAP and IRF2,

advances our understanding of host mechanisms that inhibit viral translation and promote clearance in the central nervous system. Her laboratory is currently investigating the mechanism and regulation of broad-spectrum antiviral factors with the hope that they will inform development of novel therapeutics against re-emerging arboviruses. Dr. Li received her PhD in Microbiology from University of Washington, Seattle in 2011. She subsequently completed her postdoctoral work at Rockefeller University in 2017 and started her own group at UCLA in the fall of 2017.



### Theodoros Kelesidis, M.D., Ph.D., M.Sc. Assistant Professor, Medicine – Infectious Diseases

https://www.uclahealth.org/theodoros-kelesidis

Dr. Kelesidis is a translational physician-scientist focusing on immunopathogenesis of infectious diseases. His laboratory uses a variety of in vitro and in vivo models to investigate novel mechanisms of HIV-related inflammation and immune dysfunction and how they drive end organ disease such as atherosclerosis. In addition to HIV, Dr. Kelesidis' research interests include infections in immunocompromised patients and antimicrobial resistance. Dr. Kelesidis received his MD from University in Athens, Greece and his PhD from University of California Los Angeles where he also did his fellowship in infectious diseases. He has also received an M.Sc in translational research from UCLA. He is currently an Assistant Professor of Medicine at the Department of Medicine, Division of Infectious Diseases at UCLA.



### Siobhan A Braybrook, Ph.D. Assistant Professor, Molecular, Cell, and Developmental Biology https://www.mcdb.ucla.edu/faculty/siobhanb

Dr. Braybrook is a developmental biologist who specializes in the mechanical properties of cells and tissues as they relate to growth. She collaborates with mathematicians, computer modellers, and engineers in order to address the physical biology of growth. Her major study systems are plants and brown algae, with recent forays into immunology and cancer. The lab currently focuses on mechanisms of pH-induced growth mechanics, anisotropic cell elongation, the biomechanics of biological gels, and morphometric analysis of cell shapes. Dr. Braybrook received her Ph.D. from UC Davis. She completed a research fellowship at the University of Bern (CH) before starting a research group at The University

of Cambridge (UK). In 2017, the lab moved to UCLA.



### Tamir Gonen, Ph.D. Professor, Biological Chemistry https://cryoem.ucla.edu/

Dr. Gonen is an expert in electron crystallography and cryo EM. He determined the 1.9Å resolution structure of the water channel aquaporin-0 by electron crystallography, the highest resolution for any protein determined by cryo EM techniques at the time. Dr Gonen established his own laboratory at the University of Washington in 2005 together with the very first cryo EM laboratory in the Pacific Northwest, a resource that continues to benefit many researchers at the UW School of Medicine and beyond. More recently Dr Gonen was honored with a Career Development award from the American Diabetes Association, became a Member of the Royal Society of New Zealand, as well as being chosen one of only 50 Howard Hughes Medical Institute Early Career

Scientists around the country. In 2011 Dr Gonen accepted a position as a Group Leader at the HHMI Janelia Research Campus where he began developing MicroED as a new method for structural biology. With this method Dr Gonen has pushed the boundaries of cryoEM and determined several previously unknown structures at resolutions close to 1Å. In 2017 Dr Gonen moved his laboratory to the David Geffen School of Medicine of the University of California, Los Angeles as an Investigator of the Howard Hughes Medical Institute and a Professor of Biological Chemistry and Physiology, where he continues studying membrane protein structure and function using cryoEM and MicroED. Dr Gonen authored more than 100 publications and several of his past trainees are now faculty around the world at top universities.



### Tim O'Sullivan, Ph.D.

Assistant Professor, Microbiology, Immunology, and Molecular Genetics <a href="http://www.mbi.ucla.edu/faculty/tim-osullivan/">http://www.mbi.ucla.edu/faculty/tim-osullivan/</a>

Dr. O'Sullivan is an Assistant Professor of Microbiology, Immunology, and Molecular Genetics. He received his Bachelors of Science Degree (B.S.) from Cornell University and his Doctor of Philosophy Degree (Ph.D.) in Biomedical Science from the University of California San Diego. Dr. O'Sullivan's thesis work focused on the interactions between the innate immune system and cancer. Dr. O'Sullivan subsequently completed his American Cancer Society postdoctoral fellowship at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center where he studied the role of circulating and tissue-resident innate lymphoid cells (ILC) during viral infection and diet-induced obesity. Dr. O'Sullivan established his own laboratory at UCLA

in 2017. The O'Sullivan lab is dedicated to understanding the molecular mechanisms responsible for protective or pathologic immune responses during cancer, viral infection, and obesity.



### Tamer Sallam, MD Ph.D. Assistant Professor, Medicine

Dr. Sallam is a cardiovascular physician-scientist investigating the relationship between genetic diversity and common cardiovascular problems such as dyslipidemia, obesity and heart disease. Dr. Sallam's previous work has provided fundamental insights into mechanisms controlling cholesterol levels and physiologic roles of newly recognized genes known as long non-coding RNA in cardiovascular disease. Through multiple independent grants his lab is currently investigating the contributions of long noncoding RNAs in cardiovascular risk factors and disease.Dr. Sallam completed residency and chief residency training at Yale, followed by cardiology fellowship training at UCLA. Dr. Sallam graduated from the STAR program at UCLA earning a PhD in the Lab

of Peter Tontonoz. Dr. Sallam has been awarded the Lauren B. Leichtman and Arthur E. Levine investigatorship at UCLA. He is the recipient of the American College of Cardiology Presidential Career Development Award, Burroughs Wellcome Fund Career Award for Medical Scientists, and American Society for Clinical Investigation Young Investigator Award. Dr. Sallam currently serves as co-director of the UCLA center for Cholesterol Management and Assistant Director of the UCLA Specialty Training and Advanced Research (STAR) Program.



### Jesse Zamudio, Ph.D.

### Assistant Professor, Molecular, Cell, and Developmental Biology

Jesse Zamudio received his bachelor's degree from UCLA in Chemistry & Biochemistry. He received his Ph.D. from UCLA in the Department of Microbiology, Immunology and Molecular Genetics working in the laboratory of Dr. David Campbell and Dr. Nancy Sturm. For his thesis work, he characterized the first eukaryotic messenger RNA (mRNA) ribose cap methyltransferases. Although present in both the unique mRNA cap structure of human pathogenic Kinetoplastid protozoa and human mRNA, the proteins responsible for each had not been discovered. Based on evolutionary sequence conservation to known viral proteins, they were able to characterize a conserved eukaryotic protein family responsible for these modifications and determine their role in mRNA biogenesis and protein translation in kinetoplastids. These studies have aided the

investigation of the human cap ribose methyltransferases implicated in early development. Jesse pursued his postdoctoral research in the laboratory of Dr. Phil Sharp at the MIT Cancer Center. His research focused on quantitative approaches to characterize Regulatory RNAs in embryonic and adult stem cells. He aimed to confidently assay regulation by the mammalian RNA interference (RNAi) pathway and in doing so discovered new classes of mammalian small RNAs and principles determining regulatory activity. Current research in the lab is focused on characterizing functional RNAs in the control of cell state transitions during development and cancer progression.



### De-Chen Lin, Ph.D.

### Assistant Professor, Cedars-Sinai Medical Center Adjunct Assistant Professor, UCLA School of Medicine

Dr. Lin has a broad background in cancer genetics and biology, with specific training and expertise in functional genomic study as well as transcriptional regulation. The major focus of his work is identifying key genomic and epigenomic abnormalities in human malignancies and translating these findings into novel clinical managements. To facilitate this research, he has established and developed a variety of functional genomic approaches as well as computational algorithms. With these tools and comprehensive biological studies, Dr. Lin uncovered important genomic and epigenomic aberrations which promote malignant phenotypes.

### **MBI FACULTY HONORS & PROFESSIONAL AWARDS**

Bannerjee, Utpal	Elected Member, National Academy of Sciences
Bitan, Gal	UCLA Inaugural Undergraduate Research Week Faculty Mentor Award
Bowie, James	Elected Fellow of the Biophysical Society, Academia Sinica Choh Hao Li Memorial Lecture
Clarke, Steven	William C. Rose Award of the American Society of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
Coller, Hilary	Cancer Research Institute Clinical and Laboratory Integration Program Award Departmental Nominee for UCLA Distinguished Teacher Award Anna-Maria and Stephen Kellen Foundation-Melanoma Research Alliance Team Science Award UCLA Undergraduate Research Faculty Mentor Award
De Robertis, Edward	50th Anniversary Lecture of the Japanese Society of Developmental Biology 90th Anniversary Lecture for Instituto Clemente Estable
Eisenberg, David	Paul Sigler Prize, Yale University
Ernst, Jason	NIH/NIDA Avenir Award, Rose Hill Foundation Innovator Award
Goldstein, Andrew	American Cancer Society 2018 Giants of Science Hope Award
Gonen, Tamir	HHMI Investigator
Guo, Ming	Glenn Foundation for Medical Research Award
Hoffmann, Alexander	Keynote Speaker, International Conference on Intelligent Biology and Medicine
Iruela-Arispe, Luisa	NIH/NHLBI Outstanding Investigator Award (R35)
Johnson, Tracy	Chair, Keith and Cecilia Terasaki Endowed; Life Sciences Award for Excellence in Promoting Diversity and Inclusion Through Service, Teaching, Mentoring and Research
Kohn, Donald	Lifetime Achievement Award, the Pediatric Blood & Marrow Transplant Consortium
Kurdistani, Siavash	W.M. Keck Foundation Award
Lipshutz, Gerald	Endowed Chair
Novitch, Bennett	Ethel Scheibel Chair in Neuroscience; Ablon Scholars Award (JCCC/BSCRC)
Pyle, April	Ablon Award
Quinlan, Margot	Undergraduate Research Week Faculty Mentor Award
Reue, Karen	American Heart Association Russell Ross Memorial Lecture
Rodriguez, Jose	Pew Biomedical Scholar
Sallam, Tamer	Burroughs Wellcome Fund Career Award for Medical Scientists Fellow of American College of Cardiology
Soragni, Alice	Lynda's Fund Pilot Study Award
Spencer, Melissa	Golden Test Tube Award, UCLA Dept. of Neurology
Tarling, Elizabeth	Irvine H. Page Young Investigator Research Award Promoted to Associate Professor in Residence
Teitell, Michael	Appointed Director, UCLA Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center President, Jonsson Cancer Center Foundation Director, DGSOM Cancer Research Theme Lyda and Harrison Latta Endowed Chair in Pathology Jerome B. Block Memorial Lecture, LA BioMed
Torres, Jorge	2019 Ruth Kirschstein Diversity in Science Award American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology

Yeaman, Michael	Spirit of Innovation Award (LA BioMed); Global Technology Community (CNS Diseases)
	Distinguished Primary Investigator (U.S. Department of Defense)
	Chair, Summit on Immune Tolerization
	Vatican Council on Medicine & Society

### **MBI FACULTY SERVICE ON UCLA COMMITTEES**

Adams, John	Member and Advisor, CTSI KL2 Grant Program
	Chair, UCLA-UCI Alpha Stem Cell Clinic Internal Advisory Board
	Chair, UCLA Scientific Review Committee
	Member, Executive Oversight Commmittee, Clinical and Translational Science Institute
	Member, Operations Committee and Executive Action Committee, Clinical and Translational
	Science Institute, David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA
	Member, UCLA Clinical and Translational Science Institute Program Area Leader Committee
	Member, Executive Academic Actions Committee, Orthopaedic Surgery
	Member, CTSI Institutional Steering Committee
	Member, CISI Seminar (formerly IMED) Committee
	Member, Clinical Research Governance Committee
	DCSOM Opporbaim Crant Paviaw Committee
Allard Datrick	Life Science Diversity Advisory Committee
Allalu, Fatlick	LIC A Faculty Grant Program Committee
Ardehali Reza	Co-Director of the IICLA Vascular Biology Training Grant
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	Member, UCLA Medical institutional Review Board
Berk, Arnold	Chair, MBI Membership Committee
Bitan, Gal	Judge, Undergraduate Research Poster Day Dean's Prize
	BBSB Ph.D. Home Area Admissions Committee
	Judge, Collins Day Poster Session (Neurobiology)
Black, Douglas	MIMG Vice Chair for Academic Personnel
	Chair, MIMG Merit Review Committee
	Member, Special Committee for Vice Chancellor for Research
	Member, MBI Seminar Committee
	Chair, Honors and Awards Committee of Undergraduate Council
Bowie, James	UCLA Council of Advisors; Sigman Lecture Committee
Bradley, Peter	IMMP Curriculum and Admissions Committee
	Intercollegiate Athletics Committee
Braun, Jonathan	UCLA Health System Executive Committee
	UCLA Health Sciences Data Strategy and Governance Committee
Braybrook, Siobhan	Member, MCDB Faculty Recruitment Committee (Plant Biology)
	Member, Life Sciences Diversity Advisory Committee
Butler, Samantha	Member, Neurobiology Academic Review Committee
	Reviewer, UCLA Innovation Fund (DGSOM)
	Member, MCDB Plant Job Search Committee
Butte, Manish	Co-Director of I3T: Immunity/Inflamation/Infection/Transplantation
	Co-Director of Cancer Nano Theme of the Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center
Chen, Irvin	Member, UCLA Dual Use Review Entity
	Member, Ad HOC Promotion Committee Chair
Chen, Jau-Nian	Member, UCLA Academic Senate Council on Research
Chow, Samson	Chair, Institutional Biosafety Committee
	Member, Embryonic Stem Cell Research Oversight Committee

Clarke, Catherine	Member, Undergraduate Study and Curriculum Committee (Chem & Biochem) Member, Diversity and Leadership Committee (Chem & Biochem) Member, Development Committee (Chem & Biochem)
Colicelli, John	UCLA SPORE in Prostate Cancer Internal Advisory Committee Faculty Advisory Committee, Minor in Biomedical Research Diversity Oversight Committee, School of Medicine DGSoM Medical Education Committee ICCC Intramural Review Committee
Coller, Hilary	Chair, Ad HOC Committee to Review Dissertation Year Fellowship in Biological Chemistry Reviewer, David Geffen Metabolism Theme Seed Funds Applications Member, MBI Seminar Committee Executive Committee Member, Dermatology T32 Reviewer, Metabolism Theme Awards Member, Faculty Search Committee (MCDB) Member, Faculty Search Committee (Biomathematician) Member, Faculty Search Committee (Biomathematician) Member, Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center Internal Review Committee Member, Broad Stem Cell Center Predoctoral Fellow Review Committee Reviewer, Iris Cantor Woman's Health Center Reviewer, Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center Seed Grants Reviewer, UCLA Innovation Fund Grant Applications Member, MBI Boyer/Parvin Postdoctoral Fellow Award Committee
De Robertis, Edward	Chair, Honors Committee (School of Medicine)
Eisenberg, David	MBI Seminar Committee Chair, Chem & Biochemistry Postdoctoral Research Awards Development Committee, Chemistry & Biochemistry Department Distinguished Lecture Committee (Chem & Biochem) Fianni Fellows Interview Committee
Ernst, Jason	Chair, UCLA Bioinformatics Seminar Committee Member, UCLA Bioinformatics Admissions Committee Member, UCLA Bioinformatics Executive Committee Member, UCLA Bioinformatics Written Qualifying Exam Evaluation Committee Reviewer, UCLA Stem Cell Training Grants Reviewer, UCLA Innovation Fund
Faull, Kym	Departmental Representative, Legislative Assembly of the UCLA Academic Senate Member, Board of Governors, UCLA Faculty Center Member, Personnel Sub-Committee, Board of Governors, UCLA Faculty Center UCLA Representative, Legislative Assembly of the UC Academic Senate Member, Department of Psychiatry and Biobehavioral Sciences Appointments and Advancements Committee
Fregoso, Oliver	Member, Life Sciences Diversity Advisory Committee Member, MARC Committee; Boyer/Parvin Postdoctoral Awards Committee
Gelbart, William	UCLA Glenn T. Seaborg Medalist and Symposium Honoree
Gonen, Tamir	Executive Committee, Department of Physiology UCLA
Guo, Ming	Member, Switzer Prize Selection Committee Chair, Academic Advisory Council, Sound Body Sound Mind Co-Chair, Women in Science & Doctors of Medicine Member, Advancement & Promotion Committee in the Department of Neurology Search Committee, Faculty Appointment, Neuroscience
Hallem, Elissa	Member, Life Sciences Diversity Advisory Committee Member, IMMP Admissions Committee Member, Committee for UCLA Neuroscience
Hartenstein, Volker	Member, Neuroscience IDP Parent Committee Member, MCDB Masters Program Committee

Hevener, Andrea	MEDCAP; Chair, Academic Senate Committee on Development Endocrinology Chief, Search Committee
Hirsch, Ann	Ad HOC Member, Biosafety Committee
Hoffmann, Alexander	Member, Task force on Computational Biology, Genomics and Medicine
Iruela-Arispe, Luisa	Member, UCLA Search Committee for Academic Personnel Vice-Chancellor Member, UCLA Undergraduate Research Scholar Program Review
Jacobsen, Steven	Director, Broad Stem Cell Research Center Sequencing Facility MCDB Prize and Award Committee UCLA Ben Gurion Committee (Leshin Fund) Personnel Action Committees
Johnson, Tracy	UCLA Center for the Study of Women Advisory Committee UCLA Moreno Implementation Committee Chair, Life Sciences Diversity Advisory Committee CMB Training Grant Advisory Committee; Dean, Undergraduate Education Review Committee UCLA Human Pluripotent Stem Cell Research Oversight
Kaufman, Daniel	Department of Molecular & Medical Pharmacology Merit Review Committee
Koehler, Carla	Chair, IAC Committee Co-Director, CMB Training Grant Member, CBI Advisory Committee Member, Student Athlete Admissions Committee
Kohn, Donald	Member, JCCC Data Safety Monitoring Committee Chair, Data Safety Monitoring Board for "Gene Correction of Autologous Hematopoietic Stem Cells in Artemis Deficient SCID UCLA-UCI Alpha Stem Cell Clinic Internal Advisory Committee
Lazazzera, Beth	Chair, Academic Senate Undergraduate Council Member, Academic Senate Executive Board
Lee, Justine	Member, UCLA Honors, Awards and Prizes Committee Member, UCLA Children's Surgical Group Co-Director, UCLA Multi-Disciplinary Vascular Birthmark Clinic
Li, Melody	Member, UCLA Graduate Programs in Bioscience Admissions Committee for the IMMP Home Area Member, I3T Communications Committee
Lipshutz, Gerald	Member, CASPP
Loo, Joseph	Member, UCLA/DOE Laboratory for Genomics and Proteomics Member, UCLA Molecular Biology Institute Member, Dept. Chemistry and Biochemistry Instrumentation Committee Member, Dept. Chemistry and Biochemistry Development Committee Member, Advisory Committee, UCLA Molecular Instrumentation Center Member, Graduate Studies Committee, Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry Graduate Adviser, Analytical Chemistry/Measurement Science Ph.D. Specialization, Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry Member, UCLA Academic Senate Committee on Development Member, UCLA Academic Senate Graduate Council
McEvoy, Megan	Member, Faculty Search Committee (MIMG) Member, Amgen Faculty Review Committee Member, MBI Membership Review Committee Mentor, Regents Scholar Society
Morrison, Sherie	Member, UCLA College Campaign Committee
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	Reviewer, James and Esther King Biomedical Research Program Peer Review
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	Guest Editor, Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences
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Yang, X. William	Chartered Member, NIH Cellular and Molecular Biology of Neurodegeneration Study Section Scientific Advisory Board Member, Hereditary Disease Foundation Editorial Board Member, Molecular Neurodegeneration Editorial Member, Journal of Huntington's Disease
Yeaman, Michael	NIH Study Section Service: NIH ZRG1 Editorial Board Service: PLoS Pathogens Journal Reviewer Service: Infection and Immunity, Journal of Infectious Diseases, Antimicrobial Agents & Chemotherapy, New England Journal of Medicine, Nature, Journal of Leukocyte Biology, Nature [Immunology], Eukaryotic Cell, Journal of Bacteriology, Nature [Microbiology], PNAS
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# PATENTS ISSUED 2017-2018

Member	Patent Name	Patent Number	Inventors
Clubb, Robert	Methods and compositions to increase the rate of litigation reactions catalyzed by a sortaste	15164	R. Clubb, B. Amer
Eisenberg, David	Structure-based Peptide Inhibitors of P53 Aggregation as a New Approach to Cancer Therapeutics	9,873,718	A. Soragni, L. Jiang
Gelbart, William	In Vitro Reconstituted Plant Virus Capsids for Delivering RNA Genes to Mammalian Cells	183635	W. Gelbart, et al.
Kaufman, Daniel	Gaba Antagonists in the Treatment of Disorders Associated with Metabolic Syndrome and Gaba Combinations in Treatment or Prophylaxis of Type I Diabetes	9,820,955	D. Kaufman, J. Tian
Morrison, Sherie	CD138-Targeted interferon demonstrated potent apoptotic and anti-tumor activities.	9,803,021	S. Morrison
Nakano, Austin	Metabolic interventions for prevention of congenital heart disease		A. Nakano, H. Nakano
Pyle, April	Methods for generating and enriching skeletal muscle progenitor cells	62/443, 499	Hicks, A. Pyle
Soragni, Alice	Structure-based Peptide Inhibitors of P53 Aggregation as a New Approach to Cancer Therapeutics	9,873, 718	D. Eisenberg, A. Soragni, L. Jiang
Spencer, Melissa	CRISPR/CAS9 Mediated Genome; Drugs That Increase Muscle Mass; Nanoparticle Delivery CRISPR; Polyrtaxane Nanoparticles; Stem Cell Delivery		Spencer, Melissa
Tang, Yi	Weed Control	62/474,528	S. Jacobsen, Y. Tang, Y. Yan, Y. Liu
Teitell, Michael	Use of Live Cell Interferometry to Determine Changes in Mass of Mammalian Cells	9,810,683	J. Gimzewski, J. Reed, M. Teitell
Weiss, Shimon	Electronic displays using optically pumped luminescent semiconductor nanocrystals; Semiconductor nanocrystal probes for biological applications and process for making and using such probes	9,063,363; 9,182,621; 9,671,536; 9,530,928	S. Weiss, Schlamp, M.C., Alivisatos, A.P.; S. Weiss, M. Bruchez, Jr., P. Alivisatos
Yang, X. William	A Cell-Based Seeding Assay for Huntington Aggregation	62/571,433	X. W. Yang
Yeaman, Michael	Peptides and methods for inducing cell death	9,562,083	M. Yeaman, N.Y. Yount, E.P. Brass
	Anti-infective hydroxy-phenyl benzoates and methods of use	9,585,897	M. Yeaman, A.S. Bayer

Zack, Jerome	Engineering anti-viral T cell immunity through	9951118	S. Kitchen, J. Zack, O.O. Yang, I.
	stem cells and chimeric antigen receptors		Chen, M. Kamata

# **VISITING FACULTY & SCHOLARS**

Host	Visitor	Home Institution	Dates at UCLA
Bitan, Gal	Huda Alalami	Cornell University	6/19/17 to 9/8/2017
	Ziziheng Li	University of Tokyo	12/1/17 to present
Black, Douglas	Hidehito Kuroyanagi, PhD	Tokyo Medical and Dental University	9/17 to 6/18
	Manuel Ares, Ph.D.	University of California, Santa Cruz	1/18 to 2/18
	Melissa Jurica, Ph.D.	University of California, Santa Cruz	2/18 to 3/18
Chen, Irvin	Lan Wang, Ph.D.	Peking Union Medical College	7/1/17 to present
Clarke, Catherine	Lucia Fernandez del Rio, Ph.D.	University of Cordoba	10/1/2017 to 6/30/2018
De Robertis, Edward	Lauren Albrecht, Ph.D.	Northwestern University	7/15 to present
	Gabriele Colozza, Ph.D.	University of Siena	6/2012 to present
	Yi Ding, Ph.D.	Tsingua University	1/2014 to present
	Yuki Moriyama, Ph.D.	Shizuoka University	6/2013 to 8/2018
	Nydia Tejeda, Ph.D.	National Autonomous University of Mexico	9/1/2016 to present
Faull, Kym	Haiqiang Wu, Ph.D.	Shenzhen University	12/17 to 8/18
Gunsalus, Robert	Anzou Ma, Ph.D.	Chinese Academy of Sciences	10/1/16 to 10/17
	Usman Ahmad, M.S.	GC University (Pakistan)	5/1/17 to 2/1/18
Houk, Kendall	Eric Block, Ph.D.	Albany University	1/1/18 to 6/30/18
	Xiao-Song Xue, Ph.D.	Nankai University	10/1/17 to 6/30/18
	Yilei Zhao, Ph.D.	Shanghai Jiao-Tong University	7/1/18 to 6/30/19
Jacobsen, Steven	Maria Nohales, Ph.D.	University of Southern California	7/1/17 to 4/30/18
Johnson, Reid	Kiyoto Kamagata, Ph.D.	Tohoku University	8/1/17 to 3/31/18
Johnson, Tracy	Manuel Ares, Ph.D.	University of California, Santa Cruz	1/2018 to 3/2018
	Marat Pavliukov, Ph.D.	University of Alabama at Birmingham	3/2018 to 5/ 2018
Kelesidis, Theodoros	Anthanasios Kossyvakis, Ph.D.	Institut Pasteur International Network - Hellenic Pasteur Institute	07/01/17 to 06/30/18
Lin, Chentao	Xu Wang, Ph.D.	Fujain Agriculture University	12/1/17 to 1/31/18
Loo, Joseph	Xinhua Guo, Ph.D.	Jilin University	3/2018 to present
Nakano, Austin	Ayako Shigenta, MD, Ph.D.	Chiba University	1/1/2017 to 12/31/2017
Pellegrini, Matteo	Davide Varnevali, Ph.D.	University of Parma	
Reddy, Srinvasa	Xinying Yang, Ph.D.	Chinese Academy of Sciences	06/2016 to 09/2017
Reue, Karen	Yunlan Li, Ph.D.	Shanxi Medical University	9/1/2017 to 8/31/2018
Rodriguez, Jose	Gustavo Helguera, Ph.D.	CONICET	11/30/2017 to 02/01/2018

Yang, X. William	Christian Neri, Ph.D.	Institute of Biology Paris- Seine	07/2017 to 08/2017
Yeaman, Michael	Liana Chan, Ph.D.	University of California, Berkeley	2014 to present
	Wpulie Narawatne, M.D.	Pediatrics, Harbor-UCLA	2016 to present
Zhou, Hong	Kaituo Wang, Ph.D.	University of Copenhagen	8/1/2016 to 1/31/2018
	Xue Yang, Ph.D.	Nankai University	12/15/2016 to 12/14/2017

# PARTNERS

# Institute for Quantitative & Computational Biosciences (QCBio)

Alexander Hoffmann, Director

QCBio is housed on the 5th floor of Boyer Hall and encompasses a range of quantitative and computational biosciences research, research training and educational program. QCBio Laboratories develop cutting edge quantitative and computational tools, ranging from statistical analysis and modeling approaches to physics-based algorithms and mechanistic modeling. QCBio functions as the sponsor to the QCBio Collaboratory and the Interdepartmental Graduate Program in Bioinformatics to provide research training, and provides coordination among other quantitative and computational biosciences graduate programs. QCBio Faculty also direct and support the Interdepartmental Undergraduate Programs in Computational & Systems Biology (the CaSB major) and in Bioinformatics (a minor), as well as the freshman mathematics for Life Sciences pre-majors. QCBio organizes the Bruins-in-Genomics (B.I.G.) Summer Undergraduate Research Program. QCBio sponsors the Bioinformatics Seminar series, a weekly Research Lunch, Scientific Workshops and Conferences, Symposia and an Annual Retreat. These activities are supported by Boyer Hall staff.

More information on the QCBio can be found at: <u>http://qcb.ucla.edu</u>.

#### The QCBio Collaboratory

Matteo Pellegrini, Collaboratory Director

The mission of the QCBio Collaboratory is to provide computational research support to projects initiated by experimentalists. This mission is pursued at three levels: (i) collaborative support or consulting work; (ii) workshops to convey commonly used bioinformatics skills for the analysis of Next Gen Sequencing data; (iii) maintaining software platforms (e.g. Galaxy) that enable multiple types of analyses of next generation sequencing data. These activities are supported by the QCBio Collaboratory postdoctoral fellows, who are selected from a broad applicant pool for renewable annual appointments. QCB Collaboratory workshops also form the basis for graduate courses available to MBI-IDP and other graduate students.

More information on The Collaboratory can be found at: <u>http://qcb.ucla.edu/collaboratory</u>.

# **UCLA-DOE Institute**

#### Sabeeha Merchant, Director

The UCLA-DOE Institute is a team of research laboratories working on fundamental research and technology developments in broad DOE mission areas ranging from microbes, to biofuels and green chemistry, to the design of new biomaterials. Boyer Hall houses four of the six UCLA-DOE Core Technology Centers:

• *Bioinformatics and Computational Core Technology Center* - Todd Yeates, Director/Duilio Cascio, Manager Provides computer hardware and software installation and maintenance for a wide range of office and scientific applications; maintains WWW service for software and database dissemination.

• *Macromolecular Crystallization Core Technology Center* - James Bowie, Director/Michael Collazo, Manager The Macromolecular Crystallization Core provides state-of-the-art, high-throughput, and crystallization services to all institutions.

• **Protein Expression Technology Center (PETC)** - James Bowie, Director/Mark Arbing, Manager The PETC provides support in all aspects of protein expression from cloning through expression optimization and protein purification.

• *X-ray Crystallography Core Technology Center* - Todd Yeates, Director/ Duilio Cascio, Manager The X-ray Crystallography Core provides state-of-the-art resources, enabling the detailed 3-D analysis of biological macromolecules that play essential roles in human health. More information on the DOE and its Cores can be found at: <u>www.doe-mbi.ucla.edu</u>

# **Fermentation Core Facility**

James Bowie, Director / Mark Arbing, Manager

The Fermentation Core Facility is housed on the 1st floor of Boyer Hall. It consists of three Bio Engineering fermenters which allow the large-scale growth of bacteria or yeast using controlled regulation of cell growth, and also has the ability to introduce additional nutrients and/or supplemental oxygen that allow microbial growth to high cell densities.

More information on the Fermentation Core can be found at: <u>www.mbi.ucla.edu/fermentation-core-facility</u>

# GRADUATE PROGRAM

#### MOLECULAR BIOLOGY INTERDEPARTMENTAL PH.D PROGRAM (MBIDP)

Ashley TerHorst and Stephanie Cuellar (SAO)

Since the program's initiation in 1966-67, a total of 457 individuals have earned their Ph.D. degree in Molecular Biology. During the 2017-18 academic year, there were 130 students in the MBIDP, including 36 admissions, and 11 completing their degree requirements.

The 2017-2018 faculty mentors in the Molecular Biology IDP have primary appointments in the departments of: Anesthesiology; Biological Chemistry; Cardiology; Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering; Chemistry & Biochemistry; Dentistry-Oral Biology; Digestive Diseases; Human Genetics; Microbiology, Immunology & Molecular Genetics; Molecular & Medical Pharmacology; Molecular, Cell & Developmental Biology; Molecular, Cell & Integrative Physiology; Neurobiology; Neurology; Pathology & Laboratory Medicine; Pediatric Genetics; Pediatrics; Psychiatry & Behavioral Science; Radiation Oncology; Surgery and Urology.

Home Areas promote in-depth educational programs while maintaining flexibility for students to explore beyond a single home area and faculty to contribute to multiple home areas according to their research interests. The Molecular Biology IDP consists of four home areas: Cell & Developmental Biology (CDB); Biochemistry, Biophysics, & Structure Biology (BBSB); Gene Regulation, Epigenomics and Transcriptomics (GREAT); and Immunity, Microbes, & Molecular Pathogenesis (IMMP). Each home area has a director that acts as the Graduate Adviser for that area's students.

Student Name	Mentor	2017-2018 Support
ADELAJA, ADEWUNMI (MSTP)	Hoffmann, Alexander	Vascular Biology Training Grant/Graduate Student Researcher
AFASIZHEVA, ANNA (MSTP)	Plath, Kathrin	Graduate Student Researcher
ALVAREZ, SANDY	Butler, Samantha	Teaching Assistantship/Cellular and Molecular Biology (CMB) Training Grant/Graduate Student Researcher
ARAGON, RAQUEL	Iruela-Arispe, Luisa	Teaching Assistantship/HHMI Gilliam Graduate Fellowship
AROS, CODY (MSTP)	Gomperts, Brigitte	UCLA Eli & Edythe Broad Stem Cell Research Center Training Grant Recipient/Graduate Student Researcher
BACK, SUNG MIN (PETER)	Bradley, Peter	Teaching Assistantship/Cellular and Molecular Biology (CMB) Training Grant/Graduate Student Researcher
BOWLER, JEANNETTE	Eisenberg, David	Graduate Student Researcher
BROWN, TAYLOR	Hallem, Elissa	Cota Robles/HHMI Gilliam Graduate Fellowship
CAMPOS, OSCAR	Kurdistani Siavash	Graduate Student Researcher
CASTELLON, JOSE	Backus, Keriann	Teaching Assistantship/National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Program
CHAI, MIN	Huang, Jing	Graduate Student Researcher
CHANG, PATRICK	Crooks, Gay	Whitcome/Graduate Student Researcher
CHAU, ANTHONY	Plath, Kathrin	Whitcome/Graduate Student Researcher
CHEN, YI-PEI	Johnson, Patricia	Graduate Student Researcher
CHENG, QUEN (STAR)	Hoffmann, Alexander	Dept of Medicine/Graduate Student Researcher
CHI, FANGTAO	Banerjee, Utpal	Teaching Assistantship/Broad Stem Cell Research Center Training Grant
CHIEN, PEGGIE	Pyle, April	GPB/Teaching Assistantship/Graduate Student Researcher
CHITIASHVILI, TSOTNE	Plath, Kathrin/Clark, Amander	NRST/Boehringer Ingelheim PhD Fellowship/Graduate Student Researcher
CHOI, CHARLES PAUL	Bradley, Peter	Graduate Student Researcher
CORVALAN, ADRIANA	Coller, Hilary	Graduate Student Researcher

# **MBIDP STUDENTS 2017-18**

CROWELL, PRESTON	Goldstein, Andrew	Teaching Assistantship/Cellular and Molecular Biology (CMB) Training Grant/Graduate Student Researcher
DALY, ALLISON	Smale, Stephen	GPB/Teaching Assistantship/Graduate Student Researcher
DAMODAREN, NIVEDITA	Plath, Kathrin/Black, Douglas	NRST/GPB/Teaching Assistantship/Graduate Student Researcher
DEMARCO, STEPHANIE	Hill, Kent	Dissertation Year Fellowship/Graduate Student Researcher
DENG, WILLIAM (WEIXIAN)	Plath, Kathrin/Wohlschlegel, James	NRST/GPB/Teaching Assistantship/Graduate Student Researcher
DIALA FITZGERALD (MSTP)	Johnson, Patricia	Graduate Student Researcher
DIMAPASOC, MELANIE	Zack, Jerome	Teaching Assistantship/Cellular and Molecular Biology (CMB) Training Grant/Graduate Student Researcher
DO, TRAN (MSTP)	Modlin, Robert	Dermatology Scientist Training Grant/Graduate Student Researcher
EDWARDS, SAMANTHA	Johnson, Tracy	Whitcome/Graduate Student Researcher
ELAHI, LUBAYNA	Kornblum, Harley	GPB/Teaching Assistantship/Graduate Student Researcher
EMAMI, MICHAEL	Spencer, Melissa	Teaching Assistantship/National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Program/Cellular and Molecular Biology (CMB) Training Grant
EVANS, DECLAN	Houk, Ken	Teaching Assistantship/Chemistry-Biology Interface (CBI) Training Grant/Graduate Student Researcher
FAN, XIAORUI	Wohlschlegel, James	Whitcome/Graduate Student Researcher
FENG, AN-CHIEH (ANGELA)	Smale, Stephen	NRST/GPB/Teaching Assistantship/Graduate Student Researcher
FERRER, DAVID	Bradley, Peter	Cota Robles/Graduate Student Researcher
FLORES, AIMEE ALYSSA	Lowry, William	Graduate Student Researcher
GANG, SPENCER	Hallem, Elissa	Graduate Student Researcher
GIBBS, DEVIN	Pyle, April/Crosbie- Watson, Rachelle	GPB/Teaching Assistantship/Graduate Student Researcher
GLADYS, DEVIN	(1 <sup>st</sup> year rotations)	NRST/Teaching Assistantship/Gates Millennium Scholar
GOLDEN, LISA	Voskuhl, Rhonda	Whitcome/Graduate Student Researcher
GOMEZ, ADAM	Jones, Leanne	National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Program/Graduate Student Researcher
GRAY, DAVID	Kohn, Donald	Whitcome/Graduate Student Researcher
HANCOCK, GRACE	Clark, Amander	UCLA Eli & Edythe Broad Stem Cell Research Center Training Grant Recipient/Graduate Student Researcher
HERNANDEZ, GLORIA	Iruela-Arispe, Luisa	Teaching Assistantship/Vascular Biology Training Grant/Graduate Student Researcher
HILDRETH, ANDREW	O' Sullivan, Tim	GPB/Teaching Assistantship/Graduate Student Researcher
HO, CHI-MIN	Egea, Pascal/Zhou, Hong	Teaching Assistantship/Microbial Pathogenesis Training Grant/Graduate Student Researcher
HODGE, RACHEL	Jones, Leanne	Teaching Assistantship/Cellular and Molecular Biology (CMB) Training Grant/Graduate Student Researcher
HSU, EMILY	Berk, Arnold	Virology and Gene Therapy Training Grant/Graduate Student Researcher
HU, XUCHEN (MSTP)	Young, Stephen	Vascular Biology Training Grant/Graduate Student Researcher
ICHINO, LUCIA	Jacobsen, Steven	NRST/GPB/Teaching Assistantship/Graduate Student Researcher
JONES, ERIC	Kosuri, Sriram	Graduate Student Researcher

KIM, ELLIOT	Robert Modlin	Graduate Student Researcher
KO, ARTHUR	Pajukanta, Paivi	Graduate Student Researcher
KORSAKOVA, ELENA	Lowry, William	Teaching Assistantship/Broad Stem Cell Research Center Training Grant
KRONENBERG, MICHAEL	Carey, Michael	Teaching Assistantship/Cellular and Molecular Biology (CMB) Training Grant/Graduate Student Researcher
KRYZA, JORDAN	Jones, Leanne	Teaching Assistantship/Cellular and Molecular Biology (CMB) Training Grant/Graduate Student Researcher
LANIADO, JOSHUA	Yeates, Todd	Graduate Student Researcher
LEE, DEREK	(1 <sup>st</sup> year rotations)	GPB/Teaching Assistantship/Graduate Student Researcher
LEE, HA NEUL (SKOTT)	Coller, Hilary	Dissertation Year Fellowship/Graduate Student Researcher
LEE, JOSH ZIXI	Wang, Yibin	Graduate Student Researcher
LEUNG, CALVIN	Johnson, Tracy	Dissertation Year Fellowship/Graduate Student Researcher
LEWIS, SOPHIA	Jones, Leanne	Graduate Student Researcher
LI, YAN	Guo, Feng	NRST/GPB/Teaching Assistantship/Graduate Student Researcher
LI, YANRUIDE (CHARLIE)	Yang, Lili	NRST/GPB/Teaching Assistantship/Graduate Student Researcher
LIM, HAN YOUNG	Black, Douglas	Graduate Student Researcher
LIN, TASHA (STAR)	Chen, Yvonne	STAR, Division of Hematology-Oncology, T32 Hematology Training Grant, T32 Immunology Training Grant
LIN, YING	Zipursky, Larry	Whitcome/Graduate Student Researcher
LIU, HUACHUN	Lin, Chentao	Whitcome/Graduate Student Researcher
LIU, WANLU	Jacobsen, Steve	Graduate Student Researcher
LO, HUNG-HAO	Smale, Stephen	Graduate Student Researcher
LOPEZ, ANDREW	Fregoso, Oliver	Microbial Pathogenesis Training Grant/Graduate Student Researcher
LOWE, MATTHEW	Clark, Amander	Teaching Assistantship/Cellular and Molecular Biology (CMB) Training Grant/Graduate Student Researcher
MA, FEIYANG	Pellegrini, Matteo	NRST/GPB/Teaching Assistantship/Graduate Student Researcher
MASIUK, KATELYN (MSTP)	Kohn, Donald	Graduate Student Researcher
MILLER, JARRETT	Plath, Kathrin	Graduate Student Researcher
MILLER, JUSTIN	Yeates, Todd	NIH UCLA Biotechnology Training Grant/Graduate Student Researcher
MILLER, MATTHEW	Butte, Manish	GPB/Teaching Assistantship/Graduate Student Researcher
MIRANDA, MATILDE	Lowry, William	National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Program/Graduate Student Researcher
MOLGORA, BRENDA MARIA	Johnson, Patricia	Cota Robles/Graduate Student Researcher
MURRAY, KEVIN (MSTP)	Eisenberg, David	Chemistry-Biology Interface (CBI) Training Grant/Graduate Student Researcher
NAVARRO, HECTOR	Goldstein, Andrew	GPB/Teaching Assistantship/Graduate Student Researcher
NESTERENKO, PAVLO	Witte, Owen	GPB/Teaching Assistantship/Graduate Student Researcher
NEVES, LAUREN TAYLOR	Johnson, Tracy	Graduate Student Researcher
NITZAHN, MATTHEW	Lipshutz, Gerald	Graduate Student Researcher

OCHOA, JESSICA	Yeates, Todd	Teaching Assistantship/HHMI Gilliam Graduate Fellowship
OKONKWO, SHAWNTEL	Johnson, Tracy	National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Program/Graduate Student Researcher
ONG, JESSICA (MSTP)	Reue, Karen	Graduate Student Researcher
PATEL, AANAND (MSTP)	Quinlan, Margot	Graduate Student Researcher
PERRONE, IAN	Fregoso, Oliver	Graduate Student Researcher
POHL, KATHERINE	Yang, Xianjie	GPB/Teaching Assistantship/Graduate Student Researcher
PRONOVOST, GEOFFREY	Hsiao, Elaine	Molecular Pathogenesis Training Grant/Graduate Student Researcher
QIAN, KEVIN (MSTP)	Tontonoz, Peter	Geffen Scholarship
READ, GRAHAM	(1 <sup>st</sup> year rotations)	GPB/Teaching Assistantship/Graduate Student Researcher
RIGGAN, LUKE	O' Sullivan, Tim	GPB/Teaching Assistantship/Graduate Student Researcher
SAHAKYAN, ANNA	Plath, Kathrin	Graduate Student Researcher
SALISBURY, DAVID ALEX	Sallam, Tamer/Tontonoz, Peter	Teaching Assistantship/Vascular Biology Training Grant/Graduate Student Researcher
SANCHEZ, LUIS	Quinlan, Margot	Teaching Assistant/Graduate Student Researcher
SANDHU, JASPREET SINGH (MSTP)	Tontonoz, Peter	Graduate Student Researcher
SANDOVAL, CARINA	Fregoso, Oliver	GPB/Teaching Assistantship/Graduate Student Researcher
SERCEL, ALEXANDER	Teitell, Michael	UCLA Tumor Immunology Training Grant/Graduate Student Researcher
SHIA, DAVID (MSTP)	Gomperts, Brigitte	Graduate Student Researcher
SHIMADA, ERIKO CHRISTINE	Teitell, Michael	Michael Teitell Laboratory
SHU, CYNTHIA	Crosbie-Watson, Rachelle	Muscle Cell Biology, Pathogenesis, and Therapeutics Grant/Eureka Scholarship
SUN, VICTORIA (MSTP)	Crooks, Gay	Graduate Student Researcher
TAN, YING XUAN SHAWN	Plath, Kathrin	Graduate Student Researcher
TAO, YANG	Martin, Kelsey	Dissertation Year Fellowship/Graduate student Researcher
TESSEMA, KALEAB (MSTP)	Kornblum, Harley	Graduate Student Researcher
THIND, AMARA	Bradley, Peter	GPB/Teaching Assistantship/Graduate Student Researcher
THURLOW, LAUREN	Johnson, Tracy	Teaching Assistantship/National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Program/ Cellular and Molecular Biology (CMB) Training Grant
TISNADO, JERRELL RAY	Gelbart, William	National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship/Graduate Student Researcher
URTECHO, GUILLAUME	Kosuri, Sriram	Cota Robles/Graduate Student Researcher
VALLIERE, MEAGHAN	Bowie, James	Teaching Assistantship/Graduate Student Researcher
VAN LOON, AARON	Sagasti, Alvaro	Graduate Student Researcher
VAN, CHRISTINA VANILINA ANASTACIA	Waschek, James	Graduate Student Researcher
		Grant/Graduate Student Researcher
VUUNG, CELINE KIM	Diack, Douglas	
WANG, LULAN WATEDS, LVNNEA DAE	Uneng, Genhong	Graduate Student Researcher
WAIERS, LINNEA KAE WFISS DAVID (MSTD)	Modlin Robert	Graduate Student Researcher
YANG, EMILY	Li. Melodv	GPB/Teaching Assistantshin/Graduate Student
,	, <i>s</i> ,	Researcher

YOUNG, BRIAN DANIEL (MSTP)	Wohlschlegel, James	James Wohlschlegel Laboratory
YOUNG, COURTNEY	Spencer, Melissa	Melissa Spencer Laboratory
YU, JIAJI	Yang, Lili	NRST/Teaching Assistantship/Broad Stem Cell Research
		Center Training Grant/Graduate Student Researcher
ZEMKE, NATHAN ROBERT	Berk, Arnold	Graduate Student Researcher
ZENG, SAMUEL (MSTP)	Yang, Lili	Graduate Student Researcher
ZHAN, LINGYU	Sul, Jae Hoon	NRST/GPB/Teaching Assistantship/Graduate Student
		Researcher
ZHANG, JIAYAN	Zhou, Hong	NRST/GPB/Teaching Assistantship/Graduate Student
		Researcher
ZHANG, TIANHAO	Sun, Ren	Graduate Student Researcher
ZHANG, YURUN	Chute, John	Graduate Student Researcher

# STUDENTS WHO ADVANCED-TO-CANDIDACY 2017-2018

Student Name	Mentor	
Adelaja, Adewunmi (MSTP)	Hoffmann, Alexander	
Aros, Cody	Gomperts, Brigitte	
Brown, Taylor Hallem, Elissa		
Chang, Patrick	Crooks, Gay	
Chau, Anthony	Plath, Kathrin	
Cheng, Quen	Hoffmann, Alexander	
Diala, Fitz Gerald	Johnson, Patricia	
Fan, Xiaorui	Wohlschlegel, James	
Hancock, Grace	Clark, Amander	
Hsu, Emily	Berk, Arnold	
Hu, Xuchen (MSTP)Young, Stephen		
Lim, Han Young Black, Douglas		
Lin, Ying	Zipursky, Larry	
Lopez, Andrew Fregoso, Oliver		
Nitzahn, Matthew	Lipshutz, Gerald	
Ochoa, Jessica Yeates, Todd		
Ong, Jessica	Reue, Karen	
Patel, Aanand (MSTP)	Quinlan, Margot	
Sercel, Alexander Teitell, Michael		
Weiss, David	Modlin, Robert	
Zhang, Jiayan	Zhou, Hong	
Zhang, Tianhao	Sun, Ren	

# STUDENTS AWARDED PH.Ds 2017-2018

Student Name	Mentor	Dissertation Title
Aschemeyer, Sharraya Lynn	Ganz, Tomas	The mechanism of action and regulation of hepcidin.
Campos, Oscar	Kurdistani, Siavash	The eukaryotic nucleosome regulates copper homeostasis via copper and reduction.
Flores, Aimee	Lowry, Bill	Investing the Role of Metabolism in Tissue Homeostasis and Tumor Initiation by Hair Follicle Stem Cells.

Li, Yanjing	Wu, Lily	Targeting CXCR2+ Neuroendocrine-like Cells for the Treatment of Castration-resistant Prostate Cancer.
Liu, Wanlu	Jacobsen, Steve	Mechanisms of DNA methylation control and epigenome engineering.
Neves, Lauren Taylor	Johnson, Tracy	Histone variant H2A.Z coordinates the processes of transcription and pre-mRNA splicing.
Sahakyan, Anna	Plath, Kathrin	Mechanisms of X-chromosome Regulation During Mammalian Development.
Shimada, Eriko Christine	Teitell, Michael	Many Facets of PNPase - Uncovering the Role of PNPase in the Mitochondria.
Vuong, Celine Kim	Black, Douglas	Regulation of Neuronal Excitability by the RNA-Binding Protein Rbfox1.
Young, Brian	Wohlschlegel, James	Identification of a multisubunit E3 ubiquitin ligase require d for heterotrimeric G-protein beta-subunit ubiquitination and cAMP signaling.
Young, Courtney	Spencer, Melissa	Development of a Therapeutic CRISPR/Cas9 Platform for Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy.

# **EXTRAMURAL FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS**

Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Awards

- Demarco, Stephanie
- Emami, Michael
- Gang, Spencer
- Molgora, Brenda
- Loon, Aaron Van

National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowships

- Aragon, Raquel
- Castellon, Jose
- Emami, Michael
- Gomez, Adam
- Hernandez, Gloria
- Miranda, Matilde
- Okonkwo, Shawntel
- Thurlow, Lauren
- Tisnado, Jerrell

# **GRADUATE DIVISION AWARDS**

Eugene V. Cota-Robles Fellowships

- Ochoa, Jessica
- Urtecho, Guillaume

Graduate Division Dissertation Year Fellowship Awards

- Tao, Yang
- Waters, Lynnea
- Young, Courtney
- Demarco, Stephanie

- Lee, Ha Neul (Skott)
- Leung, Calvin

# **MBIDP GRADUATE STUDENT SEMINARS**

Modeled after the MBI Interdisciplinary Faculty Seminars, these talks are presented by our graduate students in their third and fifth year within the program. Faculty are not present for the talks, which provides our students with an opportunity to present their research in a relaxed, collegial atmosphere over lunch, and allows for constructive discussion and critique. Some students use this forum as practice for their oral qualifying exam and/or dissertation defense. The seminar series has proven to be a great success due to the format and the enthusiasm of our graduate students.

The seminar presentations during the 2017-2018 Academic Year were:

Date	1 <sup>st</sup> Speaker	2 <sup>nd</sup> Speaker
Wednesday, October 4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Aimee Flores</b> <i>"Investigating the Role of Metabolism in Tissue</i> <i>Homeostasis and Tumor Initiation by Hair Follicle</i> <i>Stem Cells"</i>	<b>Adewunmi Adelaja</b> "Context-specific Regulation of NFκB Signaling in Primary Macrophages"
Wednesday, October 18 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Calvin Leung</b> <i>"A histone modification regulates RNA splicing by unexpected mechanisms"</i>	<b>David Weiss</b> "The Role of Th17 Cells in Host Defense"
Wednesday, November 1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Lulan Wang</b> <i>"Studying the evolution of emerging viruses using genome wide analysis"</i>	<b>Aanand Patel</b> <i>"FHOD family formins nucleate actin for cell motility and contractility"</i>
Wednesday, November 15 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Taylor Brown</b> "Deciphering the interactions between skin- penetrating parasitic nematodes and bacteria"	<b>Wanlu Liu</b> <i>"Mechanisms of DNA methylation control and epigenome engineering"</i>
Wednesday, November 29 <sup>th</sup>	Jessica Ong "Diet1 and intestinal homeostasis"	
Wednesday, December 13 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Fitz Gerald Diala</b> <i>"Identification and characterization of the protein targets of metronidazole in Trichomonas vaginalis"</i>	<b>Tian-Hao Zhang</b> <i>"Effects of Mutations on Replicative Fitness and</i> <i>MHC-I Binding Affinity Are Among the</i> <i>Determinants Underlying Cytotoxic-T-Lymphocyte</i> <i>Escape of HIV-1 Gag Epitopes"</i>
Wednesday, January 10 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Christina Van</b> "Role of PACAP/PAC1 in protecting neurons and modulating inflammation in a model of multiple sclerosis and optic neuritis"	Matt Nitzahn "Gene and Cell Therapy Approaches for the Urea Cycle Disorder CPS1 Deficiency"
Wednesday, January 24 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Ying Lin</b> <i>"The development of synaptic specificity in drosophila visual system"</i>	<b>Yi-Pei Chen</b> <i>"A Trichomonas vaginalis cadherin-like protein mediates adherence to and killing of host cells"</i>
Wednesday, February 7 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Stephanie DeMarco</b> "Regulation of social motility in the protozoan parasite Trypanosoma brucei"	<b>Charles Choi</b> "A photocrosslinkable unnatural amino acid system to study the Toxoplasma gondii inner membrane complex"
Wednesday, February 21 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Courtney Young</b> "Development of a CRISPR/Cas9 gene editing platform for Duchenne muscular dystrophy"	<b>Patrick Chang</b> <i>"Engineering stem cell-derived T cells for immunotherapy"</i>
Wednesday, March 7 <sup>th</sup>	Jessica Ochoa "Exploiting Microcompartment Shell Proteins to Explore Mechanisms of Subcellular Organization and to Create Novel Materials"	<b>Emily Hsu</b> <i>"Transcriptional activation of early viral genes by</i> <i>adenovirus large E1A via interactions with p300"</i>

Wednesday, March 21 <sup>st</sup>	Han Young Lim "Chromatin Retention of Pre-mRNA as a Mechanism for mRNA Quality Control"	<b>Xiaorui Fan</b> "Molecular mechanism of iron-sulfur protein maturation mediated by cytosolic Fe/S cluster assembly pathway"
Wednesday, April 4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Eric Jones</b> "A Scalable, Multiplexed Assay for Decoding Receptor-Ligand Interactions"	Yang Tao "How does aging alter hippocampal chromatin accessibility and gene expression pattern"
Wednesday, April 18 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Skott Lee</b> <i>"Defining the mechanistic basis for the effect of RECK alternative polyadenylation on cell migration and invasion"</i>	<b>Cody Aros</b> <i>"Wnt/Beta-catenin signaling regulates airway</i> <i>basal stem cell homeostasis"</i>
Wednesday, May 2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Andrew Lopez</b> <i>"How does HIV activate the DNA damage response?"</i>	<b>Quen Cheng</b> "Conditioning with Type I or II interferon alters human macrophage responses in a gene- and stimulus-specific manner"
Wednesday, May 16 <sup>th</sup>	Adriana Corvalan "Understanding the role of H4K20me3 and Suv4- 20h2 in cellular quiescence"	<b>Anthony Chau</b> <i>"Investigating the Role of the C Repeat in Xist Function"</i>
Wednesday, May 30 <sup>th</sup>	Alex Sercel "Using mitochondrial transfer and tissue engineering to model and engineer therapies for mitochondrial disorders of the central nervous system"	<b>Grace Hancock</b> "Transcription factors for naïve pluripotency in primordial germ cell development"

# **CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION**

#### Adelaja, Adewunmi

- MD-PhD National Student Conference; Keystone, CO. July 2017.
- Southern California Biomedical Sciences Graduate Symposium; Los Angeles, CA. October 2017.
- APSA West Regional Meeting; Irvine, CA. December 2017.
- AAP/ASCI/APSA Joint Conference; Chicago, IL. April 2018.
- Systems Biology of Human Disease; Los Angeles, CA. June 2018.
- Immunology LA; Los Angeles, CA. June 2018.

#### Aros, Cody

- Gordon Research Conference on Wnt Signaling; Stowe, VT. August 6-11, 2017.
- UCLA Eli & Edythe Broad Stem Cell Research Symposium; UCLA. February 2, 2018.

# Bowler, Jeannette

• FASEB Science Research Conference; Steamboat Springs, CO. June 11-16, 2017.

# Brown, Taylor

• WWAMI meeting, Caltech.

# Chai, Min

• Keystone Symposia Mitochondrial Biology & Selective Autophagy; Kyoto, Japan. April 22-26, 2018.

# Chang, Patrick

- La Jolla Immunology; San Diego, CA. October 17-19, 2017.
- Broad Stem Cell Center Symposium; UCLA. February 5, 2018.
- David Baltimore Symposium; Caltech, Pasadena, CA. March 23, 2018.
- Engineering Immunity; Lake Arrowhead, CA. May 7-8, 2018.
- I3T Retreat; UCLA, Los Angeles, CA. June 12, 2018.
- UCLA Biomedical/Life Science Innovation Day; UCLA, Los Angeles, CA. June 13, 2018.

#### Chen, Yi-Pei

- Molecular Parasitology Meeting; Woods Hole, MA. September 2017.
- American Society for Tropical Medicine Hygiene; Baltimore, MD. November 2017.
- Southern California Eukaryotic Pathogen Symposium; Riverside, CA. December 2017.
- Microbial Pathogenesis Training Grant Trainee Seminars; Los Angeles, CA. May 2018.

#### Cheng, Quen

• Keystone Conference on Myeloid Cells; Breckenridge, CO. April 2018.

#### Chi, Fangtao

• Cold Springs Harbor Asia - Cancer & Metabolism; Suzhou, China. March 2018.

#### **Crowell**, Preston

• Keystone Tumor Metabolism Conference; Snowbird Ski Resort, UT. January 21-25, 2018.

#### Demarco, Stephanie

• Southern California Eukaryotic Pathogens Symposium; UC Riverside, CA. December 6, 2017.

# Deng, William (Weixian)

• American Society of Mass Spectrometry Annual Conference; San Diego, CA; June 2-5, 2018.

# Diala, Fitz Gerald (MSTP)

- American Physician Scientists Association West Regional Conference; Irvine, CA. December 2, 2017.
- 2018 Student National Medical Association (SNMA) Annual Medical Education Conference (AMEC); San Francisco, CA. March 29-April 1, 2018.
- 2018 American Society for Microbiology (ASM) Microbe Conference; Atlanta, GA. June 7-10, 2018.

# Do, Tran (MSTP)

- American Academy of Dermatologist Annual Meeting; San Diego, CA. February 16-20, 2018.
- International Investigative Dermatology Conference; Orlando, FL. May 16-19, 2018.

# Edwards, Samantha

• RNA Society Meeting; Berkeley, CA. May 29-June 3, 2018.

# Emami, Michael

- Annual Biomedical Conference for Minority Students (ABRMCS); Phoenix, AZ. November 1-4, 2017.
- American Society of Gene and Cell Therapy; May 16-19, 2018.
- New Directions of Biology and Disease in Skeletal Muscle Conference; New Orleans, LA. June 25, 2018.

#### Fan, Xiaorui

• American Society for Mass Spectrometry Annual Conference; San Diego, CA.

# Feng, An-Chieh (Angela)

• AAI Immunology Advanced Training Course 2018; Boston, MA. July 22-27, 2018.

# Gang, Spencer

• FASEB Molecular Pathogenesis: Mechanisms of Infectious Disease; Snowmass, CO. July 9-14, 2017.

# Golden, Lisa

• ACTRIMS; San Diego, CA. February 1-3, 2018.

#### Gray, David

- Annual Meeting of the American Society for Gene and Cell Therapy; Chicago, IL.
- Genome Engineering: The CRISPR-Cas Revolution; Cold Springs Harbor Laboratory, Long Island, NY.

#### Hancock, Grace

• From Stem Cells to Human Development; Surrey, UK. September 23-26, 2018.

# Ho, Chi-Min

- Three Dimensional Electron Microscopy GRC; Les Diablerets, Switzerland; June 11-16, 2017.
- 28th Annual Molecular Parasitology Meeting; Woods Hole, Massachusett. September 10-14, 2017. Biology of Host-Parasite Interactions GRC; Newport, RI. June 10-15, 2018.

#### Hsu, Emily

• DNA Tumor Virus Meeting; Birmingham, UK. July 17-22, 2017.

# Hu, Xuchen (MSTP)

• Deuel Conference on Lipids; March 2018.

#### Jones, Eric

- GPCR Workshop; Kona, HI. December 5-9, 2017.
- Protein Society Annual Meeting; Boston, MA. July 9-12, 2018

#### Kronenberg, Michael

• Mechanisms of Eukaryotic Transcription 2017; Cold Spring, NY. August 29-September 2, 2017.

# Lee, Ha Neul (Skott)

- MBIDP Retreat; Ventura, CA. April 2018.
- ASCB Conference; Philadelphia, PA. December 2017.

# Lee, Josh Zixi

• Cold Spring Harbor Asia: Stem Cell Crossroads; Suzhou, China. May 7-10.

#### Leung, Calvin

- 2018 RNA Meeting; Berkeley, CA. 2017.
- ASBMB Annual Meeting; Chicago.

#### Liu, Wanlu

• HHMI Science meeting; Chevy Chase, Maryland. March 2018.

# Lo, Hung-Hao

• I3T Retreat; Los Angeles, CA. June 12, 2018.

#### Lopez, Andrew

• American Society for Virology (ASV); College Park, Maryland. July 14-18, 2018.

# Lowe, Matthew

- Stem Cell Symposium; UCLA. February 2, 2018.
- MWRI; Pittsburgh, PA. April 3-4, 2018.

# Masiuk, Katelyn (MSTP)

- American Society of Hematology; San Diego, CA. December 2017
- Emerging Cellular Therapies: T Cells and Beyond; Keystone, CO. February 2018.

• American Society of Gene and Cell Therapy; Washington DC. May 2018.

# Molgora, Brenda

- Southern California Eukaryotic Pathogen Symposium; Riverside, CA. December 6, 2017
- American Society for Microbiology (ASM) Microbe Conference; Atlanta, GA. June 7-11, 2018.

# Murray, Kevin (MSTP)

• RosettaCon; Seattle, WA. July 2017.

# Nitzahn, Matthew

• American Society of Gene and Cell Therapy 21st Annual Conference; May 15-19, 2018.

# Patel, Aanand (MSTP)

- Gordon Research Seminar & Conference on Motile & Contractile Systems; New London, NH. July 29-August 4, 2017.
- Biophysical Society Annual Meeting; San Francisco, CA. February 17-21, 2018.
- American Society for Cell Biology Annual Meeting; Philadelphia, PA. December 2-6, 2017.

# Salisbury, David (Alex)

• Keystone Symposia on Noncoding RNAs: Form, Function, Physiology; Keystone, CO. February 25-March 1, 2018.

# Sercel, Alexander

• Cell Symposia Multifaceted Mitochondria; Paradise Point, San Diego, CA. June 4-6, 2018.

# Shu, Cynthia

• New Directions in Biology and Disease of Skeletal Muscle Conference; New Orleans, LA. June 25-28, 2018.

# Tan, Yin Xuan (Shawn)

• 14th Annual Stem Cell Conference (UCLA)

# Thurlow, Lauren

- 2017 SACNAS National Conference; Salt Lake City, UT. October 18-21, 2017.
- UCLA Molecular, Cell and Developmental Biology Research Conference; Lake Arrowhead, CA. December 1-3, 2017.
- 23rd Annual Meeting of the RNA Society; Berkeley, CA. May 29-June 3, 2018.

# Urtecho, Guillaume

• Marine Biological Laboratory Advanced Research Course - Microbial Diversity; Woods Hole, MA. July 7-August 23.

# Valliere, Meaghan

• BASF Research Forum at the end of August

# Van Loon, Aaron

- GRC: Motile and Contractile Systems; Colby-Sawyer College, New London, NH. July 30-August 4, 2017.
- International Zebrafish Conference; University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI. June 20-24, 2018.

# Van, Christina

- Moving Targets Symposium; USC, Los Angeles, CA. August 17, 2017.
- 13th International Symposium on PACAP, VIP, and Related Peptides; Hong Kong, China. December 5, 2017.
- CURE: Digestive Diseases Research Center Annual Meeting; UCLA, Los Angeles, CA. March 23, 2018.

• Inaugural I3T Scientific Retreat; UCLA, Los Angeles, CA. June 12, 2018.

# Wang, Lulan

• Immunology LA; Skirball Center. June 15, 2018.

# Waters, Lynnea

• La Jolla Immunology Conference; La Jolla, CA. October 2017.

# Young, Courtney

- American Society for Gene and Cell Therapy (ASGCT) Annual Meeting; Chicago, IL. May 16-19, 2018.
- World Muscle Society; St. Malo, France. Oct 3-7, 2017.
- PPMD Connect Conference; Chicago, IL. June 29-July 1, 2017.

# Yu, Jiaji

- Immunology LA; Los Angeles, CA.
- 14th Annual Stem Cell Symposium; UCLA.

# Zemke, Nathan

• DNA Tumor Virus Meeting; University of Birmingham, UK. July 17-22, 2017.

# Zhan, Lingyu

- Symposium of Frontiers and Careers in cryoEM; CNSI, UCLA. April 27-28, 2018.
- Southern California Society for Microscopy and Microanalysis (SCSMM spring meeting); Michelson Center for Convergent Bioscience at USC. April 13, 2018.

# Zhang, Tianhao

• Palm Spring HIV/AIDS annual symposium; Palm Springs, CA. March 2018.

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# WHITCOME PRE-DOCTORAL TRAINING PROGRAM

The Whitcome Pre-doctoral Training Program supports students with a MB-IDP mentor in their 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> year of graduate school. Trainees are eligible for one year of support with possibility for competitive renewal. There are no citizenship restrictions for this program; international students are welcome to apply. The program is competitive and merit based.

Congratulations to the following graduate students, who were selected for the Whitcome Training Program this year:

<u>Name</u>	Graduate Program	<u>Mentor</u>
Natalie Chen	Molecular, Cellular & Integrative Physiology	Stephen Young
Charles Choi	MBIDP (Immunity, Microbes and Molecular Pathogenesis)	Peter Bradley
Ha Neul Lee	MBIDP (Cell and Developmental Biology)	Hilary Coller
Han Young Lim	MBIDP (Biochemistry, Biophysics, and Structural Biology)	Douglas Black
Calvin Leung	MBIDP (Biochemistry, Biophysics, and Structural Biology)	Tracy Johnson
Wanlu Liu	MBIDP (Cell and Developmental Biology)	Steve Jacobsen
Jerry Lo	MBIDP (Immunity, Microbes and Molecular Pathogenesis)	Stephen Smale

Katelyn Masiuk (MSTP)	MBIDP (Immunity, Microbes and Molecular Pathogenesis)	Donald Kohn
Thang Nguyen	Bioengineering	Michael Teitell
Jessica Ong (MSTP)	MBIDP (Cell and Developmental Biology)	Karen Reue
Jaspreet Sandhu (MSTP)	MBIDP (Gene Regulation, Epigenomics and Transcriptomics)	Peter Tontonoz
Hannah Sunshine	Molecular, Cellular & Integrative Physiology	Luisa Iruela-Arispe

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