Publications


Noel, B.L., Lilo, S., Capurso, D., Hill, J, and Bliska, J. (2009) Yersinia pestis can bypass protective antibodies to LcrV and activation with IFNγ to survive and induce apoptosis in murine macrophages. Clinical Vaccine and Immunology, in press.


Second-Year Students Join Labs

Jameson Crowley ~ Jorge Benach's lab
Christopher Doyle ~ David Thanassi's lab
Alexis Santana ~ Laurie Krug's lab

Kathleen Delgiorno ~ Howard Crawford's lab
Elitza Ivanova ~ Carol Carter's lab
Jason Tam ~ Ando van der Velden's lab
Please help us welcome the following new students to the Program:

Patrick McLaughlin; B.S., Rochester Institute of Technology
Brodie Miles; B.S., Oregon State University
Nana Minkah; B.S., Dickinson College
Esma Ucisik-Akkaya; M.S., Istanbul Technical University
Chen Yang; M.S., Drexel University (E. Wimmer group)
Xingmin Xhang; B.S., Shandong University
Yueting Zheng; M.S., Wuhan University

Recent Graduates

Christopher Czura defended his dissertation entitled "Neural Regulation of Inflammation and Bleeding" on July 7, 2009. Chris will continue working at the Feinstein Institute for Medical Research as Vice President for Scientific Affairs.


Elizabeth Mulligan defended her dissertation entitled "" on August 12, 2009. Beth will continue her training at Brookhaven National Laboratory as a postdoctoral fellow in the laboratory of Elana Shumay.

Adam Rosebrock defended his dissertation, "Regulation of Transcription in the Fission Yeast Schizosaccharomyces pombe", on July 15, 2009. Adam is conducting postdoctoral research at Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory in Greg Hannon’s group.

Congratulations to all!

Upcoming Dissertation Defense

Qinyuan Li will defend her dissertation on November 11, 2009 at 10:00 AM.

Alumna Sally Lynch (PhD, 1988) Recipient of a 2009 Distinguished Alumnus Award

Dr. Sally A. Lynch, a graduate of the Program in Molecular Genetics and Microbiology, is a recipient of the Stony Brook University Alumni Association’s 2009 Distinguished Alumnus Award. Dr. Lynch trained in the laboratory of Professor Joan Brugge and received her PhD in 1988. After the completion of postdoctoral training in the Division of Solid Tumor Immunobiology at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, Dr. Lynch worked as an independent consultant on biotechnology and medical devices to investment management companies. She assumed her current position as Vice President of General American Investors Co., Inc. in 1997 where she is responsible for securities in the biotechnology and pharmaceutical industries. Dr. Lynch co-established Old Field Farm Ltd., a nonprofit organization dedicated to the restoration and operation of Field Farm County Park in Setauket, NY for equestrian and
community-related activities. Dr. Lynch and three other recipients of the 2009 Distinguished Alumnus Award will be honored at a reception on November 20, 2009 at the Wang Center.

Training Faculty Member Elizabeth Boon Receives a Presidential Early Career Award

Dr. Elizabeth Boon, an Assistant Professor in the Department of Chemistry and a member of the MGM training faculty, has received a prestigious Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers. The award is the highest honor given by the Federal Government in recognition of young scientists and engineers and it includes research funding for up to five years. Dr. Boon will receive the award at a ceremony at the White House this fall.

MGM Retreat

The annual Molecular Genetics and Microbiology retreat has been rescheduled. Please note that it will be held on Friday, October 2nd at the Port Jefferson Village Center. The retreat will include a poster session and all graduate students in the MGM Program as well as all students training in MGM laboratories are expected to participate.

Save the Date!

The Molecular Genetics and Microbiology Holiday Party has been scheduled for Friday evening, December 4th. The event will be held at the Old Field Club.

Reminder

Please let Janet Hearing know of papers that have been accepted for publication, awards, and conferences attended for inclusion in future newsletters.