Publications


Conference Presentations


First-Year Students Join Labs

Patrick McLaughlin: Ando van der Velden
Brodie Miles: TBA
Nana Minkah: Laurie Krug
Esma Ucisik-Akkaya: Aaron Neiman
Yueting Zheng: Patrick Hearing

Please help us welcome the following new students to the Program

Dane Buenten; B.S., SUNY Fredonia
Peter Chahales; B.S., Clark University
Shuqi Yan; B.S., Wuhan University
Jing Yang; B.S., Fudan University
Siwei Zhang; B.S., M.S. Fudan University
Promotions and Awards

Dr. David Thanassi has been promoted to Professor of Molecular Genetics and Microbiology. Congratulations!

Congratulations to Alexis Santana for receiving a $1,200 travel award from the Alliance for Inclusive Graduate Education and the Professoriate to attend the 13th International Workshop on Kaposi's Sarcoma Associated-Herpesvirus and Related Agents.

Dissertation Defenses

Nicholas Navin will defend his dissertation, "Inferring Tumor Progression from Genomic Heterogeneity" on July 9, 2010. The seminar is scheduled for 10am and will be held in the Hawkins Conference Room, Wendt Building, at Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory.

Amir Zeituni will defend his dissertation on August 24, 2010 at 3pm in Life Sciences room 038 (title TBA).

Save the Dates

The 32nd Annual Retreat of the Department of Molecular Genetics and Microbiology will be held on Friday, September 24th. In addition to oral presentations, there will be a poster session and the presentation of graduate student awards. Graduate students should all plan to present a poster.

Students will be hosting Dr. David Raulet from UC Berkeley on Monday, October 11th. Please make a note of this special seminar (title TBA). If you would like to speak with Dr. Raulet during his visit, please contact hosts DeAnna Bublitz (deannabublitz@gmail.com) or Alexis Santana (Alexis.Santana.77@gmail.com).

Rotations for 2010-2011

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New Course Approved

The Program has received approval from the State Education Department for a new course, HBM 693 Research Proposal Preparation in Molecular Genetics and Microbiology. This required course will be offered in the spring semester and taken by students who are preparing for the qualifying exam. Jorge Benach and David Thanassi will be the course co-directors for the spring 2011 class.

Course Description:

A course, based upon the literature in molecular genetics and microbiology, to instruct students in scientific writing and the preparation of research proposals. The course will be organized in three parts. In the first section of the course, students will become familiar with the components of the research proposal and will read and evaluate proposals written by the training faculty. Lectures given by the course co-directors will cover the basics of scientific writing, research proposal
preparation and the problems and concerns commonly voiced by reviewers of research proposals. In the second section, students will develop two short proposals in the area of molecular genetics and microbiology that are unrelated to their graduate research. One of these short proposals will be selected for development into a full proposal. In the third section, students will develop and write the full proposal. The students' skills in proposal preparation will be enhanced by critiquing the short and full proposals presented by other students in the second and third sections of the course.