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Calendar

Monday, August 14

Tuesday, August 15

Pediatrics and Human Development Seminar: Origins of the philtrum: an orbicular journey. Dr. Rick Martin, Washington University School of Medicine, Division of Medical Genetics, 12:00-1:30 p.m., B105 Life Sciences. Everyone is welcome. RSVP to olowolaf@msu.edu by August 14 to ensure lunch for all attendees.

Wednesday, August 16

Mary Dunn's Retirement Party: 3:00-5:00 p.m., 208 Biochemistry.

Thursday, August 17

Friday, August 18

Transcription Journal Club: No meeting this week.

Published Work

Fong CJ, Burgoon LD, Zacharewski TR. Effects of culture conditions on estrogen-mediated hepatic in vitro gene expression and correlation to in vivo responses. Toxicol Appl Pharmacol. 2006 Aug 15;215(1):37-50. Epub 2006 Mar 7.

Grants

John LaPres received \$272,838 from the National Institutes of Health for "Hypoxia and an Epigenetic Mechanism for Toxicity."

Announcements

Graduate Student Orientation & Resource Fair: New and returning graduate students are invited to attend the annual orientation program on Saturday, August 26, 2006. The program begins at 10:00 a.m. in the Kellogg Center Auditorium and the Resource Fair begins at 10:30 a.m. and will go until 12:00 noon in the Lincoln Room of the Kellogg Center. There will be hints and advice from associate deans and an ice cream social. No RSVP is necessary. Parking passes will be provided for the Kellogg Center Parking Structure.

Scholarships

The Pew Scholars Program in the Biomedical Sciences is designed to support young investigators of outstanding promise in basic and clinical sciences relevant to the advancement of human health. The funding for these awards is provided by The Pew Charitable Trusts. The award is intended to provide assured support, during their earlier years, for junior members of the faculty as their laboratories. For the 23rd series of awards to be made in 2007, one nomination will be invited from the presidents of each of a limited number of institutions selected on the basis of the scope of their work in biomedical research, and which will have been recommended to the Trusts by the National Advisory Committee. For more information please visit <http://futurehealth.ucsf.edu/biomed/scholdes.html>.

Position Vacancies (copies of notices are in maroon binder in Room 302A)

The Department of Biochemistry & Molecular Biology at **Colorado State University** is recruiting a new **Department Chair**. The successful candidate will have an internationally recognized research program complementing one or more existing strengths of the department in cellular biochemistry, structural biology, and eukaryotic gene expression. The University has initiatives in infectious disease and genomics/proteomics that might be of interest to candidates. The Chair will provide vision and dynamic leadership in guiding the department's research, teaching, and service missions. Required credentials include a Ph.D. degree in Biochemistry or related field with research, teaching, and service experience commensurate with an appointment as a tenured Professor. For more information or to apply, please visit <http://www.bmb.colostate.edu/index.cfm>. **Application deadline is September 15, 2006.**

The Department of Biochemistry & Molecular Genetics at the **University of Colorado School of Medicine** is seeking applicants for **Department Chair**. The Chair of the Department of Biochemistry & Molecular Genetics reports to the Dean of the School of Medicine and participates with his staff and other departmental chairs in program development, administration, and budgetary planning and implementation. The position requires excellence in teaching, demonstrated administrative leadership and ability, and, in particular, leadership in research and scholarly activity. Review of applications will continue until the position is filled. For more information about the Department of Biochemistry & Molecular Genetics, please visit <http://www.uchsc.edu/sm/bbgn/>.

Assistant Professor positions are available in the Department of Chemistry at **Western Washington University**. Applications are invited for three tenure-track positions at the assistant professor level in biochemistry, inorganic and organic chemistry to begin September 2007. Candidates with interdisciplinary interests are strongly encouraged to apply. WWU consistently ranks among the top public comprehensive universities in the West and its chemistry and biochemistry programs are among the strongest of their kind in the country. WWU is a primarily undergraduate institution committed to excellence in both teaching and research. WWU is located in Bellingham, WA, midway between Seattle and Vancouver, B.C. overlooking the San Juan Islands and adjacent to Mt. Baker and the North Cascades. A Ph.D. degree is required and post-doctoral experience is preferred. Applicants should submit curriculum vitae, undergraduate and graduate transcripts, a statement of teaching philosophy and research plans, and arrange for three letters of recommendation to be sent to Prof. Mark Wicholas, Department of Chemistry, Western Washington University, Bellingham, WA 98225-9150. Review of applications will begin October 2 and continue until the positions are filled.

Spotlight



Poorna Viswanathan, Research Associate, has been with the department for five years. She is currently researching transcriptional regulation of signal dependent gene expression in *Myxococcus xanthus* in Lee Kroos' lab.

Poorna is originally from India. She enjoys traveling to different countries when she gets the chance. Outside of work, Poorna enjoys gardening and reading.

Quote for the Week

All growth is a leap in the dark, a spontaneous unpremeditated act without the benefit of experience. – *Henry Miller*
