



## The BMB Weekly Vol. 41, No. 10, March 3-9, 2008

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### Calendar

**Monday, March 3**   
**Spring Break**

**Genetics Research Forum:** Identification of ATPAF1 and KIAA0494 as novel candidate genes for asthma in children. Susan Ewart and Eric Schauburger, Michigan State University, 12:30 p.m., 1425 Biomedical and Physical Sciences.

**Tuesday, March 4**

**Metabolism, Membranes, and Metalloenzymology (3M) Interest Group:** Mechanism of iron regulation and acquisition. Stephen Cendrowski, Michigan State University, 12:00 noon, 1400 Biomedical and Physical Sciences.

**Wednesday, March 5**

**Thursday, March 6**

**Friday, March 7**

**Respiratory Research Initiative Seminar:** Translating research into regulation. Mary Lee Hultin, Air Quality Division, Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, 11:30 a.m., 162 Food Safety and Toxicology.

**Transcription Journal Club:** Presentation by **Rupinder Sayal**, 12:00 noon, 502 Biochemistry.

**Pathobiology and Diagnostic Investigation Seminar:** A case of copper toxicity in a goat. Ebony Gilbreath, Michigan State University, 12:00 noon, 101/115 Diagnostic Center for Population and Animal Health, 4125 Beaumont Road.

**Saturday, March 8**

**Sunday, March 9**

**Daylight Savings Time Begins:** Set clocks ahead one hour.

### Publications

**Kopec AK, Boverhof DR, Burgoon LD, Ibrahim-Aibo D, Harkema JR, Tashiro C, Chittim B, Zacharewski TR.** Comparative Toxicogenomic Examination of the Hepatic Effects of PCB126 and TCDD in Immature, Ovariectomized C57BL/6 Mice. *Toxicol Sci.* 2008 Mar;102(1):61-75. Epub 2007 Nov 27.

Lito P, **Mets BD**, Kleff S, O'Reilly S, **Maher VM, McCormick JJ.** Evidence That Sprouty 2 Is Necessary for Sarcoma Formation by H-Ras Oncogene-transformed Human Fibroblasts. *J Biol Chem.* 2008 Jan 25;283(4):2002-9. Epub 2007 Nov 28.

### Announcements

**The Graduate School - Ph.D. Job Search Series:** From CV to resume: Developing written credentials for non-academic positions. Wednesday, March 19, 2008, 5:00-7:00 p.m., 6 Student Services Building. For more information and to register, go to <http://grad.msu.edu/current/jobseries.htm#credentials>.

## Announcements continued

**The Graduate School - Ph.D. Job Search Series:** Mastering the interview. Wednesday, March 26, 2008, 5:00-7:00 p.m., 6 Student Services Building. For more information and to register, go to <http://grad.msu.edu/current/jobseries.htm#interview>.

**The Graduate School:** Identify the obstacles to your thesis/dissertation. Saturday, March 29, 2008. To register, please send an email to [gradwrsp@msu.edu](mailto:gradwrsp@msu.edu).

**The Graduate School - Navigating the Ph.D.: A Writing Workshop:** This is a two-part workshop. Part I is titled, "Demystifying the dissertation, personal management, forming committees, working with committees, and comprehensive exams." Part II is titled, "Topics and proposals, writing strategies, revision strategies, the defense...and beyond, and graduate writing groups." This workshop is being offered twice during spring 2008:

### Series 1

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

The Writing Center – 300 Bessey Hall

Part 1: Saturday, March 15, 2008

Part 2: Saturday, March 22, 2008

### Series 2

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

The Writing Center – 300 Bessey Hall

Part 1: Saturday, April 12, 2008

Part 2: Saturday, April 19, 2008

Each part will be limited to 25 doctoral students. Although it is highly recommended that you attend both parts, you may register for only one part. Lunch will be served during the sessions. This workshop series is offered every semester. Additional information can be found at <http://writing.msu.edu/ntp/>. To register, please send an e-mail to [gradwrsp@msu.edu](mailto:gradwrsp@msu.edu) and include your name, department, e-mail address, the name of the workshop, and the dates you would like to attend.

**7<sup>th</sup> Annual Pediatric Research Day:** Friday, March 28, 2008 at the East Lansing Marriott at University Place. For more information on this event, please [click here](#).

**Donors Needed:** The laboratory of Dr. Pam Fraker is looking for a few subjects to donate 40ml or 100ml of blood for studies related to the effects of stress on human peripheral blood neutrophils. Donors must be healthy subjects 21-35 years of age that are not smokers, pregnant or taking immunosuppressive drugs. You will only be asked to donate blood one to three times per year. Participation is entirely voluntary, and you can decline participation at any time. Blood will be collected by a registered nurse or phlebotomist so that collection of the blood should go smoothly. Please contact Mark Trottier by email ([trottie1@msu.edu](mailto:trottie1@msu.edu)) or phone (353-9585) if you are interested.

## Position Vacancies (copies of postings are in maroon binder in Room 302A Biochem)

Two **Research Technologist II (Grade 10)** positions are available with the **Great Lakes Bioenergy Research Center** at Michigan State University. A four-year degree in biology or chemistry or a related experimental science (biochemistry, microbiology, chemical engineering); six months of related work experience in a laboratory; or an equivalent combination of education and experience. This is a project technician position funded through March 31, 2009 with possible extension upon funding. For more information or to apply for this position, please visit <http://www.jobs.msu.edu>. **Closing date is March 11, 2008.**

## Engagement News



**Jessica Hudson, Graduate Secretary,** and Scott Lawrence were engaged on Wednesday, February 27, 2008. Jessica and Scott have not announced a wedding date. Congratulations Jessica!

## Quote for the Week



Climb the mountains and get their good tidings. Nature's peace will flow into you as sunshine flows into trees. The winds will blow their own freshness into you, and the storms their energy, while cares will drop away from you like the leaves of Autumn.

~ John Muir

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