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Faculty Achievements & Special Recognitions

New Grant Funding

Amber Mosley, Ph.D.

NIH- R01

“Regulation of RNA Polymerase II Transcription by the Phosphatase Rtr1 Determine how removal of S5-P from the RNAPII CTD by the phosphatase Rtr1 coordinates transcription termination and the restoration of chromatin structure following transcription”

Zhong-Yin Zhang, Ph.D.

NIH/NCI - R01

“Structure/Function of Protein Tyrosine Phosphatases”



Invited Talks



X. Charlie Dong, Ph.D.

- ◆ The Ohio State University, Department of Pathology. Columbus, OH. September, 2012. “FOXO transcription factors in cellular metabolism and stress resistance”
- ◆ The National Institute of Biological Sciences, Beijing, China. July, 2012. “FOXO transcription factors in circadian rhythm and metabolism”

Quyen Hoang, Ph.D.

- ◆ Kansas University Medical Center, Kansas city, Kansas. November 2012 Bohan Visiting Lectureship “Novel mechanisms of Parkinson's disease.” Nov. 02 2012

Invited Talks Continued...

- ◆ International Conference on Alpha-synuclein in Parkinson's Disease and Related Neurodegenerative Diseases. Dubai, UAE. "Structures and unstructured forms of alpha-synuclein" March, 2013

Yuichiro Takagi, Ph.D.

- ◆ Harvard Medical School, Boston, MA July, 2012
- ◆ University of Regensburg, Regensburg, Germany August, 2012
- ◆ European Molecular Biology Laboratory (EMBL) Heidelberg, Heidelberg, Germany August, 2012
- ◆ Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN. September 2012
- ◆ Sun Yat-Sen University, Guangzhou, China. November, 2012

Qizhuang Ye, Ph.D.

- ◆ 2012 "Metals in Medicine" Gordon Research Conference, Proctor Academy, June, 2012.
- ◆ The Metals in Medicine symposium at The 245th American Chemical Society National Meeting, New Orleans. April, 2013.

Zhong-Yin Zhang, Ph.D.

- ◆ Institute for Applied Cancer Science, University of Texas - MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, TX
- ◆ McArdle Laboratory for Cancer Research/ Department of Oncology, School of Medicine and Public Health, University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI.

PUBLICATIONS

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Wedding Bells

Heather (Sahm) Leyes & Andrew Leyes

September 15th, 2012

Brigitte Heller & Joe Chen

September 22, 2012

Birth Announcements



Brian Teske & his wife, Melissa celebrated the arrival of their new baby boy, Dane Maxwell Teske on October 2nd, 2012. He weighed 9lbs & 1 oz and was 21.25 inches.



New Faces in Biochem

Jong Won Kim
Visiting Assistant
Research Professor
Proteomics Core Lab



Kelly Gallagher
MD/PhD student
(Korc Lab)

Kudos



Jacob Adler is a member of the [Urban Educators GK-12 Program at IUPUI](#).

This program places research students from IU School of Medicine and IUPUI into local high school, middle and grade school classrooms throughout the city. Jacob has led a year-long course and recently held an advanced workshop on breast cancer research at Warren Central High School.



Gerald Hunter received an ASMS student stipend to attend the 2012 SMA Fall Workshop "Mass Spectrometry-based Protein Phosphorylation Analysis and Phosphoproteomics" on November 8-9, 2012 in Boston, MA.

Recent Grads



Justin Babcock, Ph.D.

“mTORC1 Contributes to ER Stress Induced Cell Death”

Defended: October 25, 2012.

Justin completed his graduate studies in the lab of Lawrence Quilliam Ph.D.



Hoa Bich Nguyen, Ph.D.

“The tumor suppressing roles of tissue structure in cervical cancer development”

Defended: November 8, 2012

Hoa completed her graduate studies in the lab of Lawrence Quilliam, Ph.D.



Soyoung Park, Ph.D.

“In vivo analysis of human LHX3 enhancer regulation”

Defended: January 29, 2013

Soyoung completed her graduate studies in the lab of Simon Rhodes, Ph.D.



Brian Teske, Ph.D.

“The Integrated Stress Response Directs Cell Fate Decisions In Response To Perturbations In Protein Homeostasis”

Defended: January 8, 2013

Brian completed his graduate studies in the lab of Ron Wek, Ph.D.



Chad Walls, Ph.D.

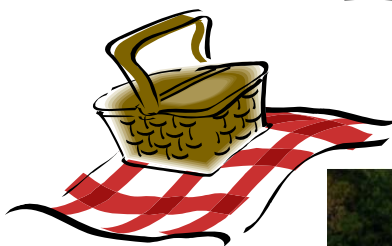
“Functional insights into oncogenic protein tyrosine phosphatases by mass spectrometry”

Defended: November 9, 2012

Chad completed his graduate studies in the lab of Zhong-Yin Zhang, Ph.D.

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2012 Biochemistry Annual Family Picnic



The intermittent rainfall didn't stop this year's faculty hosts, Drs. Yuichiro Takagi and Suk-Hee Lee from grilling- up some delicious



brats, hot dogs and burgers for our annual picnic.

A special "thank you" to all those who contributed to the organization of this event and to the wonderful dishes you

contributed to the pitch-in! The overabundance of our feast was shared with The Wheeler Mission. They were greatly appreciative.



And of course, we all enjoyed another annual Faculty vs. Student Softball game...



A valiant effort was put forth by both teams, but the victory (and the newly repaired trophy which is no longer utilizing a pretzel as a bat) went to the Students with a score of 21 - ?.



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2012 BIOCHEMISTRY HOLIDAY PARTY!

Amazing food and fun games always make for a great party. This year was no exception. With a selection of entrees and sides from Fazoli's, Indian Garden and Journey as well as the generous pitch-in contributions of fellow faculty, staff and students, not a bit was left. Some even made it through the line for thirds!



And as always, the Door Prize Drawings and Stealing Bingo were a big hit. Thank you to everyone who helped make this year's party another successful one.

