

Alumni Newsletter
Department of Physiology and Biophysics
University of Illinois at Chicago

Welcome

This is what I hope will be the first of many sporadic alumni newsletters. What prompted me to begin this endeavor? Three recent occurrences led me to put this newsletter together. In part it began when I tried to find the e-mail address for one of my former students, Chuck Woody. This was soon followed by my being placed in charge of the James L. Ferguson Memorial Fund (more about this later). Finally, I found that the Department did not have a master list of the e-mail addresses of all our former students. As I began accumulating e-mail addresses I thought it would be a good idea to let all our former students know what their Department was up to.

I hope to make this newsletter responsive to your interests. I have tried to include some of the most important goings on. In addition, I have included a profile of one of our alumni. If you

would like to have your information included in a profile send it to me. If there is information you would like e-mail me and I will respond directly or include it in a future newsletter.

At the end of this newsletter I have listed all the people I have e-mail addresses for (I will only give out e-mail addresses with permission) and those alumni I do not. If you know the e-mail addresses of any of those I do not have contact me with their information. I know I have not included all the students before 1980. If you have names and e-mail addresses I would be delighted to include them in the list.

Finally, if you are in the Chicago area on October 2 join us at our Departmental picnic. Contact me for specific information as to location and times.

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Departmental News

Bringing everyone up to date on all the happenings is a daunting task since the list includes alumni who left the Department over a span of 24 years or so. I would recommend that you peruse our Departmental web site:

<http://www.uic.edu/depts/mcpb>

We are quite proud of our NIH funding level. This has become the metric by which the school judges the stature of Departments. We are ranked within the top 20 Departments of Physiology in the United States.

New Building

A new 300,000 square foot research building for the basic sciences is scheduled for occupancy in the Summer, 2005. This 8 story building will extend along Wolcott street from the MSB building to Taylor street. The plan calls for some of the Department to move into the 2nd floor of this new building.

Graduate Education

The graduate program has been completely revamped. The Departments in the Medical School (Anatomy, Biochemistry and Molecular Genetics, Microbiology and Immunology, Pharmacology, and Physiology) now have a joint graduate program called GEMS (Graduate Education in Medical Sciences). The students all take a common first year program and then commit to a department at the end of that period. A web site has been set up for the program which gives all the details (<http://www.uic.edu/depts/mcam/gems/index.html>). As you can imagine this has caused us to completely revise or teaching program. The Physiology course is now taken in the 2nd year. The Methods in Physiology course and the Tactics and Strategy course have been eliminated.

Student awards.

The Department of Physiology has been awarding the Lambrecht award for years. This year we are initiating the James L Ferguson award. This will pay the stipend for a medical student to work in a laboratory in the Department in the summer between their first and second years.

You may make a tax deductible contribution to these funds:

James L. Ferguson Memorial Fund
University of Illinois Foundation
1305 West Green Street
Urbana, IL 61801-2962

And

Mark Lambrecht Memorial Fund
(same address as above)

To make sure the checks get to the correct fund they should be made payable to the:

UIF James L. Ferguson Memorial Fund

Or

UIF Mark Lambrecht Memorial Fund

Alumni profile – William Law

In nearly twenty years since I graduated... a lot. Here's a brief summary:

1985-86: Lived in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil and worked as a Visiting Professor at the Universidade Gama Filho. A wonderful experience that I'll not likely have the



opportunity to repeat. Came back to the states for a more traditional approach to a career.

1986-89: First, a post-doc at Loyola (Departments of Surgery and Physiology) with the Sepsis Program Project (headed by then Dept. Chair, Jim Filkins); later as Assistant Professor. Met my wife-to-be, Madeline, who was starting Medical School at Loyola (yeah, she's younger than me). Worked side-by-side with Mike McLane, and never had to tie him up. Two opportunities arose, one at Eli Lilly, the other in Bethesda.

1989-91: Senior Scientist with Geo-Centers, doing contract work at the Naval Medical Research Institute (NMRI) in Bethesda, MD. Lots of biking in the DC area! This seemed a little more academic than the Lilly position. Luckily, it was, and made it easier to get

back into academia when it looked like NMRI was going to be closed by the Navy (which happened within two years of my leaving).

1991-present: Back at UIC, with a joint appointment at the VA Medical Center. Started out with my primary appointment in Surgery, and later switched to Physiology, where I am currently Associate Professor. Married Maddie in 1992. Rachel born in '95, Sarah in '97, and Liam in 2001. Guess that means I finally settled down.

If anyone is interested in getting back in touch, I can still be reached at wrlaw@uic.edu.

I have some colorful stories that go along with each stage in life listed above that I could share, and would love to hear some of yours.

A request

In putting together the list of our former students I know I have missed some. If you know the name of a former student that does not appear in either of the lists below could you let me know. I would like to try to make the list as complete as possible. .If you know the e-mail address of any of the former students that I do not have one for could you please send it to me.

Alumni for whom I have e-mail address

Abraham, Rana

Albarracin, Constance

Alden, Kris J.

Andric, Tanja

Arias, Edward

Ashley, William W.

Baar, Keith

Ball, Karen

Bhartur, Sheela

Burkart, Eileen M.

Carr, Frances

Chaney, Kimberly

Chang, Sunghoe

Duan, Weijiang

Durkee, Timothy

Evans, Christian

Ferguson, Susan

Frasor, Jonna M.

Galanter, William
Goldspink, Paul
Heidkamp, Maria
Jacobs-El, Jamil
Kapin, Mike
Konhilas, John P.
Law, William
Lewin, Edward F.
Li, Xiangquan
Mansour, Haytham
McCurdy, Daniel
McLane, Mike
Meehan, Julia
Montgomery, David
Motlagh, Delara
Nabhani, Thomas A.
Nardulli, Beth A.

Ongvarrasopone, Chalernporn
Pesitc, Lidija
Piano, Mariann
Risk, Michael
Rundell, Veronica L.
Smith, Leslie
Steece-Collier, Kathy
Suvitayavat, Wisuda
Venkatasubramanian, Jayashree
Wattanapermpool, Jonggonnee
Wilson, Allison
Woody, Charles
Xiong, Yuting
Yan, Kun
Zhong, Liping
Ziolo, Mark

Alumni that I need e-mail addresses for.

Bae, Hyunsu
Chen, Jiang
Chen, Ningfang
Czerwinski, Susan
Falduto, Michael
Gao, Lizhu
Germanovich, Andrew
Kisling, Gregory
La Du, Mary
Li, Ge
Liu, Li-Ing
Nelson, Scott
Nelson, Tricia
Palmiter, Kimberly

Pan, Wilbur
Rarick, Helen
Ridge, Karen
Schultz, Charles
Scotellaro, Patricia
Suh, Kyong
Sullivan, Bridget
Tang, Hai-Ping
Walish, Jane
Wang, Nan
Wang, Weijun
Yang, Chii-Shen
Zeng, Li