

Alumni Newsletter
Department of Physiology and Biophysics
University of Illinois at Chicago
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I know many people look upon the New Year as beginning January 1, others use the date prescribed by their religion for the start of the New Year but I always use the start of the new term. So Happy New Year – we just started another term.


Since I last wrote Steve Wu has defended his thesis.


Today we had our reception for our new students. The handout for this is attached. Notice at the bottom of page 2 are dates for various seminars this fall, the picnic, and the annual awards evening. Please join us if you are able. We always enjoy seeing our former students.

The new student reception was combined with our first Physiology Slam. Various faculty took 5 minutes and 3 slides to explain their research. This went really well. It was a nice quick glance at what is going on in the labs of our colleagues.

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**Fall 2007 New Physiology Students
August 29, 2007**


Name:	Esther Lilia Calderón	
E-Mail Address:	ecalde4@uic.edu	
Degree Sought:	PhD	
Place of Birth:	Lima, Peru	
Current Residence (city, neighborhood):	Lakeview	
Undergraduate University:	University: Walsh University	
Long-term Goal for your career:	Become a PI	
Favorite Food:	Ceviche, and chocolate	
Favorite Music:	No preference	
Hobbies:	Swimming, yoga, cooking, painting	
Three words that describe you:	Hardworking, happy, caring	

	Name:	Julie Mouannes
	E-Mail Address:	jmoinn1@uic.edu
	Degree Sought:	masters
	Place of Birth:	Beirut, Lebanon
	Current Residence (city, neighborhood):	Chicago
	Undergraduate University:	UIC
	Long-term Goal for your career:	MD/PhD or either one
	Favorite Food:	everything
	Favorite Music:	Soft Rock, Classical
	Hobbies:	Sports, piano playing, reading
	Three words that describe you:	friendly, smart, strong willed

New PhD student note shown: Antonio Olivo

Name:	Jillian Simon	
E-Mail Address:	jsimon24@uic.edu	
Degree Sought:	Masters	
Place of Birth:	Bad Axe, Michigan	
Current Residence (city, neighborhood):	Lakeview	
Undergraduate University:	Alma College	
Long-term Goal for your career:	Still trying to figure that out	
Favorite Food:	Anything Italian	
Favorite Music:	Acoustic Guitar Music	
Hobbies:	Tennis, Crafting, Reading, Shopping	
Three words that describe you:	creative, caring and unique	

	Name:	Domenico M. Taglieri
	E-Mail Address:	dtagli2@uic.edu
	Degree Sought:	PhD
	Place of Birth:	Reggio Calabria, Italy
	Current Residence (city, neighborhood):	Cicero
	Undergraduate University:	Universita' degli Studi di Messina
	Long-term Goal for your career:	Pursue an academic career-Set up my personal Lab
	Favorite Food:	Lasagna; Cottage Pie; great meat eater
	Favorite Music:	Pop music; R&B
	Hobbies:	Aviation, Culinary Art
	Three words that describe you:	Generous; Love People; Globetrotter

Name:	Tanganyika "Tangy" Wilder	
E-Mail Address:	twilde2@uic.edu	
Degree Sought:	PhD	
Place of Birth:	Nashville, TN	
Current Residence (city, neighborhood):	SSR on Campus housing	
Undergraduate University:	Florida A&M Univ in Tallahassee, FL	
Long-term Goal for your career:	Teacher and Researcher, possibly policy (but not limited by any means)	
Favorite Food:	I just like good food and variety, I don't have a favorite	
Favorite Music:	Gospel and R&B (Beyonce', Robin Thicke, etc)	
Hobbies:	My husband and children have become my most consuming hobby, I like to read non-fiction and religious materials, watching movies	
Three words that describe you:	friendly/outgoing, passionate about my work, and organized	

Upcoming Physiology and Biophysics Events:

- 09/22/07 - Departmental Annual Picnic - Grove 4 of Schiller Woods, Indian Boundary Division of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County
- 11/14/07 - The 18th Annual Awards/Recognition Evening

Tentative Schedule of Upcoming Seminars

- 09/28/07 - Jean E. Schaffer, Wash U. (Host: Doug Lewandowski)
- 10/05/07 - Student Presentation - Prajna Banerjee and Evan Mavromatis
- 10/12/07 - Geoffrey Swanson, Northwestern. (Host: Mark Brodie)
- 10/19/07 - David Clayton seminar, UIUC (Host: Dale B. Hales)
- 10/26/07 - Pepper Schedin Univ. of Colorado (Host: Dale B, Hales)
- 11/02/07 - Student Presentation - Rahul Dave and Aurora Shehu
- 11/09/07 - Jonathan Chernoff, Fox Chase Cancer Center (Host:: R. John Solaro_
- 11/16/07 - Charles Clevenger, Northwestern Univ. (Host:: Geula Gibori)
- 12/07/07 - Student Presentation - Jesse Biehl and Sam Senyo