

Alumni Newsletter
Department of Physiology and Biophysics
University of Illinois at Chicago
November, 2007

Awards/Recognition Evening

On November 15, 2007 the Department held its 18th Annual Awards/Recognition Evening. In the attached program you will see that our students and faculty continue to be recognized for their accomplishments.

We would like to share your accomplishments with our other alumni. If you send them to me I will make sure they get incorporated in our future Newsletters.

This year the Philip L. Hawley Distinguished Faculty Award was presented to Dr. Geula Gibori. Jamie Le received the Mark R. Lambrecht Award for Scholarship and Commitment and Witchuda Saengsawang received the Kate Barany Graduate Student Award.

I have posted some of the pictures I took during this event at the following URL.

http://www.uic.edu/depts/mcpb/Pictures/Awards_evening-2007/

(there is an _ between Awards and evening (i.e. Awards_evening-2007)

Gift Giving

With Thanksgiving in a couple of days and the holiday season soon to follow we all have much to be thankful for. Many of us also make contributions at this time of year. If you are so inclined you can give a gift that will directly benefit your Department. We have two funds to which a tax deductible contribution can be made:

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

Final Thoughts

I hope this past year has brought you much joy and success and that the upcoming year will be even better.

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RECENT GRADUATES OF THE DOCTORAL PROGRAM

John Allen, Ph.D., Advisor: Mark M. Rasenick, Ph.D.

James Ross, Ph.D., Advisor: William Law, Ph.D.

Steven Wu, Ph.D., Advisor: R. John Solaro, Ph.D.

Yevgeniya Koshman, Ph.D., Bioengineering Graduate Student

Advisor: Brenda Russell, Ph.D.

PAST AWARDEES

Philip L. Hawley Distinguished Faculty Award

1993 – Dr. James L. Ferguson	2001 – Dr. Jesús García-Martínez
1994 – Dr. Mrinalini C. Rao	2002 – Dr. Pieter P. de Tombe
1995 – Dr. Mark M. Rasenick	2003 – Dr. Beata M. Wolska
1996 – Dr. Geula Gibori	2004 – Dr. Mark M. Rasenick
1997 – Dr. Mrinalini C. Rao	2005 – Dr. Mrinalini Rao
1998 – Dr. Kate Bárány	2006 – Dr. R. John Solaro
1999 – Dr. R. John Solaro	2007 – To Be Announced
2000 – Dr. Sergey Popov	

Mark R. Lambrecht Award for Scholarship and Commitment

1990 – Mark S. Barthel	1999 – David E. Montgomery
1991 – Constance Albarracin	2000 – Beth A. Nardulli
1992 – Karen L. Ball	2001 – Roli Prasad
1993 – Sheela G. Bhartur	2002 – Eileen M. Burkart
1994 – Kimberly A. Palmiter	2003 – Rashad J. Belin
1995 – Edward B. Arias	2004 – John A. Allen
1996 – Miroslav O. Stojanovic	2005 – Steven Wu
1997 – Michael C. Risk	2006 – Aurora Shehu
1998 – Jayashree Venkatasubramanian	2007 – To Be Announced

Kate Bárány Graduate Student Award

1998 – Miroslav O. Stojanovic	2003 – Haytham Mansour
1999 – Christian C. Evans	2004 – Aurora Shehu
2000 – Michael C. Risk	2005 – Patti Engel
2001 – Veronica L. Rundell	2006 – Sarah Scruggs
2002 – Roli Prasad	2007 – To Be Announced

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Eighteenth Annual

**Awards/Recognition
Evening**

November 15, 2007

**I expect to pass through this world but once.
Any good therefore that I can do, or any kindness that I can show
any fellow creature, let me do it now...
for I shall not pass this way again.**

Department of Physiology and Biophysics
Awards/Recognition Evening
Faculty Alumni Center
November 15, 2007

PROGRAM

Congratulatory tribute to faculty, post-doc, student, and staff awardees

Announcement of the recipient of the 2007 Philip L. Hawley Award

Announcement of the recipient of the 2007 Kate Bary Graduate Student Award

Announcement of the recipient of the 2007 Mark R. Lambrecht Award for Scholarship and Commitment

MAJOR FACULTY AWARDS

Asgerally Fazleabas, Ph.D., elected President of the Society for the Study of Reproduction for 2008-2009

Mrinalini Chatta Rao, Ph.D., Vice President for Faculty Affairs

PRE-DOCTORAL STUDENT AWARDS

Yalda Afshar (Advisor: Asgerally Fazleabas, Ph.D.) - Society for Gynecological Investigation Medical and Graduate Student Award (Summer 2007); Constance Campbell Memorial Research Award, Poster Division (Oct 2006); Lambrecht Travel Award (awarded fall 2007 for use in summer 2008)

Kristine Ansenberger (Advisor: Dale B. Hales, Ph.D.) - 2007 Larry Ewing Trainee Travel Award

David Ramsey (Advisor: Haohua Qian, Ph.D.) - Student Travel Award from the American Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology Meeting

Sarah Scruggs (Advisor: R. John Solaro, Ph.D.) - Student Travel Award from the 52nd Annual meeting of the Biophysical Society Congress; 2007 Recipient of Travel Award as a Lambrecht Scholar

Aurora Shehu (Advisor: Geula Gibori, Ph.D.) - 2007 Larry Ewing Memorial Trainee Fund, Society for Study of Reproduction; Graduate Student Council Travel Award, University of Illinois at Chicago; Graduate College Student Travel Award, University of Illinois at Chicago; Women in Science and Engineering Travel Grant, University of Illinois at Chicago

POST-DOCTORAL AWARDS

Brandon Biesiadecki, Ph.D. (Mentor: R. John Solaro, Ph.D.) – 2007 Finalist for the Richard J. Bing Young Investigator Award given by the International Society of Heart Failure

HONORS COLLEGE UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT AWARDS

Victor Ferenzi (Lab: Dale B. Hales, Ph.D.) – Endocrine Society Summer Research Fellowship

Ravi Garg (Lab: Jess Garca-Martnez, M.D., Ph.D.) - 1st Place in the Sigma Xi Undergraduate Research Symposium

Annie Verlarde (Lab: Dale B. Hales, Ph.D.) - 1st Place Life Sciences Division Undergraduate Research Form 2007; Sarah Madonna Kabbes Scholarship for Undergraduate Research from the Honors College; appointed as McNair Scholar 2007-2008

SERVICE RECOGNITION

20 Years of Service

Janice M. Gentry

15 Years of Service

Susan D. Ferguson-Gottschall

5 Years of Service

Cibele Ribeiro

GRADUATE STUDENTS ENTERING FALL 2007

DOCTOR OF PHYLOSOPHY

Esther Calderon

Antonio Olivo

Domenico Taglieri

Tanganyika Wilder

MASTER OF SCIENCE

Julie Moannes

Jillian Simon