

RECENT GRADUATES OF THE DOCTORAL PROGRAM

Roberto C. Agis-Balboa, Ph.D., Advisor: Alessandro Guidotti, Ph.D.
Jesse Biehl, Ph.D., Advisor: Brenda Russell, Ph.D., Bioeng. Graduate Student
Olga Chernaya, Ph.D., Advisor: Primal de Lanerolle, Ph.D.
Rahul Dave, M.D., Ph.D., Advisor: Mark M. Rasenick, Ph.D.
Liliana Grajales, M.S., Advisor: David Geenen, Ph.D.
Rosalba Satta, Ph.D., Advisor: Alessandro Guidotti, Ph.D.
Sam Senyo, Ph.D., Bioeng. Graduate Student Advisor: Brenda Russell, Ph.D.
Aurora Shehu, Ph.D., Advisor: Geula Gibori, Ph.D.
Lauren Taglia, Ph.D., Advisor: Richard V. Benya, M.D.
Mehmet Bertan Yilmaz, Ph.D., Advisor: Serdar E. Bulun, M.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 – Dr. Geula Gibori
2000 – Dr. Sergey Popov	2008 – To Be Announced

Mark R. Lambrecht Award for Scholarship and Commitment

1990 – Mark S. Barthelt	2000 – Beth A. Nardulli
1991 – Constance Albarracin	2001 – Roli Prasad
1992 – Karen L. Ball	2002 – Eileen M. Burkart
1993 – Sheela G. Bhartur	2003 – Rashad J. Belin
1994 – Kimberly A. Palmiter	2004 – John A. Allen
1995 – Edward B. Arias	2005 – Steven Wu
1996 – Miroslav O. Stojanovic	2006 – Aurora Shehu
1997 – Michael C. Risk	2007 – Jamie Le
1998 – Jayashree Venkatasubramanian	2008 – To Be Announced
1999 – David E. Montgomery	

Mark R. Lambrecht Medical Scholar Grant Awards

2007 – Sarah Scruggs	2008 – Amika Singla
2008 -- Yalda Afshar	

Kate Bárány Graduate Student Award

1998 – Miroslav O. Stojanovic	2004 – Aurora Shehu
1999 – Christian C. Evans	2005 – Patti Engel
2000 – Michael C. Risk	2006 – Sarah Scruggs
2001 – Veronica L. Rundell	2007 – Witchuda Saengsawang
2002 – Roli Prasad	2008 – To Be Announced
2003 – Haytham Mansour	

University of Illinois at Chicago

College of Medicine

**Department of Physiology
and Biophysics**

Nineteenth Annual

**Awards/Recognition
Evening**

November 19, 2008

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Awards/Recognition Evening
Faculty Alumni Center
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PROGRAM

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

Announcement of the recipient of the 2008 Philip L. Hawley Award

Announcement of the recipient of the 2008 Kate Bárány Graduate Student Award

Announcement of the recipient of the 2008 Mark R. Lambrecht Award for Scholarship and Commitment

MAJOR FACULTY AWARDS

R. John Solaro, Ph.D., UIC 2008 Graduate Student Mentor of the Year Award

PRE-DOCTORAL STUDENT AWARDS

John Allen (Advisor: Mark Rasenick, Ph.D.) - Outstanding Thesis Award, 2008

Benjamin Avner (Advisor: R. John Solaro, Ph.D.) - American Heart Association (Greater Midwest) Predoctoral Fellowship, 2008-2009

Prajna Banerjee (Advisor: Asgerally Fazleabas, Ph.D.) - Second place winner Student Research Poster Presentation for graduate and MD-PhD students category, 2008

Liliana Grajales (Advisor: David Geenen, Ph.D.) - American Heart Association Scholarship in Cardiovascular Disease and Stroke, 2008

Jo Ann Lagman, (Advisor: Dale B. Hales, Ph.D.) - Medical Resident of the Year award from the Rush Copely Family Practice Residency Program, 2008

Jamie Le, (Advisor: Geula Gibori, Ph.D.) - UIC Graduate Student Council Travel Award for the Endocrine Society Meeting in San Francisco, CA 2008; Endocrine Society Travel Award in San Francisco, CA, 2008

Aurora Shehu (Advisor: Geula Gibori, Ph.D.) - Outstanding Poster Presentation Award, Prolactin and Growth Hormone Gordon Research Conference, 2008

Amika Singla (Advisor: Pradeep Dudeja, Ph.D.) - UIC Diess Award, 2008; UIC Provost Award, 2008

Kittipong Tachampa (Advisor: Pieter de Tombe, Ph.D.) - UIC Dean's Scholar Award 2008; Outstanding Abstract; Thick and Thin Filament Regulation in Striated Muscle Meeting in Madison, Wisconsin, 2008

John M. Collins, Bioengineering Student, (Advisor: Brenda Russell, Ph.D.) - American Heart Association Predoctoral Fellowship, 2008; Second Prize UIC Student Research Forum, 2008; Honorable Mention, UIC Stem Cells and Microstructures in 3D Gel, 2008; Graduate Student Council Travel Award UIC, APS conference, 2008

Matthew Curtis, Bioengineering Student (Advisor: Brenda Russell, Ph.D.) - UIC Provost Award for Graduate Research, April 2008

POST-DOCTORAL AWARDS

Robert Gaffin, Ph.D. (Mentor: Beata Wolska, Ph.D.) - Postdoctoral Fellowship Award from the American Heart Association, 2008

Sangeeta Yendrembam, Ph.D. (Mentor: Geula Gibori, Ph.D.) - Endocrine Society Trainee Day Award, 2008

HONORS COLLEGE UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT AWARDS

Rui Guan, (Advisor: Mark Brodie, Ph.D.) - Ferguson Fund Summer Fellowship, 2008

Katherine Tuan, (Advisor: Dale B. Hales, Ph.D.) - Honors College undergraduate, Sarah Madonna Kabbes Scholarship, 2008

SERVICE RECOGNITION

25 Years of Service: Mark Rasenick

20 Years of Service: Marian Johnson-Powell

10 Years of Service: Elyse Donati

5 Years of Service: Maureen Mc Elvain, Kayla Pound
Charles Snider, Chad Warren

GRADUATE STUDENTS ENTERING FALL 2008

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Jill Bennett

MASTER OF SCIENCE

Raymond Krawzak

JoAnn Lagman

Amin Rmeileh

Heather Wilson

***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.***