

**Alumni Newsletter**  
**Department of Physiology and Biophysics**  
**University of Illinois at Chicago**  
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Happy New Year. I hope you had a great holiday season and are looking forward to a fantastic 2008.

We had our holiday party on December 17. It was a great time as always. I left town the next day so only now have gotten around to posting the pictures. Here is the link:

[http://www.uic.edu/depts/mcpb/Pictures/Holiday\\_Party\\_2007/](http://www.uic.edu/depts/mcpb/Pictures/Holiday_Party_2007/)

You can also access an index of the various occasions for which pictures are posted from the Departmental home page:

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

The end of the year also saw two of our students defend their thesis:

Mehmet Bertan Yilmaz

The Roles of Sex Steroids and Their Receptors in the Regulation of Brain Aromatase Expression

Advisor: Serdar Bulun

Roberto Agis-Balboa

Targeting Emotional Brain Circuits with Neurosteroid Modulators of GABAA Receptor Function

Advisor: Alessandro Guidotti

One final bit of business to bring up – if you change your e-mail could you please remember to send me the information – that way I can change the mailing list.

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