

RECENT GRADUATES OF THE DOCTORAL PROGRAM

Prajna Banerjee, Ph.D., Advisor: Asgerally Fazleabas, Ph.D.

Stacey Patrick, M.S., Advisor: R. John Solaro, Ph.D.

Witchuda Saengsawang, Ph.D., Advisor: Mark Rasenick, Ph.D.

Sarah Scruggs, Ph.D., Advisor: R. John Solaro, Ph.D.

Lauren Taglia, Ph.D., Advisor: Richard Benya, M.D.

Kittipong Tachampa, Ph.D., Advisor: Pieter de Tombe, Ph.D.

PAST AWARDEES

Philip L. Hawley Distinguished Faculty Award

1993 – Dr. James L. Ferguson

2002 – Dr. Pieter P. de Tombe

1994 – Dr. Mrinalini C. Rao

2003 – Dr. Beata M. Wolska

1995 – Dr. Mark M. Rasenick

2004 – Dr. Mark M. Rasenick

1996 – Dr. Geula Gibori

2005 – Dr. Mrinalini Rao

1997 – Dr. Mrinalini C. Rao

2006 – Dr. R. John Solaro

1998 – Dr. Kate Bárány

2007 – Dr. Geula Gibori

1999 – Dr. R. John Solaro

2008 – Dr. John M. Kennedy

2000 – Dr. Sergey Popov

2009 – To Be Announced

2001 – Dr. Jesús García-Martínez

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 – Kristine Ansenberger

1999 – David E. Montgomery

2009 – To Be Announced

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 – Yalda Afshar

2003 – Haytham Mansour

2009 – To Be Announced

University of Illinois at Chicago

College of Medicine

Department of Physiology
and Biophysics

Twentieth Annual

Awards/Recognition
Evening

December 15, 2009

**Department of Physiology and Biophysics
Awards/Recognition Evening
Faculty Alumni Center
December 15, 2009**

PROGRAM

Congratulatory tribute to faculty, post-doc, student, and staff awardees
Announcement of the recipient of the 2009 Philip L. Hawley Award
Announcement of the recipient of the 2009 Kate Bárány Graduate Student Award
Announcement of the recipient of the 2009 Mark R. Lambrecht Award for Scholarship and Commitment

PRE-DOCTORAL STUDENT AWARDS

Kristine Ansenberger (Advisor: Buck Hales, Ph.D.) – Graduate Council Travel Award & Graduate Student Council Travel Awards to attend Keystone Symposia on Extrinsic Control of Tumor Genesis and Progression in Vancouver, BC

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

Esther Calderon (Advisor: Gail Prins, Ph.D.) - Travel award from Gordon Conference to attend Gordon Conference on Hormone Action in Development and Cancer in Holderness, NH, 2009

Santipongse Chatchavalavanich (Advisor: David Geenen, Ph.D.) – American Heart Association (Greater Midwest) Predoctoral Fellowship, 2009-2010

Jamie Le, (Advisor: Geula Gibori, Ph.D.) – University of Illinois Dean's Scholar Award, 2009-2010; UIC Graduate College Travel Award & The Graduate Student Council Travel Award to attend 42nd Annual Meeting for the Society for the Study of Reproduction (SSR) in Pittsburgh, PA 2009; Larry Ewing Memorial Trainee Travel Award SSR ; 1st Place Trainee Research Award for Platform Presentation at the 42nd Annual Meeting for SSR ; 3rd place in the Graduate Life Sciences Category at the UIC Research Forum, 2009.

Madhumita Pradhan (Advisor: Jonna Frasor, Ph.D.) – Abstract Travel grant award sponsored by the Endocrine Society to attend 91st Annual Meeting of the Endocrine Society in Washington, DC; Winner at the Presidential Poster Competition at the Endocrine Society meeting; Selected attend at the Endocrine Society Trainee Day; Presenters Award from the Graduate College to attend the Endocrine Society.

Tanganyika Wilder (Advisor: R. John Solaro, Ph.D.) – American Physiological Society Porter Physiology Fellowship Recipient 2009-2010; Graduate Research Fellowship Program at NSF Honorable Mention Awardee; 2009 Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology – MARC Travel Award Recipient for Grant Writing and Leadership Development Seminar; Outstanding Achievement Student Award 2009

Matthew Curtis, Bioengineering Student (Advisor: Brenda Russell, Ph.D.) - First Place Poster at University of Illinois Student Research Forum, April 2009; Graduate Student Council Travel Award, June 2009; First Place Poster at Bioengineering 2009 Conference at University of Oxford in September 2009.

ADDITIONAL AWARDS

Aurora Shehu, Ph.D. Post Doc (Mentor: Geula Gibori, Ph.D.) – Outstanding Dissertation Award in Life Sciences, University of Illinois at Chicago

Chad Warren, M.S., Senior Research Specialist (Mentor: R. John Solaro, Ph.D.) – First Prize Poster Winner at First Annual CCVR Research Day at UIC in June 2009

Sangeeta Yendrembam, Ph.D., Post Doc (Mentor: Geula Gibori, Ph.D.) – Honorable Mention in the Post-Doctoral Fellow Category for Research Poster Presentation at UIC College of Medicine Research Forum, 2009; 3rd place at the Trainee Research Platform Competition at the 42nd Annual Meeting for the Society for the Study of Reproduction in Pittsburgh, PA 2009; Larry Ewing Memorial Trainee Travel Award to Attend 42nd Annual Meeting for the Society for the Study of Reproduction in Pittsburgh, PA 2009

Physiology and Biophysics Graduate Student Association: UIC Student Activities Funding Committee selection for “PBGSA Science Seminar”

SERVICE RECOGNITION

25 Years of Service: Primal de Lanerolle

5 Years of Service: Jennifer Guthrie

GRADUATE STUDENTS ENTERING FALL 2009

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Ying-Hsi Lin

MASTER OF SCIENCE

Kimberley Mullen

Jeffrey Schappi

*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.*