

Alumni Newsletter

Department of Physiology and Biophysics

University of Illinois at Chicago

September, 2009

As always September brings the start of the new school year (actually August but it has taken me a while to get my act together). We had our annual welcome for new students last month and I have attached the information about our new students to this note. Also included is some contact information you may find interesting.

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**Fall 2009 - New Physiology Students  
August 21, 2009**

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| <b>Degree Sought:</b>                          | MD/PhD  |   |
| <b>Place of Birth:</b>                         | March ARB, CA   |   |
| <b>Current Residence (city, neighborhood):</b> | Printer's Row, Chicago  |   |
| <b>Undergraduate University:</b>               | University of Florida   |   |
| <b>Long-term Goal for your career:</b>         | Success in scientific innovation  |   |
| <b>Favorite Food:</b>                          | Bread   |   |
| <b>Favorite Music:</b>                         | Independent rock  |   |
| <b>Hobbies:</b>                                | Weight training, swimming, biking, video games, gardening, bread baking, technology/gadgets |   |
| <b>Three words that describe you:</b>          | open-minded, contemplative, structured  |   |

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|  | <b>Place of Birth:</b>                         | Taiwan                         |
|  | <b>Current Residence (city, neighborhood):</b> | Chicago, Illinois              |
|  | <b>Undergraduate University:</b>               | National Taiwan University     |
|  | <b>Long-term Goal for your career:</b>         | Research                       |
|  | <b>Favorite Food:</b>                          | Pasta, cheese, steak           |
|  | <b>Favorite Music:</b>                         | Smooth Jazz, Pop               |
|  | <b>Hobbies:</b>                                | Baseball, football             |
|  | <b>Three words that describe you:</b>          | Honest, unselfish and diligent |

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| <b>Degree Sought:</b>                          | MD/PhD  |   |
| <b>Place of Birth:</b>                         | Belgium   |   |
| <b>Current Residence (city, neighborhood):</b> | Chicago, Bronzeville  |   |
| <b>Undergraduate University:</b>               | Chicago State University  |   |
| <b>Long-term Goal for your career:</b>         | Contribute significantly towards the quest and/or solution for a cure for cancer. |   |
| <b>Favorite Food:</b>                          | Anything with curry   |   |
| <b>Favorite Music:</b>                         | Dancing music   |   |
| <b>Hobbies:</b>                                | Watching sports, table tennis, guitar playing                                     |   |
| <b>Three words that describe you:</b>          | Tenacious, insightful, altruistic   |   |

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|  | <b>Name:</b>                                   | Kimberley Mullen  |
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|   | <b>Place of Birth:</b>                         | Oxford, England   |
|   | <b>Current Residence (city, neighborhood):</b> | Naperville, Illinois  |
|   | <b>Undergraduate University:</b>               | Baylor University, Waco, Texas                                    |
|   | <b>Long-term Goal for your career:</b>         | Make a societal impact through research; teach and inspire others |
|   | <b>Favorite Food:</b>                          | Ice cream and milk  |
|   | <b>Favorite Music:</b>                         | All kinds   |
|   | <b>Hobbies:</b>                                | Reading, writing, dancing ballet                                  |
| <b>Three words that describe you:</b>   | Curious, driven, and organized                 |   |

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| <b>Place of Birth:</b>                         | Hammond, Indiana               |  |
| <b>Current Residence (city, neighborhood):</b> | Just down the street!          |  |
| <b>Undergraduate University:</b>               | U of I Champaign               |  |
| <b>Long-term Goal for your career:</b>         | to really enjoy what I'm doing |  |
| <b>Favorite Food:</b>                          | pizza or Asian                 |  |
| <b>Favorite Music:</b>                         | pop                            |  |
| <b>Hobbies:</b>                                | computers, reading, exercise   |  |
| <b>Three words that describe you:</b>          | inquisitive, cautious, loyal   |  |

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| <b>Name:</b>                                   | Tammy Tamayo   |
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| <b>Place of Birth:</b>                         | Parana, Argentina  |
| <b>Current Residence (city, neighborhood):</b> | The Loop, Chicago  |
| <b>Undergraduate University:</b>               | UC Davis   |
| <b>Long-term Goal for your career:</b>         | Medical Scientist, with a clinical, research, and an educational component.  |
| <b>Favorite Food:</b>                          | Ice cream  |
| <b>Favorite Music:</b>                         | Subject to mood changes- remodeled folk is my favorite right now.  |
| <b>Hobbies:</b>                                | Interested in culture (language, history, philosophy, current events), though no particular media or region. I like participating in outdoor sports like rock climbing and water skiing. I've traveled considerably, mostly to south America but also to eastern Europe. Regrettably, I've had little time for these things since becoming a parent. I have continued to read, though, and have new hobbies like looking for good children's books and going to all of the museums in Chicago with my son (and now, daughter). |
| <b>Three words that describe you:</b>          | Curious, questioning, assertive  |

**Distinguished University Professor and Head**

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**Upcoming Physiology and Biophysics Events:**

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|--------------|---|--|---|--------------------|
| 08/23/09     | - | Dyer, Indiana                          | - | Summer Celebration |
| TBA November | - | 20th Annual Awards/Recognition Evening |   |                    |
| TBA December | - | Annual Pot-luck Holiday Party          |   |                    |

**Tentative Schedule of Upcoming Seminars**

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| 09/18/09 | Student Seminar                 | UIC   |
| 09/25/09 | Avia Rosenhouse-Dantsker, D.Sc. | (Host: R. John Solaro)  |
| 10/09/09 | Matteo Vatta, Ph.D.             | Baylor College of Medicine (Host: R. John Solaro)                       |
| 10/23/09 | Student Seminar                 | UIC   |
| 11/6/09  | Beata Wolska, Ph.D.             | UIC   |
| 11/13/09 | Roberta A. Gottlieb, M.D.       | San Diego State University (Host: E. Doug Lewandowski)                  |
| 11/17/09 | Ivan Robert Nabi, Ph.D.         | University of British Columbia (Host: Mark Rasenick)                    |
| 11/20/09 | Student Seminar                 | UIC   |
| 12/11/09 | Michael Portman, M.D.           | University of Washington School of Medicine (Host: E. Doug Lewandowski) |

**All seminars are on Friday 10:00-11:00 am in Room 1020 CMRB (unless otherwise indicated)**

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