

# Alumni Newsletter

## Department of Physiology and Biophysics

### University of Illinois at Chicago

#### June, 2009

#### **Ms. Linda Alaniz-Avila**

As I mentioned in the note I sent out in May, Linda was set to retire. The Department had a party for her on June 16, 2009. Here is the link for the pictures from the party:

[http://www.uic.edu/depts/mcpb/Pictures/Linda\\_retirement\\_June\\_2009/index.html](http://www.uic.edu/depts/mcpb/Pictures/Linda_retirement_June_2009/index.html)

A LOT of people were there including some from who had left the fold earlier. It was a wonderful occasion. The Department presented Linda with a framed photomosaic of the research building we are now in composed of pictures from various picnics, holiday parties, and awards evenings. Here is a link to the picture – you can zoom in and move around the picture to see the individual photos.

[http://www.uic.edu/depts/mcpb/Pictures/Linda\\_retirement\\_June\\_2009/New-building-courtyar.html](http://www.uic.edu/depts/mcpb/Pictures/Linda_retirement_June_2009/New-building-courtyar.html)

Linda will be keeping her e-mail address (at least for a while). I know she would love to hear how you are all doing.

[film@uic.edu](mailto:film@uic.edu)

#### **Defenses**

Kittipong Tachampa successfully completed his PhD thesis defense on June 1, 2009. His advisor was Dr. Pieter de Tombe and his thesis title was:

Impact of Cardiac Troponin I Subdomains on Cross-Bridge Cycling Kinetics and Myofilament Function

Witchuda Saengsawang completed her PhD defense on June 22, 2009. Her advisor was Dr. Mark Rasenick and her thesis title was:

Structural and Physiological Details of Gs Alpha-Tubulin Complex

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