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CONGRATULATIONS

The Department of Anatomy and Cell Biology would like to congratulate Dr. Lauren Flynn and Family on their newest member, Jack Evan Brzezinski who arrived the evening of Monday, July 13th, weighing 8 lbs 4oz.



Congratulations to Dr. Michelle Mottola on her appointment as the Chair of the Maternal, Fetal, Newborn Health

Division of the Children's Health Research Institute effective July 1st, 2020 for a 5 year term. The [full announcement can be read](#) on the ACB website.

Congratulations to Matthew Borrelli and Austyn Roseborough on their successful PhD comprehensive exams.

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SCHOLARSHIPS, AWARDS & GRANTS

Congratulations to **Chidambra Halari**, PhD student with the Lala lab on receiving a Children's Health Research Institute studentship award for the 2020-21 academic year.

Congratulations to **Adam Jaremek** with the Renaud Lab on receiving a Children's Health Research Institute (CHRI) Fellowship for 2020-21.



2020 WESTERN AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

Nominations for the 2020 Western Award of Excellence are being accepted until **Friday August 7, 2020**. This award is the highest level of campus-wide recognition for the exceptional performance of Western staff. You are encouraged to visit www.uwo.ca/excellence_award for more information on the award and to download a nomination form. Western faculty, staff, students & alumni are invited to nominate an individual staff member or a team of staff who make an outstanding contribution to our campus community.

PRESENTATIONS & CONFERENCES

Ornela Kljakic presented her talk entitled "Motivation and cue-directed effort are regulated by acetylcholine/glutamate co-transmission from striatal cholinergic interneurons" at the Robarts Research Retreat held on June 19th.



Several members of the Renaud lab attended SSR Virtual, the annual conference of the Society for the Study of Reproduction which was held virtually on July 8th-12th. At the meeting **Gargi Jaju** delivered a platform presentation entitled "Global and Site-Specific Changes in Histone Acetylation During Human Placental Trophoblast Differentiation" which she was a finalist for top abstract (predoctoral students) and received a Lalor Merit Award for.

There were also four posters presented by the following students:

- **Maram Albakri** - "Characterizing the Role of OVOL1 in Placental Trophoblast Cell Proliferation."
- **Adam Jaremek** - "Effect of Hypoxia on Trophoblast Cell Fusion of Human Placental BeWo Cells."
- **Mariyan Jeyarajah** - "ASCL2 is Essential for Differentiation and Function of Extravillous Trophoblast Cells during Human Placental Development," Which earned an SSR Travel Award to attend next year's conference.
- **Hannah Roberts** - "Maternal Iron Deficiency Elicits Changes In Placental Development and Alters Fetal Growth Trajectories."

NEW PUBLICATIONS

We want to feature your new publications here!

submit them to anatomy@uwo.ca

Leigh Anne Swayne, Scott R. Johnstone, Chen Seng Ng, Juan C. Sanchez-Arias, Miranda E. Good, [Silvia Penuela](#), Alexander W. Lohman, Abigail G. Wolpe, Victor E. Laubach, Michael Koval, and Brant E. Isakson (2020) "Consideration of Pannexin 1 channels in COVID-19 pathology and treatment" <https://doi.org/10.1152/ajplung.00146.2020>



The above editorial was also featured on the American Physiological Society AJP-Lung page. <https://twitter.com/AJPLung/status/1272869198415486976/photo/1>

Dr. [Peeyush Lala](#) is a member of The Editorial Academy of The International Journal of Oncology and will be featured in one of their upcoming issues.

ACB SEMINAR SERIES 2020-2021

The ACB Research Committee is looking for speaker nominations for the ACB Seminar Series for the 2020-2021 Academic year. This year the Friday seminars will be held in a virtual format with speakers presenting via Zoom. This allows us the unique advantage of inviting speakers from all over the world without travel or budget restrictions.

We have received **12** nominees so far, and with 25 spots available to fill we encourage all faculty, students and staff to submit at least one name by completing the [nomination form](#).

ACB Seminar
Series Speaker
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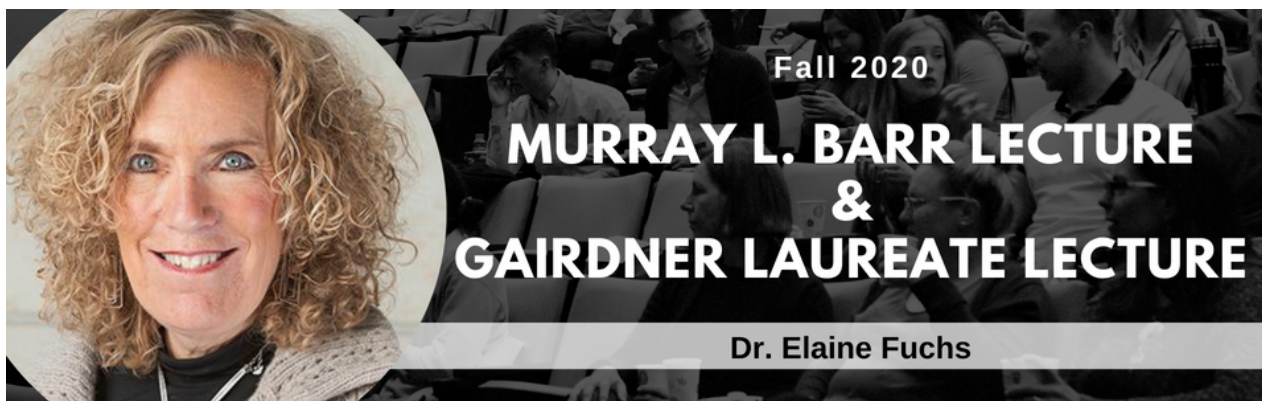
2020 ACB PROMOTION & TENURE

PUBLIC SOLICITATION FOR DR. STEPHEN RENAUD

NOTICE TO ALL FACULTY AND STUDENTS

Dr. [Stephen Renaud](#) is being considered for promotion to Associate Professor and the granting of tenure, which requires a public solicitation for letters. For more details and if you're interested in providing a written submission please [click here](#).

ACB EVENTS



MURRAY L. BARR & GAIRDNER LAUREATE LECTURE

We are pleased to announce that Dr. Elaine Fuchs, a 2020 Gairdner Award recipient will be this years Murray L. Barr Lecturer. The 27th Annual Lecture will be held virtually in conjunction with the Gairdner Laureate Lecture, where Dr. Fuchs will be presenting as a Gairdner Awardee. More details will be made available on the [Anatomy & Cell Biology Events Calendar](#) in the coming weeks.

VIRTUAL TRIVIA NIGHT

Congratulations to the winner of Trivia is not so Trivial pt. 3! Want to play again, or missed out last time? Stay tuned for upcoming dates and an invite in your inbox.



GRAD STUDENT SOCIAL HOUR

Connect with fellow Grad students during the weekly Social Hour hosted on Zoom by Kelly Baines and Paige Easnor.

Mondays 3:00pm-4:00pm

Thursdays 10:00am-11:00am

ACB GIVES BACK



ST. JOHN'S HOSPITALITY DINNER

St. John's is continuing to serve those in need during the Covid-19 pandemic, and requires the ongoing support of Volunteers to help prepare and serve food at the community dinners. Social distancing measures and precautions are in place to ensure the safety of volunteers and patrons. To register, please add your name to the volunteer sign up sheet by [clicking here](#)