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DEPARTMENTAL UPDATES

NEW EDID COMMITTEE

We are delighted to announce the inaugural membership of the new Anatomy & Cell Biology EDID Committee, representing a diverse and intersectional group of ACB faculty, staff, and students:

[Martin Duennwald](#), [Sairam Gajavelli](#), [Jibran Khokhar](#), [Charys Martin](#),
[Sean McWatt](#), [Sam Stack-Couture](#), [Michael Zheng](#) and [Jenn Devlin](#).

The EDID Committee will be responsible for developing and/or supporting all EDID-related strategic initiatives within the department. This will include identifying EDID-related education and training opportunities for ACB faculty, staff, and trainees as well as working as advisors/collaborators with the Chair, Research Committee, UGAC, GAC, and Clinical Anatomy Committee for implementation of EDID initiatives and processes in ACB.

ASSOCIATE GRADUATE CHAIR UPDATE

As of December 31, 2022 [Dr. Shawn Whitehead's](#) first 3-year term as ACB Associate Chair Graduate Studies concluded, and Dr. Whitehead has recently accepted another leadership position supporting Western's neuroscience research community. We would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank Dr. Whitehead for all of his hard work, advocacy, and initiative as Grad Chair over the past 3 years and wish him the very best in his new role.

Effective January 1, 2023, [Dr. Paul Walton](#) will take on the role of Interim ACB Associate Chair Graduate Studies until June 30, 2023. As of July 1, 2023 [Dr. Trevor Shepherd](#) will assume the role of ACB Associate Chair Graduate Studies for a 3-year term. Both Drs. Walton and Shepherd bring a wealth of experience in graduate education to their roles, and I greatly appreciate their willingness to ensure a smooth transition in supporting all aspects of the graduate program in Anatomy & Cell Biology.

WELCOME DR. ANDREW DEWEYERT



Anatomy & Cell Biology is delighted to welcome Dr. Andrew Deweyert as a new limited term Assistant Professor in the area of histology and anatomy starting on June 1, 2023. As a proud ACB alumnus, Dr. Deweyert comes to us from the Feinberg School of Medicine at Northwestern University in Chicago, where he is currently an Assistant Professor in the Department of Medical Education and the Anatomy Curriculum Co-Lead for Undergraduate Medicine and the Physician's Assistant program. Based on his teaching excellence and contributions to curricular innovations during his short time in Chicago, Dr. Deweyert was the recipient of the 2022 John X. Thomas Jr. Best Teachers of Feinberg Award as well as 2 other student-led teaching award nominations. He was also awarded the 2019 Francis Chan Humanitarian Prize during his PhD studies in ACB. Dr. Deweyert's current research interests include neuro-oncology, translational cancer research, and scholarship of teaching and learning (SoTL).

In particular, his SoTL work is focused on understanding and assessing the role of technology in the classroom as well as evaluating assessment methods in the medical curriculum; both of which are aimed at evidence-based pedagogy. We are excited to have Dr. Deweyert as part of the ACB team and look forward to his teaching and scholarly contributions to the department and the broader Western community. Welcome Andrew!

IN MEMORIAM: DR. BRIAN FLUMERFELT



It is with great sadness that we share the news that Dr. Brian Flumerfelt passed away on January 10, 2023. Dr. Flumerfelt was an accomplished academic and a valued colleague in Anatomy & Cell Biology for 35 years, including 10 years as Chair of the Department and 3 years as the Faculty's Assistant Dean of Research. He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

https://www.schulich.uwo.ca/about/news/2023/january/in_memoriam_dr_brian_flumerfelt.html

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Dr. Armen Parsyan who received an Academic Merit Award 2022 from the Department of Surgery in recognition of exemplary achievements in research.

Congratulations to Dr. Peeyush Lala on being appointed as an honorary advisor to the Graduate Program of the Institute of Regenerative Medicine at Loma Linda University, California

Congratulations to Mariyan Jeyarajah (Renaud Lab) on successfully defending his PhD thesis examination entitled "Identifying Novel Transcriptional Regulators in Trophoblast Development"

We want to feature your new publications here!

submit them to anatomy@uwo.ca

NEW PUBLICATIONS

Nicole A. Setterington, Sarah Mclean, and Anita Woods, Design, Implementation, and Evaluation of a Students as Partners Interactive Feedback Model. *Advances in Physiology Education*

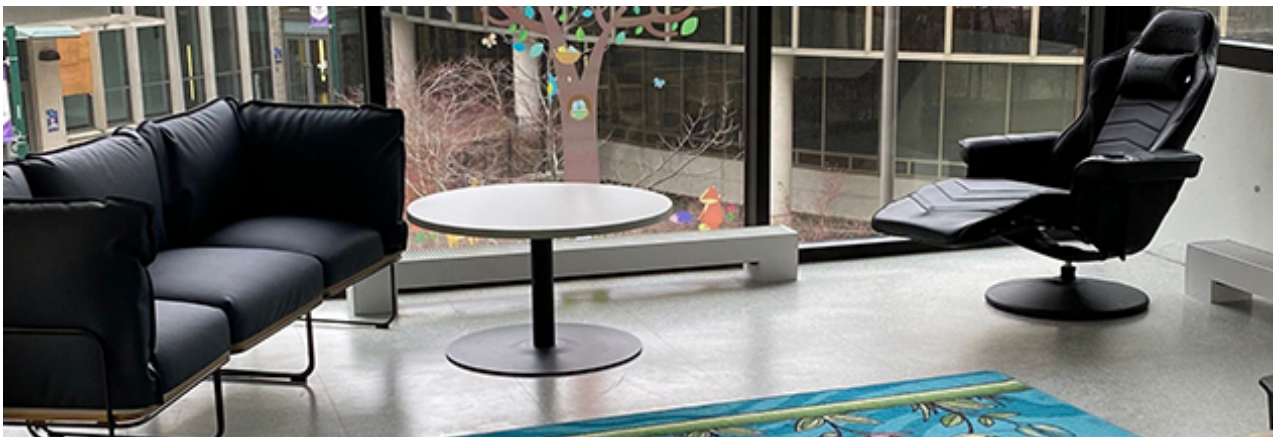
<https://doi.org/10.1152/advan.00182.2022>

Andrew Horne, Jenna J Yuen, Tyler S. Beveridge, and Sarah Mclean, Grade-focused interactions in higher education: has the pursuit for good grades replaced learning? *Advances in Physiology Education*, 46(4), 752-762. <https://doi.org/10.1152/advan.00021.2022>

Kayla A. Benjamin, and Sarah Mclean, Change the medium, change the message: creativity is key to battle misinformation. *Advances in Physiology Education*, 46(4), 752-762.

<https://doi.org/10.1152/advan.00021.2021>

CAMPUS SERVICES



THE WELDON FAMILY ROOM

Western has opened The Weldon Family Room, a private and accessible space for parents to work alongside their young children. This room is equipped with adult and child-sized furniture, tv and much more. Students, faculty, and researchers can book this room for themselves and their children through *Western Libraries*. <https://calendar.lib.uwo.ca/reserve/weldonfamilyroom>

ACB GIVES BACK

ST. JOHN'S HOSPITALITY DINNER



St. John's requires the ongoing support of Volunteers to help prepare and serve food at the community dinners. To register, please add your name to the volunteer sign up sheet by [clicking here](#)

SCHULICH NEWS & EVENTS



2023 AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE NOMINATIONS

Take part in celebrating and recognizing the outstanding contributions of faculty and staff at the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry with an Award of Excellence.

Nominations are now open for London and Windsor Campus awards until March 17, 2023

Nominate a deserving individual today.

NEUROSCIENCE RESEARCH DAY 2023



FEBRUARY 23RD & 24TH, 2023



NEUROSCIENCE RESEARCH DAY

Keynote Speakers	Faculty Talks	Science Communication Workshop
 Matthew Burke, MD	 Jibran Khokhar, PhD	 Emma Duerden, PhD
 Sheena Josselyn, PhD	 Jesus Chavarria, PhD	
And more...		
	Trainee Presentations Neuroscience Art Exhibit	Great Debate EDI Panel



The Society of Neuroscience Graduate Students (SONGS) at Western University would like to invite all trainees, faculty, and staff to attend Neuroscience Research Day (NRD) in-person at North Campus Building on February 23rd and 24th, 2023. The day will feature keynote speakers and new faculty talks, including one by ACB faculty member [Dr. Jibran Khokhar](#). For more information on the program, registration, and abstract submission visit the SONGS website: <https://songsuwo.ca/nrd2023>

UPCOMING SEMINARS

ANATOMY & CELL BIOLOGY Seminar Series

ACB SEMINAR SERIES- UPCOMING PRESENTATIONS



Friday, February 3rd, 2023

Speaker: Christine Vande Velde, PhD
Accredited Professor, Biochemistry, Associate Professor, Neurosciences,
Université de Montréal

Title: *"Targeting stress granules in ALS/FTD"*

Host: Dr. Martin Duennwald



Friday, February 17th, 2023

Speaker: Anne Simon, PhD
Assistant Professor, Biology, Western University

Title: *"Recovering from social isolation: lessons from the fly"*

Host: Dr. Patrick Lajoie



Friday, February 24th, 2023

Speaker: Fiona Rawle, PhD
Professor, Biology, University of Toronto

Title: *"Learning from Failure: Structural Supports for Science Students"*

Host: Dr. Sarah Mclean



Friday, March 3rd, 2023

Speaker: Jacob Haagsma, PhD Candidate
Anatomy & Cell Biology, Western University

Title: TBA

Host: Dr. Trevor Shepherd

Join us in MSB 282 or on Zoom
<https://westernuniversity.zoom.us/j/92319062457>

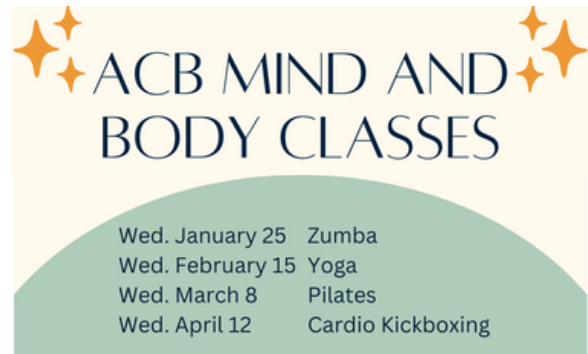
ACB GRADUATE STUDENT COUNCIL

ACB MIND & BODY CLASSES

The ACB Grad Council would like to help promote your physical well-being through a variety of free fitness classes this Semester!

The classes are set at a beginner level and held at the Western Rec Centre at 7pm.

Register by emailing Emily Tomas (etomas3@uwo.ca) by Monday, February 7th, 2023



ACB ICE SKATING

The ACB social committee is hosting an ice skating night at the Victoria Park rink on Friday, February 10th at 7:00 pm

Skate rentals are available for \$7, but please bring your own if you have them.

The social committee will be providing hot chocolate to warm up after the event!

RSVP by Wednesday, February 8th

POP TAB FUNDRAISER

Your ACB Grad Council would like to send out this friendly reminder to please continue collecting all aluminum tabs from your drinks, canned foods, or pet food containers for our **Pop Tab Fundraiser** - in support of March of Dimes Canada! If you'd like to bring in the whole (clean and crushed) aluminum can, you are welcome to do so. As the holiday season approaches and you begin to gather with friends and family, try to gather up what aluminum you have to give back to your community.

A collection bin exists outside of MSB 443 (ACB Admin Office), however, smaller containers are available if you would like one for your lab, office, or home!

Please contact Vivienne Hang, ACB Grad Council Treasurer (vhang@uwo.ca) for more information.

