Welcome Graduate Students!

The Department of Anatomy and Cell Biology welcomes our incoming Graduate students of the fall 2021 term:

**MSc Anatomy & Cell Biology**
- Edward Kyle - Hamilton Lab
- Stephanie Leighton - Laird Lab
- Kashma Mansour - Berube Lab
- Amy Pietrantonio - Willmore Lab
- Berk Rasheed - Singh Lab
- Samuel Stack-Couture - Lajoie Lab
- Jack Webb - Shepherd Lab

**MSc Neuroscience**
- Aya Arrar - Prado Lab
- Dana Gummerson - Laviolette Lab
- Melvin Maroon - Schmid Lab
- Jason Ng - Laviolette Lab
- Emma Proud - Laviolette Lab
- Elizabeth Teasell - Brown Lab

**PhD Anatomy & Cell Biology**
- Mathiang Chot - Allman Lab
- Chengyu Guo - Hamilton Lab
- Pedro Marinho - Duennwald Lab
- Sepideh Nikfarjam - Singh Lab

**PhD Neuroscience**
- Alice Zheng - Schmid/Allman Lab

**MSc Clinical Anatomy & Cell Biology**
- Erin Biggar, Erin Brown, Edengenet Demis, Rebecca Elgie, Livianna Gallone, Vivienne Hang, Leah Killing, Hannah Martin, Ethan McQueen, Amna Noor, Angela Pecyna

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ACB Events Calendar
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ACB Graduate Council

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Congratulations to Dr. Dale Laird on his appointment as Assistant Dean, Research Chairs & Awards. Dr. Laird will provide strategic leadership and oversight for the Research Chairs portfolio, as well as internal and external faculty research awards. Read more...

This past summer Anatomy & Cell Biology saw many students complete their programs and move on in their academic and professional careers. We would like to take a moment to recognize their achievements and wish them the best in the future!

**Congratulations to the following students who successfully defended their PhD thesis:**
- **Andrew Deweyert** (Schmid and Hebb Labs) “Establishing Intratumoral Modulation Therapy as a New Treatment Modality for High Grade Gliomas”
- **Rafael Sanchez Pupo** (Penuela Lab) “The regulation of Panx1 and Panx2 in the skin in health and disease”

**Congratulations to the following students who successfully defended their MSc thesis:**
- **Dolly Dhaliwal** (Shepherd Lab) entitled “β5 integrin is required for epithelial ovarian cancer cell adhesion and metastatic properties of spheroids”
- **Rhett Figliuzzi** (Laird Lab) “Erythrokeratodermia Variabilis et Progressiva (EKVP) Linked Cx30,3 Mutants can be Selectively Rescued by Co-expression of Wildtype Keratinocyte Connexins”
- **Rober Abdo** (Penuela Lab) “Expression of pannexin1 in brain metastases derived from lung cancer”

Congratulations to **Brooke O'Donnell** (Penuela Lab) who successfully defended her Comprehensive Exam. “Investigating Cell Plasticity in Basoquamous Carcinoma.”

**Scholarships, Awards & Grants**

Congratulations to **Mariyan Jeyarajah** (Renaud Lab) on receiving the Macklin award for Teaching and Research in Medical Sciences.

Congratulations to **Dr. Vasudeva Bhat** (Postdoc in the Allan lab) who was recently awarded a Breast Cancer Society of Canada Translational Research Postdoctoral Fellowship for the 2021-2022 academic year.
SONGS PODCAST: BRAIN MATTER CHATTER

In the newest episode of Brain Matter Chatter (BMC) Julia Sunstrum and Niveen Fultcher (Schmid Lab) spoke with one of Western's leading mental health experts, Dr. David Dozois about the impact of isolation on mental health and why we might feel anxious about going back to normal. BMC is a podcast about mental health in academia, produced by the Society of Neuroscience Graduate Students (SONGS). Visit the BMC Website for new episodes.

NEW PUBLICATIONS

We want to feature your new publications here! submit them to anatomy@uwo.ca


Iqra Razzaq, Matthew D Berg, Yuwei Jiang, Julie Genereaux, Deeva Uthayakumar, Grace H Kim, Michelle Agyare-Tabbi, Viola Halder, Christopher J Brandl, Patrick Lajoie, Rebecca S Shapiro, The SAGA and NuA4 component Tra1 regulates Candida albicans drug resistance and pathogenesis, Genetics, 2021;, iyab131, https://doi.org/10.1093/genetics/iyab131


ANATOMY & CELL BIOLOGY

Seminar Series

Friday, September 10th
Speaker: ACB Graduate Student Council
Title: Graduate Student Council Elections
Host: Jenna Kitz

Friday, September 24th
Speaker: Paula Foster, PhD, Assistant Professor, Medical Biophysics, Western University
Title: TBA
Host: Dr. Alison Allan

Friday, October 1st
Speaker: Axel Montagne, PhD, Chancellor’s Fellow, The University of Edinburgh
Title: Cerebrovascular and inflam-ageing link to neurodegeneration and dementia.
Host: Dr. Shawn Whitehead

Join us via Zoom
https://westernuniversity.zoom.us/j/92319062457

ACB/BIOCHEM FACULTY SEARCH
Candidate Seminars
Join us via Zoom at 10:00 a.m
https://westernuniversity.zoom.us/j/92319062457

Thursday, September 9th - Samantha Wilson, PhD, Postdoctoral Fellow, Princess Margaret Cancer Centre
Monday, September 13th - Krysta Coyle, PhD, Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Molecular Biology and Biochemistry, Faculty of Science, Simon Fraser University
Wednesday, September 15th - Michael Hallet, PhD, Professor, Department of Biology, Concordia University
Wednesday, September 22nd - Vanessa Dumeaux, PhD, Affiliated Assistant Professor, Department of Biology, Concordia University
Monday, September 27th - Tallulah Andrews, PhD, Senior Postdoctoral Fellow, UHN Research

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ACB EVENTS

GRADUATE STUDENT MIXER
Calling all ACB Graduate Students! You're invited for a social mixer on the Grad Club Patio, September 9th, 4:00-6:00pm. Catch up with fellow students and meet the incoming class. Snackables and soft drinks will be provided.

GRADUATE STUDENT MIXER
19 SEPTEMBER 2021 | 4:00PM - 6:00 PM
GRAD CLUB PATIO

FALL SOCIAL
Join us on Sunday, September 19th for the first department social event of the 2021-2022 Academic year!
Faculty, Staff, and Students, along with their families are invited to join us for a picnic and games at Fanshawe Conservation Area. Please RSVP HERE by Wednesday, September 15th

RSVP HERE

ACB FALL SOCIAL
19 SEPTEMBER 2021
FANSHAWE CONSERVATION AREA

ACB & MEDBIO TAILGATE
Mark your calendars! On Saturday, October 2nd the departments of ACB and Medbio will get together for a tailgate in the Thompson parking lot prior to the game. Stay tuned for more details!

ACB & MEDBIO TAILGATE

THE 28TH ANNUAL MURRAY L. BARR LECTURE
We are pleased to announce that Dr. Masatoshi Takeichi, a 2020 Gairdner Award recipient will be this year's Murray L. Barr Lecturer. The 28th Annual Lecture will be held in a blended format on Friday, October 15th at 8:30 a.m. Anatomy & Cell Biology members are welcome to view the lecture from the McKeller room as part of the department's annual Research Day. The lecture will also be open to guests outside of the department on Zoom Webinar. More details will be made available on the Anatomy & Cell Biology Events Calendar in the coming weeks.

Friday, October 15, 2021 | 8:30 a.m.

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Masatoshi Takeichi, PhD

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ACB ZOOM WORKOUT SESSIONS

FREE ZOOM WORKOUTS
WESTERN STRENGTH GROUP

TUESDAY & THURSDAY @ 7:00PM
• All Fitness Levels Welcomed
• Equipment: Set of Dumbbells and/or a Resistance Band
• Programming and Classes Led by Registered Kinesiologist Brent Wakefield

HTTPS://WESTERNUNIVERSITY.ZOOM.US/J/9902166503

Join Brent Wakefield and the Penuela lab for their ongoing group workout sessions offered Tuesday and Thursday 7:00 pm. The sessions are completely free and run for 45 - 60 minutes. Any questions or modifications regarding the programming can be directed to Brent (bwakefi@uwo.ca).

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IN MEMORIAM: DR. DAN BELLIVEAU

It is with sadness that we share the news that Dr. Dan Belliveau passed away on August 17, 2021. Dan was a former member of the Department and a great friend and colleague to many of us -- he will be greatly missed. A link to his obituary can be found here. Those wishing to make a donation in memory of Dan are asked to consider the Dan Belliveau Memorial Bursary at Western University or the Daniel Belliveau Bursary Fund, St. Francis Xavier University.

ACB GIVES BACK

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St. John's Hospitality Dinner
SEPTEMBER 11TH & NOVEMBER 6TH

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.

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