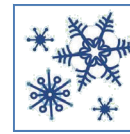




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Dr. Derek McLachlin for an Award of Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching.

Drs. Nathalie Berube and Melissa Mann for promotion to Associate Professors.

Dr. Shawn Li for promotion to Professor.

Research Showcase: A Learning Experience

The Biochemistry community braved the cold and snow on the afternoon of the 21st of January to attend our annual Research Showcase for Biochemistry Students. The event took place at Huron University College in the Kingsmill Room, a venue with a high ceiling, vaulted windows, and a wintry view of woods festooned with snow. Attendees included students and researchers from UWO and associated institutes.

The Showcase featured posters of research highlights from Biochem-



Poster Session (Kingsmill Room)

istry first-year graduate students and 4th-year undergraduate students in project courses. For many of these students, the event was their first time presenting research posters. Stu-

dents learned about their peers' research; interacted with the research community; and gained valuable experience in discussing results and answering questions.

This Showcase represents an informal venue for students to practice their presentation skills, in preparation for future poster sessions.

Special thanks to Huron University College staff for hosting the event and to Stevens Exhibit Design for the poster boards.

People News

Ruth Webber (retired Secretary, Biochemistry Office) passed away on 18 March. Donations to the Canadian Cancer Society, Parkinson Society Canada, or a charity of your choice would be gratefully acknowledged by the family. The Department made a donation.

The position for a Tier 2 CRC in Chemical Biology through the Dept. of Biochemistry and Dept. of Chemistry at UWO is available. Two more candidates were selected to present seminars in March and April.

Fifteen 2nd and 3rd year summer students will be joining the department on 2 May as part of the Biochemistry Undergraduate Summer Research Program. Students were matched to research labs of their choice.

Publication News

Recent publications from Biochemistry labs include:

- Dr. Dick (Rb protein)
- Dr. Dunn (ATP synthase and SOD1 in ALS)
- Drs. Goldberg, Hunter, Lajoie (crystallization)
- Dr. Gupta (hypoxic pregnancy)
- Dr. Han (fetoscopic and ultrasound techniques)
- Dr. Hegele (diabetes), (height variants), and (lipid modification

- treatment)
- Drs. Hudson, Meakin (imaging brain tumours)
- Dr. Li (protein interaction domains)
- Dr. Ling (2 papers on DNA polymerases)
- Dr. Litchfield (CK2, NHE5)
- Dr. Mann (stem cells)
- Dr. O'Gorman (PDE inhibitors in ischemia)
- Dr. Rodenhiser (breast cancer)

- Dr. Rupar (Glycogen Storage Disease)
- Dr. Shaw (S100A10 conformation), (ubiquitin/CDC34 association), and (parkin and Parkinson's: featured on *Biochemistry's* homepage)
- Dr. Turley (hyaluronan review)

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