

CONGRATS TO...

- Christopher Johansen for the Graduate Student Award for Best Oral Presentation at the Canadian Lipoprotein Conference.
- Dr. Murray Huff for the CLC Senior Scientist Award for excellence in lipid and lipoprotein research in Canada.
- Dr. Rob Hegele for his renewal as the Jacob J. Wolfe Distinguished Chair in Human Genetics.
- Dr. Shawn Li for his CRC Tier 2 renewal in Functional Genomics and Cellular Proteomics.
- Dr. Peter Rogan for his patent 'Mitigation of Cot-1 DNA distortion in nucleic acid hybridization' ([US patent 7,833,713](#)).
- Tom Kolaczyk for his successful MSc thesis defence; Brent Stead, Liliana Santamaria-Kisiel, and Kevin Kirouac for successful PhD defences.

PEOPLE STUFF

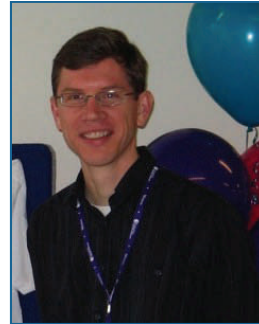
The position for a Tier 2 CRC in Chemical Biology through the Dept. of Biochemistry and Dept. of Chemistry at UWO has been advertised. Candidates will be giving research seminars in January.

DID YOU KNOW?

Our first Biochemistry MSc was awarded in 1948.

His Final Words...Hypothetically Speaking

Dr. Derek McLachlin gave his Final Lecture Ever on 25 November to a packed room of over 500 people. No, he's not leaving or anything. The event was part of the Last Lecture Series sponsored by [Students Offering Support \(SOS\)](#). In this series, professors share their hypothetical dying words by offering wisdom gained during life experiences and discussing what is important in their lives. The Last Lecture provides opportunities for personal reflection of our lifetimes. The seminar was free to all, with donations



Dr. Derek McLachlin

accepted for the local food bank.

SOS started out as a student association at Wilfrid Laurier University in 2004 and is now a

national organization with chapters at many Canadian universities, including Western. For a \$20 donation, student volunteers at SOS provide review sessions prior to student exams. The money raised aids education in developing countries, and SOS volunteers visit such countries to help build projects.

Dr. McLachlin's lecture will eventually appear as a YouTube video for further viewing. Stay tuned for his hypothetical final words online.

Celebrating The Holiday Season

The annual Biochemistry Christmas party was held during the afternoon of 14 December in the departmental board room.

People enjoyed the selection of munchies and finger food, while chatting about holiday plans, Lon-



don's record snowfall (and shoveling), and their latest news.

Snowy weather conditions caused lower than expected attendance at the event. However, notable ab-



sences were Brent Stead and those faculty on his thesis

committee: Brent was busy defending his PhD thesis at that time.

Thanks to all who helped organize the festive event. Happy holidays to everyone!

Presentation and Publication News

Dr. Graeme Hunter, Dr. Harvey Goldberg, and collaborators published an [Invited Feature Article](#) that appeared on the [cover of Langmuir](#).

James Voss (former Biochemistry Honours student now doing PhD) and colleagues published an [article](#) (virus glycoprotein structure) that appeared on the [cover of Nature](#).

These faculty, their labs, and

their collaborators also published in [Nov/Dec](#):

- Dr. Peter Ainsworth (2 papers on breast cancer)
- Dr. Greg Gloor (genome of *Lactobacillus iners*) and (microbiome profiling)
- Drs. Greg Gloor/David Edgell (unigenic evolution)
- Drs. Harvey Goldberg/Walter Siqueira (histatin 1)

- Dr. Rob Hegele (chondroitin synthase 1, BMP) and (2 papers on plasma lipids)

- Dr. David O'Gorman (collagen fibres)

- Dr. Joe Torchia (B-cells and transcription factors)

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