



# **Western Pathology Association Annual Report 2014 - 2015**



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## WPA VISION & MISSION, CONSTITUTION

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### VISION & MISSION

- 1) To promote undergraduate and graduate student, resident, and faculty interactions within the Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine.
- 2) To advance the Department's vision, aims and goals by enhancing team work, collaborations, and intellectual exchange.
- 3) To provide an avenue for students, residents, and faculty to bring forward any issues or concerns.
- 4) To organize academic, professional, and social events for the Western Pathology Association.
  - a. Intramural Teams
  - b. Student Shadow Day
  - c. Experimental Troubleshooting Workshop
  - d. Departmental Retreat
  - e. Holiday Semi-Formal
  - f. Other social events
- 5) To fundraise for various charitable causes and the Western Pathology Association.

### CONSTITUTION

- 1) All undergraduate and graduate students, residents, and faculty within Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine are members of the WPA.
- 2) All executive positions on the council are chosen through elections when position is available and/or majority consensus by the council.
  - i. All positions on the council may only be filled by students or residents of the Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine.
- 3) Annual reports will be submitted to the Chair/Chief of Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine.
- 4) Constitutional changes may be made through majority consensus by the council.

## WPA EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

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### EXECUTIVE MEMBERS

Chair:	Jina Kum
Community Liaison:	Nikole Tellios
Events Coordinator:	Milica Krstic
Pathology Assistant Graduate Student Representative:	Steffi Stephenson
Pathology Research-based Graduate Student Representative:	Richard Filek

## **MESSAGE FROM THE WPA COUNCIL**

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The main motivation for re-establishing WPA was to promote interaction and enhance collaboration between the students, staff and faculty of the Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine. As our department is unique in that it contains both clinical and basic sciences program, we required a way for all the members of the various streams in our program to come together, which is why we have re-founded WPA during the past year.

The WPA council hopes to host more academic events where everyone can learn and social events where everyone can enjoy. We hope all the members of the Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine will support our events.

Western Pathology Association Council

## EVENTS & PROGRAM 2014-2015

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### CHRISTMAS SOCIAL



On December 9<sup>th</sup>, several students within the department made it out to Beertown for the first WPA social event. Christmas sweaters were donned, and several students from both the research-based stream, and Pathologists' Assistant (PA) students attended the event. This was a great event to aid in promoting inter-mingling between the different streams within the department.

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### INTRAMURAL SPORTS



Students within our department registered for intramural volleyball in the fall semester. Lab coats were cast aside as students took to the courts to showcase their athletic prowess. Participants played against other graduate student teams on Monday nights from 8:30-11:30pm at the Student Recreation Centre.

## GRADUATE STUDENT BOWLING NIGHT

On January 27th, 2015, students of graduate research-based and Pathologists' Assistant programs came together for dinner at Crabby Joe's followed by bowling at Fleetway. This exciting event promoted intermingling between the two graduate program streams within the Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine.



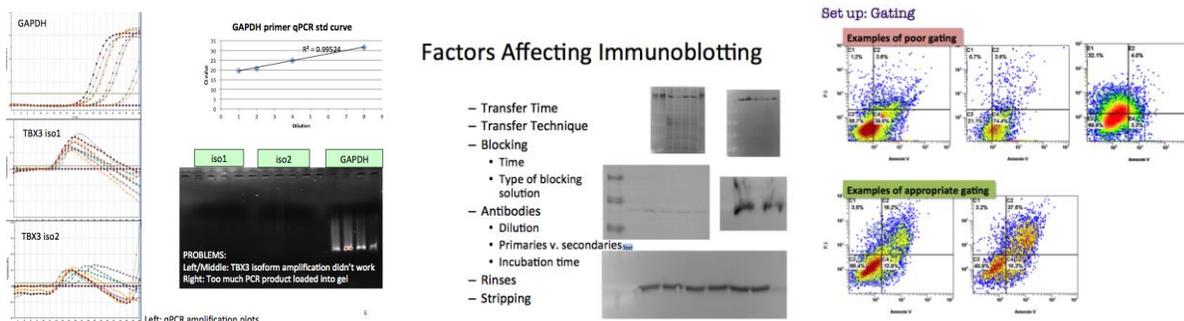
## VALENTINE CANDYGRAMS

In the week leading up to Valentine's Day, the members of the WPA took orders for candygrams. The signup was a huge success, with students, staff and faculty sending over 100 candygrams to one another. The candygrams were assembled by the members of the WPA, and delivered across campus and hospitals on February 14<sup>th</sup>.



## EXPERIMENT TROUBLESHOOTING WORKSHOP

WPA hosted the first academic workshop, the Experimental Troubleshooting Workshop, on March 3, 2015. Students presented their experimental results to a group of their peers and the attending faculty members. Afterwards, there was a group discussion about troubleshooting methods and future experiment ideas. The topics in the first session broadly dealt with quantitative real time PCR (qRT-PCR), western blotting, and flow cytometry, three techniques several students were expected to utilize at some point in their research careers. Each attendee filled out an evaluation form after the workshop. The event was rated as follows: Organization (4.4/5), Relevance (3.4/5), Effectiveness (4.1/5), Learning experience (4.4/5), Overall impression (4.4/5). The suggestions included scheduling longer sessions in the future, and presenting new techniques that the Pathologists Assistant students would use within their research. Implementation of these suggestions in future sessions would likely increase the relevance rating given from non-research based graduate students. Several academic workshops are expected to take place in the upcoming academic year.



## END-OF-YEAR POTLUCK BBQ

On June 21, 2015, students, staff, and faculty members came together to enjoy a potluck-style BBQ at Gibbon's Park. The weather was perfect and we had an excellent turnout. Definitely a great way to spend a Sunday afternoon!



## FINANCIAL REPORT 2014-2015

<u>REVENUES</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Amount</u>
DONATION	Dr. Chandan Chakraborty	\$50.00
DONATION	Dr. Zia Khan	\$140.00
DONATION	Dr. Nancy Chan	\$50.00
EVENT - GRADUATE STUDENT BOWLING NIGHT	Participation fee	\$51.00
DONATION	Dr. Zia Khan	\$25.00
EVENT - CANDYGRAMS	Revenue from orders	\$280.84
SOGS REIMBURSEMENT	Annual cheque	\$178.12
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>		<b>\$774.96</b>
<u>EXPENSES</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Amount</u>
EVENT - GRADUATE STUDENT BOWLING NIGHT	Lane and shoe rental	\$97.29
EVENT - GRADUATE STUDENT BOWLING NIGHT	Prize for winners	\$29.49
EVENT - CANDYGRAMS	Supplies	\$119.46
LOGO	WPA logo purchase	\$50.24
EVENT - EXPERIMENT TROUBLESHOOTING WORKSHOP	Refreshments	\$54.20
INTRAMURALS	Registration fee	\$25.00
EVENT - GRAD CLUB SOCIAL	Refreshments	\$91.74
EVENT - POT-LUCK SUMMER BBQ	Refreshments/BBQ	\$37.31
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>		<b>\$504.73</b>
<b>NET EARNINGS</b>		<b>\$270.23</b>

## CONCLUDING STATEMENT

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The revival of the Western Pathology Association (WPA) this year was successful as it brought together the Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine through academic and social events. The WPA has a mission to provide a platform which supports all undergraduate and graduate students, residents, and faculty within the Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine. In working towards its mission it strives to set a range of goals and targets which best meets the needs for enhancing team work, collaborations and intellectual exchange. As a dynamic and developing organization, feedback on these objectives and events are always welcome! The WPA looks forward to expanding its reach and size in the near future.

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