

# Physiology and Pharmacology Newsletter

## January 2018

Welcome to the Physiology and Pharmacology Newsletter. I plan to send out at the end of each month. If you have anything to add, please let me know – [fbeier@uwo.ca](mailto:fbeier@uwo.ca). Awards, grants, invited lectures, new lab members... (no buy and sell ads please, though)

We have a few interesting months ahead of us. February 8 and 9 will see the external review of our Graduate Program. This will be followed by the review of the Undergraduate Program on April 10 – please keep this day free. Finally, the Chair search is ongoing (no current updates).

Enjoy the return of winter and feel free to approach me with any questions or issues.

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### **Congratulations!!!**

- To Dr. Nica Borradaile for obtaining Tenure and Promotion to Associate Professor for July 2018!
- To Dr. Trevor Morey (supervisor Dr. Jane Rylett) for successful defense of his PhD!
- To the following Department members included in the USC Teaching Honor Roll: Nica Borradaile, John DiGuglielmo, Jeff Dixon, Tom Drysdale, Sean Gill, Sarah McLean, Tom Stavraky, Brad Urquhart, Anita Woods, Cory Yamashita

- To Drs. Stephen Lomber, Paul Gribble, James Koropatnick, and Kevin Shoemaker for success in the most recent CIHR Project Grant Competition:  
[http://www.schulich.uwo.ca/about/news/2018/january/funding\\_cihr\\_project\\_grant\\_recipients\\_announced.html](http://www.schulich.uwo.ca/about/news/2018/january/funding_cihr_project_grant_recipients_announced.html)
- To Drs. Tom Appleton and Andrew Leask for new Operating Grants from The Arthritis Society:  
<http://mediarelations.uwo.ca/2017/12/18/western-bone-joint-researchers-receive-two-arthritis-society-grants/>

## Welcome

- To Crystal Keung, a new graduate student in the Kramer lab
- To Samantha Medwid, a new post doc in the Tirona lab
- To Katherine Mathers, a new post doc in the Regnault lab

## Updates from the Research Committee

### *1. New initiative, Lunch and Learn Workshops*

Five lunch and learn workshops are scheduled for 2018. The first one will be on February 8th, 12:00-1:30 pm in MSB 282.

Speakers: Dr. Ben Rubin (Department of Biology) / Dr. Doug Jones

Discussion Topic: Statistical Analysis and Sample Size Calculations

### *2. Speaker Confirmation for the 2018 Stevenson Lecture - November 6*

Dr. John Scott, Edwin G. Krebs-Speights Professor of Cell Signaling and Cancer Biology, Howard Hughes Medical Institute, Department of Pharmacology, from University of Washington School of Medicine, Seattle, WA, has been confirmed as our speaker for the 2018 Stevenson Lecture. The host will be Rithwik Ramachandran.

### *3. Call for Speaker Nominations for the 2019 Gowdey Lecture*

A call for Nominations for the 2019 Gowdey Lecture will be sent out shortly. Please send your nominations to Penny Sim or Qingping Feng.

#### *4. Ultrasound Imaging Core Facility*

The Ultrasound Imaging Core Facility is now established in the Department (MSB 2nd Floor, Rm. M247). The ultrasound imaging system is Vevo 2100 (VisualSonics, Toronto, Canada). The system offers high resolution imaging analysis for non-invasive longitudinal studies in small animals (mice, rats and guinea pigs) with a wide range of applications (cardiovascular, fetal/neonatal, cancer, joints, etc.). Cost recovery user fees will apply. If you are interested in using this system, please contact Bruce Arppe or Qingping Feng.

### **Departmental Publications**

Thank you to Jane Rylett for maintaining the list of publications for the department! The full list for 2017 can be found on our website:

<http://www.schulich.uwo.ca/physpharm/research/publications.html>

### **Calendar**

- February 8/9 - Graduate Review
- April 2 - Physiology and Pharmacology 4<sup>th</sup> Year Student Poster Day, DSB 2005
- April 10 - Undergraduate Review
- November 6 - Stevenson Lecture and Research Day

Please try to attend our Seminars on Monday afternoons (3:30 pm in MSB 384, with video broadcast to Victoria Hospital). We will have Dr. Sashko Damjanovsky (Department of Biology) on February 5, and Nole Hiebert (PhD student with Drs. Adrian Owen and Penny MacDonald) on February 26. The full list of seminars can be found here:

[http://www.schulich.uwo.ca/physpharm/about\\_us/seminar\\_schedule.html](http://www.schulich.uwo.ca/physpharm/about_us/seminar_schedule.html)