

Dean's Newsletter

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Special Commencement Issue

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During the summer months the Dean's Newsletter will depart from its every other week schedule to a more irregular reporting schedule. Regular biweekly issues will resume after Labor Day.

Special Newsletter on Commencement

On Saturday, June 14th, the School of Medicine held its celebration and diploma awarding event on the Dean's Lawn. The University Commencement Ceremony, was held on Sunday morning, June 15th. This year, the School presented 29 Master of Science degrees, 91 Doctor of Philosophy degrees and 74 Doctor of Medicine degrees. Among these, students received combined degrees, including eleven MD/PhD degrees, two MD/Master degrees, one PhD/Masters, and one BA/MS.

Please join me in extending our personal congratulations to each and every graduate and to their parents, families and friends. What a wonderful accomplishment by all.

I would also like to take this opportunity to especially thank Char Hamada, Zera Murphy and Suzanne Bethard and others in Student Affairs for all of their painstaking efforts that made this year's commencement a tremendous success. Also thanks to Sharon Olsen, Lorena Najarro, Velessa Peairs, Cassandra Sooter, Ann Davis, Kathryn Fitzgerald, Eon Rios, and Justin Odegaard for helping to set up Saturday's great event. (Eon and Justin are current medical students who volunteered their time on Saturday to carry the flags). Working behind the scenes on Friday to help make the day a success was Eva Vasquez, Robin Casey, Juhn Verano, and Patricia Perez.

Faculty Awards

In addition to congratulating our students for their accomplishments, commencement is also a time to honor faculty who have made significant contributions to their education. Accordingly, I am pleased to list the teaching awards that were announced at the School of Medicine Commencement.

The Arthur L. Bloomfield Award: In Recognition of Excellence in the Teaching of Clinical Medicine

Neil Gesundheit, Associate Professor of Medicine (Endocrinology, Gerontology & Metabolism) and Associate Dean for Medical Education

John Giacomini, Professor of Medicine (Cardiovascular Medicine)
Sherry Wren, Associate Professor of Surgery (General Surgery)

The Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation Award: For Outstanding and Innovative Contributions to Medical Education

Brian Hoffman, Professor of Medicine (Endocrinology, Gerontology and Metabolism)

The Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation Award: For Excellence in Preclinical Teaching

Ben Barres, Professor of Neurobiology and of Developmental Biology and of Neurology and Neurological Sciences

Gilbert Chu, Professor of Medicine (Oncology) and of Biochemistry

Steven Guest, Adjunct Professor Medicine, Santa Clara Valley Medical Center

Julie Theriot, Assistant Professor of Biochemistry and of Microbiology and Immunology

The Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation Award: For Excellence in Clinical Teaching

Myriam Curet, Associate Professor of Surgery (General Surgery)

Neil Gesundheit, Associate Professor of Medicine (Endocrinology, Gerontology & Metabolism) and Associate Dean for Medical Education

Jose Maldonado, Assistant Professor of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences

The Franklin G. Ebaugh, Jr. Award: For Advising Medical Students

Oscar Salvatierra, Professor of Surgery (Transplantation) and of Pediatrics (Nephrology)

The Compassion in Medicine Award

Samuel LeBaron, Associate Professor of Medicine (Family and Community Medicine)

The Alwin C. Rambar-James B.D. Mark Award: For Excellence in Patient Care

Stanley Schrier, Professor of Medicine (Hematology), Emeritus

Stanford University School of Medicine Award for Graduate Teaching

Julie Theriot, Assistant Professor of Biochemistry and of Microbiology and Immunology

Stanford University School of Medicine Award for Outstanding Service to Graduate Students

William Newsome, Professor of Neurobiology

Congratulations to all.

Address to the Graduates

One of the traditions of the School of Medicine Commencement is a presentation by an elected member of the Graduate and Medical Student graduating class. This year, Eleanor Suchada Click or the 2003 Graduation class in Genetics (Ellie is also receiving her M.D. today), and Feyza Essam Marouf of the 2003 graduating class in Medicine, spoke to the graduates and guests. They each gave compelling and inspiring remarks.

2003 Commencement Speaker Julie Louise Gerberding, M.D., M.P.H. Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

We were also privileged this year to have Dr. Julie Gerberding as our 2003 Commencement Speaker. Dr. Gerberding addressed the importance of a national health system that embraces a health care system and the biomedical research enterprise that underlies it for the diagnosis and treatment of disease among individuals and a public health system for promoting health and preventing disease and injury in communities.

She noted that while both of these systems have made extraordinary achievements in the past decades, there are still walls between them in far too many locales. For example, schools of Public Health on one side of the street that do not interface with schools of medicine on the other; clinicians in practice who have no clue about the local health department's role in disease prevention; scientists at the bench with new knowledge to apply but no conduit for delivery; local health officials who collect data but provide no information or knowledge of use to doctors in practice.

Accordingly, the dichotomy between the public health and the health care systems is artificial, ineffective, and absolutely obsolete. Therefore, it is time to integrate these two systems – to create a new state-of-the-art network – a *health system* - that takes full advantage of the extraordinary opportunities 21st Century science and technology afford us.

Dr. Gerberding envisions this new *health system* as a highly connected *network* in the truest sense of the word. A *network* of people, scientists, clinicians, facilities, organizations, institutions, and communities and nations with the shared primary goal of ensuring that each of us enjoys the best possible quality and quantity of life.

Specifically, she noted how the recent experience with SARS has taught us the value of a comprehensive global health network to address threats to our health - whether they are intentional terrorist threats, emerging infections such as SARS, WNV, monkeypox, or the epidemic threats of tobacco and obesity. We live in a global world but it is a small world.

Protecting the health and safety of people in this small world requires that our *health system* be highly cross-linked. But certain links that involve you as physicians and scientists must be especially strong if we are to be successful:

The first strong link: Physician or scientist to local health officials – a conduit to the community. This might include, for example, the astute clinician who recognizes a new illness or syndrome and engages local health officials.

Second Strong link: Physician or scientist and real-time learning resources, for example, just in time information; handheld data; computer searches – at the bedside just in time to make the right decision or “Just in Case” information that permits advanced appropriate preparation.

Notably, Dr. Gerberding indicated that one of the strongest links of all is the stethoscope, since it is one of our last remaining personal tools – the link in the health system network that connects us to our patients. Indeed, using the stethoscope means that the physician and patient have to be present together, there is a laying on of hands, and most importantly, the physician has to listen, not just to the patient’s heart sounds, but to the patient’s heart.

As concluded by Dr. Gerberding: “Science and technology have evolved enormously – we can do more to diagnose disease, save lives and mitigate suffering than we ever dreamed possible, but what the patient actually wants and needs have changed far less. **The truth is, most patients are far more concerned about caring than they are about curing.**

In too many corners of our health system, there is no care. The ability to care, not just for, but about patients is a quality that characterizes the best physicians. Sadly, empathy is so hard to maintain in this white coat world of science and technology.

For those of you who will be new interns and residents, your empathy for patients will be increasingly challenged. Your stethoscope is the umbilical cord that tethers you to your patients, the extension of your ears and your conduit to the patient’s heart.

You are the leaders of the 21st Century health system. As you occupy your place in the network of health, as physician, scientist, or both, you **link** your knowledge, your skill, your empathy and your responsibility with those of countless other dedicated professionals around the globe. I urge you to make strong links and engage your colleagues in public health, research, and the clinical frontlines. As the newest credentialed members of our nation’s health system, I thank you - for I know our future is in excellent hands”.

Graduates listed below are our 2003 graduates for the School of Medicine.

MASTER OF SCIENCE

Betty Dusadee Bhudhikanok

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Phillip Ming-Da Cheng

Biomedical Informatics

Sarah Pei-Win Chu

Epidemiology

Bahareh Ebrahimzadeh

Epidemiology

Todd Archibald Ferris

Biomedical Informatics

Linette M. Fung

Gregory Mathew Garrison, M.D.

Biomedical Informatics

Jason Robert Gotlib

Epidemiology

Justin Vogel Graham

Biomedical Informatics

Michelle Lynn Green

Biomedical Informatics

Peter William Groeneveld, M.D.

Health Services Research

Michelle Adrienne Hladunewich

Molecular and Cellular Physiology
Jean Marie Gaare
Epidemiology

Preety Kalra

Epidemiology

Esther Jean Hyung Lee

Epidemiology

Rosy Lee

Molecular and Cellular Physiology

Jaspreet Kaur Loyal

Epidemiology

Crystal Marie Luetters

Epidemiology

Irene Wai Yan Ma

Epidemiology

Uma Maheswari Mohanasundaram

Epidemiology

Shawn Jason Rangel

Epidemiology

Epidemiology

Stella Mai Huang

Epidemiology

Farzad Soleimani

Health Services Research

Christopher David Sundberg

Microbiology and Immunology

Isabelle Kamga Tchamaha

Epidemiology

Rohini Vij

Health Services Research

Ashley Wysong

Epidemiology

Hsin-Yu Yang

Epidemiology and Statistics

Hoi-Yan Yiu

Epidemiology

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Shaad Mohiuddin Ahmad

Developmental Biology

Identification and Characterization of Targets of the Sex Determination Hierarchy in Drosophila Melanogaster

Susanne Elizabeth Ahmari

Molecular and Cellular Physiology

Synapse Formation in the Hippocampus

Arash Alizadeh

Biophysics

Genome-scale Characterization of Normal and Pathological Gene Expression Programs in Immune Cells

Steven Paul Bennett

Biochemistry

Structure and Visualization of Functional Motifs

Jonathan Adam Bernstein

Genetics

Global Analysis of mRNA Decay in E. coli Using cDNA Microarrays

Timothy Robert Brazelton

Molecular Pharmacology

Plasticity in Bone Marrow-Derived Cells

Mathew William Brock

Neurosciences

Selective Open-Channel Block of KV1

Carol Hsen Fae Cheng Cain

Biomedical Informatics

Representing and Reasoning about Contextually Changing Organizational Behavior Using Simulation Models of Medical Work

Michelle Whirl Carrillo

Biophysics

A Knowledge-Based System for Macromolecular Model Building and Evaluation

Katie Suzanne Carroll

Biochemistry

Molecular Cooperation in Mannose 6-Phosphate Receptor Transport

Helen Hyonhee Cha

Developmental Biology

The Mouse Tail Kinks Locus Encodes Halfback, a Novel Protein Required During Somitogenesis

Rodolfo Jose Chaparro

Immunology

Etiology of Autoimmune Diseases: A Study of Nonimmune Components in

Autoimmune Diabetes

Swaine Lin Chen

Developmental Biology

Potassium Channels by S-Nitrosodithiothreitol (SNDTT)

Gregory Mitsuo Chin

Developmental Biology

Preservation of Genomic Integrity in the Nematode C. elegans

Nam Kyoung Cho

Biochemistry

Developmental Control of Blood Cell

Migration by the Drosophila VEGF Pathway and its Implications for Blood Vessel Evolution

Raymond Cho

Genetics

The Application of High-Density

Oligonucleotide Arrays Toward the Interrogation of Biological systems on a Genome Scale

Julie Lynne Christensen

Immunology

Mechanisms and Mediators of Hematopoietic Stem Cell Fate

Eleanor Suchada Click

Genetics

Genetic Analysis of the Small GTP-binding Protein ARF1 in the Yeast Saccharomyces Cerevisiae

Lara Shayne Collier

Cancer Biology

Characterization of Genes Involved in Hedgehog Signal Transduction

Lisa Gabrielle Defazio

Biochemistry

Role of DNA-dependent Protein Kinase in Nonhomologous End-joining

Jason James DeVoss

Immunology

The Role of Classical Allergy Related Genes in the Pathogenesis of Experimental Autoimmune Encephalomyelitis, an Animal Model for Multiple Sclerosis

Jonathan Matson Dugan

Biomedical Informatics

Using Surface Envelopes in 3D Modeling

Maitreya Jnana Dunham

Genetics

Genomic Analysis of Experimental Evolution in S. cerevisiae

Jimmy Thomas Efirid

Epidemiology

Epidemiologic Issues in Squamous Cell Skin

Leveraging the Caulobacter Crescentus GenomeSequence

Robin Demetria Gantz

Molecular Pharmacology

Rfla2 Co-Activates Rantes

Transcription: Building the Rantes Promoter Enhanceosome

Paula A. Giardini

Cancer Biology

Force Generation by Actin Comet Tails:

Physical Influence of the Moving Object and its Surroundings

Jeffrey Louis Goldberg

Neurosciences

Axon Growth and Regeneration in the Central Nervous System

Scarlett Su-Chia Lin Gomez

Epidemiology

Methodologic Issues Regarding Race,

Ethnicity, and Birthplace in Epidemiologic Research: Focus on Asia

Amy Carina Groth

Cancer Biology

Phage Integrases and Site-Specific Integration in Drosophila

Pedro Jose Adolfo Gutierrez

Cancer Biology

Genomic Instability Induced by Mutations in Saccharomyces Cerevisiae DNA Polymerase

Alpha

James Joseph Havranek

Biophysics

Introducing Specificity into Protein Design

Kaede Hinata

Cancer Biology

The Role of NF-kappaB in the Growth and Death of the Epithelium

Dean Yuin Hung

Genetics

Regulatory Genes Involved in Caulobacter Cell Cycle Progression

Lesley Ann Jarvis

Cancer Biology

Inhibition of FGF Signaling Pathways by Mouse Sprouty Proteins

Eric Mabus Jorgenson

Genetics

Genetic Analysis of Human Quantitative Traits

Brett Kian Kaiser

Cancer Biology

*Cancer, Primary Adult-onset Brain Cancer,
and Parkinson's Disease*

Katrin Karbstein

Biochemistry

*Dissection of Conformational Changes in the
Tetrahymena Group I Ribozyme and
Selfsplicing Reactions*

Theresa Helen McCarthy Keegan

Epidemiology

Bone Density, Falls and Fractures

Julie Ann Kerns

Genetics

Genetics of Pigmentation in the Domestic Dog

Charlene Yukimi Kon

Developmental Biology

*Characterization of the Drosophila Homolog
of p66, a Protein Associated with the NURD
Chromatin Remodeling Complex*

Stacie Lambert

Immunology

*Mechanisms of TCR Vaccine Induced
Protection in a Murine T cell Lymphoma
Model*

Brie Ann Linkenhoker

Neurosciences

*Neural Plasticity in the Adult Barn Owl
Auditory Localization System*

Barry L. Lubarsky

Biochemistry

*The Essential Role of Apical Membrane
Regulation and Maintenance During
Expansive Growth of Drosophila Tracheal
Tubes*

Susan Elizabeth McCollum

Genetics

*DNA Methylation in the Bacteria Caulobacter
Crescentus*

Thanyaphong Na Nakorn

Cancer Biology

*Myeloid Progenitors in Normal and Malignant
Hematopoiesis*

Ingrid Andrea Kathryn Louise

Oakley-Girvan

Epidemiology

*Correlates of Prostate Cancer Incidence and
Survival*

Eric Chace Olivares

Genetics

*Phage Integrases for Gene Therapy: From
Concept to Applications*

*Regulation of the Centrosome and DNA
Replication Cycles by the Human CDC 14A
and B Phosphatases*

David Seungwon Paik

Biomedical Informatics

*Computer Aided Interpretation of Medical
Images*

Omar David Perez

Molecular Pharmacology

*Single Cell Analysis of Multiple Intracellular
Processes: ICAM-2/LFA-1 Interactions as
Functional Adhesion Molecules of the
Immunological Synapse*

Katherine Barnett Peters

Cancer Biology

*Mechanism of Tirapazamine Under Hypoxic
Conditions*

Rita Ashok Popat

Epidemiology

*Reproductive History and Pharmacological
Agents as Risk Factors for Amyotrophic
Lateral Sclerosis and Parkinson's Disease*

Darrell Michael Porcello

Neurosciences

*Functional Relationships Between Ion
Channels and Intrathalamic Rhythmicity:
Transgenic Animals and Pharmacology*

Thomas J. Purcell

Biochemistry

Single Molecule Studies of Myosin V

Jason Lee Pyle

Molecular and Cellular Physiology

*Physiological and Molecular Characterization
of a Mammalian Central Nerve Terminal*

Xiaoli Qin

Microbiology and Immunology

*Translational Control During Mitosis in
Mammalian Cells*

Arun Radhakrishnan

Biophysics

*Condensed Complexes and the Chemical
Activity of Cholesterol in Membranes*

Soumya Raychaudhuri

Biomedical Informatics

*Using Text to Enhance the Interpretation of
Large Multi-Dimensional Data Sets*

Kirthi Reddy

Developmental Biology

*HIM-17 and Meiotic Recombination in C.
elegans*

Julie D.R. Reimann

Clare Risa Ozawa

Neurosciences

*VEGF Expression by Muscle: Pro-Angiogenic Effects on the Target and the Source***Christopher Ryan Sclimenti**

Cancer Biology

*Novel Approaches for Long-term Gene***George Christopher Scott**

Biomedical Informatics

*Using Decision Models to Automate and Individualize Interactive Decision Support for Patients***Colleen Margaret Sheridan**

Immunology

*Multiple Kinase Regulation of the Nuclear Factor of Activated T Cells***Amit Pal Singh**

Biomedical Informatics

*Computational Models for Protein Structure Analysis and Protein-Ligand Binding***Kryn Stankunas**

Developmental Biology

*Conditional Protein Alleles in Mice Using Chemical Inducers of Dimerization***Stephanie Marie Stoll**

Genetics

*Stability of Transgene Expression In Vivo: Extrachromosomal vs. Integration***Joshua Michael Stuart**

Biomedical Informatics

Predicting Gene Function Based on DNA Microarray Data from Multiple Species

Biophysics

*The Role of the Newly Identified Early Mitotic Inhibitor, Emi1, in Cell Cycle Regulation and the Early Embryo***Cenk Sumen**

Microbiology and Immunology

*T Cell Activation at the Immunological Synapse***Jean Yuh Tang**

Biophysics

*Cellular Responses to UV: Role of the DNA Binding Protein DDB and Microarray Analysis of Skin Cancer***Olga G. Troyanskaya**

Biomedical Informatics

*Improving the Specificity of Biological Signal Detection from Microarray Data***Marija Vrljic**

Biophysics

*Translational Diffusion of Single MHC Proteins in Plasma Membrane***John Wang**

Developmental Biology

*Global Analysis of Gene Expression Patterns in the Dauer Larvae of *Caenorhabditis elegans****Kristina Nicole Woods**

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