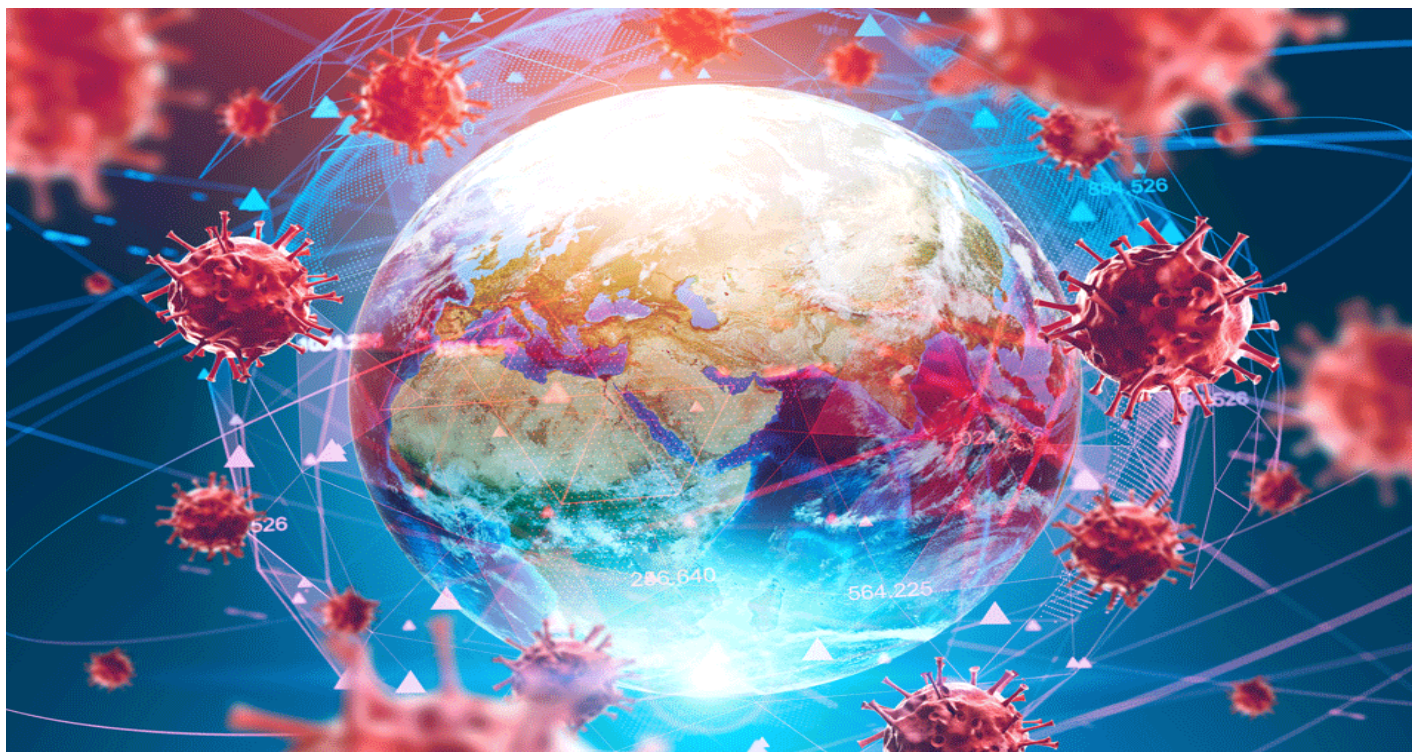




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POSTDOCTORAL SCHOLARS & FELLOWS CONNECT

Newsletter Issue 13, August 2020



THIS ISSUE'S FOCUS:

VIRTUAL DATA AND DINE 2020

As the world took a hit with the coronavirus, bringing life to a halt and changing the way we lead our lives, this newsletter brings you some of the news about the ways the post doc community tried to overcome and deal with this life changing experience.

We bring to you the news and events in this newsletter for and by postdoctoral scholars and fellows at the Penn State College of Medicine.

The highlights of postdoc achievements and efforts to keep going showcase the resilience of our fellows to keep moving ahead.

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Passing on the torch

New leadership of the Postdoctoral Office



Dr Kristin Eckert

**Professor, Department of Pathology
Chief, Division of Experimental Pathology.
Penn State College of Medicine**

Dr Eckert stepped down as the Director of Postdoctoral Office. She has been leading this office since **2016-2020**. Her tremendous efforts have allowed recognition to the postdocs in wide variety of platforms. She has advocated for their rights and empowered them in many ways which were previously overshadowed. From healthier work culture to voicing the concerns of this workforce up to the highest authorities has been her goal, to which she has contributed significantly.

Dr Eckert you will surely be missed! We wish you the very best in all your future endeavors!



Dr Gail Thomas

**Professor, Department of Medicine
Division of Cardiology
Penn State Clinical and Translational Science Institute (CTSI)
Penn State Heart and Vascular Institute**

Dr Thomas is stepping into the role of Director of the Post Doctoral Office. She will work closely with the executive council to bridge and extend the efforts of development and growth of careers of the postdocs. We are glad to have you on board. **We welcome you and look forward to working with you.**

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New leadership of the Postdoctoral Executive Council



Dani Kim, PhD
President (2019-2020)

Department: Heart & Vascular Institute
Research: Neuro-cardiovascular control in peripheral arterial diseases and heart failure patients
Where from: South Korea
Fun fact: I love playing instruments, recording, and producing music.
Email: jkim13@pennstatehealth.psu.edu



Sophia I. Allen, PhD
Vice President (2019-2020)

Department: Public Health Sciences
Research: Tobacco use, nicotine dependence, health disparities
Where from: New Jersey
Fun fact: I'm a computer geek
Email: sallen3@phs.psu.edu

THANK  YOU



Rinki Kumar, PhD
Co-President (2020-)
& *Connect* Newsletter Editor

Department: Microbiology/Immunology
Research: Host-pathogen interactions in cytomegalovirus pathogenesis
Where from: India
Fun fact: Volleyball player
Email: rkumar1@pennstatehealth.psu.edu



Alex Lin, PhD
Co-President (2020-)

Department: Pathology
Research: Investigating DNA polymerase deficiency using zebrafish; 3-dimensional histotomography by micro-CT
Where from: Taiwan/Canada
Fun fact: I'm crazy about badminton
Email: alin2@pennstatehealth.psu.edu

ALL THE BEST

Passing on the torch



Raquel Buj Gomez, PhD.
Aird Lab

Dr Gomez is post-doctoral fellow in the Aird Lab, Department of Cellular & Molecular Physiology.

She has served on the executive council as the social media manager since the past two years. She made sure our PostDoc Society was visible on twitter at all times! Thank you for your efforts!

With the transfer of the Aird Lab to the University of Pittsburg, she is moving there too. Her enthusiasm and creativity will be greatly missed. We wish her the very best for her future endeavors!

Vacancies in the society council

We currently have vacancies in the executive council. We encourage you to join us. Interested fellows may contact Becky Moyer via email at rmoyer7@pennstatehealth.psu.edu

The Pandemic Blues

The pandemic led to unforeseen steps, measures and efforts within very short time frame. It called for unprecedented measures and collaborations to extend help and comfort to everyone around.

These times brought along several questions, doubts, fears and anxiety. While lab shutdowns were a necessity, it affected everyone's work, productivity and for some even isolation and loneliness. Majority of the fellows were far from their loved ones and concern about their wellbeing was emotionally taxing. In addition fears of their own work status was one of the prime concerns for all.

We would like to thank and extend our gratefulness to the **The Office of the Postdoctoral Affairs** for ensuring everyone was taken care of by reassuring us of our work status, salaries and ability to work from home. **Dr Kristin Eckert, Dr Gail Thomas, Prof. Chuck Lang, Katie Saunders and Becky Moyers** arranged virtual meetings and townhalls to provide support, answers and reassurances to everyone. I am sure each one of us will recall the fears and worries with every single day bringing in new orders and guidelines.

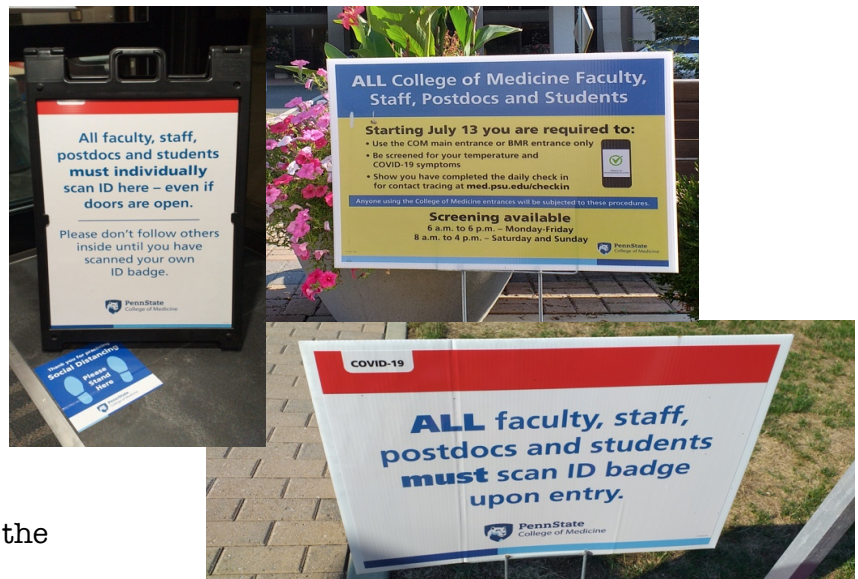
The fact that we were heard and reassured was possible because we had leaders who listened and understood.

During these times, we are glad to see that the efforts of the **Postdoc Association** to bring visibility to our community has come out.

Many of you may have noticed that all placards, notices and sign posts now include "postdocs". While this may be a small thing, every small step counts.

This was possible because members of the post-doc executive council: **Dani Kim (former President)**

represented us at every meeting held with the institutional leadership, and stood up for us. To bring to their notice that, we as postdocs are an important community that deserves recognition at every step. We are very grateful to the efforts of the Office of Postdoctoral Affairs and executive council, who have made sure and will continue to ensure, this was possible.



You may visit <https://med.psu.edu/coronavirus> for COVID-related resources to find the latest guidelines and information.

Virtual Data and Dine 2020

“Data and Dine” is an annual Postdoctoral Research Symposium designed to be a semi-social scientific event to celebrate the exciting research accomplishments of the postdocs on the Penn State Hershey campus. Data and Dine was designed for Postdoctoral Scholars and Fellows as an opportunity to share their research with the entire College of Medicine community and to network with fellow postdoctoral researchers and faculty members. This is the eighteenth year of Data and Dine which has become a wonderful annual tradition at the College of Medicine.

The much awaited and most important event of the year for the post doc association was all set to go on March 9th, 2020, but the pandemic led to last minute cancellation on the day of the event. However, this did not deter the fellows from pursuing the event. The executive council came up with innovative ideas and made the required changes to have the event virtually. Finally the event was successfully held on June 30th, 2020 on a virtual platform. The poster presentations were arranged on a voice-thread platform which allowed fellows to share their work virtually.

Oral presentations: Last year’s awardees who won Travel awards and poster presentation awards were given the privileged opportunity to give a talk this year’s event. The platform gives them recognition in fraternity and a chance for others to ask questions and about their work. We are excited to know about the research you do and understand it means a lot to you. Thank you to all the presenters for cooperating with the changes and delivering wonderful and interesting scientific findings. They presented their current research virtually.

Oral presentations speakers



Jenna M. Buckwalter, Ph.D.
Pathology



Sathi Babu Chodiseti, Ph.D.
Microbiology & Immunology



Ashwinkumar S. Ganapathy, Ph.D.
Microbiology & Immunology



Amanda J. Miller, Ph.D.
Neural & Behavioral Sciences

Keynote speakers

We had the honor of inviting two faculty members of PSU as keynote speakers. Their profiles are given below. Dr Barbhuiya spoke about a career path in Laboratory Medicine, which he pursued as a Clinical Chemistry Fellow and explained how it is a potential career path for PhDs. Dr Liu was the winner of last year's (2019) Outstanding Mentor Award, hence he gave interesting insights into the importance of mentorship in the process of shaping the career of trainees. We are immensely thankful to them for making the time for our virtual Data and Dine event.



Mustafa Barbhuiya, Ph.D.

Clinical Chemistry Fellow, Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, PSU

Dr. Mustafa Barbhuiya is a Clinical Chemistry Fellow at the Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, Penn State University College of Medicine, Hershey where he practices academic laboratory medicine and clinical laboratory management. Last year he was selected as one of the American Society for Clinical Pathologists' (ASCP's) 40 Under Forty 2019. The 'ASCP 40 Under Forty' program recognizes members under the age of 40 for their achievements and leadership qualities that are making an impact on pathology and laboratory medicine. He is now their career ambassador and thus endeavors to inspire future leaders through his efforts.



Dajiang Liu, Ph.D., M.A.

Associate Professor, Department of Public Health Sciences, and Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, PSU

Dr. Dajiang Liu joined Penn State in 2014 as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Public Health Sciences and the Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology. He was promoted to Associate Professor in 2018. Dr. Liu leads a small research group that conducts research in statistical genetics, complex trait genetics and functional genomics. He supervises trainees from the Bioinformatics and Genomics, Biostatistics, Biomedical Science, Neuroscience Ph.D. and MD/PhD program. At Penn State, Dr. Liu's research, teaching and mentoring activities were recognized by a Distinguished Early Stage Investigator Award, an Outstanding Mentor Award and an Outstanding Champion of Diversity in Research Award. He also works closely with the Institute for Personalized Medicine.

Drs. Judith S. Bond & S. Gaylen Bradley Awards



This travel award for postdocs at Penn State Hershey has been developed in an effort to facilitate and promote the professional development of postdocs and contribute to travel expenses for active conference participation.

Each award will be in the amount of \$300 and will be offered 4 times per calendar year. These travel awards are made possible by a generous donation from **Drs. Judith S. Bond and S. Gaylen Bradley** to the Postdoctoral Society at Penn State College of Medicine.

Please find the travel award criteria and application materials on the Penn State College of Medicine Office of Postdoctoral Affairs website at: <https://sites.psu.edu/postdocs/travel-awards/>

AWARDEES for Winter 2020

1. **Dr. Sophia Allen** | Department of Public Health Sciences

Mentor: Dr. Jonathan Foulds

Title: Cigarette Relighting Among Vulnerable Populations in Randomized Controlled Trials of Reduced Nicotine Content Cigarettes

2. **Dr. Jian Wang** | Department of Pharmacology

Mentor: Dr. Nikolay Dokholyan

Title: Ohm - Comprehensive Exploration Of Protein Allostery



Outstanding Mentor Nominations

Each year, the Penn State Hershey Postdoctoral Society recognizes the contribution of faculty mentors to postdoctoral career development through a competitive process. Nominations are made by a current College of Medicine Postdoctoral scholar, supported by letters of current or former trainees. This year, four nominations were received and reviewed by a committee of four postdoctoral scholars. Review criteria include, but are not limited to: the number of trainees and their success; the degree to which the mentor promoted his/her trainee's career development; and service activities towards advancing postdoctoral careers.



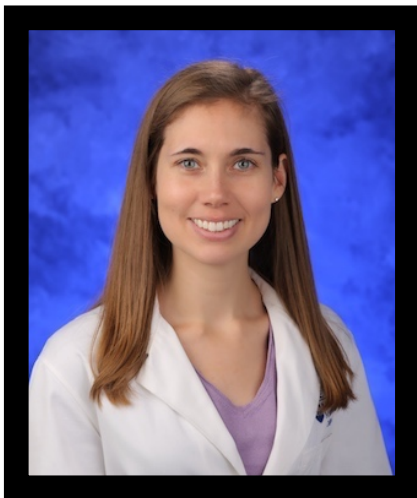
Dr Fadia Kamal

Assistant Professor
Department of Orthopedics
Penn State College of Medicine



Dr Nicholas Buchkovich

Associate Professor
Department of Microbiology &
Immunology
Penn State College of Medicine



Dr Katherine Aird

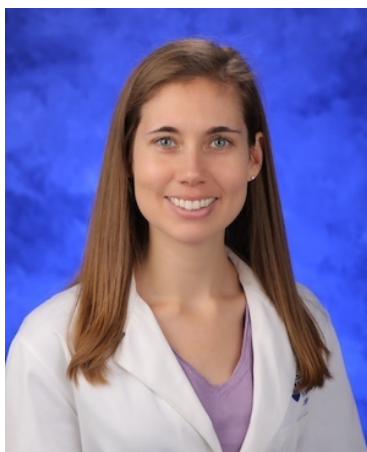
Assistant Professor
Department of Cellular & Molecular
Physiology
Penn State College of Medicine



Dr Ziaur Rahman

Associate Professor
Department of Microbiology &
Immunology
Penn State College of Medicine

Outstanding Mentor Award



Dr. Katherine Aird

Assistant Professor

Department of Cellular & Molecular Physiology
Penn State College of Medicine



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BOND BRADLEY AWARD OUTSTANDING MENTOR

Presented to

Katherine Aird, Ph.D.



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Gail Thomas, PhD
Director, Office of Postdoctoral Affairs
College of Medicine

Outstanding Postdoctoral Scholar Award

Each year, the Penn State Hershey Postdoctoral Society, supported by the Bond and Bradley Endowment, recognizes the outstanding accomplishments of College of Medicine postdoctoral scholars through a competitive process. Nominees are reviewed by a committee of three faculty, chaired by a member of the Penn State Hershey Postdoc Society Executive Council. Review criteria include assessment of the nominee's research accomplishments (i.e., publication record, fellowship/grant awards, presentations at national conferences); their professional activities outside of research (i.e., teaching, service); and the recommendation of their mentor, with an assessment of the scholar's independence and potential for scientific advancement.

1st Place



Sathi Babu Chodisetti, Ph.D.
Microbiology & Immunology

2nd Place



Amanda J. Miller, Ph.D.
Neural & Behavioral Sciences



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BOND BRADLEY AWARD
OUTSTANDING POSTDOCTORAL SCHOLAR
1st PLACE

Presented to

Sathi Babu Chodisetti, Ph.D.



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Gail Thomas, PhD
Director, Office of Postdoctoral Affairs
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BOND BRADLEY AWARD
OUTSTANDING POSTDOCTORAL SCHOLAR
2nd PLACE

Presented to

Amanda Miller, Ph.D.



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Outstanding Poster Award



Rebecca Kaddis Maldonado, Ph.D.

Department of Medicine

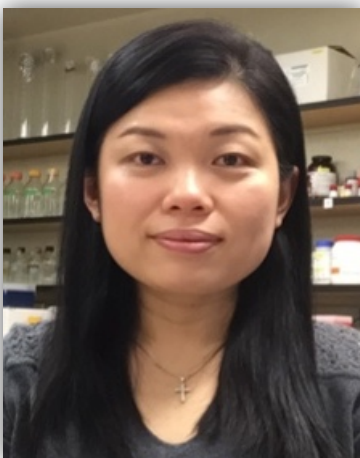
Poster Title: *"Examining retroviral Gag colocalization with newly transcribed viral RNA in infected cells"*



Alex Y. Lin, Ph.D.

Department of Pathology

Poster Title: *"Role of maternal mRNA degradation in whole body cellular phenotypes caused by DNA polymerase a deficiency"*



Mee S. Ngu, Ph.D.

Department of Pathology

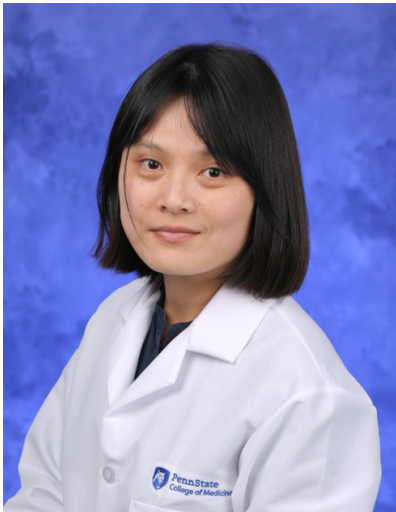
Poster Title: *"Daphnia: Pilot whole-organism reference atlas for ecotoxicology and environmental biomonitoring"*

Achievement Spotlight

Dr. Deepak Kumar Khajuria was selected as one of the 26 recipients of the Young Investigator Award by the American Society for Bone and Mineral Research (ASBMR). The award sponsored his participation in a virtual training event hosted by the European Calcified Tissue Society. **Dr. Khajuria is a Postdoctoral Scholar in Dr. Reyad Elbarbary's lab at the Center for Orthopaedic Research and Translational Studies (CORTS) in the Department of Orthopaedics and Rehabilitation.** Dr. Khajuria is working on a project entitled, "Regulation of microRNA homeostasis: Implications in bone Fracture healing". The project aims at defining novel targets for therapeutic intervention to address the unmet clinical problem of fracture non-union that afflicts >1.5 million people in the US annually. The first research paper from this project has recently been published in Bone.



Khajuria DK, Soliman M, Elfar JC, Lewis GS, Abraham T, Kamal F, Elbarbary RA. Aberrant structures of collagen fibers and elevated levels of advanced glycation end products typify delayed fracture healing in the diet-induced obesity mouse model. *Bone* 137 (2020) 115436.



Dr. Lu Qin, a postdoctoral scholar in the Heart and Vascular Institute has achieved a prolific publication record for this year 2020, **with five papers back to back.** Her work is dedicated to identifying the potential mechanisms leading to the exaggerated exercise pressor reflex (EPR) in human disease such as peripheral artery disease (PAD), and the intervention to improve the above clinical condition.

The papers she has recently published in 2020

1. **Qin L**, Li Q, Li J. (2020). Heat Treatment Improves the Exaggerated Exercise Pressor Reflex in Rats with Femoral Artery Occlusion via a Reduction in the activity of the P2X Receptor Pathway. *Journal of Physiology*. 598(8), 1491-1503. PMID: 32052864.
2. Li Q, **Qin L**, Li J. (2020). The enhancement of TNF- α on TTX resistant NaV current in muscle sensory neurons after femoral artery occlusion. *American Journal of Physiology-Regulatory, Integrative and Comparative Physiology*. 318(4), R772-R780. PMID: 32101460.
3. **Qin L**, Li J. (2020). Sympathetic Nerve Control of Blood Pressure Response during Exercise in Peripheral Artery Disease and Current Application of Experimental Disease Models. *American Journal of Biomedical Science & Research*. 9(3), 204-209.
4. **Qin L**, Li J. (2020) Nerve Growth Factor in Muscle Afferent Neurons of Peripheral Artery Disease and Autonomic Function. *Neural Regeneration Research*. (Accepted)
5. **Qin L**, Li J. (2020) One-time acute heat treatment is effective for attenuation of the exaggerated exercise pressor reflex in rats with peripheral artery disease. *Frontiers in Physiology-Exercise Physiology*. (Accepted)

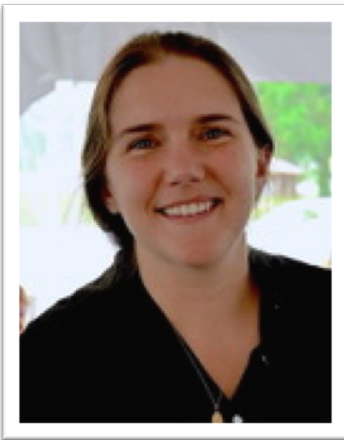
Achievement Spotlight



Dr Rinki Kumar, published a study in the **Journal of Virology**. Her work demonstrated a previously uncharacterized HCMV protein, UL88, thought to be completely dispensable, to play a critical role in virus tegumentation. Kumar is a post-doctoral fellow in the **Department of Microbiology and Immunology, in the lab of Dr Nick Buchkovich**.

Her abstract was also accepted for a **poster presentation** at the **Annual American Society for Microbiology (ASM) Microbe 2020** to be held from June 18-22 in Chicago, which was converted to a virtual event.

Rinki Kumar, Linda Cruz, Praneet K. Sandhu and Nicholas Buchkovich. UL88 mediates the incorporation of a subset of proteins into the virion tegument. *Journal of Virology* May 2020, JVI.00474-20; DOI: 10.1128/JVI.00474-20.



Dr Colleen Netherby-Winslow co-authored a publication in the **Journal of Virology**. Her work is on immune signaling in polyomavirus encephalopathy. She is a post-doctoral fellow in the **Department of Microbiology and Immunology, in the lab of Professor Aaron Lukacher**.

Taryn E. Mockus, **Colleen S. Netherby-Winslow**, Hannah M. Atkins, Matthew D. Lauver, Ge Jin, Heather M. Ren, Aron E. Lukacher CD8 T Cells and STAT1 Signaling Are Essential Codeterminants in Protection from Polyomavirus Encephalopathy, *Journal of Virology* Mar 2020, 94 (8) e02038-19; DOI: 10.1128/JVI.02038-19

Congratulations

Achievement Spotlight



Dr. Upendar Rao Golla, was one of the 14 invited speakers at an “International Webinar Series-2020” hosted by the University College of Pharmaceutical Sciences at Palamuru University in association with the Indian Pharmaceutical Association during July 8-14, 2020. delivered a lecture on 12th July, 2020 titled “Engineering of 3D Genome: An Update on Emerging Technologies and their Pharmacological Implications”. He discussed current genome engineering technologies and their implications for clinical therapeutic interventions.

Dr. Golla is a postdoctoral scholar working under **Dr. Suming Hunag, Professor of Pediatrics and Pharmacology at the Penn State College of Medicine.**

The lecture is available at the following link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N5m8y9wb00I>

Dr Golla also co-authored a publication in journal of **ACS Chemical Research in Toxicology**. In this study they have identified several key residues in histone H3 and H4 proteins important for the regulation of cellular responses and signaling pathways upon exposure to Arsenite, an environmental carcinogen using budding yeast as a model organism.

Pilendra Kumar Thakre, **Upendarrao Golla**, Ashis Biswas, Raghuvir Singh Tomar. Identification of Histone H3 and H4 Amino Acid Residues Important for the Regulation of Arsenite Stress Signaling in *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*. Chem Res Toxicol. 2020 Mar 16;33(3):817-833. doi: 10.1021/acs.chemrestox.9b00471. Epub 2020 Feb 7.



Dr Sophia I. Allen, a postdoctoral scholar with the **Penn State Center for Research on Tobacco and Health**, was selected to participate in the National Institutes of Health (NIH), National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) 2020 NIDA Diversity Scholars Network (NDSN) Program: A Mentoring and Grantsmanship Professional Development Program. The NDSN is a competitive, rigorous, and comprehensive program aimed at enhancing the funding success of outstanding underrepresented early stage investigators conducting drug abuse research.

The NDSN program consists of two sessions and an interim proposal development period that will support a cohort of scholars in applying for a NIH grant or equivalent funding in order to build a sustainable independent research career. Dr. Allen's research will focus on the elimination of tobacco-caused health disparities for racial minorities and socioeconomically disadvantaged populations through the use of technology interventions.

*Congratulations
To all the fellows*

National Postdoc Appreciation Week 2020

The 11th annual National Postdoc Appreciation Week (September 21-25, 2020) is almost here!

In the past, we have held events to recognize postdoc contributions to the Penn State community and social activities for postdocs and families to gather and connect. Due to the ongoing pandemic, many of these events are no longer feasible. We are devising new ways to show our appreciation of your continued dedication and hard work, especially during this challenging time.

Share your story

As an effort to appreciate your efforts and give recognition to YOU, we invite you to submit a professional or casual picture (however you prefer to be seen and remembered by others) of yourself with a sign (or anything to write on) that has written on it, a word or phrase describes who you are, what you do, what excites you, or anything you'd like to share with the world. We will collect these photos and create a video to be posted on the official website of The Office of Postdoctoral Affairs and our social media outlets (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram).

You are encouraged to send a short video clipping, talking about yourself, your interests and what fascinates you as a Post Doc.

IT'S TIME FOR YOU TO BE SEEN AND RECOGNIZED. Come and celebrate with us virtually this coming National Post Doc Appreciation Week! HELP US APPRECIATE YOU! 😊

Please send your photo/video to Becky Moyer **by Monday, August 31, 2020** if you are interested in taking part in the video and sharing your voice. Becky can be contacted via email at rmoyer7@pennstatehealth.psu.edu

Please stay on the lookout for additional announcements regarding the NPAW and our commitment to you. Feel free to contact Alex (ayll14@psu.edu) or Rinki (rkumar1@pennstatehealth.psu.edu) if you have any suggestion on how you would like to be acknowledged.

Career Development Events

Upcoming Woodward Workshops

- **AUGUST 12TH (12-1)**
 - **JEANINE BEATTY-CHADHA:** LEARNING AT ALL LEVELS: HOW PEER AND NEAR-PEER TEACHING IMPROVE OUTCOMES
 - <https://psu.zoom.us/j/99337061420?pwd=dkpsYnRLV0tJLOtYaU1RZ2Q2aXFVQT09>
- **SEPTEMBER 23RD (12-1)**
 - **DRS. NANCY ADAMS AND LISA SHANTZ:** ADAPTING YOUR LARGE-GROUP SESSIONS FOR REMOTE LEARNING
 - <https://psu.zoom.us/j/92961632522?pwd=Sk5QQjRYV0wwVFNpZEIvRGRzazJvdz09>
- **OCTOBER 14TH (12-1)**
 - **DRS. PAUL HAIDET, JED GONZALO, DAN WOLPAW, NANCY ADAMS, MIKE MCSHANE:** "USING EXPERT INTERVIEWS TO CREATE LEARNER ENGAGEMENT IN ONLINE TEACHING"
 - <https://psu.zoom.us/j/99370418532?pwd=cWJWZXdUbktJQ1FlaVdaOTdQU3hMdz09>

Upcoming NIH Programs

NIH Summer Science at Home

Each Friday, Institutes and Centers of the NIH will present speakers and panels to introduce their science and resulting career opportunities. For more information about each session, please visit [2020 NIH Summer Science at Home](#).

Friday, August 7, 2020

- 12:00 – 1:00 pm (EDT), [National Institute on Aging](#)
Neuronal and Astrocytic Extracellular Vesicles in Blood Reflect Brain Pathology in Mouse Models of Alzheimer's Disease
- 3:00 – 4:00 pm (EDT), [National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke](#)
Your Potential for Action: Overview of Neuroscience Diversity Training and Research Opportunities through NINDS

Friday, August 14, 2020

- 12:00 - 1:00 pm (EDT), [National Eye Institute](#)
Minerals and Proteins in the Eye: A Potential Therapeutic Target for Dry Age-related Macular Degeneration (AMD)

NIH OITE Upcoming Events

[Becoming a Resilient Scientist Series: V. Building Mentor Networks](#)

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4058140595260555536>, August 12, 2020 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

[\[RESCHEDULED\] - Talking Science: Designing and Delivering Successful Oral Presentations](#)

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8601246774822393616>, August 13, 2020 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Career Services Meet & Greet/Quick Question Drop-In

Wed 8/26, 11-1, Zoom

Drop in virtually any time between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Ask questions about CVs/resumes, career exploration, LinkedIn & networking, job/postdoc search, interviewing, and other career-related topics. No sign-up needed!

<https://psu.zoom.us/j/97487864225?pwd=amdFaVRXVkJ5aazB6YktidzY2alZOUT09>,

Password: 988857

Alumni Spotlight: Alissa Meister, PhD - Presidential Management Fellows (PMF) Program

Wed 9/2, 4-5, Zoom

Alissa Meister, PhD '19 will talk about her PMF experience as a Special Assistant to the Director & Deputy Director at the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research (NIDCR), National Institutes of Health (NIH). She will also offer insight into PMF agencies and positions, the application process and timeline, and tips for coordinating with graduation. There will be ample time for Q&A. The PMF Program is a highly selective, 2-Year fellowship and leadership development program that recruits recent and soon-to-be graduates with advanced degrees.

[REGISTER HERE](#)

Resume & CV Reviews

Wed 9/16, 3-5 (assigned times), Zoom

Sign-up to get your CV or resume reviewed virtually during a quick 20-minute session via Zoom. Spaces are limited.

[REGISTER HERE](#)

Finding a Postdoc

Wed 9/30, 4-5, Lecture Room D (C7619)

Presenter: Gail Thomas, PhD, MS

Learn the purpose of postdoctoral training, steps to finding a rewarding postdoctoral position, and tools and resources to use in your search.

[REGISTER HERE](#)

Create Your Career: Academic Administration & Educational Training

Wed 10/7, 12:30-1:30, Zoom

Various career areas including curriculum development and academic management, graduate/postdoctoral career and professional development, training program and fellowship management, and faculty/fellows training and professional development will be highlighted. Invited panelists will speak about respective career paths, current positions and responsibilities, skills and experiences needed to enter the field, rewarding and challenging aspects of work, and tips and feedback for students interested in related areas. There will be ample time for Q&A.

REGISTRATION OPENING SOON!

Employer Spotlight: Merck - A Diversity of Careers

Fri 10/16, starts at noon, Zoom

This session will feature a brief overview of Merck and available career opportunities plus four optional 30-minute sessions on various career areas including Research & Development, Data Science/Biostatistics, Regulatory Affairs/Compliance/Science Policy, and Business/Medical Science Liaison roles. Students and postdocs should plan to attend the opening session and any 30-minute career sessions of interest (times will be announced).

REGISTRATION OPENING SOON!

Follow us on social media to stay connected with social and scientific events happening in and around campus.

 **Twitter:** @PSUCoMPostdoc <https://twitter.com/PSUCoMPostdoc>

 **Instagram:** psucom_postdoc https://www.instagram.com/psucom_postdoc/

 **Facebook group:**

Hershey Postdocs <https://www.facebook.com/groups/439767336548787/about/>

Contact **Alex Lin** at aylin197@psu.edu or **Raquel** at rub369@psu.edu if you have any news you want to share (e.g., publications, awards, grants, etc.)

If you're more comfortable with texting, click the links/scan QR codes below and we will include you in your favorite APP!

WhatsApp <https://chat.whatsapp.com/L9EKLraqP2j13PzIO5PGoA>

Line <https://line.me/R/ti/g/KC-B9yAuUe>



Should you have trouble joining the groups,
Please contact us at aylin197@psu.edu

We chat



Message from the Editor's Desk



Rinki Kumar, PhD
Co-President and
Editor Of Connect
Newsletter

“Connect” is the quarterly newsletter of the Post-Doctoral Society at the College of Medicine, PSU, Hershey. It brings to the community a glimpse into the activities, events and achievements of the post-doctoral fellows. From warm welcomes to new fellows to “Connect” them with their colleagues, to notifications about opportunities for professional growth and enrichment in upcoming quarters.

“Connect” is a professional platform that aims to bring you the recognition you deserve and an opportunity to showcase your work. Let us know about your publications, grants, awards that you receive or personal milestones, and we will highlight it in our spotlight section. We are keen to hear from you about your work. Write to us for a chance of an interview and let fellow colleagues learn from your experiences.

We invite everyone to write about what matters to you- arts, science, society, philosophy or life in general, or express yourself through photography or cartoons. We call for interesting science images from your research, to be featured on the cover page. So, keep connected and look out for the next issue.



Rebecca Moyer
Administrative
Support Coordinator

Do you have cool fluorescence, confocal or EM images to share?

We are looking for cover images for our newsletter “CONNECT”.

An excellent way to share your research and highlight your findings!

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