What’s New in Biochemistry

PERSONNEL NEWS:

Cassandra Barnes has returned to Biochemistry as a graduate student in adjunct, Peter Calvert’s, lab down in IHP. Welcome back!

Rebecca Sager has joined adjunct faculty, Leszek Kotula’s, lab as an MD/PhD student.

Huimei (Janet) Zheng completed her PhD degree requirements in Stewart Loh’s lab and has obtained a Postdoc position at St. Judes’.

Dr. Sudha Neelam completed her temporary postdoc in Tom Duncan’s lab and is moving to New Jersey.

Matthew Craft completed his Master’s degree in Stewart Loh’s lab and has been accepted into the PhD program at LSU.

Koshu Takatsuji completed the SURF program in Stewart Loh’s lab and is returning to his studies at Bard College at Simon.

Madeline Clark completed the SURF program in Patty Kane’s lab and is returning to her studies at SUNY ESF.

Julie Klaric completed the SURF program in Xin Jie Chen’s lab and is returning to her studies at the University of Connecticut.

AWARDS, RECOGNITIONS, AND OTHER ACTIVITIES:

Congratulations to Sergio Couoh-Cardel who passed his qualifying exam with honors on July 18th and Disharee Das who passed her’s on June 30th. Also congratulations to Matthew Craft who successfully defended his Master’s thesis on August 1st.

Stephen Shinsky presented a poster entitled "A non-active site SET domain surface crucial for the interaction of MLL1 and the RbBP5/Ash2L heterodimer within MLL family core complexes" at the recent Gordon Conference on Enzymes, Coenzyme and metabolic pathways.

At the same conference, Michael Cosgrove also presented a poster entitled "Automethylation activities within the MLL1 core complex reveal evidence for two-active sites for multiple histone H3K4 methylation." This poster included Kevin Namitz, Stephen Shinsky, and Susan Viggiano as co-authors. The conference was held in Waterville Valley, New Hampshire from July 13-18, 2014.

Tom Duncan gave a seminar on June 10th at the Wadsworth Center (Albany, NY), entitled "How the Bacterial ATP Synthase Jams Its Own Gears - a Potential Target for Antibiotic Development?". He was invited by Dr. Kathleen McDonough. His graduate student, Naman Shah, also visited to work in McDonough’s lab and initiate a collaboration to study the importance of regulation by subunit ε in the critical role of ATP synthase for viability and virulence of Mycobacterium tuberculosis.