




# What's New in Biochemistry

## PERSONNEL CHANGES:

	Leila Gheith has joined Bruce Knutson's lab as a Student Assistant.
	Yaxin Liu completed her PhD degree in Xin Jie Chen's lab and will be looking for a position in Alberta Canada after finishing up some papers with Xin Jie.
	Maria Camargo completed her PhD degree in adjunct faculty, Frank Middleton's lab.

## AWARDS, RECOGNITIONS, AND OTHER ACTIVITIES:



From left to right: Swetha Devi Delivela, Subhrajit Banerjee, Patty Kane, and Michael Jaskolka

Patty Kane received the SUNY Distinguished Teaching Professorship, the highest SUNY Academic Rank. Dr. Kane was nominated by Subhrajit, while both Swetha and Michael supported the nomination.

There is a first time for everything. Stuti Sharma dressed as V-ATPase reconstituted into vacuolar lipid containing nanodiscs with an N terminal tail containing a Prescission protease cleavage site and a BAP tag for in vivo biotinylation for her seminar that she gave on Halloween.



## GRANTS:

**Wenyi Feng** was awarded a five-year NIH: National Institute of General Medical Sciences grant entitled "Mechanisms of Replication Stress-induced Chromosome Fragility"  
9/2/2016-8/31/2017 \$200,000

**Stewart N. Loh** was awarded a subcontract from Rutgers University entitled "Development of Zinc Metallochaperones as Mutant p53 Targeted Anti-cancer Drugs"  
3/15/2016-2/28/2017 \$ 84,317

Congratulations to Michael Cosgrove, Nilda Alicea Velazquez, and Daniel Loh! Michael received the following email that he shared with Penny:

*Dear Michael Cosgrove,*

*On behalf of the Journal of Biological Chemistry, I would like to congratulate you on the success of your recent JBC paper, "Targeted Disruption of the Interaction Between WD-40 Repeat Protein 5 (WDR5) and Mixed Lineage Leukemia (MLL)/SET1 Family Proteins Specifically Inhibits MLL1 and SETd1A Methyltransferase Complexes."*

*Your paper was read 395 times on the JBC website in August and September.*

*This is quite an achievement. We are pleased that publishing in JBC led to high visibility for your work! Please share this outcome with your colleagues.*

*Thank you for choosing to publish with the JBC. We look forward to working with you again.*

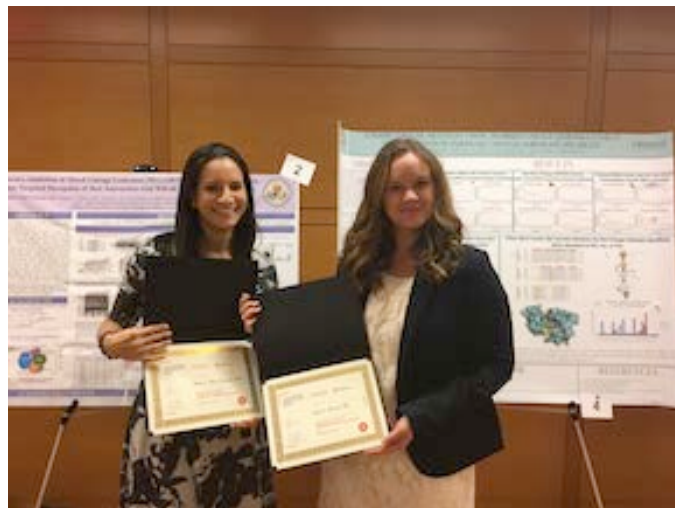
*Sincerely,*

*Lila M. Gierasch*

*Editor-in-Chief*

*Journal of Biological Chemistry*

Nilda Alicea-Velazquez and Ashley Canning both presented posters at a meeting entitled: Epigenetics in Cancer: Translational Medicine Approaches, which was hosted by the NY Academy of Sciences and both won an Outstanding Presentation Prize!!!! Ashley was also one of three students selected to give a "DataBlitz" talk. Michael is so proud of both of them.



From left to right: Nilda Alicea-Velazquez and Ashley Canning at Epigenetics in Cancer Meeting with their awards.

Congratulations to Yaxin Liu who successfully defended her PhD degree on December 6<sup>th</sup>! She may relocate to Edmonton, Alberta, Canada with her husband and will be looking for Post-doc at University of Alberta.

Congratulations to Maria Camargo who successfully defended her PhD degree on December 7<sup>th</sup>!

### PERSONAL NEWS:

Another wonderful Christmas party at Lemon Grass on December 9<sup>th</sup>. Susan Viggiano was awarded the Richard Cross Excellence Award.



The Quiet Table (NOT). From left to right: Nick Huang, Ashley Canning, Michael Jaskolka, Andrew McCully, Nilda Alicea Velazquez, and Nick Stam's wife, Katie.



Patty Kane announcing the winner of the Richard Cross Excellence Award

Great times were had at the annual Christmas Potluck, Ugly Sweater, and Rob Your Neighbor party on December 19<sup>th</sup>. Penny McPhilmy was the unlucky recipient of the dreaded Christmas apron.



Sue Viggiano winning the Richard Cross Excellence award



Penny with the Christmas apron and hat!