

# What's New in Biochemistry

### **PERSONNEL CHANGES:**



Mark Rodriguez graduated from SU and left his Student Assistant position in Patty Kane's lab.



Zachary Oaks completed the PhD portion of his MD/PhD degree in Andras Perls' lab and returned to medical school here at Upstate.



Dr. Ryan Palumbo joins Steve Hanes' lab as a Postdoctoral Associate.



Gianno Pannafino returns to Bruce Knutson's lab as a Research Aide. Gianno was a SURF student last summer in Bruce's lab.



Charles Ryan is leaving his Student Assistant position in Mark Schmitt's lab after graduating from SU.



Liam Coyne joined Xin Jie Chen's lab as an MD/PhD student.



Lee Bauter has joined Wenyi Feng's lab as a SURF student.

#### **PUBLICATIONS:**

COUOH-CARDEL S, Hsueh YC, Wilkens S, Movileanu L. Yeast V-ATPase Proteolipid Ring Acts as a Large-conductance Transmembrane Protein Pore. *Sci Rep.* 2016 Apr 21;6:24774. doi: 10.1038/srep24774.

http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC4838861/

Woodford MR, **Dunn DM**, Ciciarelli JG, Beebe K, Neckers L, **Mollapour M. Targeting Hsp90 in non-cancerous Maladies.** *Curr Top Med Chem*. 2016 Apr 13. [Epub ahead of print] <a href="http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/27072697">http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/27072697</a>

# **AWARDS, RECOGNITIONS, AND OTHER ACTIVITIES:**

Stewart Loh was featured In Good Health Magazine with an article entitled "Cancer crusader: Upstate's Stewart Loh takes lead on finding cure for cancer". For article, go to page 17 of the following:

<a href="https://issuu.com/cnyigh/docs/igh\_cny\_197\_-may\_final">https://issuu.com/cnyigh/docs/igh\_cny\_197\_-may\_final</a>

Pictures from the 2016 Carol Baldwin Annual Gala, held on May 7, 2016, at Turning Stone. Patty Kane was awarded the Humanitarian Award.



Patty Kane with her husband, Tom Popp



Patty Kane, David Amberg, Rebecca Oot, Michael Cosgrove, and Mark Schmitt

Patty Kane has also been appointed to the Distinguished Faculty Rank by the State University of New York Board of Trustees as a Distinguished Teaching Professor. She is one of 27 other faculty members from SUNY's 64 campuses to receive distinguished rank this year. Distinguished Faculty Ranks are the highest system honors awarded to SUNY instructional faculty according to Upstate Online. For the full article: http://upstateonline.info/static/May12-

Congratulations to Cassandra Barns who successful passed her Qualifying Exam on June 7<sup>th</sup>.

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### **PERSONAL NEWS:**



Daniel Loh, Jeung-Hoi (Jenny) Ha, Julia Loh, and Stewart's mother.

Stewart Loh and Jeung-Hoi (Jenny) Ha's daughter, Julia, graduated from Fayetteville-Manlius High School. She will be attending Cornell in the Fall. Stewart says that now that they have two children in college, they are accepting sympathy cards especially those that contain cash.

### **NEWS ABOUT ALUMNI:**

Weiping Yu, one of Rich Cross' students, recently sent Penny a brief life update along with pictures of her pet bunny, Joy. She is living in Irvine, CA, and her daughter is pursuing a PhD degree at UC Berkley.



Thank you to Gino Cingolani for providing the following:

Hi Patty and Penny,

I hope all is well at Upstate!

I wanted to share with you this beautiful picture taken yesterday at Adem Koksal's wedding, in Rochester.

I can hardly describe how proud I am to see my former students becoming successful scientists and accomplished human beings.

This is definitely the most rewarding part of being a scientist.

## Gino



From left: Kaylen Lott, John Nardozzi, Gino Cingolani (back), Adam Olia (back), and the groom, Adem Koksal.



Gino and family at Adem Koksal's wedding.