In May, the Center for Reproductive Genomics (CRG) held its second Symposium featuring speakers from throughout the country, along with trainee members of the Cornell community. The event was a huge success, attended by researchers across the Ithaca and Weill-Cornell campuses, as well as colleagues from neighboring institutions. Prizes for the best oral presentation and poster presentation by a trainee went to Stephanie Hilz (Grimson Lab, MB&G) and Chatchanan Doungkamchan (Orwig Lab, University of Pittsburgh), respectively, who each won $500. The symposium coincided with the annual meeting of the NICHD’s Male Research Focus Group, headed by Drs. Stuart Moss (NICHD) and Paula Cohen, and hosted for the first time in Ithaca. Both events were organized to perfection by Jackie Creque and Elena Cestero. Thanks to our funding sources: The NICHD (through the CRG), The Cornell Stem Cell Center, The Center for Vertebrate Genomics, The Department of Urology at Weill-Cornell Medical College, and The Department of Biomedical Sciences.

Keynote Speaker, Dr Bill Theurkauf (U. Mass Medical School), presenting his seminar titled “Building the Germline Genome Immune System”
Members of the Weill-Cornell and Ithaca CRG collaboration:

Priti Singh of the Schimenti Lab

Carolyn Milano of the Cohen Lab
AWARDS AND CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Charlton Tsai, a recent Cornell graduate and former member of the Weiss laboratory, who was one of 33 seniors honored as Merrill Presidential Scholars at the 28th annual Merrill Presidential Scholars Convocation luncheon on May 25th. Charlton is pictured here with two of his most influential instructors, Donald Bartlett, of New Paltz High School, and Dr. Robert Weiss of the Department of Biomedical Sciences.

To read the full Cornell Chronicle article on this event, visit:  
http://www.news.cornell.edu/stories/2016/05/33-seniors-honored-2016-merrill-presidential-scholars

Pictured from left to right: Donald Bartlett of New Paltz High School, Professor of Biomedical Sciences Robert Weiss, Charlton Tsai, and University Provost Dr. Michael Kotlikoff

Congratulations to Dr. David Lin who was selected as one of three recipients of the Cornell University Graduate and Professional Student Assembly Faculty award.

For more information on this award including selection criteria and past winners, visit:  
https://sites.google.com/a/cornell.edu/gpsa-faculty-awards/

Dr. David Lin, pictured holding his award, amidst a few of the students honoring him at the May 20th award ceremony.
Congratulations to…

Dr. John Hermanson, who was chosen as a recipient of the 2016 SUNY Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Teaching;

and to,

Dr. John Schimenti, who was chosen as a recipient of the 2016 SUNY Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Scholarship and Creative Activities.

Information about these awards along with a listing of this year’s honorees may be found at:

Congratulations to Kate Grive, a Post-Doctoral Associate in the Cohen Lab. Kate has been awarded a Hartwell Postdoctoral Fellowship, which is a two-year award given to a researcher studying any topic that benefits child health.

Information on the Hartwell Foundation Biomedical Research Fellowships including listings of previous recipients may be found at…
http://thehartwellfoundation.com/Biomedical_Research_Fellowships.shtml

Congratulations to Max Hairston, formerly a member of the Cohen Lab who has reached the finals of the NCAA Track and Field Championships in the 110m hurdles event. Max graduated last month and was the senior co-captain of the track and field team for Cornell.


Scott Butler and Kim Salino serving double duty as traveling ice cream vendors spreading good cheer from the Staff Council.
March 21, 2016

**Enzyme inhibitor looks promising against cancer**

*By Tom Fleischman*

Researchers from Cornell and Weill Cornell campuses have joined to develop an inhibitor that tackles a common protein needed by cancer cells, and this enzyme inhibitor looks promising against cancer.

![c-Myc degradation](http://www.news.cornell.edu/stories/2016/03/enzyme-inhibitor-looks-promising-against-cancer)

**BIG NEWS**

**Breast Cancer Coalition awards two $50K research grants**

*BY WHAM | TUESDAY, MARCH 22ND, 2016*


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**Embark Launches Dog DNA Breed & Health Test Platform**

[http://www.benzinga.com/pressreleases/16/05/p8046051/embark-launches-dog-dna-breed-health-test-platform](http://www.benzinga.com/pressreleases/16/05/p8046051/embark-launches-dog-dna-breed-health-test-platform)
**INTERESTING THINGS TO SEE AND DO!**

CVM House Officer Recognition - July 1
[http://events.cornell.edu/event/cvm_house_officer_recognition](http://events.cornell.edu/event/cvm_house_officer_recognition)

28th Annual Fred Scott Feline Symposium - July 29
[http://events.cornell.edu/event/28th_annual_fred_scott_feline_symposium](http://events.cornell.edu/event/28th_annual_fred_scott_feline_symposium)

**LINKS OF INTEREST**

Have you seen the updated Vet College Website?
[https://www2.vet.cornell.edu/](https://www2.vet.cornell.edu/)

Confused where to find your favorite internal pages? Visit the Intranet link located at the very bottom right of the new college web page:
[http://web.vet.cornell.edu/](http://web.vet.cornell.edu/)

Construction of the VRT curtain wall is proceeding ahead of schedule. Keep up to date at:
[http://www.vet.cornell.edu/about/project.cfm](http://www.vet.cornell.edu/about/project.cfm)

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3rd Biennial BMCB-GGD Symposium
October 11th, 2016

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Howard Hughes Medical Institute

Mike Snyder
Stanford University

Elaine Mardis
Washington University, St. Louis

Richard Kitwacki
St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital

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