



# Points of Interest

in Biomedical Sciences

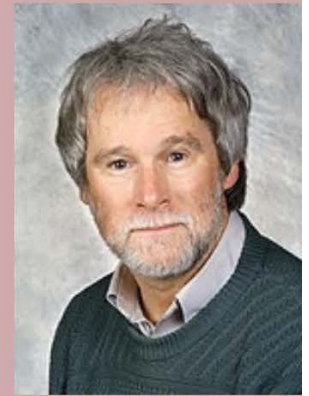
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## Farewells

Please join me in congratulating Dr. Robert Gilmour, Jr. on his appointment as Vice President for Research at the University of Prince Edward Island, effective September 1, 2012. Robert emerged from a strong pool of candidates for this prestigious position largely based on the qualities that have contributed to his long term success at Cornell. As VP for Research at UPEI he will continue to provide leadership in research and graduate education to further UPEI's rapidly growing programs that span four colleges, including the Atlantic Veterinary College, and two schools.



## and New Beginnings



Elizabeth Moore  
CARE Resident

Originally from Kentucky, I attended the University of Kentucky before moving to Ithaca for veterinary training at Cornell. I am now beginning training in laboratory animal medicine and graduate training to pursue a PhD in the Department of Biomedical Sciences. I am very happy to stay at Cornell and in Ithaca---I now have more time to make it to all the wineries! I also enjoy running and horseback riding. I am very grateful that I can continue to combine my clinical and research interests in such an outstanding institution.

## Quotables:

Honest good humor is the oil and wine of a merry meeting, and there is no jovial companionship equal to that where the jokes are rather small and laughter abundant.

~ Washington Irving

I am originally from India and went to Vet school there, but have stayed in the sunny south (Georgia) to work as a small animal veterinarian and pursue graduate studies (M.S.) in Infectious Diseases for the past few years. When not working, I enjoy spending time with my family, playing cricket (similar to baseball), taking photographs of nature and other outdoor activities. I am very happy to join the lab animal medicine residency program at Cornell which has diverse range of animal species.



Balu Reddyjarugu  
CARE Resident



*Congratulations to Colin Young (Davisson Lab) and Catharine Clark (Schaffer Lab) on their marriage Saturday, September 7, 2012!*



*Congratulations to Kadeine Campbell for her recent marriage to Josh Peterson. The couple were married in Sage Chapel on Saturday August 4th, 2012.*



## CONGRATULATIONS!



Dr. Robin Davisson was awarded the 2012 Arthur C. Corcoran Memorial Lecture by the American Heart Association's Council for High Blood Pressure Research. One of the highest honors in the field, the lecture was established in 1977 to honor Arthur C. Corcoran for his contributions to hypertension research. It is presented at the annual meeting of this council by a distinguished honoree from the field of hypertension. Congratulations, Robin!

Dr. Colin Young, postdoctoral associate in the Davisson Lab, received a New Investigator Award at the 2012 American Heart Association Council for High Blood Pressure Research meeting in Washington, DC. Colin received this award for his paper entitled "Ablation of Leptin Receptors in the Brain Subfornical Organ Attenuates Leptin-induced increases in Renal Sympathetic Nerve Activity (RSNA) But Spares It's Effects on Food Intake and Body Weight". Congratulations, Colin!

Dr. Colin Young, postdoctoral associate in the Davisson Lab, was selected by the American Heart Association as a recipient of the "Best of AHA Specialty Conferences" award. Colin's abstract entitled "Ablation of Leptin Receptors in the Brain Subfornical Organ Attenuates Leptin-induced increases in Renal Sympathetic Nerve Activity (RSNA) But Spares It's Effects on Food Intake and Body Weight" was recognized among the top 10% of accepted abstracts in the AHA Specialty Conferences. Dr. Young will re-present this study at the national AHA Scientific Sessions in Los Angeles, November 3-7, 2012. Abstracts in this session will be exposed to special international news media and will be covered in the AHA Scientific Session news breaks. Congratulation, Colin!



Congratulations to Dr. Kim Holloway, who was just awarded the R00 phase of funding from the NICHD for her K99 "Transition to Independence" award. The R00 award is equivalent to an R01 grant in status and represents Kim's first fully independent NIH funding. Congratulations!

Congratulations to Dr. Xianfei (Fei) Sun for successful defense of her thesis. Fei will be sticking around the department for a while as a Postdoctoral Fellow in the Cohen Lab.

Congratulations to ANDREW MODZELESKI from the Cohen Lab for winning the first prize for the best poster at the 2012 STEM CELL SYMPOSIUM.

Congratulations to Dr. Mark Roberson and collaborators throughout the University on the recent award notice from NICHD of continued funding on their T32 (Reproductive Sciences and Genomics) training grant. This grant provides trainee support and institutional allowances for postdoctoral fellows, DVM/MDs seeking PhDs and BS/MS seeking PhDs.

Additional Kudos for Dr. Sones who spoke at the Advances in Equine Health Practices and Procedures for Breeders, Owners, & Trainers equine seminar on Saturday, August 18 in Saratoga Springs.

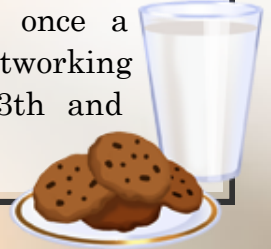
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## DEPARTMENT OF BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES SEMINAR SERIES

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2012**

**DR. FRANCESCA COLE**

Assistant Professor  
Department of Molecular Carcinogenesis  
The University of Texas  
MD Anderson Cancer Center  
Smithville, TX

*"Preaching About the Converted: Homologous Recombination Mechanisms in Mouse Meiosis."*

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2012**

**DR. PAUL HIGGINS**

Professor and Director  
Center for Cell Biology and Cancer Research  
Albany Medical College  
Albany, NY

*"The TGF- $\beta$  Target SERPINE1 Gene in Fibrosis and Cancer: Complex regulation and therapeutic opportunities."*

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2012**

**DR. ANNA DI GREGORIO**

Associate Professor  
Department of Cell and Developmental Biology  
Weill Medical College of Cornell University  
New York, NY

*"Control of Gene Expression in Notochord Evolution and Development: Lessons from a Sea Squirt"*

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2012**

**DR. YI ZHOU**

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Department of Biomedical Sciences  
Cornell University - College of Veterinary  
Medicine  
Ithaca, NY

*"Dysregulation of Thrombospondin 2 in Preeclampsia"*

