Word from the Dean

February and March have been full of events, including recruitment and dissertation defenses. We had a very successful recruitment event on February 6-7 (see summary below), and we have 8-10 upcoming thesis/dissertation defenses this spring. Our trainees and faculty continue to receive awards at the local and national levels (see Kudos sections). Please see the information on current COVID-19 Updates on page 6, and continue to carefully read all emails from UMMC and SGSHS Administration regarding the effort to reduce the spread of this virus.

2020 PhD Recruitment Event

Our recent Ph.D. recruitment event was a success! We hosted 34 prospective students from 14 home states (highlighted) and 24 institutions.

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Important Dates

MARCH 9-13  SPRING BREAK
MARCH 27  COPD LECTURE - DR. TRACEY WIESSGERBER (CANCELLED, WILL RESCHEDULE)
DEADLINE FOR COMPLETION OF ALL REQUIREMENTS FOR MAY 2020 GRADUATION
APRIL 16  HONORS DAY
Kudos
prestige-honor-distinction

Awarded 1st place in oral presentations at Mississippi Academy of Sciences in the Physics and Engineering Division for “Evaluation of the Pre-Osteoblastic Cell Response on Hydroxyapatite Coated PEEK and Titanium Alloy Surfaces”

Kadie Nobles
PhD program, Biomedical Sciences, Biomedical Materials Science

Awarded 1st place in oral presentations at Mississippi Academy of Sciences in the Physics and Engineering Division for “Validating the Accuracy of Micro-Computed Tomography in Implant Measurement and Screening of Significant Implant Design Parameters”

Megha Satpathy
PhD program, Biomedical Sciences, Biomedical Materials Science

Office of Postdoctoral Studies

Postdoctoral Trainee Professional Skills Travel Program

Postdocs can apply for travel assistance from the SGSHS to attend a workshop for professional development.

Contact Shanna Moulds, Director of Operations, at smoulds@umc.edu for more information about this program.

Do you have a question or concern for the Office of Postdoctoral Studies? Click here to contact a member of the advisory committee.

Faculty Kudos

Manuscript selected for new animation initiative program that ISPAH (International Society for Physical Activity and Health) is piloting to increase the outreach & impact of selected published manuscripts – for the paper entitled “Feasibility and effectiveness of two built environmental interventions on physical activity among 3-5 year old preschoolers”

Dr. Jennifer Robinson
Nursing
MARCH 2020

New Zebrafish Facility

The new facility, founded by Dr. Yann Gibert, is located in the Clinical Sciences building.

(from left) Dr. Richard Summers, Dr. LouAnn Woodward, Dr. Yann Gibert, Dr. Jane Reckelhoff, and Dr. John Ruckdeschel

The facility contains over 750 tanks, including nursery, individual isolation, regular (3L) large (8L), mass spawning (up to 200 adult fish) and regular breeding tanks. The entire facility can be remotely monitored via laptop/smartphone.

Dr. Yann Gibert explains the tank setup to Dr. Woodward and Dr. Summers

Graduate Student Body

Have you ordered your UMMC t-shirt yet?
Click here to visit the online store!

Long-sleeve and 2 color options

Deadline to order: March 26th

Office of Diversity and Inclusion

WORD OF THE MONTH: COMPASSION

Sympathetic consciousness of others’ distress together with a desire to alleviate it.

Click here to learn more about the word of the month!

SGSHS-Funded Travel Update

- We are still waiting to receive official guidelines from UMMC Administration regarding cancelled travel due to COVID-19.
- Please continue to check your UMC email for updates from Emma Liston, as we expect to receive more information soon.
Coronavirus (COVID-19) Updates

Excerpt from the memo sent from Dr. Jonathan Wilson, Chief Administrative Officer on March 9, 2020:

UMMC faculty, staff and students are encouraged to:

- Stay home and not come to work if they exhibit any of the respiratory-illness symptoms related to COVID-19: Fever, Cough, Shortness of breath
- Practice good hygiene by covering their coughs and sneezes, washing their hands often and avoiding touching their eyes, noses and mouths,
- Avoid public areas and public transportation,
- Clean all “high-touch” surfaces daily.
- Call their health care providers before arriving for medical appointments, and
- Notify their immediate supervisors or instructors if they have a family member suspected to have or who has tested positive for COVID-19.

Click the computer icon below to visit the UMMC website for COVID-19 updates