Labor Day is already in hindsight and the fall semester stretches ahead. Last month at the annual New Student Welcome Supper, our new Ph.D. students took part in the inaugural School of Graduate Studies in the Health Sciences Lab Coat Ceremony (see below). During the month of September, we will celebrate Postdoctoral Appreciation Week with several events on and off campus (see page 3). In early October, we will host the second annual Faculty Showcase Event as part of our recruiting efforts for the PhD graduate programs (page 2). We are proud to see the continued accomplishments of our students, trainees and faculty - evident in the numerous awards (Kudos, page 2) and publications (pages 4-6).

The School of Graduate Studies welcomed twenty-one new Ph.D. students on August 15 at the inaugural 'Lab Coat Ceremony.' For these students, this event marks the beginning of their journey toward earning the highest academic degree conferred at UMMC.

**Important Dates**

- **SEPT 16-20** National Postdoc Appreciation Week
- **SEPT 19** Career Opportunities and Professional Development Lecture
- **SEPT 27** Abstract deadline for SGSHS Research Day
- **OCT 1-2** Faculty Showcase
Meredith Cobb
MD/PhD program, Experimental Therapeutics and Pharmacology

Served as a student delegate and reference committee member for the recent Mississippi State Medical Association (MSMA) Annual Session of the House of Delegates. Served on the student event committee for the first-ever MSMA Women in Medicine event.

Dr. Noha Elsayed
Postdoctoral fellow, Cell and Molecular Biology

Abstract entitled “Female Offspring of Polycystic Ovary Syndrome Rat Model Exhibit Insulin Resistance and Tendency Toward Increased Blood Pressure With Aging” was selected among the top 10 percent of the accepted abstracts presented at the Council on Hypertension meeting in New Orleans 2019. As a result, Dr. Elsayed was invited to the poster presentations at Scientific Sessions 2019 in Philadelphia, PA.

Dr. Yann Gibert
Cell and Molecular Biology

- IRSP pilot grant for “Embryonic BPA, but not BPS, exposure increases lipid deposition by activating the ERRy receptor” awarded by COBRE Center for Psychiatric Neuroscience
- Brown Foundation grant from Cancer Center and Research Institute

Dr. Ritesh Tandon
Microbiology and Immunology

Received a grant from NASA for ‘new space biology research designed to help the agency achieve its goals under the Artemis lunar exploration program’ for his project “Effect of space radiation on cytomegalovirus reactivation and lytic replication.” Click HERE to read more.

2nd Annual Faculty Showcase Event
October 1-2

On October 1-2, the SGSHS will host faculty from regional colleges/universities (listed below) for the second annual Faculty Showcase Event.

The purpose of this event is to promote each PhD graduate program as part of our recruiting process.

Please help us offer a warm welcome to these visitors!

- Alcorn State
- Belhaven
- Delta State
- Jackson State University
- Louisiana Tech
- Millsaps
- Mississippi College
- Mississippi State University
- Mississippi University for Women
- Tougaloo
- University of Louisiana Monroe
- University of Mississippi
- University of Southern Mississippi
- William Carey
- Xavier
- University of New Orleans

Contact Mary Darby (mdmatthews@umc.edu) with questions or to request additional events be announced.

Email JDBowman@umc.edu with questions about this event.

Graduate Student Body

Upcoming philanthropy events and opportunities:

Thursday, September 19
Ovarian Cancer Research Alliance cycling challenge
Click HERE for more info

Saturday, October 12
2019 Walk to End Alzheimer’s
Click HERE for more info
Office of Postdoctoral Studies

As part of the institutional commitment to excellence in education and research, the Office for Postdoctoral Studies strives to serve as the dedicated resource for postdoctoral fellows and applicants, faculty mentors and department administrators.

Mark your calendar for these events during National Postdoc Appreciation Week:

Monday, September 16
Postdoc Appreciation Breakfast - N146, SGSHS office, 8-9:30

Tuesday, September 17
Postdoc Appreciation Social - Babalu Patio, Fondren, 4-6 pm
RSVP to smoulds@umc.edu

Friday, September 20
Coffee Hour - International Services Office, Apt building E, 8:30-9:30
International Cuisine Lunch - R136 conference room, 11:30-12:30

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Responsible Conduct of Research
SEMINAR SERIES FOR POSTDOCS

Who needs to attend this series?
All NEW postdoctoral fellows (in first year at UMMC)
All individuals supported by individual funding opportunities and career development awards, or by any NIH grant, who have not yet taken the course.

The course is offered annually, each fall term.
Fall 2019 schedule Thursdays from 3:00-3:50pm, Sept 19 - Nov 7

Email Shanna Moulds (smoulds@umc.edu) to register.

Grant Deadlines
National Institutes of Health (NIH)
National Research Service Award (F series): December 8
Visit www.grants.nih.gov for more information
American Heart Association (AHA)
Career Development Award: October 15
visit www.professional.heart.org for more information

Professional Opportunities
Are you preparing a manuscript for publication? The American Physiological Society will be sponsoring a professional skills training course, "Writing and Reviewing for Scientific Journals," for trainees and early career investigators, from January 23-26, 2020 in Orlando, FL. This is an excellent opportunity to directly interact with highly published authors and journal editors. Visit www.the-aps.org for more info.

Do you have a question or concern to bring to the Office of Postdoctoral Studies?
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Welcome to our newest post-doctoral fellows and instructors:

Ellen Robertson, PhD
Instructor
Neurobiology and Anatomical Sciences

Zoltan Nemeth, PhD
Postdoctoral Research Fellow
Physiology and Biophysics
Select articles from PubMed (8/1/19 - 08/27/19). Use links to view on the NCBI website.

Recent Publications continued


