


**AWARDS AND RECOGNITION**

Barbara Golden will be working as a Dean’s Fellow with Dean Jay Akridge and Senior Associate Dean for Research and Faculty Affairs Karen Plaut for the 2015-2016 academic year on a project focused on the success of associate professors. Dr. Golden will focus on the broad question of how the College and departments can better support the success of associate professors.

Mark Hall received a grant from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill for a project titled “Factors that regulate chromatin organization and gene transcription”. This awards runs from 3/1/2015 – 2/29/16 and the total funding is $27,272.

Ann Kirchmaier received a Purdue Center for Cancer Research (PCCR) award titled “Hi-seq Analyses of Changes in RNA Expression Profiles and their Association with Novel Epigenetic States”. This award runs from 9/22/15-3/31/16 and the total funding is $4,474.

Ann Kirchmaier also received a PCCR award for her project titled “Synthesis of Cell-Permeable Compounds for Analysis of Epigenetic Processes”. The award runs from 9/21/15 – 3/31/16 and the total funding is $2,194.

Joe Ogas has received a PCCR award for his project titled “CHD5 promotes H2A.Z and contributes to gene expression in neuroblastoma SH-SY5Y cells”. The award runs from 9/22/15-6/30/16 for a total funding of $10,000.

**GRADUATE STUDENT NEWS**

Congratulations to Zheng (Cindy) Xing (Tran lab) for passing her prelim on October 2, 2015.

Congratulations to Ben Woodworth (Dudareva lab) for passing his prelim on October 26, 2015.

**GOING THE EXTRA MILE**

Clint Chapple gave a talk at the Department of Biochemistry at Michigan State University on October 15th and also attended the MSU-DOE Plant Research Lab’s 50th anniversary celebration on October 16th & 17th.

Natalia Dudareva attended XV Brazilian Congress of Plant Physiology and 1st Brazilian-Israeli Plant Science Conference in Foz do Iguaçu (Paraná, Brazil) from September 28 – October 2 and presented a talk entitled "Plant aromatic amino acid network: what's left to know?".
Natalia Dudareva gave invited seminars at Natural Products Affinity Group (NPAG) from Salk Institute, University of California San Diego and Scripps Institution of Oceanography in San Diego on October 9 and at the Department of Biology, Indiana Wesleyan University, Marion, IN on October 15.

Andy Tao and Anton Iliuk were the invited speakers for 2015 HPLC meeting in Beijing, China, which was held on September 21 – 25, 2015.

DEPARTMENT EVENTS

BIOCHEMISTRY SPEAKER SEMINARS - NOVEMBER

November 3  Boyi Gan  
The University of Texas, MD Anderson Cancer Center  
*Title: Energy Sensing and Metabolism in Cancer and Stem Cells*  
Host: Xiaoqi Liu

November 10  Lori Pile  
Wayne State University, Department of Biological Science  
*Title: Regulation of the Genome by an Essential Histone Modifying Complex*  
Host: Scott Briggs

November 16 & 17  Beach Distinguished Lectures, Wilhelm Gruissem, Institute of Plant Sciences, ETH Zurich (PFEN, Deans Auditorium)  
*November 16 - “Translational Biotechnology: Improving Rice and Cassava Nutritional Quality” and November 17 - “What does it take to become a productive plant leaf”*  
Host: Natalia Dudareva

BIOCHEMISTRY GRADUATE/POSTDOC – NOVEMBER

11/6/2015  Jie Li  
Wai Kit Ma (Finding a Postdoc)

11/13/2015  Nina Serratore  
Michael Melesse

11/20/2015  Nicole Hjortland  
Anton Iliuk

11/27/2015  THANKSGIVING
STRICTLY PERSONAL
Scott Briggs ran in the 38th running of the Bank of America Chicago Marathon where there were approximately 45,000 registered runners. The course runs through 29 Chicago neighborhoods. He said “The crowd support and energy are unlike any other race that I’ve ever participated in. If you enjoy running, the Chicago Marathon is one that you have to experience.” His finishing time was 3:16:10 and overall place was 2266.

Introducing Emily Leon-Salas, daughter of Vikki Weake and Daniel Leon-Salas. Born on Monday, September 28th. Congrats Vikki, Daniel, and big sister Allie!
Andy Tao and Anton Iliuk were in Beijing, China for the HPLC International Symposium and while there, Andy and Anton visited the Forbidden City and the Great Wall.

Whitney Dolan (Chapple lab) ran her first half marathon on October 18th, the Detroit International Half Marathon, which included running to Canada and back via the Ambassador Bridge and Windsor Tunnel. Whitney finished with a time of 2:34. Congrats Whitney!

Congrats to those who participated in the 4th Annual Purdue Boilermaker Half Marathon on Saturday October 17, 2015: Beth Tran, Andy Tao, Jim Forney, Scott Briggs, Jian-Kang Zhu, Nina Serratore (Briggs lab) and Yu-Hsuan Lai (Tran lab).

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Congratulations to Jakub (Kubi) Hall, son of Mark and Hana (Weake lab) Hall who plays soccer for the Harrison High School Raiders for scoring the winning goal in overtime of the state quarterfinal game and also scoring the penalty shootout of the semifinal game the weekend of October 24 -25 to lead the team to the Raider’s first ever trip to the state championship game in Indianapolis on October 31st.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS
Chuan- Chih Hsu
Wai Kit Ma
Mayank Srivastava
Vikki Weake
Rachel Weaver