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Calendar

Monday, August 28

Inorganic Chemistry Seminar: Alison Brown, Michigan State University, 11:30 a.m., 136 Chemistry.

Plant Biology and Plant Research Laboratory Seminar: Peroxisome biogenesis and the formation of multi-vesicular peroxisomes during tombusvirus infection: A role for ESCRT. Robert Mullen, University of Guelph, 4:10 p.m., 101 Biochemistry.

Tuesday, August 29

Wednesday, August 30

Jana Simmons Preliminary Examination: The search for a thymine hydroxylase in trypanosome brucei. 1:00 p.m., 208 Biochemistry.

Thursday, August 31

Chemistry Colloquium Seminar: Novel array-based analyses of cancer-associated serum protein alterations. Brian Haab, Van Andel Research Institute, 4:10 p.m., 136 Chemistry.

Neuroscience Program Seminar: Multi-regional high-throughput gene expression profiling in Parkinson's Disease: The process of novel pathway and target identification. Spyridon Papapetropoulos, University of Miami, 12:15 p.m., 1425 Biomedical and Physical Sciences.

Friday, September 1

Zhenwei Lu Preliminary Examination: The functional role of 6-hydroxymethyl-7, 8-dihydropterin pyrophosphate kinase (HPPK) dynamics during catalysis: A Joint Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (NMR) and molecular dynamics study. 1:00 p.m., 208 Biochemistry.

Transcription Journal Club: No meeting this week.

Announcements

The Graduate School – Dissertation/Thesis Writing Workshop: Presented by Dr. Dorothy Duff Brown, renowned writing consultant to the University of California, Saturday, September 16, 12:00-4:30 p.m. **or** Sunday, September 17, 2:00-6:30 p.m., Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center. This workshop is targeted towards master's and doctoral students who are in the early stages of research proposals or thesis/dissertation writing. This is a **high demand** workshop and attendance is limited each day. Please sign up early. **Registration is required.** To register, please send an e-mail to gradwrsp@msu.edu and include your name, department, e-mail, the day you would like to attend, and the name of the workshop.

Announcements continued

The Graduate School Ph.D. Job Search Series Workshop: “The PREPped Ph.D.: A model for career and professional development for new Ph.D. students.” Presented by Dr. Matt Helm, Wednesday, September 20, 5:00-7:00 p.m., Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center. Early career planning and strategic professional development is essential to completing the Ph.D. and achieving positive career outcomes after graduation. This workshop is designed to expose new Ph.D. students to the Graduate School’s PREP model for Career and Professional development and to help students take a proactive approach to career planning during graduate school. As part of the workshop, students will begin developing a strategic plan for their career and professional development. **Registration is required.** To register, please send an e-mail to gradwrsp@msu.edu and include your name, department, e-mail, and the name of the workshop.

Spotlight



Laurent Mène-Saffrané, Research Associate, has been with BMB for 2 months. He is currently researching the role of tocopherols in Arabidopsis in Dean DellaPenna’s lab.

Laurent is originally from France. He did his PhD in Toulouse in the lab of Marie-Thérèse Esquerre-Tugayé. He researched the role of 9-LOX in tobacco (*Phytophthora* interaction) from 1997-2001. Laurent did his post-doc in Ted Farmer’s lab in Switzerland from 2001-2006 and researched the reactive electrophile species in Arabidopsis.

Please welcome Laurie Secord, the newest addition to the Administrative Accounting staff. Laurie comes to BMB from the Department of Statistics and Probability. Laurie is married to Bob and they have two children, Bailee and Tyler. She will assist with all equipment and supply requisitions, process material returns, and complete billings for BMB facilities. Laurie will also be responsible for monitoring and issuing keys/access cards for the Biochemistry building and assist with BPS building access cards. Her office is in Room 212, phone 353-3949, e-mail is secordl@msu.edu. Please take a moment to stop in, welcome Laurie, and introduce yourself.



Quote for the Week

Some think it’s holding on that makes one strong; sometimes it’s letting go. – *Sylvia Robinson*
