



## The BMB Weekly Vol. 40, No. 10, March 5-9, 2007

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### Calendar

#### Monday, March 5

**Genetics Program Research Forum:** Influence of gene function by different mechanisms of duplications in land plant evolution. Shinhan Shiu with Kousuke Hanada, Michigan State University, 12:30 p.m., 1425 Biomedical and Physical Sciences.

#### Tuesday, March 6

#### Wednesday, March 7

**Chemistry Seminar:** Development of chemical tools to monitor protein phosphorylation. Mary Kay Pflum, Wayne State University, 3:00 p.m., 136 Chemistry.

#### Thursday, March 8

#### Friday, March 9

**Transcription Journal Club:** No meeting this week.

### Announcements

**Graduate Student Employees Stress Reduction Series:** This stress reduction series is designed specifically for Graduate Student Employees. The sessions will be informal and educational (not therapy) with a focus on helping each participant reduce their personal stress level and gain a better sense of perspective about how to move through the challenges of work, family, and academic study. If you are interested in learning how to stay steady in stressful situations and relationships, **please register for this six-week series by contacting the MSU Employee Assistance Program at 355-4506 or [eap@ht.msu.edu](mailto:eap@ht.msu.edu).** This six-week series will be held in the Lake Michigan Room of the MSU Union from 8:30-10:00 a.m. on the following dates: March 14<sup>th</sup>, March 21<sup>st</sup>, March 28<sup>th</sup>, April 4<sup>th</sup>, April 11<sup>th</sup>, and April 18<sup>th</sup>.

**The Graduate School – Ph.D. Job Search Series Workshop:** “From CV to Resume: Developing written credentials for nonacademic positions.” Presented by Dr. Gwen Pearson, Field Career Consultant, College of Natural Science, **Thursday, March 15, 2007, 5:00-7:00 p.m., Big Ten C, Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center.** This workshop will discuss the differences between the curriculum vitae and the resume, help Ph.D. students highlight their transferable skills in resume format, discuss the different types of resumes, and provide suggestions for formatting and self-promotion. Cover letter writing will also be discussed. **Registration is required.** To register, please send an e-mail to [gradwrsp@msu.edu](mailto:gradwrsp@msu.edu) and include your name, department, e-mail address, and the name of the workshop.

**The Graduate School Workshop:** “Translating academic success into expanded career opportunities.” **Saturday, March 24, 2007, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Lincoln Room, Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center.** This workshop is designed primarily for doctoral students who are considering traveling beyond the tenure-track or post doc route. **Registration is required.** To register, please send an e-mail to [gradwrsp@msu.edu](mailto:gradwrsp@msu.edu) and include your name, department, e-mail address, and the name of the workshop. For details, visit <http://www.grad.msu.edu/professional.htm#tas>.

## Announcements continued

**The Graduate School Workshop – Ph.D. Job Search Series Workshop:** “Negotiation Skills for Nonacademic and Academic Jobs.” Presented by Dr. Matt Helm, **Tuesday, March 27, 2007, 5:00-7:00 p.m., Big Ten C, Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center.** Receiving a job offer is exciting and affirming. Before accepting the offer, however, it is important to understand the idiosyncrasies of job offers and how to negotiate for your professional needs. This workshop will discuss how to evaluate an offer, what aspects of the job offer can be negotiated, and basic strategies for conducting a successful negotiation. **Registration is required.** To register, please send an e-mail to [gradwrsp@msu.edu](mailto:gradwrsp@msu.edu) and include your name, department, e-mail address, and the name of the workshop.

## Spotlight



**Yuichi Matsushima**, Research Associate, is currently studying the transcription and replication of mitochondrial DNA in Laurie Kaguni’s lab. He has been with the department for six years.

Yuichi is originally from Japan. He is involved in Judo, which is Japanese martial arts. Yuichi received his black belt when he was 15.

## Quote for the Week

As we look deeply within, we understand our perfect balance. There is no fear of the cycle of birth, life and death. For when you stand in the present moment, you are timeless. – *Rodney Yee*

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