Rick DeBowes received the 2017 AVMA President's Award for his work with Kathy Ruby in developing first, the WSU CVM Cougar Orientation and Leadership Experience (COLE – see “Students and Education”) and, then, the Veterinary Leadership Experience (VLE) that serves the profession nationally.

Kathy Ruby also received the 2017 AVMA President's Award for her work with Rick DeBowes, as described above.

Steve Lampa (IPN) has been named president-elect for the American Association of Veterinary Anatomists from 2019-2021.

Alan Goodman's recent paper in Infection and Immunity was featured as the cover image for the July issue (see also “Publications” and “Grants”).

**HOT TOPICS**

Fancy new digs set to open at state-of-the-art animal shelter in Bellevue – Seattle Times

Elk Hoof Disease: Lots of Data, Few Answers, for Now – The Chronicle

Pug Gets New Lease on Life – Moscow Pullman Daily News

Second Case of Equine West Nile Virus in 2017 Confirmed – Ag News

Washington confirms first equine West Nile virus case of 2017 – WSDA News

Hoof Disease Committee Focuses on Future – Elk Network

Dr. Farnsworth on advice to aspiring pet owners. - Wallethub

Animal owners should be aware of wildfire smoke hazards – WSU NEWS

**GRANTS**

Alan Goodman an Assistant Professor in SMB received a new NIH R21 grant, “Identifying Host Genetic Determinants of Coxella burnetii Pathogenesis,” to study how genetic differences in the host modify the immune response to the infectious agent Coxiella, leading in some cases to chronic infection, including infection of the heart muscle.

The CDC has announced it will increase the award to the Allen School, “Conducting Communicable Disease Research in Kenya” to ~$7.1M for FY18 (up from ~$3.4M in FY17). This includes, among other program enhancements, $1.1M for antimicrobial resistance research in Kenya and Senegal. M. Kariuki Njenga is the PI.

**PUBLICATIONS**


Bastos RG, Howard ZP, Hiroyasu A, Goodman AG (SMB). Host and Bacterial Factors Control Susceptibility of Drosophila melanogaster to Coxiiella burnetii infection” 2017 Infect Immun July 2017 vol. 85 no. 7 e00218-17 [Featured on the cover – see “Highlights”]


STUDENTS and EDUCATION

133 incoming 1st-year DVM students participated in a week-long orientation (COLE = Cougar Orientation and Leadership Experience) August 14-18, including a 2 and one-half day off-site program to begin the development of their professional self as they enter the profession as trainees. This culminated in the 19th CVM White Coat Ceremony at the SEL Events Center.

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- During the annual national conference of the Society for the Advancement in Biology Education Research (SABER) (July 21-23 in Minneapolis, MN), Dr Offerdahl gave a talk entitled “Hi-Fi Instruction: Characterizing the fidelity of implementation (FOI) of formative assessment and feedback.” SMB graduate student Jessie Arneson from the Offerdahl lab also gave a talk entitled “The relationship between visual representation and cognitive load: It’s complicated.”

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DEVELOPMENT and ALUMNI

A Mars Veterinary gift of $70,000 will support Dr. Katrina Mealey’s individualized medicine research.

Ellen V. Mannerking Estate ($12,974) to fund small animal research

Nestle Purina PetCare Company ($11,571) = gift in kind of pet food that will be ~$65K annually.

Up and coming:

- 8/31-9/2 – Hosting donor/alumnus, Marty Becker on campus for Bustad Lecture Series (and football).
- 9/2 – Hosting potential donor, Eric Whiting on campus (connection through Seattle Humane)
- 9/8-9/9 – Hosting ARCS donors, Lyndi and Robert Taylor on campus
- 9/15-9/16 – Hosting potential donor, Wells Bekins on campus
- 9/27 Annual “Dean’s Reception” in Renton celebrating the 10th anniversary of the Allen School.
- 9/28 – World Rabies Day and all events planned around it.
- 9/29-10/1 –Sponsoring the Washington State Veterinary Medical Association Conference in Tacoma

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COMINGS and GOINGS

Michele Hardy, Chair of VMP for the past 4 years has left the university to return to Bozeman.

Bob Mealey, long-time VMP faculty member has been named the new Chair of VMP.

Bill Dernell, current Chair of VCS, has accepted the position of Associate Dean for Student and Academic Affairs. An Interim Chair for VCS will be named soon.

Ryan Driskell joined the SMB faculty in July as an Assistant Professor. Ryan is the first faculty hire in the CVM for the Functional Genomics Initiative. Ryan comes to WSU from the Department of Medical and Molecular Genetics at King’s College, London.

Shanthi Manian joined the faculty of the School of Economic Sciences as an Assistant Professor in support of the Allen School’s mission.