Samantha Gizerian (IPN) has been elected chair of the National Academic Advising Association (NACADA) Faculty Advising Commission beginning October of 2018. She was also selected as a faculty fellow in the spring 2018 LIFT program at WSU.

Logan Weyand (DVM class of 2020) was one of only 5 veterinary students picked nationally to receive an AVMA/AVMF 2nd Opportunity Research Scholarship. He was mentored by Rocky Crate Professor Tom Besser (VMP). This is the first time a WSU student has received this award.

Canine influenza has not made it to the Palouse – Moscow Pullman Daily

Elk Hoof Disease Research Candidate to Speak in Olympia – Centralia News

Seattle Humane’s new facility houses more animals, cleaner environment – Issaquah/Sammamish Reporter

Dog food recall worries residents, but so far no harm to pets in Spokane – Spokesman Review

What dreams may come – WSU Magazine

Library showcases photos of Guide Dogs for the Blind – WSU News

Storm runoff presents salmon with toxic one-two punch, study shows - UPI

Unraveling a curious killer – WSU Insider

The secret in a tick’s gut – WSU Insider

WSU CVM 2017 IMPACT – WSU CVM Advance Newsletter

Sue Ritter (IPN) has been awarded a new NIH R01 grant entitled "Catecholamine Neurons and Metabolic Controls". This award is $1,807,944 over the span of four years and continues her funding of this line of research almost unbroken since the 1970s.

Troy Bankhead (VMP) has been awarded a new NIH R21 grant to continue his studies of the molecular mechanisms underlying Lyme Disease.

Roberta O’Conner (VMP) has been awarded a new NIH R21 grant to screen natural marine organism products for therapeutic efficacy to treat the opportunistic AIDS pathogen (and common cause of diarrheal disease in calves), Cryptosporidium.

Brinkworth AJ, Wildung MR, and Carabeo RA (SMB). Genomewide transcriptional responses of iron-starved Chlamydia trachomatis reveal prioritization of metabolic precursor synthesis over protein translation. mSystems. DOI: 10.1128/mSystems.00184-17 http://msystems.asm.org/content/3/1/e00184-17. One of the figures of the paper was chosen as the featured image/cover figure for this issue. http://msystems.asm.org/content/3/1.cover-expansion


Lord T, Oatley MJ, Oatley JM (all SMB). Testicular architecture is critical for mediation of retinoic acid responsiveness by undifferentiated spermatogonial subtypes in the mouse. Stem Cell Reports 2018 10(2):538-552 (This is related to the work in the Functional Genomics Initiative)

Bryan Slinker attended the AAVMC Dean’s Conference at the annual meeting of the AAVMC in Washington DC. Several other CVM faculty and leadership will also attend and present at this meeting, including Bob Mealey (VMP), Susan Matthew (VCS), and Steve Hines (VMP).

While in DC, Bryan Slinker met with staff from the offices of Reps. McMorris-Rogers, Larsen, and Reichart; Sens. Cantwell and Murray; and majority staff of both House and Senate Ag Committees.

Jon Oatley (SMB) led a workshop at the FDA’s Center for Veterinary Medicine (CVM) to continue a discussion regarding the need for a new regulatory framework about one of the technologies that will be forthcoming from the Functional Genomics Initiative.

Laura Lockard and Christie Cotterill represented WSU CVM at the Woodland Park Zoo Thrive Dinner, Seattle.

CVM Communications and development staff presented at CASE VIII.

**STUDENTS and EDUCATION**

Jessica Higginbotham (graduate student in IPN) was awarded an NIH F31 individual fellowship grant titled: *Regulatory mechanisms of cocaine memory reconsolidation in the basolateral amygdala*. She is mentored by Rita Fuchs.

Scott Kinlein (graduate student in IPN) received a Travel Award from the Society for Neuroscience to attend the FENS Forum of Neuroscience in Berlin, Germany (July 2018). He is mentored by Ilia Karatsoreos.

Naomi Wallace (graduate student in IPN) received a Trainee and Young Faculty Diversity Enhancement fellowship to attend the Society for Research on Biological Rhythms biannual meeting in Amelia Island, Florida. She is mentored by Ilia Karatsoreos.

**DEVELOPMENT and ALUMNI**

Betty J. Jones & Cassius Cat Foundation ($21,000) to support annual scholarships for DVM students.

Tom Kawula, Director of the Allen School, spoke about Allen School Programs at the Cougars of the Desert event.

**Upcoming Events:**

3/5 – DVM Alumni Reception during the Western Veterinary Conference in Las Vegas (expecting over 200 attendees!)
3/28 – participating in 4th annual #CougsGive Giving Day
4/7 – participating in Mom’s Weekend Open House
4/14 – Alumni Awards presentation during Spring Conference (Steven Weisbroth, ’64 DVM and John Middleton, ’93 DVM)
4/19 – recognizing scholarship award winners and the donors who funded them at our Scholarship Dinner
4/25-4/26 – participating in Golden/Diamond Graduate Reunions with the WSU Alumni Association

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