The School of Molecular Biosciences Celebrate Twenty Years with symposium. Faculty welcomed new students and alumni to highlight research and achievements.

Leslie Sprunger (IPN) received the 2019 American Association of Veterinary Anatomists Outstanding Anatomist Award. Note also that Steve Lampa (IPN) is President of the association for 2019-2021.

Katrina Mealey (VCS) received the 2019 Lloyd E. Davis Award, which is presented at the American Academy of Veterinary Pharmacology and Therapeutics Biennial recognizing outstanding lifetime achievements in research, teaching and professional service in the field of veterinary pharmacology.

CVM held annual COLE (Cougar Orientation and Leadership Experience) retreat for the incoming first year students in the WIMU Program DVM Class of 2023 on August 12-14, followed by our 20th White Coat Ceremony on August 15.

The 2019 Wescott CVM Clinical Teaching Awards went to VCS’s Tandi Ngwenyama - Small animal, Jennifer Gold - Large Animal, and Lais Malavasi – Diagnostics/Support. Pamela Lee received the Zoetis Award as the outstanding DVM program teacher. All awards were selected by the graduating class of 2019.

Kelly Brayton (VMP) was recently awarded a subcontract from a new NIH R01 grant with long time collaborators from South Africa to continue their studies of zoonotic tick-borne pathogens of human health significance in South Africa.

Joy Winuthayanon (SMB), was awarded a diversity supplement to her recently awarded NIH R01 grant to support the post-bac research of Gerardo Herrera who is transitioning from undergraduate research in her lab to doctoral studies.

Steve Hines (VMP) was awarded an AVMA Veterinary Educator Professional Development Grant titled “CVM Teaching Academy Workshop: Working in an Environment of Trust”. The workshop will be held in spring 2020 and will feature returning guest speaker Judy Bowen.

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Susan Matthew (VCS) and her collaborators at the University of Adelaide recently published a study of stressors in the veterinary profession: Moral Distress in Veterinarians. Vet. Rec. 2019, August 19.

Doug Jasmer (VMP) and his collaborators recently published the results of their studies looking for conserved drug targets for intestinal parasites: Omics Driven Understanding of the Intestines of Parasitic Nematodes. Front Genet, 2019, July 25.

Joe Harding (IPN) and his collaborators from his spinout company (formerly M3, now Athira Pharma) recently published Comparative characterization of the HGF/Met and MSP/Ron systems in primary pancreatic adenocarcinoma. Cytokine 2019, June 26. This study is part of an important drug discovery pipeline in addition to their main focus on Parkinson’s, Alzheimer’s, and other neurodegenerative diseases.
STUDENTS and EDUCATION

Allison Hale (DVM Class of 2020) competed against students around the global to win a scholarship to attend the World Bovatrics meeting in Madrid in 2020, through the BI BVDZero scholarship program.

Drs. Cody Kowalski and Jessica Higinbotham (IPN) grad students successfully defended their doctoral theses.

Courtney Klappenbach a doctoral student in Mike Konkel’s lab (SMB) Courtney has been selected for an oral presentation at the 20th Campylobacter, Helicobacter and Related Organisms (CHRO) Conference in Belfast. CHRO is the premier meeting for Campylobacter researchers.

As an example of global interdisciplinary research, doctoral student Zoe Campbell (Allen School) and her collaborators from the Mandela Institute in Arusha, TZ and WSU (including Thumbi Mwangi and Guy Palmer of the Allen School, Tom Marsh (Allen School/SES), and Marsha Quinlan (Anthro), recently published: Why isn’t everyone using the thermotolerant vaccine? Preferences for Newcastle disease vaccines by chicken-owning households in Tanzania. PloS One 2019, Aug 15.

DVM students Larissa Estrada and Danielle Petrini studied with 6 of their peers from Colorado State University and from veterinary schools in Mexico at the CSU Todos Santos Center in Baja Sur. (See Hot Topics)

DEVELOPMENT and ALUMNI

Notable Cash Gifts:

Larry and Linda Williams ($10,000) to support the Williams Family Endowment

Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation ($100,000) to support Elk Hoof Disease Research

Pathway Vet Alliance, LLC ($37,500) payment on a pledge to support a radiology resident in the Veterinary Teaching Hospital

Development/Alumni Related Activities:

08/02 – Joint WSU/OSU (Oregon State University) DVM Alumni Reception in Washington, DC

08/14 – One Health Clinic at New Horizon’s in Seattle

08/16 – SMB (School of Molecular Biosciences) 20th Anniversary/Fall Conference in Pullman

Upcoming:

09/06 – Las Vegas fundraising concert featuring Jacquelyn Holland-Wright

09/11 & 9/25 – One Health Clinic in New Horizon’s in Seattle

09/26-09/29 – WSVM Annual Conference, Tacoma

09/28 – World Rabies Day

ENGAGEMENT

Jonathan Yoder (Allen School) was announced as President Elect, Universities Council on Water Resources, 2019-2020.

Veterinary Medicine Extension, WADDL and the Field Disease Investigations Unit (FDIU), working with the California Department of Food and Agriculture, won an FDA grant to support a western region conference: Partnering for Dairy Antimicrobial Stewardship.

Dana Shaw (VMP) received a competitive sponsorship from the Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges to attend the 2019 Institute for Teaching and Learning in Houston.

Steve Hines (VMP) has been elected Chair of the WSU Faculty Senate Faculty Affairs Committee

Margaret Wild (VMP) attended the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation’s Washington State Rendezvous to discuss hoof disease and accept the Foundation’s $100,000 donation to WSU’s elk research facility.

Doctoral students Lindsay Sidak-Loftis, Kristin Rosche, Muna Solymann, Jessie Ujzo and Sara Davis attended the Biology of Vector-Borne Diseases workshop at University of Idaho. In addition, Dana Shaw (VMP), Susan Noh (VMP/Allen/ADRU), Glen Scoles (VMP/ADRU), and Eric Lofgren (Allen School) served as course faculty.

COMINGS and GOINGS

Pamela Lee (VCS, Cardiology) left the CVM faculty to take a private practice position at Rocky Mountain Veterinary Cardiology in Boulder, CO.