



Summer 2008

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Announcements

- The annual **"Meet the Mentors" Day and Student Welcome Reception** will be on **Wednesday, August 27th**; faculty interested in mentoring a graduate student should contact Cathy Gaffney, Cathy.Gaffney@moffitt.org, to secure a slot on the schedule to give a 15 minute presentation on your research to the six incoming students.
- The **Welcome Reception** will start at 5:00 p.m. in the David Murphey Conference Room. Please come enjoy a delicious Greek buffet dinner and mingle with our new and returning students, members of Moffitt Administration and invited USF dignitaries!

Faculty

- A PowerPoint slide highlighting the Cancer Biology Ph.D. and Postdoctoral Training Program is available to faculty for insertion into presentations. If you would like to promote these two worthwhile programs, please contact Cathy Gaffney to receive the slide.

Upcoming Dissertation

Defense:

Nicholas Woods – Monday, August 25, 2008, Couch Auditorium, 9:00 a.m. [Click here for flyer.](#)

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Students

Incoming students for Fall 2008:

- **Kate Bailey** – University of Florida
 - **Crystina Bronk** – Armstrong Atlantic State University
 - **Jessica Craig** – Marietta College
 - **Lacy Loos** – University of Wisconsin
 - **Melissa Price** – University of Colorado
 - **Valentina Schneeberger** – Florida Atlantic University
- Current first year students who have selected their mentor:
- **Geoff Gordon** – Gary Reuther, Ph.D.

Second year students who have been admitted to Doctoral Candidacy:

- **Brittany Cross** – Chen Lab
- **Cindy Timme** – Yeatman Lab

Bioethics Course – Ponce, P.R.



Several Cancer Biology students traveled to Ponce, Puerto Rico to attend a bioethics course jointly taught by Moffitt and Ponce School of Medicine faculty. Pictured left to right: Emily Hopewell, Brittany Cross, Cindy Timme, Shruti Desai, Ani Velkova and Danielle Yarde. What a great looking group!

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And here are pictures from the classroom with our students and those from Ponce hard at work!



Grants Awarded

Aneliya Velkova has received notification that her proposal, "The Role of BRCA1 Domains and Motifs in Tumor Suppression" has been funded for fiscal year 2008 by the DoD Breast Cancer Research Program.

Phil Wong has received a pre-doctoral fellowship from the American Heart Association for his project, "Prevention of Cardiotoxicity Associated with Chemotherapy by Modulating Pre-Replication Proteins".

Congratulations, Ani & Phil!

Publications Submitted

Je-In Youn & Srinivas Nagaraj (co-first authors), **Michelle Collazo**, Dmitry I. Gabilovich. *Subsets of Myeloid-Derived Suppressor Cells in Different Tumor Models*. Submitted to *Journal of Immunology*.

Accepted

Meghan Borysova, Yongping Cui, Madeline Snyder, Thomas Guadagno. *Knockdown of B-Raf Impairs Spindle Formation and the Mitotic Checkpoint in Human Somatic Cells*. *Cell Cycle*; Sept. 15th, 2008 issue (Vol.7, Issue 18).

Congratulations, Je-In & Meghan!