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UMDNJ-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School / Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey / Princeton University MD/PhD Program

MD/PhD colloquia meetings

- Fri. August 25 **12:30 DCR**
Welcome luncheon
- Fri. Sept. 29 **12:30 DCR**
*Shridar Ganesan, MD, PhD
CINJ, RWJMS Medicine and
Pharmacology*
- Fri. Oct. 13 **12:30 C-207**
*Annual Program Student
Meeting*
- Fri. Nov. 3 **12:30 DCR**
*Terri Goss Kinzy, PhD MD/
PhD Program Director. Nego-
tiation skills for today and the
future.*
- Wed. Jan 24 **12:30 DCR**
*Marie Trontell, MD, RWJMS
Associate Dean for Graduate
Medical Education Residency
Program FAQs and Insights*

FUTURE DATES

- Wed. Feb 21 **12:30 DCR**
- Wed. March 21 **12:30 DCR**
- Wed. April 18 **12:30 C-207**
- Wed. June 20 **12:30 DCR**

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Kelly McMasters, MD, PhD: GSBS Distinguished Alumni 2006

Kelly M. McMasters, MD, PhD, an alumni of the UMDNJ Robert Wood Johnson Medical School MD PhD program and Sam and Lolita Weakley Professor and Chairman, Department of Surgery, University of Louisville School of Medicine was the recipient of the 2006 GSBS Distinguished Alumni Award at the GSBS convocation, Sunday May 21, 2006. Dr. McMasters was well deserving of this honor, publishing nearly 200 papers and more than a dozen book chapters.

On Monday May 22 Dr. McMasters had breakfast with the MD/PhD program students in Piscataway. Dr. McMasters shared his experiences as an MD/PhD student. He received his PhD in Cell and Developmental Biology

from Rutgers University in 1988 in the laboratory of Dr. Gordon Mac Donald and his MD from RWJMS in 1989. He also discussed his choices for residency and fellowship training and his academic path at the University of Louisville School of Medicine. Dr. McMasters also discussed his research on Sentinel Lymph Node Biopsy for Melanoma and



Kelly M. McMasters, MD, PhD (right) receives the 2006 GSBS Distinguished Alumni Award from Robbie McLeod, Ph.D., President of the GSBS Alumni Association.

The Sunbelt Melanoma Trial He shared his path to the development of clinical research protocols and his lessons learned from those experiences.

Welcome to our new students

We would like to welcome our six new students to the MD/PhD program.

Issa Papiss Bagayogo graduated from Hunter College in 2000 and joined RWJMS in 2003, he works with Dr. Cheryl Dreyfus at RWJMS.

Jay Oza just graduated from Rutgers with majors in Physics and Biology.

Desmond A. Brown holds a B.S. in Chemistry and Biochemistry (2003) and an MS in Biochemistry (2006) from Temple.

Shannon Agner graduated from Dartmouth College with an Engineering Sciences major and a Latin American and U.S Hispanic Literatures minor (2002) and a Master's degree in biomedical engineering (2004).

Hillary Grosso graduated 2006 from New York University with a bachelor's degree in neuroscience and psychology.

Xiaonan (Richard) Sun is a BA MD student at RWJMS who graduated from Rutgers in 2006.

We look forward to your contributions to our program!



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The new MD/PhD program logo at the right, designed by M2 student Jean-Paul Abboud, reflects the many aspects of our MD/PhD program and the physician scientist. Today's health care and health sciences environment provides a compelling argument for combining a medical degree with a PhD. The logo reflects a few of the many scientific options available to our students, while also highlighting the integration of the physician role. These many facets of science and medicine center around a representative of the patient and society, as a symbol of service provided by the integration of the two disciplines. Graduates of the MD/PhD program are uniquely prepared to become leaders in biomedical research and academic medicine. The MD/PhD program at UMDNJ Robert Wood Johnson Medical School offers the opportunity for longitudinal integrated studies and interdisciplinary PhD training at any one of the three cooperating institutions: RWJMS, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey or Princeton University.



Milestones and Kudos

- *Thomas Coyne* defended his PhD thesis "The Plasticity of Marrow Stromal Cells Transplanted to the Developing and Adult Brain" under the supervision of the late Dr. Ira Black and Dr. Emanuel DiCiccio-Bloom on June 5, 2006.
- *Denise Livingston* defended her PhD thesis "Regional and Gender Specific Effects of Estrogen on BDNF in Astrocytes" under the supervision of Dr. Cheryl Dreyfus on April 20, 2006.
- *Emmanuel Gabriel* (Dr. Edmund Lattime, mentor) was awarded a 2 year pre-doctoral fellowship from the New Jersey Commission for Cancer Research.
- *Issa Bagayogo* (Dr. Cheryl Dreyfus, mentor) was awarded a second year of funding from the HHMI.
- *Parima Daroui PhD* and *Bijal A. Parikh PhD* were awarded their MD degrees at Commencement May 24th, 2006.

Perry's Pearls:

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-Perry Dominguez