

Fall 2015 IMP Student Highlights

Our IMP students continue to distinguish themselves locally and nationally! Below are a few recent award and fellowship recipients as well as information on our first IMP Alumni Career Seminar and Panel Discussion.

Molecules to Mankind (M2M) Fellow Position



IMP second-year student, Sarah Connolly (Hunter Lab), recently accepted a 2-year fellow position in the Emory Molecules to Mankind program. This position is sponsored by the Burroughs Wellcome Foundation and the Laney Graduate School. The M2M program exists to create an intersection between laboratory and population based sciences. To learn more, visit: <http://www.m2m.emory.edu/>

Joy Cappel Young Investigator Award

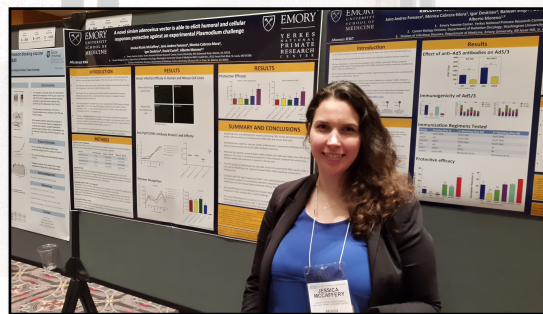


Shardule Shah (Boise Lab) received the prestigious Joy Cappel Young Investigator Award this November. His award is sponsored by Rockland Immunochemicals, which specializes in antibodies and assays. Shardule's grant funding is to aid in the development of a novel antibody. Shardule says, "I am fortunate I was chosen for this award and I hope the development of the antibody of my choice helps me toward my dissertation goals and cancer biology research in general."

American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene (ASTMH) Annual Meeting



In October, Jessica McCaffery (Moreno Lab), traveled to the ASTMH annual meeting held in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Because of Jessica's great work, she was the recipient of an ASTMH Travel Award. The ASTMH Travel Award is one of the Society's premier awards, which helps to facilitate participation of chosen tropical medicine researchers and trainees. The ASTMH 2015 Annual Meeting Travel Award is supported in part by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.



Jessica with her research poster titled "A novel simian adenovirus vector is able to elicit humoral and cellular responses protective against an experimental Plasmodium challenge"

IMP Alumni Career Seminar and Panel Discussion

IMP student, Shayla Shorter (Evavold Lab), organized an alumni career seminar and panel discussion this fall. This great seminar gave current students the opportunity to learn more about career options that await them post-graduate school. The panel included the following IMP alumni:

J. Lori Blanchfield, PhD- Postdoctoral Fellow and Biomedical Research Advocate on Capitol Hill

Charlie Benson, PhD- Tenure track Research Scientist at Georgia State University

Chelsey Goins, PhD- Director, Global Clinical Operations prIME Oncology

Justine Liepkalns, PhD- Instructor and Fellowships in Research & Science Teaching (FIRST) Postdoctoral Fellow

Nelson Moseley, PhD- Patent Examiner for the US Patent and Trademark Office

Victoria Jeisy Scott, PhD- Communications Advisor to the CDC's Office of the Associate Director for Laboratory Science and Safety

The Alumni Guest Panel



IMP students react to information shared by a panelist.