New Field Member Profile: Dr. Angela Poole

Welcome Dr. Angela Poole, one of the newest CALS faculty to join the Field of Microbiology! Dr. Poole completed her B.S. in Engineering & Applied Sciences at the California Institute of Technology and her Ph.D. in Genome Science at the University of Washington at Seattle. She was most recently a postdoctoral research associate in the lab of Dr. Ruth Ley here at Cornell. Currently, she holds an assistant professor position in the Division of Nutritional Sciences. After a warm reception to her Field of Microbiology seminar on February 1, we caught up with Dr. Poole to ask a few questions about her new lab:

Q: What topics are the primary focus of your lab?
A: Diet, genetics, and oral and gut microbiomes

Q: What type of work environment are you hoping to foster in your lab?
A: My dream is to lead a team that asks good questions and works together to answer them. I want us to synergize and advance the science farther as a group than any of us would have individually.

Q: What does being in the Field of Microbiology at Cornell mean to you?
A: It means enjoying the privilege of exchanging ideas and expertise with the faculty, students, and researchers in this diverse department.

Q: What is the best way for students to contact you if they are interested in rotating with you?
A: If anyone is interested in rotating in my lab, please contact me by e-mail.

Another Recruitment Weekend in the Books!

From February 1 – 3, the Field of Microbiology played host to nine prospective graduate students. Recruits enjoyed a taste of Ithaca at various lunches and dinners with current graduate students over the course of the weekend. On Friday, they were introduced to the Field and had six interviews with Field faculty. Recruits also experienced a poster session at Stocking Hall, bowling at Helen Newman Hall, and a tour of Ithaca and the Cornell campus. Thank you to all the students, staff and faculty in the Field of Microbiology who made this weekend successful, especially FoMS president Andrew St. James, GFA Tina Daddona, DGS Dr. Joe Peters, and Dr. Tory Hendry who graciously hosted dinner at her house on Saturday night.

News Highlights

1. Congratulations to Elliot Jackson, Samantha Scott, and Jingqiu Liao who passed their A exams recently!
2. Congratulations to Dr. Tory Hendry on her new Assistant Professor position in the Department of Microbiology!
3. Congratulations to Hualiang Pi who passed her B exam in December!
4. Congratulations to Aravind Natarajan who received the 2017-18 Cornelia Ye Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award!
5. Welcome visiting graduate student Ivano Pezzotta joins us from Leiden University, Netherlands and will be working in the Helmann lab for the next six months.

Upcoming Events

- Tuesdays @ 12pm
  - Journal Club
  - (check your email for weekly updates)
- Feb 17-20
  - February Break
- March 2-4
  - Health Hackathon 2018

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