2016 Fall Semester in Session

Welcome back! We hope you have had a relaxing and productive summer. Classes kicked off on August 23rd with courses in general microbiology, public health, applied food microbiology, environmental toxicology, virology, and genetics, among many others. This semester, several new faculty are joining our community, including Dr. Tobias Doerr (stress pathways, antibiotic resistance/tolerance), Dr. Ilana Brito (human microbiome), Dr. Joshua Chappie (bacterial defense systems). The department also welcomes five new graduate students. Happy researching, studying, and teaching in the new semester!

Best Wishes Dr. Ghiorse!

FOMS sends our best wishes to Bill Ghiorse in his retirement. In his 37 years at Cornell, Bill was an outstanding contributor in research, focusing on biogeochemistry of Mn-oxidizing bacteria and the characterization of subsurface bacteria. A long time instructor for the general microbiology course, Bill developed an infamous reputation as an engaging and enthusiastic lecturer. Bill served twice as department chair, where he solidified the departments’ distinguished position as a member of the Division of Biological Sciences. His lifelong commitment to microbiology is evident even in his retirement, as we often see him in Wing Hall. Best of luck in your new endeavors, Dr. Ghiorse!

News Highlights

1 Congratulations!
Mallory Choudoir (Buckley lab) won the Student Poster Award this month at the International Society for Microbial Ecology (ISME16) conference held in Montreal. Her beautiful poster described the evolutionary dynamics of biosynthetic gene clusters in Streptomyces. Mallory was one of 8 students selected for this distinction out of more than 800 posters presented at the meeting. Mallory received her Ph.D. this summer and is off to the University of Colorado, Boulder as a Postdoc in Noah Fierer’s lab.

2 Welcome New Graduate Students!
Anna Weaver - St. Mary’s College of Maryland
Shannon Murphy - SUNY Geneseo
Peter Diebold - University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
Monique Theriault - University of Maine
Elliot Jackson – Cornell University
Rachael Fieweger - University of Wisconsin, Madison

Upcoming Events

Aug. 29th
Welcome BBQ

Sept 9th
Last day to register for classes

Oct. 10th
Microbiology Symposium

Summer News:
Javier Jaimes - Passed his A-Exam
Chantal Koechli - Passed her B-Exam
Joe Peters - Became a Full Professor

Biological and Biomedical Sciences
15th Annual Symposium at Cornell
14th Annual Ecology and Evolution of Infections and Disease at Cornell

Meet the New FoMS Officers!
Lory Henderson - President
Michael Petassi - Vice President
Kalia Bistolas - Treasurer
Hualiang Pi - Secretary
Javier Jaimes - Public Relations

Congrats to Heng Zhao and Dr. Sue Merkel for publishing papers (see below)!

Publications!


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