

# Molecular Genetics & Microbiology Graduate Program Newsletter

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### 2015 Publications

**Chahales, P.**, and Thanassi, D.G. 2015. A more flexible lipoprotein sorting pathway. *Journal of Bacteriology*, in press.

**Minkah, N.**, Macaluso, M., Oldenburg, D.G., Paden, C.R., White, D.W., McBride, K.M., and Krug, L.T. 2015. Absence of the uracil DNA glycosylase of murine gammaherpesvirus 68 impairs replication and delays the establishment of latency in vivo. *Journal of Virology* 89(6): 3366-3379.

Sohn, S.Y., **Bridges, R.G.**, and Hearing, P. 2015. Proteomic analysis of ubiquitin-like posttranslational modifications induced by the adenovirus E4-ORF3 protein. *Journal of Virology* 89(3): 1744-1755.

### 2015 Awards - Congratulations!

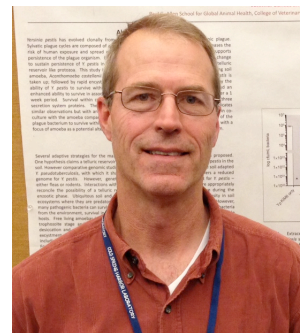
**Rebecca Bridges** has received a \$500 travel award from the American Society for Microbiology to attend the 115<sup>th</sup> General Meeting of ASM to be held May 30 - June 2, 2015 in New Orleans, LA.

**Peter Chahales** is the recipient of the 2015 Dean's Alumni Association Leadership Award (\$1000). This award is in recognition of Peter's leadership roles in our graduate program, student government, the Department of Molecular Genetics and Microbiology, the University, and the surrounding community.



**James Bliska** is the winner of the 2015 Dean's Excellence in Graduate Mentoring by a Faculty Member.

Peter and Jim will receive their awards at a ceremony on May 20<sup>th</sup>.



**Lawton Chung** has received a \$1500 Distinguished Travel Award from the Graduate Student Organization to fund in part his participation in the Keystone Symposium on Innate Immunity and Determinants of Microbial Pathogenesis to be held in Olympic Valley, CA April 19-24, 2015.

Congratulations to **Lawton Chung** for being awarded a Ruth L. Kirschstein National Service Research Award Individual Predoctoral Fellowship from the National Institutes of Health.

## Dissertation Defenses - Save the Date

Nana Minkah (Laurie Krug's laboratory) will defend his dissertation, "Novel Functions for a Gammaherpesvirus vFGAM Tegument Protein in Replication and Pathogenesis", on Thursday June 11, 2015 at 1:30 PM in Life Sciences room 038.

Jason Tam, a PhD candidate in Dr. Adrianus van der Velden's laboratory, will defend his dissertation on Wednesday May 6<sup>th</sup> at 2pm in Life Sciences room 038. The title of his dissertation is "On the Role of Immature Myeloid Cells in the Host Response to Salmonella Infection".