**UNC BCBP Weekly 3/01-3/05/2021 news and events**

BCBP NEWS – Staff News

**Interview with Tristan Miller-Cottle a Research Technician who has a background in Teaching, Research, and Service**

<https://www.med.unc.edu/biochem/news/interview-with-tristan-miller-cottle-a-research-technician-who-has-a-background-in-teaching-research-and-service/>

**David S. Paul and Marsha “Lynn” Ray receive 2020 Staff Excellence Awards!**

<https://www.med.unc.edu/biochem/news/david-s-paul-and-marsha-lynn-ray-receive-2020-staff-excellence-awards/>

SOM News – Diversity, Equity, Inclusion

**School of Medicine DEI Newsletter**

UNC SOM Office of Inclusive Excellence (OIE) Newsletter: February 2021

<https://spark.adobe.com/page/pdWRE9z2d2KJV/>

Highlighted EVENTS

DON'T MISS THESE:

**Biophysics Faculty Recruitment seminars and chalk talks 3/1 through 3/11\***

**TODAY 12 noon - Monday 3/1 Aakash Basu**

Tuesday 3/2 John Jimah

Friday 3/5 Kate White

Tuesday 3/9 Rebecca Berlow

Thursday 3/11 Melinda Dive

Research Seminars 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

students & postdocs to join a casual lunch over Zoom 1:15 pm - 2:00 pm

Chalk Talks 2:30 pm - 3:15 pm

Research Seminars are open to Pharmacology, Cell Biology and Physiology, Genetics and Molecular Biology, Microbiology & Immunology, and other interested departments.

BCBP graduate students & postdocs to join a lunch call from 1:15-2:00 pm.

Chalk Talks are for just for our department. Those are internal BCBP faculty and BCBP postdocs.

More information: <https://www.med.unc.edu/biochem/news/biophysics-faculty-recruitment-seminars-and-chalk-talks-3-1-through-3-11/>

See emails from Marsha "Lynn" Ray for Zoom details.

\***Biophysics Faculty Recruitment: Graduate Students & Postdocs are invited to a casual zoom lunch with each Biophysics faculty candidate** from 1:15pm - 2:00 pm on 3/1 through 3/11

See emails from Marsha "Lynn" Ray for Zoom details.

3/26 9:15 am - 5:00 pm

**2021 Department of Biochemistry and Biophysics Research Retreat**

The Biochemistry and Biophysics Department will hold its 2021 research retreat VIRTUALLY on March 26, 2021. The 2021 retreat will have a keynote presentation,

**“Chromatin Regulatory Mechanisms and Therapeutic Prospects in Cancer”**

**by Cigall Kadoch, Ph.D**., is an Associate Professor of Pediatric Oncology at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, Affiliate Faculty of Biological Chemistry and Molecular Biology at Harvard Medical School, and Institute Member and Epigenomics Program Co-Director at the Broad Institute of MIT and Harvard. Her laboratory studies the structure and function of chromatin remodeling complexes, including the mammalian SWI/SNF (or BAF) complex, with emphasis on defining the mechanisms underlying cancer-specific perturbations. In addition to numerous prestigious awards and research grants, she was named to the Forbes 30 Under 30 list, MIT Technology Review 35 Innovators Under 35, Popular Science Brilliant 10, and Business Insider Top 30 Young Leaders in Biopharma.

We will have short talks from graduate students, post-doctoral fellows, and research associates selected from abstract submissions as well as two poster sessions.

Cash Prizes ($100 each) will be given for top oral, poster, and video presentations!

**Schedule of events, call for abstracts** - visit this link:

<https://www.med.unc.edu/biochem/event/2021-annual-biochemistry-and-biophysics-research-retreat/>

Registration is free. Register here: <https://apps.research.unc.edu/events/index.cfm?event=events.eventDetails&event_key=350CC7F5080A71E8AD7D9E9E83D5558B1FEBA1DB>

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For students & postdocs: Biophysics Faculty Recruitment Lunches 3/1 through 3/11 1:15 pm - 2:00 pm

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3/2 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

**BCBP Seminar**

**MARTHA CYERT, PHD, Professor and Chair of Biology (Stanford University)**

"Immunosuppressants and Short Linear Motifs reveal signaling by the calcineurin phosphatase"

Host: Jean Cook

See email from Holly Shepherd for Zoom details.

3/9 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

**BCBP GRADUATE STUDENT INVITED GUEST SPEAKER**

**ELLIS REINHERZ, PHD (Dana Farber Cancer Institute)**

“Structural Biology of pMHC Receptors Functioning as Mechanosensors in the  αβ T-cell Lineage”

See email from Holly Shepherd for Zoom details.

**3/11 & 3/12 Spring 2021 Student Wellness Day - no classes**

Read more: <https://carolinatogether.unc.edu/2020/11/05/wellness-days/>

3/16 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

**BCBP Seminar**

**JOHN TESMER, PHD Purdue University**

“Molecular mechanisms of activation in PIP3-dependent Rac exchanger 1, a chemotactic and metastatic RhoGEF”

Host: Sharon Campbell

Complete listing of all seminars: <https://www.med.unc.edu/biochem/event/bcbp-seminar/2021-03-02/>

See email from Holly Shepherd for Zoom details.

3/18 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

**Student Thesis Defense: Juan Carvajal Garcia (Dale Ramsden and Jeff Sekelsky Labs)**

Information <https://www.med.unc.edu/biochem/event/student-thesis-defense-juan-carvajal-garcia-dale-ramsden-and-jeff-sekelsky-labs/>

Watch for Zoom link in an upcoming email.

3/18 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

**BCBP Student Seminar Series (by students for students only)**

<https://www.med.unc.edu/biochem/event/bcbp-student-seminar-series-by-students-for-students-only/2021-03-18/>

3/23 1:00 am - 12:00 pm

**No BCBP seminar**

3/26 9:15 am - 5:00 pm

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4/15 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

**BCBP Student Seminar Series (by students for students only)**

<https://www.med.unc.edu/biochem/event/bcbp-student-seminar-series-by-students-for-students-only/2021-03-18/>

UNC EVENTS

4/28-4/30 1-5 p.m. each day

**44th UNC Lineberger Scientific Symposium “The Yin-Yang of Immunity in Cancer”**

Organizers: Jenny Ting, PhD, Lishan Su, PhD, and Albert S. Baldwin, PhD.

Event Information: This year’s symposium will be held virtually April 28-30, 2021 from 1-5 p.m. each day. The symposium is free but please register to attend.

The 2021 Scientific Symposium topic will be Cancer Immunology and will feature many of the same speakers that were scheduled for the 2020 event, which was canceled due to the pandemic. The symposium is free but please register to attend. Registration is now open.

More information & registration link: <https://unclineberger.org/symposium/>

DEI Training and Events

3/2 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm

**Addressing Microaggressions in Medical Education including Dr. Kenya McNeal-Trice and panelists**

UNC - Academy of Educators webinar

Please register in advance.

<https://www.med.unc.edu/aoe/event/webinar-addressing-microaggressions-in-medical-education/>

3/9 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

**Health Care Safe Zone Training**

Health Care Safe Zone is a four-hour alternative to Standard Safe Zone that similarly introduces concepts, terminology and resources related to sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression.The curriculum also covers LGBTQ health disparities, health resources, and common health professional scenarios, along with a terminology primer and strategies for allyship.

(Register before 3/7)

More information: <https://www.med.unc.edu/biochem/event/health-care-safe-zone-training-2/2021-03-09/>

Registration link: <https://apps.research.unc.edu/events/index.cfm?event=events.eventDetails&event_key=99FA15F33B49C944BC9A19905D8B70164EA294BB>

3/12 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

**Standard Safe Zone Training**

The Standard Safe Zone is a four-hour training is designed to introduce concepts, terminology and resources related to sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression. There is a short intermission about half way through.

(Register before 3/10)

More information: <https://www.med.unc.edu/biochem/event/standard-safe-zone-training-2/2021-03-12/>

Registration link: <https://apps.research.unc.edu/events/index.cfm?event=events.eventDetails&event_key=B51F1C9749E147FD33BF4B163EFB5C9BBB157921>

4/14 5:00 pm - 9: 00 pm

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(Register before 4/12)

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Registration link: <https://apps.research.unc.edu/events/index.cfm?event=events.eventDetails&event_key=0CB2753832420C1E22EEE19280AC1FD1115E1EE5>

4/19 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm

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(Register before 4/17)

More information: <https://www.med.unc.edu/biochem/event/health-care-safe-zone-training-2/2021-03-09/>

Registration link: <https://apps.research.unc.edu/events/index.cfm?event=events.eventDetails&event_key=2C059C40F33D61A000AC1C851B10748529A2B568>

**A New Approach to Anti-Racism in Medical Education facilitated by Sarah Holdren & Yoshiko Iwai (a 4 session curriculum)**

4/09 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

4/16 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

4/23 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

4/30 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

UNC - Academy of Educators webinar

More information <https://www.med.unc.edu/aoe/event/a-new-approach-to-anti-racism-in-medical-education/2021-04-09/>

To register for all 5 sessions <https://unc.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bxwANMnMGKNqwDk>

WELLNESS EVENTS

March 8-12, 2021 Live sessions each day between 9:00 am and 6:00 pm and pre-recorded on-demand sessions anytime.

**UNC TOTAL WELLBEING VIRTUAL WELLNESS WEEK - RESET, REFOCUS, RENEW, RESTART, AND REPAIR**

Carolina's first week-long, virtual wellness event, the 2021 Total WellBeing Wellness Week, will offer employees the opportunity to learn more about the many campus and local resources available to support your total wellbeing, to help you RESET, REFOCUS, RENEW, RESTART, AND REPAIR.

More information: <https://hr.unc.edu/total-wellbeing-wellness-week-2021/>

Ask your supervisor for permission and then register at:

<https://unc.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_5cBOh3D4XWZbL5s>

**FOR STUDENTS**

**Virtual Wellness Circles for graduate students Spring 2021**

10:00 am - 11:00 am

3/16  Fostering Resilience by Activating the Relaxation Response Through Vagus Nerve Stimulation

3/30 Fostering Resilience Through the Gut-Brain Connection

4/06  Fostering Resilience Through Self Holding

<https://www.med.unc.edu/biochem/event/virtual-wellness-circles-for-graduate-students-spring-2021/2021-03-16/>

RESOURCES

**COVID-19 Updates and Resources**

(8/18/2020) Important information regarding COVID testing at UNC.

**Employee COVID-19 Testing Clinics**

The University is partnering with the Orange County Health Department to offer employee COVID-19 testing clinics. Starting Sept. 9, clinics will be held every Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.at the R7 Parking lot (opens new window) Link to R07 lot: <https://maps.unc.edu/parking/r7-park-and-ride-lot/> (adjacent to the UNC Sheps Center building located at 725 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd).

Testing is open to anyone who would like to be tested and no referral is required. These testing clinics will be drive-through and registration will occur on-site. Patients will have the option to meet with an on-site provider prior to testing. These clinics are for asymptomatic individuals and it is not recommended that individuals be tested any more frequently than every 14 days. Employees who are symptomatic or who have been identified as close contacts of a positive case should contact the University Employee Occupational Health Clinic (UEOHC) at 919-966-9119.

COVID-19 testing is covered by health insurance. There will be no charge for employees who present a health insurance card.

Faculty, Postdocs, Graduate Students, and Staff:

If you *have* symptoms:

1. Do not come to work.

2. Call the University Employee Occupational Health Clinic:  919-966-9119.

3. Get tested.  You cannot return to work until test results are provided, communicated to Occupational Health and you have been cleared to return.

If you *do not have* symptoms:

1. Can report to work.

2. If you want to be tested (even without symptoms), see Employee COVID-19 Testing Clinics information above.

Undergraduate Students (with or without symptoms)

1. Visit the Campus Health Website for COVID-19 informaiton:

<https://campushealth.unc.edu/services/covid-19-services/covid-testing-and-tracing>

2. To make an appointment at Campus Health, call:  919-966-2281.

3. Do not return to work until you been cleared to do so.

For more information on the University’s response to COVID-19 and our Roadmap please visit

Carolina Together website <https://carolinatogether.unc.edu/>

View information on **COVID-19 Emergency Grant Funding (CARES Act)**

<https://www.unc.edu/coronavirus/emergency-grant-funding/>

**COVID-19 Funding Opportunities (UNC Research)**

Information about funding opportunities related to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19)

<https://research.unc.edu/research-development/finding-funding/covid-19/>

**CV19 Student Care Hub**

<https://keeplearning.unc.edu/>

**Mental Health Resources**

[BCBP Mental Health Resources | Biochemistry and Biophysics (unc.edu)](https://www.med.unc.edu/biochem/bcbp-mental-health-resources/)

**Our Calendar of EVENTS**

<https://www.med.unc.edu/biochem/events/category/all-events/>

**The Graduate School Events**

<https://gradschool.unc.edu/events/>

**DEI EVENTS on Provost D&I calendar**

<https://diversity.unc.edu/events/>

**Spring 2021 Safe Zone training**

link to UNC Events Registration system search "safe zone"

<https://apps.research.unc.edu/events/>

**UNC Events**

Fairs, events, talks.

<https://www.unc.edu/events/>

**UNC BCBP NEWS**

<https://www.med.unc.edu/biochem/tag/News_2021/>

**UNC The Well and employee resources**

<https://thewell.unc.edu/>

**UNC Vital Signs News and Events**

<https://news.unchealthcare.org/vital-signs/>

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