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# BRC Newsletter

HAPPY  
Holidays



## News, Events, and More!

This month's newsletter is a double-feature - both October and November wrap ups!

Be sure to check out the entire newsletter to see upcoming events, seminars, and conferences.

Have a wonderful holiday and a happy new year!



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# News - Congrats - Publications



## Steve Hur, PhD Receives Award From JTH

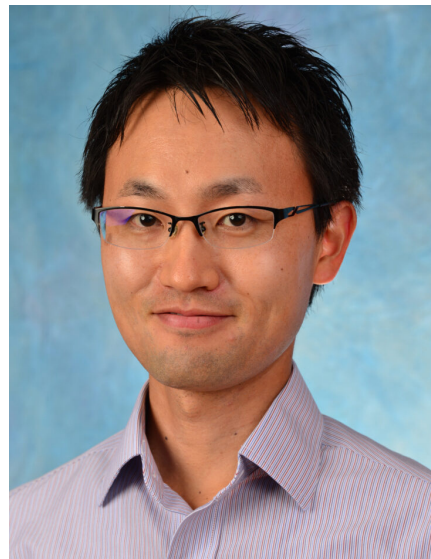
Steve Hur, PhD was awarded the JTH Editors Award for his recent article submitted to the ISTH publication, *JTH*.

[Read more](#)

## Yohei Hisada, PhD Presents at the Medical University of Vienna

On December 1, 2022, Yohei Hisada, PhD presented his talk, "Insights into the pathogenesis of cancer-associated venous thromboembolism"

[Read more](#)



## BRC at ASH 2022

Be sure to check out the spreadsheet that highlights the various members of the BRC and UNC Hematology that will be presenting at ASH 2022!

[Read more](#)



# Events - Seminars - FYIs

## Party Time, Excellent!

The ASH Conference is fast approaching which means so is the UNC reception!

### Annual UNC Reception at ASH

Saturday, December 10, 2022  
7:30-9:30pm CST

Beer, wine, and hors d'oeuvres will be provided!

Hampton Inn & Suites New Orleans -  
Convention Center  
1201 Convention Center Blvd ,  
New Orleans, LA  
Room: Fulton



# Events - Seminars - FYIs

## BRC Seminar Series

Mark your calendar for these upcoming speakers!



### DECEMBER 2022

Date: 12/02/2022

Speaker: Lucy Kornblith, MD

Institution: University of California San Francisco

Host: Wolfgang Bergmeier, PhD

Location: Virtual

Date: 12/16/2022

Speaker: David Rees, MD

Institution: King's College London

Host: Nigel Key, MD

Location: Virtual



Keep an eye out here for the  
2023 Spring Seminar Series  
dates and speakers!

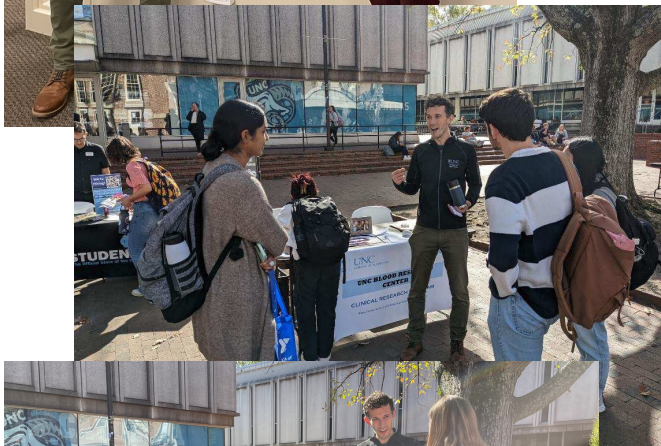
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## BRC Out and About!

Brett Phillips, MA, PMP, CCRP hosted a table in November at a UNC student job fair in the Pit by the student union



Brett spent the day speaking to UNC students about the BRC and what we have to offer! There was a lot of positive feedback and interest. Fantastic job, Brett!



# New Faculty Spotlight

## Sam Wilson, MD

The Blood Research Center is growing! In this section, we will highlight some of our newest faculty members. Help us in welcoming them to the BRC!

### Tell us about your background and current area of research.

I grew up in the Midwest, went to University of Michigan for medical school and residency, and then came here for fellowship in 2018 and stayed on as faculty in July 2022.

I am interested in the management of individuals with sickle cell disease and other red blood cell disorders. People who are born with sickle cell disease are living longer and healthier lives due to improvements in the management of this disorder. As a result, there is a growing population of adults living with sickle cell disease. My research and career is aimed at understanding the unique complications in the aging sickle cell population and figuring out ways of improving the overall health of these individuals.

### What interested you in becoming a member of the BRC?

I worked with the BRC during my fellowship at UNC to conduct research studies. As a junior faculty member, I became interested in formally joining the BRC to continue my research in sickle cell disease, a key area of focus for the BRC.

### Besides your area of research, do you have any hobbies or hidden talents?

No hidden talents, but I love running and reading!



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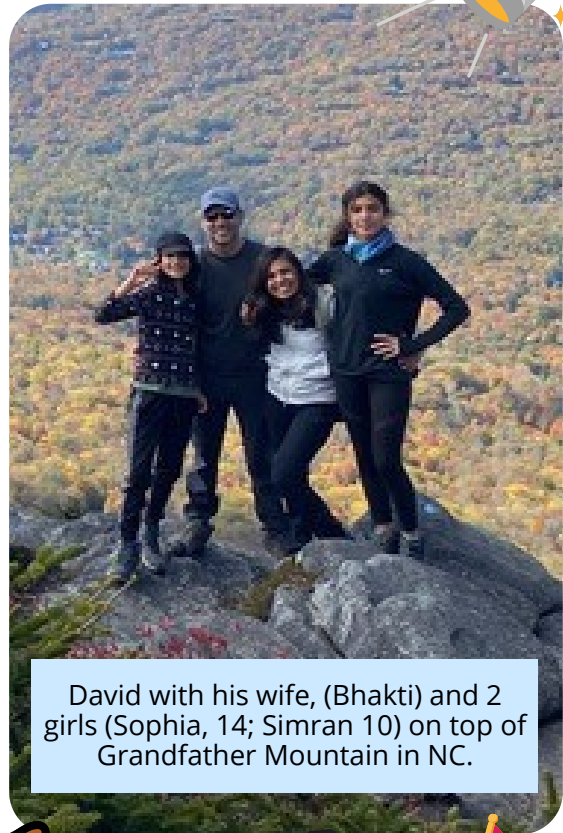
I'm originally from upstate New York but have been living in NC since 1995. I have been working/studying at UNC in various capacities since 2001 and I received my PhD from UNC in 2007. I joined the Bergmeier lab in 2012 and love working with platelets. They are truly amazing cells, especially when you take into account their size and absence of a nucleus!

### What interested you in becoming a member of the BRC?

Being a member of the BRC is great because there are so many opportunities for collaboration and exchange of scientific ideas with other experts in the field. It's a great blend of clinicians and basic-science researchers.

### Besides your area of research, do you have any hobbies or hidden talents?

I enjoy hiking and golfing and I can ride a unicycle, although I've never tried riding it on the golf course. Some of my colleagues may be surprised to know that I worked as an auto mechanic prior to joining graduate school.



David with his wife, (Bhakti) and 2 girls (Sophia, 14; Simran 10) on top of Grandfather Mountain in NC.



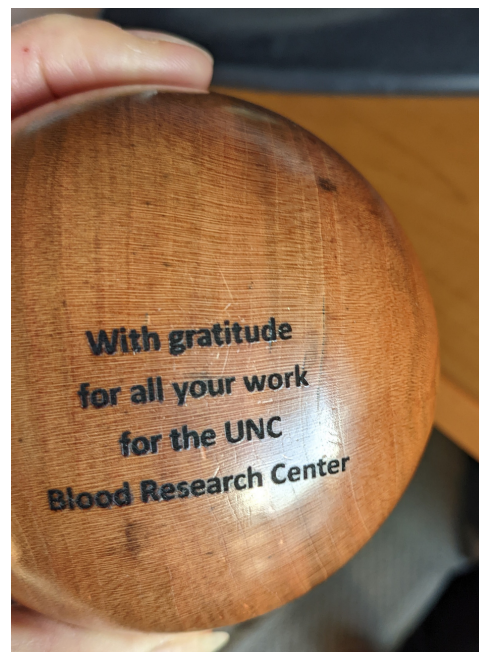
# Odds & Ends

## FYI's and Extra Bits

**Dr. Stephan Moll Presents Christine Hill with a beautiful thank you gift**



Turned by Stephan Moll, black cherry wood obtained from Wilmington, NC. For Christine Hill to celebrate the 3rd anniversary of the UNC Blood Research Center in Sept 2022, but also for all her work since October 2007 to celebrate 15 years with UNC Benign Hematology



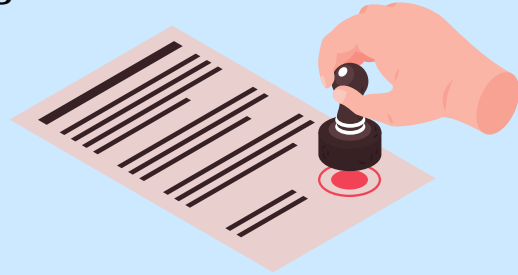


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and we can get you sorted and stamped



Please send any events, seminars, news items, etc. to me if you'd like them to be featured in the next newsletter!

