

Commencement 2016

*Tuesday, May Thirty-first
Two Thousand and Sixteen*

7:00 p.m.

*The Jesse H. Jones Hall for the Performing Arts
615 Louisiana
Houston, Texas*



THE COMMENCEMENT PROCESSION

Chairman of the Board of Trustees and the Commencement Speaker

President of the College of Medicine and Honored Guests

Chancellor Emeritus

Provost

Deans of the College

Associate Provosts

Chairs of Academic Departments and Center Directors

Trustees of the College

Professors of the College

Associate Professors of the College

Assistant Professors of the College

Instructors of the College

Candidates for the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy and Faculty Advisors

Candidates for the Degree of Doctor of Medicine and Student Advisors



Significance of the Colors of the Academic Regalia

The color of the velvet edging of the hood and gown indicates the degree; in the lining of the hood are the college colors of the institution that conferred the degree.

The hood and gown of the Doctor of Philosophy has a blue velvet edging; Doctor of Medicine, green; both Doctor of Divinity and Doctor of Theology, scarlet; Doctor of Laws, purple; Doctor of Science, golden yellow; Doctor of Letters and Humanities, white; and Doctor of Dentistry, lilac.

PROGRAM

Processional

Welcome *Mr. Fred R. Lummis, Chair, Board of Trustees*

Introductions and Remarks *Dr. Paul E. Klotman, President and Chief Executive Officer
Executive Dean*

Presiding *Dr. Alicia D.H. Monroe, Provost
Senior Vice President of Academic and Faculty Affairs*

Remarks by the Student Representative of

The Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences *Ms. Meagan Amelia Barry*

Remarks by the President of the

Graduating Medical Class *Ms. Paige Marie Kennedy*

Introduction of Awardees *Dr. Alicia D.H. Monroe*

Presentation of Distinguished Service Award *Dr. Paul E. Klotman*

Stuart C. Yudofsky, M.D.

Distinguished Emeritus Professor, Former Chair

Menninger Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences

Baylor College of Medicine

Conferring of Honorary Degrees *Dr. Paul E. Klotman*

Doctor of Humanities in Medicine

Kay Bailey Hutchison

Former U.S. Senator, State of Texas

Kevin E. Lofton

Chief Executive Officer, Catholic Health Initiatives

Doctor of Letters in Medicine

William T. Butler, M.D.

Chancellor Emeritus, Baylor College of Medicine

Eric Schoomaker, M.D., Ph.D.

Lieutenant General, U.S. Army (RET)

Professor and Vice-Chair for Leadership, Centers and Programs

Department of Military and Emergency Medicine, F. Edward Hebert School of Medicine

Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences

Commencement Address*Dr. Eric B. Schoomaker*

Presentation of the Candidates for the Degree Doctor of Philosophy

Dr. Adam Kuspa
Interim Dean, Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences

Conferring of Degrees *Dr. Paul E. Klotman*

Administration of the Oath of Hippocrates *Dr. Mary L. Brandt*

Senior Associate Dean of Student Affairs

Presentation of the Candidates for the Degree Doctor of Medicine

Dr. Jennifer Christner
Dean, School of Medicine

Conferring of Degrees *Dr. Paul E. Klotman*

Benediction*Dr. Virgil Fry, Executive Director – Lifeline Chaplaincy*

Recessional

STUART YUDOFSKY, M.D.

Dr. Stuart Yudofsky served as Chair of the Menninger Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences for nearly 25 years, retiring from the position on Dec. 31, 2015. He also was a Distinguished Service Professor and held the Beth K. and Stuart C. Yudofsky Presidential Chair in Neuropsychiatry at Baylor. He remains a Baylor voluntary faculty member to teach, write, and support advancement of mental health in the Houston community.

He was founding Editor and, for the past 27 years, has been Editor of the *Journal of Neuropsychiatry and Clinical Neurosciences*, the official journal of the American Neuropsychiatric Association, of which he also served as President. Dr. Yudofsky is the author/co-author of numerous scientific articles and over 70 book chapters. He additionally is the author of or has edited/co-edited over 50 medical books, including two of the standard reference textbooks in this field, for the American Psychiatric Publishing, *Textbook of Psychiatry*, Sixth Edition, and the *Textbook of Neuropsychiatry and Behavioral Neurosciences*, soon to be published in its Sixth Edition.

Dr. Yudofsky is nationally recognized for his research and clinical practice in psychopharmacology and neuropsychiatry in the treatment of mood and behavioral changes associated with brain disorders such as stroke, Alzheimer's disease, multiple sclerosis and traumatic brain injury. He was Chairman of the American Psychiatric Association's first Task Force on the Psychiatric Aspects of Traumatic Brain Injury and did pioneer research on the use of beta blockers in the treatment of violence and impulse control as a consequence of brain disorders. He developed two of the standard rating scales to measure aggression and agitation in both neurological and psychiatric patients: the Overt Aggression Scale and the Overt Agitation Severity Scale, each translated into many languages and used worldwide.

In 2014, Dr. Yudofsky received the inaugural Gary J. Tucker M.D. Award for Lifetime Achievement in Neuropsychiatry from the American Neuropsychiatric Association, and in 2015 he received the Lishman Award in Jerusalem from the International Neuropsychiatric Association. This award is given every two years for outstanding lifetime achievement in neuropsychiatry.

An alumnus of Baylor College of Medicine, Dr. Yudofsky took his residency training at Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons, where he later became Associate Professor, Vice Chairman and Deputy Director of the New York State Psychiatric Institute. Prior to his return to Baylor, Dr. Yudofsky was Professor and Chairman of the Department of Psychiatry at the University of Chicago and Director of Psychiatry at the University of Chicago Hospital System.

KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON

Kay Bailey Hutchison is a businesswoman and public servant with more than 40 years of experience in the public and private sectors. She serves as senior counsel at Bracewell LLP.

In January 2013, she stepped down from 20 years in the U.S. Senate, representing the state of Texas. She served in the Senate leadership, having first been elected Vice-Chairman of the Republican Conference and later elected Chairman of the Republican Policy Committee, the fourth-highest ranking Republican Senator.

Senator Hutchison served as the Ranking Member of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and

Transportation and the Appropriations Subcommittee for Commerce, Justice and Science. She also was the Chairman of the Military Construction Appropriations Subcommittee. In addition, the Senator served as Chairman of the Board of Visitors at the U.S. Military Academy of West Point.

Prior to her Senate service, Senator Hutchison was elected Texas State Treasurer in 1990 and to the Texas House of Representatives in 1972. She was the first Republican woman elected to that body. She served in the Texas House until 1976 when she was appointed by President Gerald Ford to serve as vice-chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board.

Her business experience includes acting as Senior Vice President and General Counsel of Republic Bank Corporation, co-founder of Fidelity National Bank of Dallas and owning a candy manufacturing company.

In 2013, the Dallas City Council voted to name its Convention Center the Kay Bailey Hutchison Convention Center Dallas and the University of Texas established the Kay Bailey Hutchison Center for Energy, Law and Business. In July 2013, President Barack Obama signed into law H.R. 2289, renaming section 219© of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 as the Kay Bailey Hutchison Spousal IRA. Senator Hutchison authored the original bill, cosponsored by Senator Barbara Mikulski, to establish Spousal IRAs.

KEVIN E. LOFTON

Kevin E. Lofton has been Chief Executive Officer of Catholic Health Initiatives since 2003. He previously held several executive positions with CHI, including Chief Operating Officer.

Mr. Lofton is widely recognized at the national level and serves in leadership capacities in many of the major healthcare organizations. Active with the American Hospital Association (AHA), Mr. Lofton served as the 2007 Chairman of the AHA Board of Directors, and served as Chairman of the Committee on Nominations and the Equity of Care Committee. He is a Fellow and former Regent at Large in the American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE). Mr. Lofton also served as President of the National Association of Health Services Executives (NAHSE).

A long-time healthcare executive, Mr. Lofton's background includes top positions in public, university, community and faith-based hospitals. Prior to CHI, Mr. Lofton served as Chief Executive Officer of the University of Alabama Hospital in Birmingham. In previous positions, Mr. Lofton served as Chief Executive Officer of Howard University Hospital, Washington, D.C., and Chief Operating Officer at University Medical Center, Jacksonville, Florida.

Mr. Lofton is a former member of the board of the Morehouse School of Medicine in Atlanta, which is dedicated to increasing the diversity of the health professional and scientific workforce and addressing the primary healthcare needs of people of color and underserved populations. His background in top leadership positions in so many diverse organizations provides a unique perspective on the problems and challenges facing the nation's healthcare system.

In recognition of his outstanding leadership, innovation, and management accomplishments, Mr. Lofton was ranked in the 2002 and 2005-2013 Modern Healthcare magazine's "100 Most Influential People in Healthcare" list. Mr. Lofton was named the 2006 National Diversity Healthcare Leader of the Year by the

National Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and included in the 2007 Ebony Magazine “150 Most Influential Blacks in America.” Among his many awards, he received the ACHE Robert Hudgens Award as the Young Healthcare Executive of the Year in 1993.

Mr. Lofton received a Master of Health Administration degree from Georgia State University in Atlanta and a Bachelor of Science degree in management from Boston University.

WILLIAM T. BUTLER, M.D.

Dr. William T. Butler joined the Baylor College of Medicine faculty in 1966 and was President of Baylor College of Medicine from 1979 until 1996. He was named Chancellor in 1996 and Chancellor Emeritus in 2005. He returned as Interim President and CEO in December 2008 until September 2010.

A native of Boston, Massachusetts, Butler received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Oberlin College in 1954 and a medical degree from Western Reserve University in 1958. After residency training in internal medicine at the Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston, he completed a research fellowship in bacteriology and immunology at Harvard Medical School. He then served as chief clinical associate in the Laboratory of Clinical Investigation at the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases of the National Institutes of Health. In 1979, he completed the Harvard Business School’s Advanced Management Program.

At Baylor, Dr. Butler is a Distinguished Service Professor and Professor of Internal Medicine and of Immunology. He established the immunology program and continued research begun at the National Institutes of Health. He has authored more than 100 publications in the fields of immunology and infectious diseases, especially focusing on the effects of corticosteroids and other drugs on the immune system and on the mechanism of rejection of heart, lung and kidney transplants.

Dr. Butler served as a member of many professional organizations, and was elected to the National Academy of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences in 1990.

Dr. Butler served as Chairman of a number of national organizations, including the Association of American Medical Colleges, the Council of Medical School Deans, and the Congressionally-chartered Special Medical Advisory Group on the Department of Veterans Affairs. In Texas, he served as Chairman of the Health Professions Education Advisory Committee of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. He also served on a number of civic and corporate boards including the national Points of Light Foundation, the United Way of the Texas Gulf Coast and the Greater Houston Partnership.

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER



ERIC B. SCHOOMAKER, M.D. PH.D.

Lieutenant General, U.S. Army (Retired)

Professor and Vice-Chair for Leadership, Centers and Programs

Department of Military and Emergency Medicine,
F. Edward Hebert School of Medicine

Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences

Dr. Eric Schoomaker, Lieutenant General, U.S. Army (Retired), serves as Professor and Vice-Chair for Leadership, Centers & Programs in the Department of Military and Emergency Medicine, F. Edward Hebert School of Medicine at the nation's only Federal health university, the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences in Bethesda, MD.

Prior to his retirement after 32 years of active service, Dr. Schoomaker served as the 42nd U.S. Army Surgeon General & Commanding General of the U.S. Army Medical Command. He committed his career to meeting the health needs of soldiers, their families and veterans throughout the United States, Europe and the Pacific, focusing on soldier medical readiness, enhancing battlefield care, establishing comprehensive behavioral healthcare, fostering a culture of trust, advancing comprehensive pain management and promoting health by preventing combat wounds, injury and illness.

Dr. Schoomaker's principal interests are in both Complementary and Integrative Health & Medicine in the shift from a disease management-focused healthcare system to one more centered on the improvement and sustainment of health and well-being leading to optimal human performance. He promotes Complementary and Integrative Health & Medicine education and training for physicians and other health professionals, especially as they contribute to the management of acute and chronic pain.

He is also exploring the central importance of leadership education and training for health professionals, so as to realize the University's vision as the nation's "health leadership academy." Dr. Schoomaker received a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Michigan in 1970 and was commissioned as

a second lieutenant as a Distinguished Military Graduate. He received his medical degree from the University of Michigan in 1975 and a Ph.D. in human genetics in 1979. He completed an internal medicine internship and residency at Duke University Medical Center in North Carolina from 1976-78, followed by a fellowship in hematology at Duke in 1979. He is certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine in both internal medicine and hematology.

While in uniform, he held many assignments, including Chief & Program Director, Department of Medicine and Director of Primary Care, Madigan Army Medical Center, Fort Lewis (Tacoma), WA; Commander of the Evans Army Community Hospital in Fort Carson (Colorado Springs), CO; Commander, 30th Medical Brigade & Fifth Corps Surgeon in Heidelberg, Germany; Chief of the Army Medical Corps; Commander of the Southeast Regional Medical Command/Dwight David Eisenhower Army Medical Center in Ft. Gordon (Augusta), GA; and Commanding General of the U.S. Army Medical Research & Materiel Command & Fort Detrick (Frederick), MD. Dr. Schoomaker is the recipient of numerous military awards, including those from France and Germany, the 2012 Dr. Nathan Davis Award from the American Medical Association for outstanding government service, the Philipp M. Lippe, M.D. Award from the American Academy of Pain Medicine for contributions to the social and political aspect of pain medicine, and an Honorary Doctor of Science from Wake Forest University.

He is married to Audrey, a former Army nurse and yoga therapist and is the father of three--two daughters who recently graduated from college and a high school junior (and future jazz guitar phenom).

Candidates for the Degree, Doctor of Philosophy

CAROLYN JOY ADAMSKI

B.S., The College of Saint Scholastica
Ph.D. Program: Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
Advisor: Timothy G. Palzkill, Ph.D.
Dissertation: “Examination of Catalytic Specificity in Serine Beta-lactamases and Binding Specificity in Beta-lactamase Inhibitory Proteins”

PATRICIA JOY YETUNDE AKINFENWA

B.S., University of Houston
Ph.D. Program: Translational Biology and Molecular Medicine
Advisor: Richard L. Hurwitz, M.D.
Dissertation: “Versican Enhances Adenoviral Transgene Expression through JAK/STAT Activation”

VIREN R. AMIN

B.S., Rutgers University
M.S., The University of Texas at Dallas
Ph.D. Program: Molecular and Human Genetics
Advisor: Aleksandar Milosavljevic, Ph.D.
Dissertation: “Patterns of Epigenomic Programming across Human Cell and Tissue Types”

RYAN THOMAS ASH

B.S., The University of Texas at Austin
Ph.D. Program: Neuroscience
Advisor: Stelios M. Smirnakis, M.D., Ph.D.
Dissertation: “Learning-Associated Synaptic Stability in the MECP2 Duplication Model of Autism”

BENJAMIN JUDSON BACHMAN

B.S., Georgia Institute of Technology-Main Campus
Ph.D. Program: Structural and Computational Biology and Molecular Biophysics
Advisor: Olivier Lichtarge, MD., Ph.D.
Dissertation: “Machine Learning From Social Networks Applied to Protein-Protein Interactions: Netflix, Facebook, and P53”

MIRIAM ARUE BALDERAS

B.A., Rice University
Ph.D. Program: Molecular Virology and Microbiology
Advisor: Anthony Maresso, Ph.D.
Dissertation: “Targeting Bacterial Iron-Uptake Systems: Progress Towards an Improved Anthrax Vaccine”

MEAGAN AMELIA BARRY

B.A., Rice University

Ph.D. Program: Translational Biology and Molecular Medicine

Advisor: Peter J. Hotez, M.D., Ph.D.

Dissertation: “A Therapeutic Tc24 Nanoparticle Vaccine Against Trypanosoma cruzi in a Mouse Model of Chagas Disease”

MEGHAN MICHELLE BREAU

B.A., Northwestern State University of Louisiana

Ph.D. Program: Integrative Molecular and Biomedical Sciences

Advisor: Nikolai A. Timchenko, Ph.D.

Dissertation: “P300 Regulates Liver Biology by Controlling P53 and C/EBP Family through Multiple Pathways”

ALEX JAWANN BREWER III

B.S., Rice University

Ph.D. Program: Pharmacology

Advisor: Richard de la Garza, Ph.D.

Dissertation: “Modafinil and Lisdexamfetamine for the Treatment of Cocaine Use Disorder”

TIARA TASMINE BYRD

B.S., Florida A&M University

Ph.D. Program: Translational Biology and Molecular Medicine

Advisor: Nabil M. Ahmed, M.D.

Dissertation: “Targeting TEM8/ANTXR1 in Triple-negative Breast Cancer using Chimeric Antigen Receptor (CAR) T Cells”

CATHRYN RENÉ CADWELL

B.S., Baylor University

Ph.D. Program: Neuroscience

Advisor: Andreas S. Tolias, Ph.D.

Dissertation: “Principles of Circuit Assembly in the Neocortex: Cell Lineage and Cell Type”

MINGBO CAI

B.S., Peking University

Ph.D. Program: Neuroscience

Advisor: David M. Eagleman, Ph.D.

Dissertation: “Time Perception: Duration, Temporal Order and Cue Combination”

CHI-HSUAN CHANG

B.S., National Chung Hsing University
Ph.D. Program: Integrative Molecular and Biomedical Sciences
Advisor: Jeffrey M. Rosen, Ph.D.
Dissertation: “The Mechanisms of DNA Damage Response in Mammary Stem Cells and Tumor-Initiating Cells”

BO CHEN

B.S., Nanjing University
Ph.D. Program: Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
Advisor: Wah Chiu, Ph.D.
Dissertation: “Towards Understanding the Mechanism of Group II Chaperonin Assisted Protein Folding”

ELAINE SINGYEE CHEN

B.S., National Taiwan University
Ph.D. Program: Molecular and Cellular Biology
Advisor: Lawrence C. Chan, M.B.B.S., D.Sc.
Dissertation: “The Role of Lipid Droplet Protein PLIN2 on Endoplasmic Reticulum Stress Resolution in Pancreatic Beta Cells”

KUANG-YUI MICHAEL CHEN

B.S., University of California-Los Angeles
Ph.D. Program: Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
Advisors: Patrick Barth, Ph.D.
Dissertation: “Reprogramming the Conformational Regulation of G Protein-Coupled Receptor Signaling”

WILLIAM TIN-SHING CHOI

B.S., Houston Baptist University
Ph.D. Program: Developmental Biology
Advisor: Mirjana Maletic-Savatic, M.D., Ph.D.
Dissertation: “Gene-Metabolome Network Unravels New Aspects of Adult Neuroprogenitor Cells”

ANDREW MARK ROBINSON CIUPEK

B.S., University of Maryland- Baltimore County
Ph.D. Program: Translational Biology and Molecular Medicine
Advisor: Suzanne A. W. Fuqua, Ph.D.
Dissertation: “Androgen Receptor Promotes Tamoxifen Agonist Activity by Activation of Epidermal Growth Factor in ERa-Positive Breast Cancer”

SARAH MARGARET CIUPEK

B.S., University of Maryland-Baltimore County

Ph.D. Program: Neuroscience

Advisor: Daoyun Ji, Ph.D.

Dissertation: “Progressive Functional Impairments of Hippocampal Neurons in a Tauopathy Mouse Model”

SEAN MICHAEL CULLEN

B.S., University of Notre Dame

Ph.D. Program: Developmental Biology

Advisor: Margaret A. Goodell, Ph.D.

Dissertation: “The Role of DNMT3A and TET1 in Maintaining DNA Methylation in Mouse Embryonic Stem Cells”

MICHELE C. DARROW

B.A., Knox College

Ph.D. Program: Biochemistry and Molecular Biology

Advisor: Wah Chiu, Ph.D.

Dissertation: “Structural Aspects of Protein Aggregation in Disease”

GABRIELA RIVA DAVID-MORRISON

B.S., University of the Philippines, Diliman

Ph.D. Program: Developmental Biology

Advisor: Hugo J. Bellen, D.V.M., Ph.D.

Dissertation: “WAC, a Novel Regulator of the mTOR Pathway, Acts as an Adaptor for the TTT and Pontin/Reptin Complexes”

AVINASH VIJAY DHARMADHIKARI

B. Pharm., Institute of Chemical Technology, University of Mumbai

M.S., SUNY University at Buffalo

Ph.D. Program: Translational Biology and Molecular Medicine

Advisor: Pawel Stankiewicz, M.D., Ph.D.

Dissertation: “Essential Role of Mesenchymal FOXF1 Dosage in Lung Maturation”

TURGUT DOGRULUK

B.S., Yeditepe University

Ph.D., Molecular and Human Genetics

Advisor: Kenneth L. Scott, Ph.D.

Dissertation: “Novel High-Throughput Technologies and Integrated Screening Platforms for the Discovery of Cancer Driver Aberrations”

ROCIO DOMINGUEZ-VIDANA

B.S., National Autonomous University of Mexico
Ph.D. Program: Integrative Molecular and Biomedical Sciences
Advisor: Thomas F. Westbrook, Ph.D.
Dissertation: “Use of Forward Genetics Screen Analytics to Identify Vulnerabilities in
HER2+ Breast Cancer”

MICHAEL ANTHONY EVANGELISTA

B.S., The Pennsylvania State University
Ph.D. Program: Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
Advisor: Lynn Zechiedrich, Ph.D.
Dissertation: “Characterization of Single Nucleotide Polymorphisms Associated with
Fluoroquinolone-Resistant Escherichia Coli Clinical Isolates”

VIKTOR FEKETA

M.D., Uzhgorod National University
Ph.D. Program: Molecular Physiology and Biophysics
Advisor: Sean P. Marrelli, Ph.D.
Dissertation: “Manipulating Thermoregulatory Responses by Targeting Molecular Temperature Sensors”

LAUREN RENEE FIGARD

B.A., The University of Texas at Austin
Ph.D. Program: Integrative Molecular and Biomedical Sciences
Advisor: Anna M. Sokac, Ph.D.
Dissertation: “Microvilli Unfold to Fuel Cell Surface Expansion During Drosophila Cellularization”

UPASANA DEEPESH GALA

B.S., Purdue University-Main Campus
Ph.D. Program: Developmental Biology
Advisor: Hugo J. Bellen, D.V.M., Ph.D.
Dissertation: “Voltage Gated Calcium Channel Subunits Play a Role in Autophagy and Maintenance of
Neuronal Homeostasis”

MONICA LAURA GALAZ MONTOYA

B.S., M.S., Universidad de Sonora
Advisor: Theodore G. Wensel, Ph.D.
Ph.D. Program: Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
Dissertation: “A cAMP Independent Pathway for Calcium Mobilization by Beta-2-Adrenergic Receptor”

CHUNXU GAO

B.S., Nankai University
Ph.D. Program: Molecular Virology and Microbiology
Advisor: James Versalovic, M.D., Ph.D.
Dissertation: “Attenuation of Colonic Inflammation and Cancer By Probiotic *Lactobacillus reuteri*”

MELISSA NOLAN GARCIA

M.P.H., The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston
Ph.D. Program: Clinical Scientist Training Program
Advisor: Kristy Orsburn Murray, DVM, Ph.D.
Dissertation: “Chagas Disease Burden in Texas Blood Donors: A Cross-Sectional Analysis of Transmission Risk Factors and Cardiac Manifestations”

VIOLET GELOWANI

B.S., University of Houston
Ph.D. Program: Molecular and Human Genetics
Advisor: Rui Chen, Ph.D.
Dissertation: “Pushing the Boundaries of Molecular Diagnostic Genetics”

MARIA MONICA GRAMATGES

B.S., College of William and Mary
M.D., University Texas Med Sch-Houston
Ph.D. Program: Clinical Scientist Training Program
Advisor: Alison A. Bertuch, M.D., Ph.D.
Dissertation: “On the Role of Telomere Biology Defects in Pediatric Acute Myeloid Leukemia”

COREY WARD HECKSEL

B.S., Michigan Technological University
Ph.D. Program: Molecular Virology and Microbiology
Advisor: Wah Chiu, Ph.D.
Dissertation: “Cryo Electron Tomography Tools for Understanding Virus Structure in the Context of the Cell”

SARAH MARIE HEIN

B.S., M.S., University of Wyoming
Ph.D. Program: Molecular and Cellular Biology
Advisor: Yi Li, Ph.D.
Dissertation: “Mammary Lineages’ and Parity’s Impact on Oncogenesis”

JOSÉ ANTONIO HERRERA

B.S., The University of Texas at Brownsville
Ph.D. Program: Translational Biology and Molecular Medicine
Advisor: Jeffrey L. Neul, M.D., Ph.D.
Dissertation: “Autonomic Dysfunction and Neurogenic Arrhythmias in Rett Syndrome”

XUE BIN HOLDMAN

B.S., Shenyang Pharmaceutical University
M.S., Kunming Institute of Zoology
Ph.D.: Integrative Molecular and Biomedical Sciences
Advisor: Jeffrey M. Rosen, Ph.D.
Dissertation: “Cooperation between Fibroblast Growth Factor Receptor and Epidermal Growth Factor Receptor Signaling in Mammary Tumor Recurrence and Mammary Stem Cell Maintenance”

STANLEY EUGENE HOOKER

B.S., Bowie State University
Ph.D. Program: Molecular and Human Genetics
Advisor: Suzanne M. Leal, Ph.D.
Dissertation: “Uncovering Complex Biomarker Associated Rare Variants through Large-Scale Exome Sequencing Studies”

TIFFANY YA-TING HSU

B.S., Baylor University
Ph.D. Program: Integrative Molecular and Biomedical Sciences
Advisor: Thomas F. Westbrook, Ph.D.
Dissertation: “Oncogenic MYC Induces a Dependency on the Spliceosome in Human Cancer”

LONGWEN HUANG

B.S., Peking University
Ph.D. Program: Neuroscience
Advisor: Benjamin R. Arenkiel, Ph.D.
Dissertation: “Untangling Inhibitory Circuits in the Olfactory Bulb: Connectivity, Function, and Plasticity”

TENG-WEI HUANG

B.S., M.S., National Taiwan University
Ph.D. Program: Developmental Biology
Advisor: Jeffrey L. Neul, M.D., Ph.D.
Dissertation: “MECP2 Functions in the Autonomic Nervous System”

REGIS AARON JAMES

B.S., Rice University

Ph.D. Program: Structural and Computational Biology and Molecular Medicine

Advisor: Chad Abramson Shaw, Ph.D.

Dissertation: "Semantic Similarity as a Tool for Analysis and Prioritization in Genome-wide Genetic Diagnostics"

NICOLE MICHELLE KETTNER

B.S., Winona State University

Ph.D. Program: Molecular and Cellular Biology

Advisor: Loning Fu, Ph.D.

Dissertation: "The Role of Circadian Disruption in Obesity, Liver Metabolic Disorders and Hepatocarcinogenesis"

KATHLEEN KONG

B.A., Baylor University

Ph.D. Program: Molecular Virology and Microbiology

Advisor: Ronald T. Javier, Ph.D.

Dissertation: "Mechanism of PI3K Activation and MYC Expression by Adenovirus E4 ORF1"

ANTONINA VLADIMIROVNA KURTOVA

B.S., M.S., Saint Petersburg State University

Ph.D. Program: Translational Biology and Molecular Medicine

Advisor: Keith S. Chan, Ph.D.

Dissertation: "Cell Death-Induced Wound Response in the Progressive Development of Chemoresistance"

ZAO LI

B.S., Nankai University

Ph.D. Program: Biochemistry and Molecular Biology

Advisor: Zheng Zhou, Ph.D.

Dissertation: "How are Necrotic Cells Recognized by Engulfing Cells?"

KUANQING LIU

B.S., China Agricultural University

M.S., The Pennsylvania State University

Ph.D. Program: Molecular Virology and Microbiology

Advisor: Jue D. Wang, Ph.D.

Dissertation: "Regulation of Bacterial Physiology by (p)ppGpp"

WEN LU

B.S., Tsinghua University
Ph.D. Program: Immunology
Advisor: David B. Corry, M.D.
Dissertation: “MicroRNA-22 Enhances Innate Immunity and Augments Emphysema”

CHRISTINA SUSAN MAHANIC

B.S., Purdue University
Ph.D. Program: Integrative Molecular and Biomedical Sciences
Advisor: Weei-Chin Lin, M.D., Ph.D.
Dissertation: “Regulation of E2F1 Transcriptional Activity Through A Deubiquitinating Enzyme, UCHL5”

MELINDA PERPETUAL MATA

B.A., University of St. Thomas
Ph.D. Program: Immunology
Advisor: Stephen M. Gottschalk, M.D.
Dissertation: “Adoptive Immunotherapy for Sarcomas Using Genetically Modified T Cells”

RYAN JAMES MAYLE

B.S., Michigan State University
Ph.D. Program: Molecular and Human Genetics
Advisor: Grzegorz Ira, Ph.D.
Dissertation: “MUS81 and Converging Forks Limit Mutagenesis at Broken Replication Forks”

JANIELLE PETROLA MAYNARD

B.S, Howard University
Ph.D. Program: Translational Biology and Molecular Medicine
Advisor: Sundararajah Thevananther, Ph.D.
Dissertation: “Dysregulation of Purinergic Signaling in Hepatocellular Carcinoma”

JESSICA MARIE MOORE

B.S., The University of Texas at Dallas
Ph.D. Program: Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
Advisors: Susan M. Rosenberg, Ph.D. and Philip J. Hastings, Ph.D.
Dissertation: “Roles of Nucleoid-Associated Proteins and Persistently Damaged Bases in DNA in Mutagenic Break Repair”

STEPHEN CHRISTOPHER MURRAY

B.S., University of Maryland-Baltimore County
Ph.D. Program: Structural and Computational Biology and Molecular Biophysics
Advisor: Steven J. Ludtke, Ph.D.
Dissertation: “Validation of Electron Cryomicroscopy Structures and Imaging of Reconstituted High-Density Lipoprotein”

CHRISTOPHER GARY MYERS

B.S., Rice University
Ph.D. Program: Structural and Computational Biology and Molecular Biophysics
Advisor: B. Montgomery Pettitt, Ph.D.
Dissertation: “Thermodynamics of Confined and Strained DNA in Bacteriophages”

AMRITHA NAIR

B.S., Stella Maris College
M.S., Sri Ramachandra University
Ph.D. Program: Molecular and Human Genetics
Advisor: Thomas Westbrook, Ph.D.
Dissertation: “Targeting Coordinate Receptor Addictions in Breast Cancer: From New Mechanisms to Therapeutics”

MARIA NAMWANJE

B.A., Grinnell College
Ph.D. Program: Molecular and Human Genetics
Advisor: Chester W. Brown, M.D., Ph.D.
Dissertation: “Role of Activins and Growth Differentiation Factor 3 in Adipogenesis and Mature Adipocyte Function”

LENA H. NGUYEN

B.S., University of Houston
Ph.D. Program: Neuroscience
Advisor: Anne E. Anderson, M.D.
Dissertation: “Roles of mTOR Signaling in the Maintenance of Epilepsy and Modulation of Ion Channels in a Mouse Model of Cortical Dysplasia”

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B.A., University of Colorado at Boulder
Ph.D. Program: Molecular Physiology and Biophysics
Advisor: Susan L. Hamilton, Ph.D.
Dissertation: “The Role of FKBP12 in the Heart”

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B.A., Bates College

Ph.D. Program: Molecular and Cellular Biology

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Dissertation: “A Mathematical Model of Mammary Ductal Elongation Based on the Terminal End Bud Structure”

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Dissertation: “Growth Pathway Dysregulation in Focal Cortical Dysplasia Associated With Drug-Resistant Epilepsy”

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Dissertation: “Mechanisms Underlying Escape from Hormone Therapy and Metastatic Progression in ER-Positive Breast Cancer”

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Dissertation: “VDAC2-BAK Interaction Modifies Cellular Response to ER Stress-Induced Apoptosis”

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Dissertation: “Epigenomic Profiling Reveals a Role For Aberrant DNA Methylation in Non-Obstructive Azoospermia”

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Dissertation: "Nonsense Mutations in the Rhodopsin Gene that Give Rise to a Mild Phenotype Trigger mRNA Degradation in Human Cells by Nonsense-Mediated Decay"

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Ph.D. Program: Molecular Virology and Microbiology

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Dissertation: "The Human Microbiome and Viral Metagenomics Methods"

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Ph.D. Program: Molecular and Human Genetics

Advisor: Sharon E. Plon, M.D., Ph.D.

Dissertation: "The Pharmacogenomic Characterization of an Allelic Series of the 5' Nucleotidase, NT5C1A, to Chemotherapeutic Nucleoside Analogs"

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Dissertation: "Modulation of Neonatal Hyperoxic Lung Injury by the Aryl Hydrocarbon Receptor"

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Dissertation: "Applications of Multi-Omic Data Integration in Human Platelets"

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Dissertation: "Characterization and Application of a Novel T1 MRI Contrast Agent"

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Dissertation: “Evolutionary and Functional Residue Coupling in Dopamine D2 Receptors”

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Dissertation: “FOXO1 Defines the Window of Receptivity for Embryo Implantation”

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Dissertation: “Deciphering the Genetic Architecture of Retinitis Pigmentosa Through a Combination of Panel and Whole Exome Sequencing”

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Dissertation: “TGRC1 Has Distinct Functions in Dictyostelium Development and Allorecognition”

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B.S., University of Toronto
Ph.D Program: Immunology
Advisor: Gianpietro Dotti, M.D.
Dissertation: “Human Effector Memory T Cells are Pre-adapted and Functionally Superior in Hypoxia”

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B.S., The University of Texas at Austin
Ph.D. Program: Neuroscience
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Dissertation: “Using Promoter-Restricted Transgenes to Assess Cellular, Regional, and Developmental Roles for Neurodegenerative Disease Genes”

XIAOYI YUAN

B.S., Tsinghua University
Ph.D. Program: Immunology
Advisor: Farrah Kheradmand, M.D.
Dissertation: “The Differential Role of Complement Proteins C3 and C1Q in the Pathogenesis of Emphysema”

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B.S., Michigan State University
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Dissertation: “On the Role of CELF1 as a Putative Modifier of FXTAS-Mediated Neurodegeneration in a Mouse CGG Premutation Model”

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B.S., M.S., National Tsing Hua University
Ph.D. Program: Developmental Biology
Advisor: Brendan Hl. Lee, M.D., Ph.D.
Dissertation: “MicroRNA miR-23A Cluster Regulates Osteocyte Differentiation by Regulating TGF- β Signaling in Osteoblasts”

YIJIE ZHAI

B.S., Nankai University
Ph.D. Program: Molecular and Human Genetics
Advisor: John W. Belmont, M.D., Ph.D.
Dissertation: “Integrative Genomics Analysis Reveals the Host Genetic Factors in Influenza Virus Infection”

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B.S., Nankai University
Ph.D. Program: Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
Advisor: Anna M. Sokac, Ph.D.
Dissertation: “Precisely-Tuned F-Actin Stability Promotes the Robustness of Drosophila Morphogenesis”

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Dissertation: “Axoglial Interactions in Myelination and Node of Ranvier Formation”

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SPECIAL AWARDS

Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences

Deborah K. Martin Achievement Award

Meagan Barry – 2015

Professor John J. Trentin Scholarship Awards

Christopher Myers – 2009

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Longwen Huang – 2011

Meagan Barry – 2012

Lehmann Outstanding Student Award

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Beckman Platform Speaker Award

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Viktor Feketa – 2013

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Beckman Poster Award

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STUDENT PROCESSION

The student procession is led by the four Learning Community Senior Advisors, who were appointed in 2014. These educational leaders play a critical role in career advising for medical students and also provide counseling and support to students and their advisors.

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INVESTMENT OF HOODS BY STUDENT ADVISORS

The college's Student Advisor Program began eight years ago. This program was designed to create a longitudinal relationship between students and faculty to facilitate academic and personal development throughout medical school. Tonight, the fourth cohort of students is graduating. The advisors hood their students at graduation as a symbol of the end of their shared medical school journey.

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Hilary Jane Hershberger
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Jeffrey Mark Karnes
Varsha Kumar
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Raahul Ramakrishnan
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Rachel Ann Taylor
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Yang Zhou

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Hippocrates, considered the father of medicine, was born around 460 BC. Although we do not know the details of his life, his recorded works reveal a belief in the practice of medicine based on observations and a belief that there was a rational explanation for human illness.

One of the oldest binding documents in history is the Hippocratic Oath. Although it was probably composed over 2000 years ago, its principles are still held sacred by physicians today—treat the sick to the best of one's ability, preserve patient privacy, and teach medicine principles to the next generation.

The first recorded administration of the Hippocratic Oath in a medical school was at the University of Wittenberg, Germany in 1508. It was first incorporated into the commencement exercises at Montpellier, France in 1804. A survey of U.S. medical schools in 1928 found that only 19% of the medical schools included the oath in their commencement exercises. After World War II, oath taking began to play an increasing part in graduation exercises. Today, nearly every U.S. medical school administers some type of professional oath.

The revisions in the oath are many and reflect the changing values, customs, and beliefs associated with the ethical practice of medicine. By taking the oath, medical students are bonding with their fellow students, recognizing all those who have gone before, and joining their mentors in the future.

A recent review of the History of the Hippocratic Oath can be found by Howard Markel in the *New England Journal of Medicine*, 2004, 350: 2026.

HIPPOCRATIC OATH

I do solemnly swear by whatever I hold most sacred, that I will be loyal to the profession of medicine and just and generous to its members;

That I will lead my life and practice my Art in uprightness and honor;

That into whatsoever home I shall enter, it shall be for the good of the sick and the well to the utmost of my power and that I will hold myself aloof from wrong and from corruption and from the tempting of others to vice;

That I will exercise my Art, solely for the cure of my patients and the prevention of disease and will give no drugs and perform no operation for a criminal purpose and far less suggest such a thing;

That whatsoever I shall see or hear of the lives of men which is not fitting to be spoken, I will keep inviolably secret;

These things I do promise and in proportion as I am faithful to this oath, may happiness and good repute be ever mine, the opposite if I shall be forsworn.