

Commencement 2017

*Tuesday, May Thirtieth
Two Thousand and Seventeen*

6:30 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



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

Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences *Mr. Miguel Alejandro Marin*

Remarks by the President of the Graduating Class

School of Medicine *Ms. Jiwen Li*

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

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

Dr. James. L. Phillips

Senior Associate Dean of Diversity and Community Outreach

Office of Institutional Diversity and Inclusion

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

Doctor of Humanities in Medicine

Dr. Jyoti Malhan

Principal, Baylor College of Medicine Academy at Ryan

Dr. Marc Nivet

Executive Vice President of Institutional Advancement

University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center

Marc J. Shapiro

Non-Executive Chairman, Chase Bank of Texas

Doctor of Letters in Medicine

Dr. Norbert W. Bischofberger

Chief Scientific Officer, Gilead Sciences, Inc.

John E. Whitmore Lecture Commencement Address *Dr. Marc Nivet*

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 Hippocratic Oath *Dr. Joseph S. Kass*
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

Investing Marshals

Dr. William A. Phillips, Professor of Orthopedic Surgery
Dr. Lorraine Potocki, Professor of Molecular and Human Genetics
Dr. LeChauncy Woodard, Associate Professor of Medicine

The John E. Whitmore Endowed Lectureship

Mrs. Clara Whitmore established the John E. Whitmore Endowed Lectureship in 1987 as a perpetual tribute to the lifetime accomplishments of her late husband, John E. Whitmore; his service as a Trustee of Baylor College of Medicine; and his interest in medical education, research and healthcare. Mrs. Whitmore further enhanced the endowment in 1993.

The College lost a dear friend with her death in 2010.

JAMES L. PHILLIPS, M.D.

James L. Phillips, M.D., is Senior Associate Dean and Professor of Pediatrics at Baylor College of Medicine in the Office of Institutional Diversity and Inclusion.

Dr. Phillips is an expert in establishing cultural diversity in postsecondary institutions. He originated and directed the Health Careers Enhancement Program for Minorities at Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine from 1988 to 1993. Dr. Phillips was then recruited to Baylor College of Medicine primarily to improve cultural diversity.

He has been instrumental in helping the College to achieve premier status with regard to recruiting students underrepresented in medicine. As a result, the institution graduated its first African-American M.D./Ph.D. student in 2002.

Dr. Phillips strives to provide students of all ages with opportunities that will ignite their interest and understanding of science and medicine, with the hope that they will work toward a career in the biosciences.

He founded the Saturday Morning Science Program at Baylor College of Medicine to promote interest in sciences among young adults. This program is designed to motivate inner city students from the 7th to the 12th grade by exposing them to sessions led by physicians, scientists, astronauts and medical and graduate students. He also is the coordinator for the high school students working at Baylor College of Medicine each summer and provides them with a weekly enrichment seminar to complement their research experience.

He received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Washington & Jefferson College in Pennsylvania and his medical degree from Case Western Reserve University. He completed an internship at University Hospitals of Cleveland and residency training at Rainbow Babies and Children's Hospital of Cleveland, Ohio.

NORBERT W. BISCHOFBERGER, PH.D.

Norbert Bischofberger, Ph.D., joined Gilead Sciences in 1990 as Director of Organic Chemistry. He currently serves as the Executive Vice President of Research and Development and Chief Scientific Officer. Gilead Sciences, Inc. is a research-based biopharmaceutical company that discovers, develops and commercializes innovative medicines in areas of unmet medical need. Gilead's portfolio of products and pipeline of investigational drugs includes treatments for HIV/AIDS, liver diseases, cancer, inflammatory and respiratory diseases and cardiovascular conditions.

From 1986 to 1990, Dr. Bischofberger was in Genetech's Molecular Biology Group.

Dr. Bischofberger received his Bachelor of Science degree in chemistry at the University of Innsbruck in Austria, and his doctorate in organic chemistry at the Eidgenössische Technische Hochschule in Zurich, Switzerland. He conducted postdoctoral work at Harvard University.

He has authored more than 120 publications and is the inventor of 20 patents. He also is a member of the American Chemical Society, the International Society for Antiviral Research, the American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases, the American Association for the Advancement of Science and the American Society for Microbiology.

Dr. Bischofberger was one of the inventors of the antiviral drug Tamiflu, generically known as oseltamivir, the first oral medication to treat influenza. He led a team that developed the drug in the 1990s.

JYOTI MALHAN, PH.D.

Jyoti Malhan, Ph.D., is the Founding Principal of Baylor College of Medicine Academy at Ryan, a medical magnet middle school in the Houston Independent School District. As the founding principal, Dr. Malhan recruited students and faculty members through comprehensive city-wide efforts to successfully launch the school in a period of just three months.

A native of northern India, Dr. Malhan knew from an early age that she wanted to become a teacher committed to serving students from diverse backgrounds. In 2003, she moved to Houston for a teaching job in a district where she learned much about the struggles that children face in poverty-stricken school districts.

She was named the magnet coordinator for Booker T. Washington High School for Engineering Professions in the Houston Independent School District in 2008 and co-founder and dean of instruction at the Young Women's College Preparatory Academy in HISD in 2011. From there, she accepted the position as founding principal of the HISD- and Baylor-supported Baylor College of Medicine Academy at Ryan.

The school received an A+ rating from Children At Risk and has been the recipient of all seven Texas Education Agency distinctions. In 2016, Dr. Malhan was named a finalist for HISD Principal of the Year.

She received a Bachelor of Science degree in botany, with honors, from the University of Delhi, a Master of Arts in English from Panjab University in Chandigarh, India, and a Master of Education in educational administration from Texas Southern University. She earned a doctorate in curriculum and instruction from Texas A&M University.

MARC J. SHAPIRO

Marc Shapiro is a native Houstonian who completed his undergraduate work at Harvard University and received his M.B.A. from Stanford Business School.

Mr. Shapiro began his banking career in 1972 at Texas Commerce Bank, with his progression through the Texas Commerce organization including service as chief financial officer beginning in 1977. In 1989, after the bank was purchased by J.P. Morgan Chase, he was named chief executive officer of the statewide organization. He moved to New York to work for the parent company in 1997 as vice chairman for finance and risk management.

He returned to Houston in 2003 and currently serves as Non-Executive Chairman of Chase Bank of Texas. He also is a director of Kimberly-Clark Corp., the Mexico Fund and Weingarten Realty Investors.

Mr. Shapiro has a long history of community involvement. During his career, he has served as Chairman of the Greater Houston Partnership, Chairman of the Houston United Way Campaign, founding Chairman of the Hobby Center for the Performing Arts and a member of the Board of Trustees for Rice University. He currently serves on the Board of Advisors of the James A. Baker III Institute for Public Policy at Rice.

A strong believer in the importance of the Texas Medical Center, he is past chairman of the Board of Trustees of Baylor College of Medicine and past chairman of the Board of Visitors of MD Anderson Cancer Center and continues to serve on the boards of both institutions. He also currently serves as chairman of the board of the Baylor St. Luke's Medical Center. His past board service includes the Menninger Clinic, Sabin Vaccine Institute, Texas Medical Center, BioHouston and the Harris County Hospital District.



The Roy and Lillie Cullen Building

The Baylor University College of Medicine moved to Houston in 1943 from Dallas to launch the proposed Texas Medical Center. The building to house Baylor's medical school was named after Hugh Roy and Lillie Cullen who moved to Houston in 1911 and made their fortune in oil. The Cullen Foundation's first check was written in 1947 to fund the new medical building. Architects Hedrick and Lindsley designed the building with modern deco elements and Texas cream limestone. A portico was added in 1982 to enhance the main entrance. The Cullen building remains at the heart of the Texas Medical Center.

Recorded Texas Historic Landmark - 2014

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER



MARC A. NIVET, Ed.D., MBA

Executive Vice President of Institutional Advancement
University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center

Dr. Marc Nivet, Executive Vice President of Institutional Advancement at The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center, previously served as the Chief Diversity Officer for the Association of American Medical Colleges. In his current role, he is responsible for developing and overseeing a comprehensive and coordinated strategic agenda to promote and advance UT Southwestern's mission and goals.

As Chief Diversity Officer for the AAMC, he provided strategic and programmatic leadership on issues surrounding community engagement, diversity and health equity at universities, medical schools and teaching hospitals across the United States and Canada.

Dr. Nivet has spent more than 20 years in academic medicine developing creative program initiatives and innovative approaches to the mission of excellence in research, education and patient care.

Prior to joining the AAMC, Dr. Nivet served as the Chief Operating Officer and Treasurer for the Josiah Macy, Jr.

Foundation, which fosters innovation in health professional education that aligns workforce training with the dynamic needs of patients. He also served as a special assistant to the Senior Vice President for Health at New York University, and held management positions with the Sallie Mae Fund and the Associated Medical Schools of New York.

Dr. Nivet holds a Bachelor of Science in Communication Studies from Southern Connecticut State University; a Master of Science in Higher Education and Student Development from Long Island University, CW Post Campus; a Doctorate in Higher Education Management from the University of Pennsylvania School of Education; and a Master of Business Administration in Health Care Management from George Washington University School of Business.

He has held faculty positions at New York University, Hofstra University, Georgetown University and the University of Mississippi Medical Center, and he has received numerous grant awards.

Candidates for the Degree, Doctor of Philosophy

SAMIRKUMAR B. AMIN

M.B.B.S., Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda
Ph.D., Structural and Computational Biology and Molecular Biophysics
Advisor: Roeland G.W. Verhaak, Ph.D.
Dissertation: “Long NonCoding RNA Interactions in Cancer”

TRUSTON J. BODINE

B.A., The University of Utah
Ph.D., Translational Biology and Molecular Medicine
Advisor: Lynn Zechiedrich, Ph.D.
Dissertation: “Genetic Characterization of Multidrug-Resistant Clinical Isolates and Investigation of the Resistance-Associated Ligase B Gene”

JASON CHRISTOPHER BURTON

B.S., Brigham Young University
Ph.D., Integrative Molecular and Biomedical Sciences
Advisor: Irina V. Larina, Ph.D.
Dissertation: “Development of Novel OCT Imaging Approaches for Investigations of the Female Reproductive Tract”

JAMES CHRISTOPHER CAMPBELL

B.S., Texas State University
M.S., Texas State University
Ph.D., Structural and Computational Biology and Molecular Biophysics
Advisor: Choel W. Kim, Ph.D.
Dissertation: “Biophysical Characterization of PKG II Highlights the Need for Novel Chemical Tools in cGMP Signaling”

ZHIJUAN CAO

M.D., Yangzhou University Medical College
M.S., Nanjing Medical University
Ph.D., Cardiovascular Sciences
Advisor: Sean P. Marrelli, Ph.D.
Dissertation: “Targeting the Capsaicin Receptor for Therapeutic Hypothermia in Ischemic Stroke”

ANGELA NICOLE CARTER

B.A., Florida Atlantic University
Ph.D., Neuroscience
Advisor: Anne E. Anderson, M.D.
Dissertation: “Determining the Role of PI3K/Akt/mTOR Signaling in Seizure-Induced Memory Impairments, Spine Dymorphology, and Electrographic Perturbations in Rats”

LESLEY S. M. CHABOUB

B.S., University of Versailles-St. Quentin en Yvelines

M.S., Purdue University

Ph.D., Developmental Biology

Advisor: Benjamin Deneen, Ph.D.

Dissertation: "Probing Gliogenesis: The Link Between Development and Neurological Disorders"

KUCHUAN CHEN

B.S., National Tsing Hua University

Ph.D., Developmental Biology

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

Dissertation: "Drosophila Model of Friedreich's Ataxia"

CHI AN ANGIE CHIANG

B.S., Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Ph.D., Neuroscience

Advisor: Joanna L. Jankowsky, Ph.D.

Dissertation: "The Role of Amyloid in Cognitive Decline and Strategies for Treatment of Alzheimer's Disease"

MATTHEW R. COLLINSON-PAUTZ

B.A., Augustana College

Ph.D., Translational Biology and Molecular Medicine

Advisor: David M. Spencer, Ph.D.

Dissertation: "Genetic Adjuvants and Dendritic Cell Targeting: Assessment and Underlying Mechanisms in Therapeutic Cancer Vaccines"

SHAUN MICHAEL DAVIS

B.A., Lake Forest College

Ph.D., Molecular and Human Genetics

Advisor: Herman A. Dierick, M.D.

Dissertation: "Forward and Reverse Genetic Approaches to Identify Molecular Mechanisms Underlying Aggressive Behavior"

ADETUTU TAIWO EGUNSOLA

B.S., Lafayette College

Ph.D., Molecular and Human Genetics

Advisor: Brendan Lee, M.D., Ph.D.

Dissertation: "The Roles of DDRGK1 and HIF3 alpha in Cartilage Development and Diseases"

JOSEPH MARIO FACHINI

B.S., University of West Georgia

Ph.D., Molecular Physiology and Biophysics

Advisor: Joel R. Neilson, Ph.D.

Dissertation: “Post-Transcriptional Regulation of KRAS by HuR Impacts Proliferation and Apoptosis at Late Stages of T Lymphocyte Activation”

XIANG FENG

B.S., Fudan University

Ph.D., Pharmacology

Advisor: Patrick Barth, Ph.D.

Dissertation: “Analysis of Membrane Protein Topology and Design of Ligand Binding GPCRs”

VITOR FERREIRA ONUCHIC

B.A., Universidade de São Paulo

M.Sc., Universidade de São Paulo

Ph.D., Structural and Computational Biology and Molecular Biophysics

Advisor: Aleksandar Milosavljevic, Ph.D.

Dissertation: “A Less Convolved View of Human Epigenomes Reveals Interactions Between Cell Types and Functional Effects of Genetic Variants”

TIFFANY CHANTAL FLEET

B.S., University of Maryland-Baltimore County

Ph.D., Translational Biology and Molecular Medicine

Advisor: Bert W. O’Malley, M.D.

Dissertation: “Steroid Receptor Coactivator 2: Metabolic Implications for Human Health and Disease”

MICHAEL DAVID FOUNTAIN, JR.

B.S., University of Houston

Ph.D., Translational Biology and Molecular Medicine

Advisor: Christian P. Schaaf, M.D., Ph.D.

Dissertation: “The Role of MAGEL2 in Neurobehavioral Disorders”

PABLO RIERA FREIRE

B.S., Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro

M.S., National Laboratory for Scientific Computing

Ph.D., Molecular and Cellular Biology

Advisor: Orla M. Conneely, Ph.D.

Dissertation: “Disruption of Nr4a1 and Nr4a3 Expression in Hematopoietic Stem Cells Leads to a Pre-Leukemic State Marked by Hyper-Proliferation, Inflammation and DNA Damage”

DANIEL G. FUJA

B.S., Brigham Young University

M.S., Brigham Young University

Ph.D., Integrative Molecular and Biomedical Sciences

Advisor: Jason T. Yustein, M.D., Ph.D.

Dissertation: "Altered Gene Expression and Phenotype in Osteosarcoma Metastasis"

PAUL THOMAS FULLERTON, JR.

B.S., Duke University

Ph.D., Molecular and Human Genetics

Advisor: Martin M. Matzuk, M.D., Ph.D.

Dissertation: "Investigation of TGF Beta Family Signaling Pathways in Cancer, Pregnancy, and Drug Discovery"

MARY ELIZABETH GIRARD

B.S., University of Nevada, Las Vegas

Ph.D., Molecular Virology and Microbiology

Advisor: Christophe Herman, Ph.D.

Dissertation: "Bioengineering Antimicrobial Probiotics by Exploiting Conjugation to Deliver Lethal Elements such as Toxin-Antitoxin Systems and CAS9 Nuclease"

NELE A.T. HAELTERMAN

B.Sc., Katholieke Universiteit Leuven

M.Sc., Katholieke Universiteit Leuven

Ph.D., Developmental Biology

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

Dissertation: "A Streamlined Whole Genome Sequencing Strategy Identifies Mutations in ariadne-1, a Parkin-like E3 Ligase that Controls Subcellular Nuclear Localization"

MEADE ELSPETH HALLER

B.S., University of Denver

Ph.D., Molecular and Cellular Biology

Advisor: Dolores J. Lamb, Ph.D.

Dissertation: "Identifying Copy-Variant Genes Responsible for Congenital Genitourinary Defects"

MARK PATRICK HAMILTON

B.A., Austin College

Ph.D., Molecular and Cellular Biology

Advisor: Sean E. McGuire, M.D., Ph.D.

Dissertation: "Use of Argonaute Crosslinking Immunoprecipitation to Define MicroRNA Targeting in Cancer"

ZONGXIAO HE

B.S., University of Science and Technology of China

Ph.D., Molecular and Human Genetics

Advisor: Suzanne M. Leal, Ph.D.

Dissertation: “Rare Variant Extensions of the Family-Based Association Tests with Application to Next-Generation Sequencing Data”

ALEXANDER MICHAEL HERMAN

B.S., Marymount University

M.S., Georgetown University

Ph.D., Developmental Biology

Advisor: Benjamin R. Arenkiel, Ph.D.

Dissertation: “Circuits and Satiety: Insight into the Cholinergic Modulation of Feeding”

ANTENTOR OTHRELL HINTON, JR.

B.S., Winston-Salem State University

Ph.D., Integrative Molecular and Biomedical Sciences

Advisor: Yong Xu, M.D., Ph.D.

Dissertation: “Estrogen Receptor Alpha and Steroid Receptor Co-Activator-1 are Important for Blood Pressure Control”

BENJAMIN DANIEL HORNSTEIN

B.S., Brandeis University

M.S., Brandeis University

Ph.D., Molecular Virology and Microbiology

Advisor: Lynn Zechiedrich, Ph.D.

Dissertation: “Effects of Circular DNA Vector Length on Transfection Efficiency via Electroporation and Single Nucleotide Polymorphism in Escherichia Coli DNA Repair Gene Mutum Affects Function by Altering Protein Stability”

HSIANG-TING HSU

B.S., National Tsing Hua University

M.S., National Yang Ming University

Ph.D., Immunology

Advisor: Jordan S. Orange, M.D., Ph.D.

Dissertation: “Lytic Granule Convergence in Natural Killer Cell Cytotoxicity”

REDWAN UL HUQ

B.S., University of Maryland-College Park

Ph.D., Molecular Physiology and Biophysics

Advisor: Christine Beeton, Ph.D.

Dissertation: “Antioxidant Carbon Nanomaterials to Treat T Lymphocyte-Mediated Autoimmune Disease”

AMY MARIE HURWITZ

B.S., University of Southern California
Ph.D., Translational Biology and Molecular Medicine
Advisor: Timothy G. Palzkill, Ph.D.

Dissertation: "Identification and Characterization of Novel Phage-Displayed Reagents for Norovirus Detection"

AKASH KUMAR KAUSHIK

B.Tech., National Institute of Technology
M.S., Stephen F. Austin State University
Ph.D., Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
Advisor: Arun Sreekumar, Ph.D.

Dissertation: "Insights into Rewired Metabolism in Prostate Cancer"

ROBERT LAYNE KRUSE

B.S., Yale University
Ph.D., Translational Biology and Molecular Medicine
Advisor: Karl-Dimiter Bissig, M.D., Ph.D.

Dissertation: "Development of Novel Animal Models and Therapies for Chronic Hepatitis B Virus Infection"

STEPHANIE MARIE KYLE

B.S., Eckerd College
Ph.D., Molecular and Human Genetics
Advisor: Monica J. Justice, Ph.D.

Dissertation: "Metabolic Regulation by Mecp2 Points to New Therapeutic Targets in Rett Syndrome"

KYLE JOSEPH EDWARD LEWIS

B.S., Wright State University
Ph.D., Molecular and Cellular Biology
Advisor: Nikolai A. Timchenko, Ph.D.

Dissertation: "The Role of CUGBP1 and Gankyrin in Liver Regeneration and Cancer"

CHENG-LIN LI

B.S., National Tsing Hua University
M.S., National Tsing Hua University
Ph.D., Molecular and Human Genetics
Advisor: Gad Shaulsky, Ph.D.

Dissertation: "Kin Recognition and Altruism in Dictyostelium Discoideum"

TONGCHAO LI

B.S., Tsinghua University
Ph.D., Developmental Biology
Advisor: Hugo J. Bellen, D.V.M., Ph.D.

Dissertation: "Ubr3 Plays a Pleiotropic Role in Eye, Hearing Organ, and Trichome Development"

ANGEL YVETTE LOPEZ

B.S., Biology, University of Texas at San Antonio
Ph.D., Molecular and Human Genetics
Advisor: Edward C. Cooper, M.D., Ph.D.
Dissertation: “Ankyrin-G in Epilepsy-Mood Disorder Co-Morbidity”

HENGYU LU

B.Sc., The Hong Kong Polytechnic University
Ph.D., Integrative Molecular and Biomedical Sciences
Advisor: Kenneth L. Scott, Ph.D.
Dissertation: “Engineering and Functional Characterization of Chromosomal Rearrangements in Cancer”

HSIANG-CHIH LU

M.D., National Taiwan University
Ph.D., Developmental Biology
Advisor: Huda Y. Zoghbi, M.D.
Dissertation: “The Physiological Functions of ATXN1-CIC Complex During Development and in Spinocerebellar Ataxia Type 1”

MIGUEL ALEJANDRO MARIN

B.A., University of St. Thomas
Ph.D., Neuroscience
Advisor: Matthew Rasband, Ph.D.
Dissertation: “Disruption and Reassembly of Axon Initial Segments and Nodes of Ranvier in CNS Injury and Disease”

SHRENIK CHETAN MEHTA

B.Pharm., Mumbai University
M.S., Virginia Commonwealth University
Ph.D., Pharmacology
Advisor: Timothy G. Palzkill, Ph.D.
Dissertation: “Examination of the Catalytic Mechanism of KPC-2 Beta-Lactamase and Engineering A Protein Inhibitor Against The Drug Resistance Enzyme PBP2a”

DANIEL MENDOZA

B.S., Universidad Peruana Cayetano Heredia
M.D., Universidad Peruana Cayetano Heredia
Ph.D., Clinical Scientist Training Program
Advisor: David B. Corry, M.D.
Dissertation: “A Novel Role of Dendritic Cells in Pneumococcal Vaccine Responses”

TERESA MONKKONEN

B.S., Rice University
Ph.D., Molecular and Cellular Biology
Advisor: Michael T. Lewis, Ph.D.

Dissertation: “Epithelial, Stromal and Systemic Functions of Patched 1 in Mammary Gland Development”

JACLYN BRAVO MURRY

B.S., Texas A&M University
B.S., The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio
Ph.D., Molecular and Human Genetics
Advisor: Ignatia B. Van den Veyver, M.D.

Dissertation: “The Influence of Adverse Developmental Exposures on the Shank3 Mutant Mouse Phenotype”

CHINH THI QUYNH NGUYEN

B.S., The University of Texas at Austin
Ph.D., Molecular Virology and Microbiology
Advisor: Anthony W. Maresso, Ph.D.

Dissertation: “A Metabolomic Approach to Analyzing Mammalian Immune Systems During Anthrax Disease”

DEREK STEVEN O’NEIL

B.S., Brigham Young University
Ph.D., Translational Biology and Molecular Medicine
Advisor: Kjersti Aagaard, M.D., Ph.D.

Dissertation: “The Fetal Hepatic Circadian Gene Npas2 and its Role in Satiety and Obesity”

MAHA PRAFUL PATEL

B.S., University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
M.S., Johns Hopkins University
Ph.D., Translational Biology and Molecular Medicine
Advisor: Timothy G. Palzkill, Ph.D.

Dissertation: “Molecular Basis of the Evolution of Antibiotic Resistance in CTX-M Beta-Lactamases”

VICTOR GEORGE PIAZZA

B.S., University of Wisconsin-River Falls
Ph.D., Cardiovascular Sciences
Advisor: Mary E. Dickinson, Ph.D.

Dissertation: “Using Optical Projection Tomography and Lightsheet Fluorescence Microscopy to Characterize the Requirement of Ascc2 in Development of the Post-Implantation Mouse Embryo”

GEETALI PRADHAN

B. Tech., Sathyabama University

M.S., University of Connecticut

Ph.D., Translational Biology and Molecular Medicine

Advisor: Yuxiang Sun, M.D., Ph.D.

Dissertation: “The Role of Growth Hormone Secretagogue Receptor (GHS-R) in Insulin Secretion”

ANN PEPPER QUICK

B.A., Baylor University

Ph.D., Cardiovascular Sciences

Advisor: Xander H.T. Wehrens, M.D., Ph.D.

Dissertation: “The Roles of JPH2 and SPEG in the Junctional Membrane Complex in Cardiac Health and Disease”

JOEL PATRICK QUIROS

B.S., Northwestern State University

Ph.D., Integrative Molecular and Biomedical Sciences

Advisor: Olivier Lichtarge, M.D., Ph.D.

Dissertation: “Functional Prediction and Characterization of the Plasmodium falciparum Protein EXP1”

JUSTIN MICHAEL ROBERTS

B.S., Lander University

Ph.D., Molecular and Cellular Biology

Advisor: Nancy L. Weigel, Ph.D.

Dissertation: “The Role of Vitamin D Receptor Activation and Vitamin D Metabolism in Prostate Cancer”

PERLA JANET RODRIGUEZ

B.S., St. Mary’s University

M.C.T.M., University of St. Thomas

Ph.D., Integrative Molecular and Biomedical Sciences

Advisor: Henry J. Pownall, Ph.D.

Dissertation: “Metabolic and Clearance Mechanisms of Lipoproteins Produced by Streptococcal Serum Opacity Factor Activity Against Human High Density Lipoproteins”

JASDEEP SINGH SABHARWAL

B.A., University of California, Berkeley

Ph.D., Neuroscience

Advisor: Samuel M. Wu, Ph.D.

Dissertation: “Determining the Distinct Retinal Circuits Shaping Mouse Visual Processing in Normal and Diseased States”

REBECA SAN MARTIN

B.S., Oakland University

M.S., Oakland University

Ph.D., Molecular and Cellular Biology

Advisor: David R. Rowley, Ph.D.

Dissertation: "The Role of the Reactive Microvasculature and Endosteum in the Progression of Prostate Cancer"

LAURA LOUISE SATTERFIELD

B.S., King's College

Ph.D., Integrative Molecular and Biomedical Sciences

Advisor: Jason T. Yustein, M.D., Ph.D.

Dissertation: "miR-130b Directly Targets Arhgap1 to Drive Activation of a Metastatic CDC42-PAK1-AP1 Positive Feedback Loop in Ewing Sarcoma"

FATIH SEMERCI

B.Sc., Bilkent University

M.Sc., Bilkent University

Ph.D., Developmental Biology

Advisor: Mirjana Maletic-Savatic, M.D., Ph.D.

Dissertation: "Deciphering the Communication Between Adult Neural Stem Cell and Their Progeny: The Role of Notch Signaling"

MICHELLE LYNN SEYMOUR

B.S., Allegheny College

Ph.D., Molecular and Cellular Biology

Advisor: Frederick A. Pereira, Ph.D.

Dissertation: "Role of the Cochlear Blood-Labyrinth Barrier in Auditory Function"

YE SHEN

B.S., Fudan University

Ph.D., Integrative Molecular and Biomedical Sciences

Advisor: H. Daniel Lacorazza, Ph.D.

Dissertation: "Role of the Transcription Factor KLF4 in T-cell Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia"

PRIYA SIVARAMAKRISHNAN

B.Sc., Stella Maris College

M.Sc., Sri Ramachandra University

Ph.D., Molecular and Human Genetics

Advisor: Christophe Herman, Ph.D.

Dissertation: "RNA Polymerase Secondary Channel Interactors and the Maintenance of Genomic Stability in Escherichia coli"

JESSICA NICHOLE SOWA

B.S., University of Rochester
Ph.D., Molecular and Human Genetics
Advisor: Meng Wang, Ph.D.
Dissertation: “Olfactory Regulation of *C. elegans* Reproductive Aging”

VLATKO STOJANOSKI

B.S., University at Albany, State University of New York
Ph.D., Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
Advisor: Timothy G. Palzkill, Ph.D.
Dissertation: “Examination of the Molecular Basis of Substrate Specificity for Antibiotic Hydrolysis by Serine Beta-Lactamases”

QINGTAI SU

B.S., University of Science and Technology of China
Ph.D., Integrative Molecular and Biomedical Sciences
Advisor: Li Xin, Ph.D.
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B.S., University of Warsaw
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Dissertation: “Steroid Receptor Coactivator-2: A Master Regulator of Endometrial Cancer Cell Metabolism”

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(Psychiatry), Houston, Texas

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Harvard Medical School Program (Children's Hospital of Boston Campus) Affiliated Hospitals
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Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine (University Hospitals Cleveland Medical Center Campus)
Cleveland Clinic Foundation Program Affiliated Hospitals
(Pathology), Cleveland, Ohio

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Graduate Program:

Baylor College of Medicine Affiliated Hospitals
(General Surgery), Houston, Texas

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B.S., University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

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Graduate Program:

University of Arizona College of Medicine Health Science Center Affiliated Hospitals
(General Surgery), Phoenix, Arizona

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B.S., Texas A&M University
Graduate Program:
University of Mississippi Medical Center Affiliated Hospitals
(General Surgery), Jackson, Mississippi

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(Dermatology), Houston, Texas (2018-2021)

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(Radiation Oncology), Houston, Texas (2018-2021)

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(Ophthalmology), Los Angeles, California (2018-2021)

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University of Minnesota School of Medicine Affiliated Hospitals
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David Geffen School of Medicine at University of California, Los Angeles Affiliated Hospitals
(St. Mary's Medical Center Campus) Affiliated Hospitals

(Internal Medicine-Preliminary), San Francisco, California (2017-2018)

University of California, San Francisco Medical Center Affiliated Hospitals
(Diagnostic Radiology), San Francisco, California (2018-2021)

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Kayla Rae Kumm

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Jiwen Li
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Chloë Eleanor Nunneley
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DUAL DEGREE PROGRAMS

School of Medicine

Baylor College of Medicine

M.D./Ph.D. Program

Baylor College of Medicine is one of 45 institutions awarded a competitive Medical Scientist Training Program grant supported by the National Institute of General Medical Sciences. The program provides integrated scientific and medical training leading to the combined M.D./ Ph.D. degree to highly motivated students with outstanding research and academic potential.

M.D./Ph.D. Program

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Baylor College of Medicine / Rice University

M.D./M.B.A. Program

Baylor College of Medicine and Rice University Jones School of Management sponsor jointly a Program in Health Sciences Management, which answers the growing demand for skilled managers in the health care industry. The curriculum includes essential skills for the successful manager and an introduction into the body of knowledge that is unique to health care systems and operations.

M.D./M.B.A. Program

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School of Public Health

M.D./M.P.H. Program

Baylor College of Medicine in partnership with the University of Texas School of Public Health jointly sponsor this five-year program for students who want training in both population health and clinical medicine. Students complete an additional 45-75 hours of credit in: Biostatistics, Epidemiology, Human Genetics and Environmental Sciences, Health Promotion and Behavioral Sciences, or Management Policy and Community Health to receive the MPH degree.

M.D./M.P.H. Program

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Piyush Pathak

EDUCATIONAL CERTIFICATE TRACKS

School of Medicine

Care of the Underserved

Sydney Celeste Dittman
Erin E. Flattery
Georgene Ellen Hergenroeder
Robert Conor Holton-Burke
Valerie Peicher
Amanda Christine Scully
Miranda Wang

Ethics

Stefan Besada
Hannah Kathryn Ermon
Nadia Hammoud
Alexandra Madeleine Hill
Holland Manon Kaplan
Kershena Shien Liao
Avani Raythatha
Amanda Christine Scully
Eileen Ruggles Smith
Kevin Scott Lipschultz Sweetwood
Tommy Manh Tran
Ashok Paparao Yerramsetti
Rui Zheng

Genetics

Dana Marie Larsen
Erica Lay
Sharon Cheng Li
Melinda Liu
Casey Ray Medina
Claire Kathleen Morice
Cameron Mark Pywell
Meredith Jean Ventura

Geriatrics

Jiwen Li
Maria Elizabeth Maldonado

Global Health

Meagan Amelia Barry
Angela Christine Chun
Sayyed Omar Gilani
Robert Conor Holton-Burke
Stephen Alexander Manning
Arame Thiam Diouf

Healthcare Policy and Management

Ryan Maxwell Dickey
Todd A. Pezzi

Medical Student Research

Kershena Shien Liao
Matthew E. Liaw
Ashley Eryn Pezzi
Rachel Elise Pferdehirt
Yanqiu Zheng

Space Medicine

Mark Francis McLaughlin

DIPLOMA IN TROPICAL MEDICINE

National School of Tropical Medicine

Meagan Amelia Barry
Sayyed Omar Gilani
Alexandra Madeleine Hill
Robert Conor Holton-Burke
Marisa Paola Orbea
Miranda Wang
Hal Haoshuang Zhang

SPECIAL AWARDS

School of Medicine

DeBakey Scholar Award

Chloë Eleanor Nunneley

Stanley W. Olson Award for Academic Excellence and Service

Kevin Scott Lipschultz Sweetwood

Jeffrey C. Elkins Memorial Scholarship Award

Timothy Nathan Dunn

Baylor College of Medicine Alumni Association Lehmann Outstanding Student Award

Georgene Ellen Hergenroeder

Richard R. Dickason, Jr., M.D., Ph.D., Outstanding Physician Scientist Award

Tiffany Ya-Ting Hsu

Medical Scientist Training Program Outstanding Service Award

Meagan Amelia Barry

Sean Michael Cullen

American Medical Women's Association Glasgow-Rubin Certificate of Commendation for Academic Achievement

Alexandra Madeleine Hill

Kayla Rae Kumm

Dana Marie Larsen

Chloë Eleanor Nunneley

Ashley Eryn Pezzi

S. Carl Harvey Memorial Award for Excellence in Gross Anatomy

Bradley Steven Daniels

Lawrence F. Schumacher Award for Excellence in Anesthesiology

Stefan Besada

Claudia Yu Yao Wei

American Society of Anesthesiologists Medical Student Recognition Program

Sayyed Omar Gilani

Texas College of Emergency Physicians Outstanding Medical Student Award

Samuel Grainger Buck

Society for Academic Emergency Medicine Excellence in Emergency Medicine Award

Paul Hausknecht

American College of Emergency Physicians Professionalism and Service Award

Alexandra Madeleine Hill

Department of Emergency Medicine Star Student Award

Andra Malina Farcas

Jake Lennon Valentine

Leonard D. Moise Award for Excellence in Family Medicine

Sydney Celeste Dittman

Imaad Shah Siddiqi

Arthur L. Beaudet Award for Outstanding Scholarship in Genetics

Dana Marie Larsen

Erica Lay

The Kenneth L. Burdon Foundational Sciences Curriculum Academic Achievement Award in Infectious Diseases

Kevin Scott Lipschultz Sweetwood

The Musher Prize in Adult Infectious Diseases

Meagan Amelia Barry

Erin E. Flattery

The Harry and Rose Caplovitz Internal Medicine Award

Cody Wayne Moore

Lambert Award for Excellence in Medicine

Sachin Allahabadi

SPECIAL AWARDS

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Excellence in Neurology Award

Nadia Hammoud

Houston Gynecological and Obstetrics Society Award

Alexa Michele Sassin

Outstanding Medical Student in Obstetrics and Gynecology

Timothy Nathan Dunn

Outstanding Students in Orthopaedic Surgery

Sachin Allahabadi

Joseph Cruz Chavarria

Sara Marie Fish

Katherine Kaixing Li

David Paul Martin II

Grant Ross McChesney

Naveen Pattisapu

Cody James Sanderson

Tommy Manh Tran

Outstanding Achievement in Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery

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Stuart A. Wallace Award for Excellence in Pathology

Gabriel Gerardo Oaxaca

The Ralph D. Feigin, M.D., Medical Student Excellence in Pediatrics Award

Thomas Edward Stout

The L. Leighton Hill, M.D., Medical Student Excellence in Pediatrics Award

Timothy Nathan Dunn

Kelly R. F. Descioli, M.D., Medical Student Excellence in Pediatrics Award

Marisa Paola Orbea

Outstanding Medical Student in Plastic Surgery

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The Hilde Bruch Award for Excellence in Psychiatry

David Samuel Mathai

The John P. McGovern, M.D. Award for Excellence in Psychiatry

Sachin Allahabadi

Michael E. DeBakey Department of Surgery Outstanding Student in Surgery Award

Michael Alexander Mederos

Arnold Award for Excellence in Urology

Thomas Edward Stout



*John P. McGovern Outstanding Teacher Award
in the Foundational Sciences*

M. Tyson Pillow, M.D., M.Ed.

*John P. McGovern Outstanding Teacher Award
in the Clinical Sciences*

Zaven Sargsyan, M.D.

Marc Dresden Excellence in Graduate Education Award

Andrew Groves, Ph.D.

*The Barbara and Corbin J. Robertson, Jr.
Presidential Award for Excellence in Education*

Anita Deswal, M.D., M.P.H.

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Daniel Lemke, M.D.

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Bindi Naik-Mathuria, M.D.
Assistant Professor, Surgery

Julie R. Nangia, M.D.
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Julieana Nichols, M.D., M.P.H.
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Jennifer Rama, M.D., M.Ed.
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Rosa Michelle Schmidt, M.D., M.P.H.
Assistant Professor, Medicine

Filiz O. Seeborg, M.D.
Assistant Professor, Pediatrics

Mona D. Shah, M.D.
Assistant Professor, Pediatrics

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Scott Wenderfer, M.D., Ph.D.
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Suzanne L. Woodbury, M.D.
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HISTORY OF THE HIPPOCRATIC OATH

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.