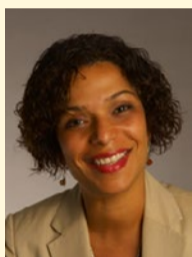


CONGRATULATIONS to the following BGS professors who were recently elected to the Institute of Medicine, one of the nation's highest honors in biomedicine!



**Phyllis
Dennery, MD**
(CAMB)

Dr. Dennery is Professor of Pediatrics; director, Newborn Services, HUP; and chief of Neonatology and Newborn Services at CHOP.



Karen Glanz,
PhD, MPH
(EPID & BSTA)

Dr. Glanz is the Penn Integrates Knowledge Professor and George A. Weiss University Professor, professor of Epidemiology and Nursing, and director of the Center for Health Behavior Research.



**Gideon
Dreyfuss, PhD**
(BMB, CAMB)

Dr. Dreyfuss is the Isaac Norris Professor of Biochemistry & Biophysics and Howard Hughes Medical Institute Investigator.



George Shaw,
MD, PhD
(CAMB)

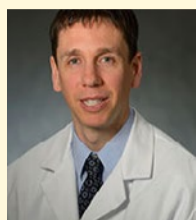
Dr. Shaw is Professor of Medicine and Microbiology.

We would like to wish every member of the BGS community a very merry holiday season and a happy and productive new year!

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Recent Faculty Honors & Awards



Gregory Beatty, MD, PhD (IGG), is the recipient of a three-year *Doris Duke Charitable Foundation Clinical Scientist Development Award*.



Brian Litt, MD (NGG), is the recipient of the *Luigi Mastroianni, Jr., Clinical Innovator Award*.



Gregory Bisson, MD, MSCE (EPID & BSTA), is the recipient of the *Marjorie A. Bowman New Investigator Research Award*.



Eline Tjetske Luning Prak, MD, PhD (CAMB, IGG), is the recipient of the *Lady Barbara Colyton Autoimmune Research Award*.



Anne R. Cappola, MD, ScM (EPID & BSTA), is the recipient of the *American Thyroid Association's Van Meter Award*.



Michael S. Parmacek, MD (CAMB), is the recipient of the *Arthur Asbury Outstanding Faculty Mentor Award*.



Jeffrey Field, PhD (CAMB, PGG), is the recipient of the *PGG Faculty Distinguished Services Award*.



Peter Reese, MD, MSCE (EPID & BSTA), was named a 2013 Greenwall Faculty Scholar in Bioethics.



Kevin Foskett, PhD (CAMB, NGG), is the recipient of the *Stanley N. Cohen Biomedical Research Award*.



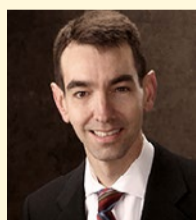
Muredach P. Reilly, MBBCH, MSCE (PGG), is the recipient of the *William Osler Patient Oriented Research Award*.



Scott Halpern, MD, PhD, M.Bioethics (EPID & BSTA), was named an Institute of Medicine Anniversary Fellow.



Amita Sehgal, PhD (CAMB, NGG), is the recipient of the *2013 Outstanding Scientific Achievement Award* from the Association of Professional Sleep Societies.



Sean Hennessy, PharmD, PhD (EPID & BSTA), is the recipient of the *Samuel Martin Health Evaluation Sciences Award*.



Jim Shorter, PhD (BMB, CAMB, NGG, PGG), is the recipient of a research grant from the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) for his work on generating therapeutic disaggregases for amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS).



Rahul Kohli, MD, PhD (BMB, CAMB, IGG, PGG), and his team—led by BMB student Charlie Mo—is the recipient of one of the first *GlaxoSmithKline Discovery Fast Track* awards.



Ben Stanger, MD, PhD (CAMB), is the recipient of the *Michael S. Brown New Investigator Research Award*.



Mark Lemmon, PhD (BMB, CAMB, PGG), was awarded funding from the Samuel Waxman Cancer Research Foundation as part of a collaborative grant on brain cancer.

Recent Student Awards

Ellen De Obaldia (IGG) is the recipient of the *2013 Tom Kadesch Prize in Genetic Research*. Ellen was recognized for her achievement at the Genetics of Cancer Predisposition & Pathology Symposium.

Meng-Meng Fu (NGG) is the recipient of two poster awards at the Center for Neurodegenerative Disease Retreat and the Pennsylvania Muscle Institute Retreat.

Alex Gill (NGG) is the recipient of the *Neal Nathanson, M.D., 2002 ISNV Pioneer in NeuroVirology Lectureship Award* for his oral abstract at the 12th International Symposium on NeuroVirology in Washington, D.C.

Jing Guo (NGG) is the recipient of the *MINS Flexner Award* for outstanding dissertation research in the neurosciences.

Colleen Kovacsics (NGG) is the recipient of the *Outstanding Predoctoral Research Award* for her oral abstract at the 12th International Symposium on NeuroVirology in Washington, D.C.

Amy Price (NGG) is the recipient of the *2013 Fine Science Tools Travel Award*.

Lindsay Vass (NGG) is the recipient of the *International Spatial Cognition Summer Institute's Best Student Presentation Award*.

Brian Weiser (PGG) is the recipient of the *2013 Solomon Erulkar Traveling Fellowship Award*.

Recipients of the 2013 John S. O'Brien Research Award

Kevin Patel (PGG) – Best Poster Presentation
Laura Castellano (PGG) – Best Oral Presentation

Recipients of the Dorteia Jameson/Leo Hurvich Behavioral Science Travel Awards

Kamesh Krishnamurthy (NGG)
Ceren Ozek (NGG)
Anna Stern (NGG)
Yin Li (NGG)
Ashwin Ramayya (NGG)

Individual National Research Service Awards (NRSA)

Basil Bakir (CAMB)
Joanna Balcerek (CAMB)
Johanna Busch (CAMB)
Theodore Drivas (CAMB)
Melissa Hernandez (NGG)
Rachel Kosoff (CAMB)
Apple Long (CAMB)
Abigail Shearin (CAMB)
Sara Small (CAMB)
Colin Smith (NGG)
Feven Tameire (CAMB)

Recipients of the 2013 B&B/BMB Retreat Poster Awards

Elizabeth Sweeny - First Place Josh Wand Award
Charlie Mo - Second Place
Samantha Falk & Peter Huwe - Third Place

Congratulations to our BGS Alumni who have moved on to rewarding careers and received prestigious awards. In this section we present a small sampling of the many recognitions and appointments our alumni have received since our last edition.

Matthew Cohen, PhD (CAMB – 2011), has joined Osage University Partners, a venture capital firm located in Bala Cynwyd that invests in university spinouts.

Linda Jeng, PhD (CAMB – 1998), recently accepted a position at the University of Maryland School of Medicine.

Julie Lefebvre, PhD (CAMB – 2005), is starting this month (December) as Assistant Professor in Neurosciences at the Hospital for Sick Children Research Institute with a cross-appointment at the University of Toronto.

Wenny Lin, PhD, MPH (CAMB – 2008), recently accepted a position as Epidemiologist at Genentech, Inc., in San Francisco.

Zhandong Liu, PhD (GCB – 2010), along with colleagues from Baylor College of Medicine and The University of Texas at Austin, is the recipient of a collaborative research award provided by a joint initiative between the National Science Foundation Division of Mathematical Sciences and National Institute of General Medical Sciences.

Kimberly Noble, MD, PhD (NGG – 2005), is the PI on a grant from the Annie E. Casey foundation on a randomized controlled trial on the effects of family income on child development.

Leisha Nolen, MD, PhD (CAMB – 2004), recently started as an Epidemiology Intelligence Officer at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, working in the bacterial special pathogens branch.

Sarah Robertson, PhD (CAMB – 2006), recently moved to a new position at Susan G. Komen as Manager of Program Education, where she develops educational programs, partnerships and communications to leverage the impact of Komen's Mission Programs. As a result of this work, Sarah was a featured interview on an October episode of Decision Makers, a TV show on CBS WBOY.

Joanna Sax, JD, PhD (CAMB – 2003), recently received tenure at California Western School of Law in San Diego, CA, where she is an Associate Professor of Law.

Jonathan Stoltzfus, PhD (CAMB – 2013), recently started a new position as Visiting Assistant Professor of Biology at Hollins University in Roanoke, VA.

Justin Taylor, PhD (IGG – 2008), recently accepted a position as an Assistant Professor in the Vaccine and Infectious Disease Division at the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center where he will begin this spring.

Charles Vite, PhD (CAMB – 2003), was elected to a three-year term as President of the Neurology Specialty of the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine.

Yeja Zhang, MD, PhD (CAMB – 1998), recently returned to Penn and received a North American Spine Society grant for her work on the intervertebral disc degeneration.



Special congratulations to **Jeannie T. Lee**, MD, PhD (MOLB – 1993), who is a recipient of the *2013 Perelman School of Medicine Distinguished Graduate Award* for her work in epigenetics! Dr. Lee is an HHMI Investigator and Professor of Genetics at Harvard Medical School, with a joint appointment as Professor of Pathology and Molecular Biology at Massachusetts General Hospital.

The graduate groups made the following new appointments between 10/2013 and 12/2013:

Cell & Molecular Biology

Christopher Brown, PhD, Assistant Professor of Genetics, PSOM

Henry Daniell, PhD, Professor of Biochemistry and Pathology, School of Dental Medicine

Stephen Grupp, MD, PhD, Professor of Pediatrics, PSOM

Hyun Koo, DDS, PhD, Professor of Orthodontics, School of Dental Medicine

Maureen Murphy, PhD, Wistar Institute Professor of Genetics, PSOM

Liming Pei, PhD, Assistant Professor of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, PSOM

Joseph St. Geme, III, MD, Professor of Pediatrics, PSOM

Epidemiology & Biostatistics

Allison Willis, MD, Assistant Professor of Neurology, PSOM

Neuroscience

D. Kacy Cullen, PhD, Assistant Professor of Neurosurgery, PSOM

Steven Eliades, MD, PhD, Assistant Professor of Otorhinolaryngology, PSOM

Genomics & Computational Biology

Danielle Bassett, PhD, Assistant Professor of Bioengineering, SEAS

Dustin Brisson, PhD, Assistant Professor of Biology, SAS

Katherine Nathanson, MD, Assistant Professor of Medicine, PSOM

R. Scott Poethig, PhD, Professor of Biology, SAS



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October

17th Annual CAMB Symposium

October 11, 2013
The Grand Hotel, Cape May
Keynote Speaker: **Dr. Sandra Schmid**

Photo is of Dr. Erika Holzbaur, CBP Chair (left), and Dr. Schmid (right).



26th Annual IGG Retreat

October 18-20, 2013
The Grand Hotel, Cape May, NJ

Keynote Speaker: **Max D. Cooper, MD**

Photo from left to right: Alex Loney-Greene, Caleb Ng, Jonathan Johnnidis, Max Cooper, and Qi Yang.



2013 Student PGG Symposium

October 24, 2013
National Constitution Center, Phila

Keynote Speaker: **Dr. Barbara Stauch Slusher**

Photo is of Dr. Slusher.



November

B&B/BMB Dr. George W. Raiziss Annual Retreat

November 7-8, 2013
Skytop Lodge in the Pocono Mountains

December Holiday Parties

MINS/Neuroscience

Thursday, Dec 12, 2013
BRB II/III Lobby

Cell & Molecular Biology

Tuesday, Dec. 17th
BRB II/III Lobby

Pharmacology

Wednesday, Dec. 18th
Translational Research Lobby



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