As I start in my new role as Chair of Biochemistry, I’d like to thank everyone for making me feel so welcome. I look forward to meeting with faculty, staff, postdoctoral fellows, and students over the coming weeks. I’m excited be here -- it's an incredible group of people and a fantastic research environment. I'd like to express my gratitude for the efforts, accomplishments, and support of the Interim Chair Dr. Liliana Attisano, and the former Chair Dr. Justin Nodwell.

I’m looking forward to learning more about everyone’s research endeavours and to working together on the exciting initiatives that are in the pipeline. As a forum for discussion and for me to get to know people better, I’m planning to initiate a series of Town Hall meetings open to all Departmental members, to begin in late November/early December. I’m also planning to host regular meetings with graduate students and postdoctoral fellows, and to initiate a new series of workshops that span the Toronto research community and will be centred around research led by early-career investigators. I welcome your input and ideas!

Many thanks again for your support and warm welcome.

Prof. Lea Harrington - Chair
BGSU News

A huge thank you to BGSU's monthly social team for organizing the first social on September 30th. With board games, card games, fan favorites on the Nintendo Switch, and snacks/refreshments, the first monthly social was a success. Please check your E-mail for details to a schedule of future social events (up to 2 per month!) organized by BGSU and collaborators. Here's a short overview of what's to come:

- Halloween Movie and Game Night @ MaRS (Oct 27)
- BGSU Holiday Party @ Faculty Club (Nov 18)
- Trivia Pub Night (Nov 25), Frosting Holiday Cookies (Dec 8)
Biochemistry in MedMail

Check out this article, where Dr. Liliana Attisano and others are among a variety of brain-focused projects supported by PRiME, an Institutional Strategic Initiative at U of T that connects researchers across disciplines to accelerate drug discovery, diagnostics and understanding of disease biology. Click here: Researchers Shrink Brain Tumours with Gold Nanoparticles, Develop ‘Mini Brains’ to Study Psychiatric Disorders.

Transcripts News

Hey Biochem!

We’ve already started brainstorming some great ideas for the year ahead - if you want to contribute (on an ongoing basis, or even just a one-off piece), reach out to Em or Kate (emily.miraglia@mail.utoronto.ca or kate.jiang@mail.utoronto.ca) anytime to get looped into our next meeting.

Make sure to follow us on Twitter and Instagram @transcriptsblog for more updates on our work!

Upcoming Events

Sungwon Hwang’s PhD Hybrid Oral Exam
Friday November 18, 2022
2:00 - 5:00 pm
PhD Oral Seminar: 2:00 - 2:45 pm
In person: MaRS Building, Room 1622, 16th floor
Online Zoom (zoom links further below)
Karen Maxwell (supervisor), Gil Prive (supervisory member), Frank Sicheri (supervisory member)

ZOOM LINK FOR SEMINAR:
Meeting ID: 897 7575 7026 / Passcode: 957941
Seminar Schedule

November 2022

**Nov. 9**
Special Seminar - more information below
Kai Huang
MSB 2172
Host: Liliana Attisano

**Nov. 16**
Natalie Au (Trevor Moraes) / Rachel Shannon (Bill Trimble, Peter Kim)
MSB 2172
Host: Walid Houry

**Nov. 23**
Alexa Fitzpatrick (Karen Maxwell) / Richard Banh (Regis Pomes)
MSB 2172
Host: Walid Houry

**Nov. 30**
George Connell Lecture - Jennifer Lippincott-Schwartz
MSB 2172
Host: Kyla Germaine

December 2022

**Dec. 7**
Kyumhyuk (Peter) Kim (Oliver Ernst) / George Kefalas (Daniela Rotin)
MSB 2172
Host: Carol Schuurmans

**Dec. 14**
Anne Van der Meij (PDF - Justin Nodwell) / Charneal Dixon (PDF - Greg Fairn)
MSB 2172
Host: Carol Schuurmans

For more Seminar notices check out Cette Semaine: [http://cettesemaine.utoronto.ca/](http://cettesemaine.utoronto.ca/)
SPECIAL SEMINAR

Kai Huang, PhD
Dept. of Biochemistry and Molecular Biotechnology, University of Massachusetts Chan Medical School, USA

“Developing Unconventional Luminescence Nanoparticles for Anti-cancer Therapy”

Date/Time: Wednesday November 9th at 12:00PM
Location: MSB RM 2172
Zoom link: upon request
Host: Liliana Attisano
Biochemistry Holiday Party

Hi Biochem,

The BGSU is excited to announce our annual biochemistry holiday party, one of the biggest social events of the year taking place on **Friday November 18th (5-9pm) at The Faculty Club of Uoft**.

Tickets for this event will be $30 for biochem trainees (grad students, post docs), and $40 for faculty, staff and guests. Purchase of ticket will include 2 complimentary drink tickets, buffet dinner, and chances to win cool prizes. We have set up ticket sales at 3 different locations with their corresponding representatives:

Sickkids: Amogh Natu (amogh.natu@mail.utoronto.ca)
CCBR: Mike Gerguson (mikew.ferguson@mail.utoronto.ca)
MaRS: Cami Aprosoff (camila.aprosoff@mail.utoronto.ca)

Please contact the above representatives and bring cash for payment to the location most convenient to you. **The last day to purchase your ticket is Friday November 11.** For other questions regarding the holiday party, please contact Tina Qiu (tina.qiu@mail.utoronto.ca) or Tim Lee (timyt.lee@mail.utoronto.ca).

Best,
Your BGSU
Graduate Recruitment Fair

To register for the event use this link or via QR code on the attached poster.

On Wednesday November 23, 2022, we will welcome prospective graduate students to meet our community, including graduate coordinators and chairs, faculty, current students, and alumni and learn about the available graduate training programs and resources Temerty Medicine has to offer.

Wednesday, November 23, 2022
Hart House (Great Hall and Music Room)
7 Hart House Circle
12-2pm Graduate Student Lunch and Learn
2-4pm Laboratory Tours (on-campus research labs and select hospitals)
4-7pm Graduate Recruitment Fair
7-10pm Social Activity off-campus

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