For the Week of July 19, 2015

Graduate School News

Catherine Waters Dissertation Defense

"Insights into Fhit loss-induced tumorigenesis" See her dissertation defense booklet here
July 27th
New James B040 at 2:00 pm

**Student Health Insurance Plan Announcement**

The Graduate School has received notice that the university's pre-tax treatment of deductions for graduate associates participating in the Student Health Insurance Plan is not permissible and deductions will be taken on an after-tax basis moving forward. Effective autumn semester, graduate notice that deductions taken from their paychecks for student health participation will be after-tax basis. Graduate associates enrolled in the university’s faculty and staff health plan impacted by this change and their health plan deductions will continue to be taken on an after-tax basis.

**Graduate School Deadlines**

- **July 17** - Completion of Master's and Doctoral defense exams. Report on Final Exams must be completed by the respective exam committee
- **July 24** - Submission of final approved thesis or dissertation. Report on Final Document completed by respective committee
- **August 9** - Summer Commencement
- **August 24** - Summer end of semester deadline. Students who complete degree requirement by this deadline graduate in Autumn Semester (December 20) without having to enroll in autumn
- **August 28** - Last day to register for Autumn 2015 classes

**BSGP 8510 Autumn 2015 Offering**

Dr. Anad will be instructing BSGP 8510 that will be offered Autumn 2015.

Each week will have a combination of background/theory and analysis of chosen paper relevant to the topic for that week AND to the outcome for neurological disease research be provided with a pool of papers and reviews relevant to the structure of the course to pick from. They will try to get an integrated view of how problems in science are formulated, investigated and solved and the influence of many variables that make such a goal a success or a failure includes the science of scientific inquiry! The course instructor will make 1 presentation on derivation of human brain organoids relevant to his own research, but will provide guidance for scientific discussions that follow each presentation. Each presentation will have both background paper (or policy) discussion.

**Molecular Pharmacology Autumn 2015 Offering**

This new course will be offered in Autumn 2015. For more information on the course, please see flyer.

**Other Information**

**R01 Postdoc Opening**

Dr. Jeff MacKeigan, an Associate Professor at Van Andel Research Institute in Grand Rapids, MI. Dr. MacKeigan's lab currently has an opening for a postdoctoral fellow. They are looking for an upcoming or recent Ph.D. graduate with experience in flow cytometry, microscopy, and cell culture would work closely with Dr. MacKeigan and mathematicians on a computational model of lung cancer. For more information, see position description and benefits details.