Reminder: Thanksgiving Break Schedule

Due to the Thanksgiving break classes will not be held on Wednesday 11/21, Thursday 11/22, or Friday 11/23. Offices will be open on Wednesday 11/21 but be closed the remainder of the week.

Upcoming Dissertation Defense: Jessica Slabaugh

Who: Jessica Slabaugh
Mentor: Dr. Paul Janssen
Date: Monday, November 19
Time: 2:00 PM
Location: 304 Hamilton Hall
Topic: "The Occurrence of Alternans and Arrhythmias in a Multicellular, Cardiac Preparation"

See her dissertation defense booklet [here](#).
Upcoming Dissertation Defense: Houda Alachkar

Who: Houda Alachkar  
Mentor: Dr. Guido Marcucci  
Date: Tuesday, November 20  
Time: 8:30 AM  
Location: BRT 105  
Topic: "SPARC Contributes to Leukemia Growth and Aggressive Disease in Acute Myeloid Leukemia (AML)"

See her dissertation defense booklet [here](https://ui.constantcontact.com/visualeditor/visualeditor_preview.jsp?agent.uid=1111545114780&form…ibgp@osumc.edu).

Upcoming Dissertation Defense: Steve Roof

Who: Steve Roof  
Mentor: Dr. Mark Ziolo  
Date: Tuesday, November 20  
Time: 2:00 PM  
Location: 304 Hamilton Hall  
Topic: "Neuronal Nitric Oxide Synthase Signaling Contributes to the Beneficial Cardiac Effects of Exercise"

See his dissertation defense booklet [here](https://ui.constantcontact.com/visualeditor/visualeditor_preview.jsp?agent.uid=1111545114780&form…ibgp@osumc.edu).

Graduate School News and Events

Annual Hayes Graduate Research Forum: Call for Abstracts & Posters

Students enrolled in any area of graduate study at The Ohio State University are invited to participate in the Annual Hayes Graduate Research Forum. For more information visit the website [here](https://ui.constantcontact.com/visualeditor/visualeditor_preview.jsp?agent.uid=1111545114780&form…ibgp@osumc.edu). The deadline is to submit is November 30, 2012 and the Forum will be held on March 1, 2013.

If you have any questions regarding submissions, judging or the Hayes Forum in general, please contact the CGS Vice President, Allie Sturm by E-mail at sturm.42@osu.edu or by phone at 201-675-2800.

Alternative Career Day: Thursday, November 29

Ever thought about pursuing a career outside academia after getting your PhD? Do you want to keep your options open? Or are you advising graduate students who are interested in other careers and not sure how to support them?

Join us at Alternative Career Day, hosted by the Graduate School, Council of Graduate Students and the Ohio Union Activities Board on Thursday, Nov. 29, 2012, Ohio Union


For more information or if you have questions, please contact Angela Brintlinger at (614) 247-7410 or Karen Mayer at (614) 247-7300.
Other News and Events

COM/DHLRI Early Career Development Series Event Nov. 27

The College of Medicine and Davis Heart and Lung Research Institute (DHLRI) will host "Strategic Collaborations: Doomed if You Don't" on Nov. 27 from 1:30-3 p.m. 170 DHLRI as part of their Early Career Development Series. A panel discussion will be moderated by Chandan Sen, PhD, with panelists and career award recipients John Sheridan, PhD; Brian Kaspar, PhD; Subha Raman, MD; and Samir Ghadiali, PhD. Topics will include steps to maintain successful collaborations, credit sharing and confidentiality and cultural barriers. Registration is not required. Email dhlri.ecd@osumc.edu with questions.

Join the Seventh Annual Buckeye-Wolverine Challenge For Life!

For the seventh year in a row, the Buckeyes are taking on the "team up north" to see which state can register the most organ, eye and tissue donors from Sept. 1 - Nov. 22. Ultimately, this competition is about saving lives (like the eight lives one organ donor can potentially save) and everyone wins, but let's face it, we don't like losing to Michigan! You can score a point for Ohio by clicking here and joining the Ohio Donor Registry today.

Here are a few facts to help you make your decision about organ and tissue donation:

- One tissue donor can enhance the lives of up to 50 people
- Recipients are chosen based on medical criteria, like blood type and severity of illness, not on economic status or fame.

Still have questions before you make a decision? Click here to find out more about organ and tissue donation.

Fun Fact

Largest Pumpkin Pie Baked in New Bremen, Ohio

According to the Guinness Book of World Records, the largest pumpkin pie ever baked weighed 2,020 pounds and measured just over 12 feet long. It was baked on October 8, 2005 by the New Bremen Giant Pumpkin Growers in Ohio, and included 900 pounds of pumpkin, 62 gallons of evaporated milk, 155 dozen eggs, 300 pounds of sugar, 3.5 pounds of salt, 7 pounds of cinnamon, 2 pounds of pumpkin spice and 250 pounds of crust. Read more Thanksgiving facts here.