



The Department of Immunobiology

Fall 2009 Offered Courses:

- **IMB 501** Medical Microbiology and Immunology
- **IMB 580** Molecular Virology

DEPARTMENTAL NEWS

Dr. Felicia Goodrum Wins Prestigious Presidential Early Career Award

By University Communications
July 9, 2009

Felicia Goodrum was the only professor in Arizona to receive the Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers.

The White House announced today that a University of Arizona researcher has won a top national honor for her work on a potentially deadly virus that affects the majority of people on Earth.

Felicia Goodrum, assistant professor in the departments of immunobiology and molecular and cellular biology and a member of the BIO5 Institute and Arizona Cancer Center, received the Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers, the highest honor bestowed by the U.S. government on young professionals in the early stages of their independent research careers.

PECASE winners will receive up to a five-year research grant, and will be honored later this year at a White House ceremony.

Goodrum was among 100 young researchers and engineers receiving the award.

The full article can be viewed at <http://uanews.org/node/26355>

**Department of Immunobiology Congratulates Dr. Goodrum
on her PECASE Award**

Next Faculty Meeting:

September 29
12:00pm in MRB 201

DEPARTMENTAL NEWS

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Conserving Energy

To conserve energy, the last administrative staff to leave for the day will turn off the lights in the main office area.

If you are the last one in the laboratory area to leave, please turn off the lights.

Travel Authorizations

Please remember to get your travel authorizations before any business trip. Travel authorizations can be obtained by sending your travel information (when you leave, when you get back, why you are traveling, etc.) to Chris Louis at ccampos@email.arizona.edu.

If you require a travel advance, please send Chris your information and advance request at least two weeks prior to your departure.

Pcard and Reimbursement Receipts/Invoices

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In Memory

It is with profound sorrow and deepest sadness that the COM Department of Immunobiology announces the passing of our dear colleague and friend, Vivian E. Gage, on Sunday August 23, 2009. She was 85.

She moved to Tucson in 1979. Here Vivian became involved in helping to run and direct the Medical Microbiology course taught to second year medical students, in the position of Research Lecturer.

Vivian became an essential and integral part of this important basic science class for our medical students. One of her greatest joys was to work with the students one-on-one, to help them learn a difficult topic, to study for an exam, or to just talk and listen to them to help deal with the stresses of medical school and every day life. She really was like a mother to the students and also to the departments' faculty. She worked in this position until she retired in 2008.

In honor of our dear friend and colleague, donations can be made to the Humane Society of Southern Arizona, Casa de la Luz Hospice, or the Children's Advocacy Center of Southern Arizona.

FACULTY UPDATES

Honors and Awards

- **Dr. Goodrum** was selected by the AAMC to attend the AAMC Early Career Woman Faculty Professional Development Seminar in Washington DC in July.
- **Dr. Harris** has been elected to the Board of Directors of the Jimi Hendrix Foundation, a foundation dedicated to children's issues.
- **Dr. Harris** has been asked to serve on the Hematopoiesis study section of the NHLBI of the NIH starting in October

Presentations, Conferences and Lectures

- **Dr. Nikolich** presented an invited talk "Rejuvenation of T-cell pool in primates" at the NIAID/NIA joint symposium "Rejuvenation of the Aging Immune System" on August 28, 2009.
- **Dr. Nikolich** presented an invited talk "Why T-cells go out of whack with aging and what to do about it" at the SENS conference, Cambridge, UK, September 3-7th, 2009.
- **Megan Smithey, Brian Rudd, and Partha Samadder** attended the workshop, MSI Summer School on Quantitative and Computational Immunology in Santa Fe, NM August 17-21, 2009 as invited participants.

GRADUATE STUDIES

Upcoming Dates

Applications for the **Fall 2009 Student Showcase** will be made available online in early **September**.

Student Showcase 2009—November 6th-7th on the UA Mall

Student Showcase is an exhibition of undergraduate and graduate research in all areas of academic study within the University of Arizona community. Every Homecoming weekend, the Graduate and Professional Student Council presents Student Showcase as the academic portion of the festive weekend.

MISCELLANEOUS

August Birthdays

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Upcoming UA Holidays/Closures:

Nov 11—Veterans Day
Nov 26-27—Thanksgiving
Dec 24-25—Christmas
Dec 28-31—University Closure

September Birthdays

Lora Grainger
Brian Rudd

Want to Add Something to the Newsletter?

Send any topics to Michelle Blurton at mblurton@email.arizona.edu to be included in the next newsletter.

Submission deadline for the newsletter is the last Monday of each month.