

The Department of Immunobiology

DEPARTMENTAL NEWS

The Fourth Annual Frontiers in Immunobiology and Immunopathogenesis Symposium, 2009

The *Fourth Annual* Symposium will be held at the Keating Auditorium in the BIO5 Institute followed by a Poster Session and Reception at 1125 N. Vine Avenue, Room 102 (please refer to the map on page 2) on Friday, March 13, 2009.

The *Symposium* will be highlighted by Plenary Lectures by David M. Knipe, PhD (Harvard Medical School) on the immune response to viral infection; Evgeni V. Sokurenko, MD, PhD (University of Washington) on the evolution of the genetic diversity in bacterial species; Mark F. Stinski, PhD (University of Iowa) on the pathogenesis of human cytomegalovirus and Charles D. Surh, PhD (Scripps Research Institute) on homeostasis and the immune system.

Invited Lectures by Drs. Salvatore Albani, Horacio L. Rilo and, Lisa F. Shubitz of the University of Arizona and short presentations selected from the abstracts submitted for Poster Presentations will also be featured.

Posters should be mounted at 1125 N. Avenue, Room 102 (please see the map on page 2) between 1-5 PM on Thursday, March 12, 2009. The Posters will be mounted in alphabetical order and a copy of the Poster Presenter's Abstract will be on the Board to which you are to mount your Poster. The maximum space allotted for each poster will be 4' x 8'.

Awards of \$100 and \$50 will be provided by the University of Arizona Chapter of Sigma Xi for the best posters.

An additional feature of this year's *Symposium* will be "Workshop Sessions" to be hosted by the Plenary Speakers during lunch.

For further information you may contact Richard J. Ablin, PhD at 520-626-7755 or via e-mail at ablinrj@email.arizona.edu.

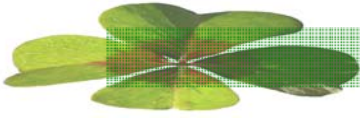
Registration is required by March 6, 2009—Space is limited. Please register for **free** with Chris Louis at ccampos@email.arizona.edu or 520-626-6888.

Upcoming Seminars:

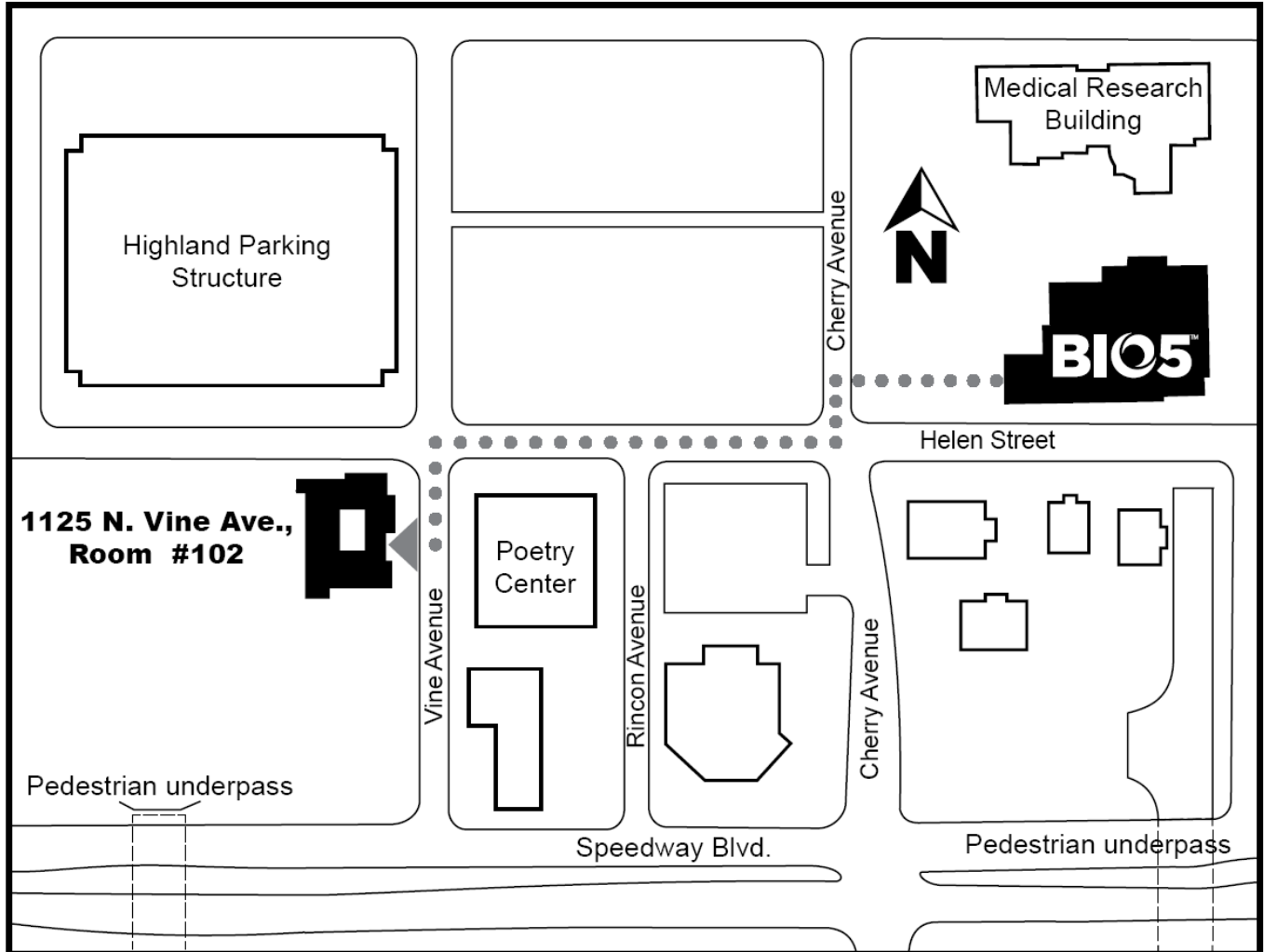
- Mar 6—Kamala Patel, PhD, University of Calgary
- Mar 13—*The Fourth Annual Frontiers in Immunobiology and Immunopathogenesis Symposium*
- Mar 20—No Seminar, Spring Break
- Mar 27—Lora Grainger, PhD Graduate Student
- Apr 3—Parvathi Ranganathan, PhD Graduate Student
- Apr 10—Christine Calton, University of Arizona
- Apr 17—TBA
- Apr 24—Kristin Renkema, PhD Graduate Student
- May 1—Michael Badowski, PhD Graduate Student

Next Faculty Meeting:

March 16, 2009 at 12:00pm in MRB 201



Map to the Symposium Poster Session and Reception

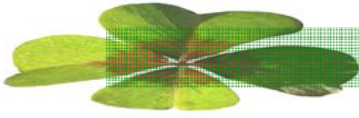


A Warm Welcome to our New Business Manager Sr.

Welcome, Sherilen Clark!

Sherilen Clark is our new Business Manager Sr. and is located in MRB 222. Sherilen was in the Department of French and Italian and prior to that, the Arizona Cancer Center so she has lots of experience working with accounts.

Please stop by and say "hi".



FACULTY UPDATES

Presentations and Lectures

- Dr. Nikolich was invited to present a lecture "Vaccination and immune senescence in primates" at the CDC/NIA-sponsored meeting "Immune senescence and vaccination in older adults" in Atlanta, GA, Feb. 2-5, 2009. He also presented an invited lecture "Causes and consequences of T-cell senescence" at the 2009 Gordon Research Conference "Biology of Aging" in Ventura, CA, Feb. 15-20, 2009 and an invited seminar on "The failures of T-cell immunity and homeostasis in the old age" at the University College London, London, UK on 2/26/2009.
- Dr. Nikolich organized a campus-wide workshop on the Biology of Aging, with participation of >30 scientists from Phoenix and Tucson Colleges of Health Sciences, Sciences, Agriculture and others and from industrial and non-profit partners.

GRADUATE STUDIES

GPSCA Week

Dates and times are still tentative – check back after Spring Break or contact the GPSC for a finalized schedule.

Sunday, March 29, Family Fun Day

12:00 – 3:00 pm, Himmel Park – Northeast Area, 1000 North Tucson Blvd

This BBQ in the park is open to everyone, with fun for all ages – come even if you don't have children or spouses. We'll have free food, music, children's games, kickball, face-painting and more.

Wednesday, April 1, North Campus Breakfast

Time and location to be determined

Free breakfast for our graduate and professional students that call 'north of Speedway' home.

Thursday, April 2, Achievement Awards Ceremony

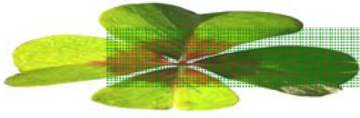
A luncheon to honor faculty, students, and staff. **This event is by invitation only.**

View the GPSC Achievements Awards page (<http://gpsc.arizona.edu>) to download the nomination form for graduate students, faculty or staff members who have made outstanding contributions to the campus and, in particular, graduate education.

Friday, April 3, Free BBQ

11:30 – 1 pm, UA Mall

Lunch is on us, but we've only got enough for 600, so come early. Vegetarian friendly. Don't forget to pick up your free t-shirt. A DJ will entertain from 12-1pm.



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Congratulations!!!

Congratulations to Gang Li!!! She gave birth to a beautiful baby boy (8lbs, 15oz) on February 27, 2009.

Best wishes to Gang and her family!



Upcoming UA Holidays:

- May 25—Memorial Day
- July 3—Independence Day
- Sept 7—Labor Day
- Nov 11—Veterans Day

March Birthdays

No birthdays to report



Want to Add Something to the Newsletter?

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

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

