**Week of August 10th to 14th, 2015**

**Upcoming Events:**

The speaker for our weekly BMS Seminar Series on Wednesday, August 12th, 12:00PM-1:00PM in room 1306, will be Ali Darkazalli, a graduate student here in the BMS Department. His talk is titled, “Traumatic Brain Injury: The road to recovery is paved with stem cells.”

New Postdoctoral Scholar Orientation will be August 17, 2015, from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm, at the Turnbull Center. This event is **required** for all postdocs that have been on campus for one year or less. Faculty mentors are encouraged to attend with their postdocs for the morning session. Lunch will be provided. To register, please visit the OPDA [website](#).

**Accomplishments:**

**Dr. Gregg Stanwood**, has been appointed as the new Assistant Director of the PhD Graduate Program. Congratulations, Dr. Stanwood!

We would also like to congratulate **Dr. Saad Abbasi** of the Kumar lab on graduating this semester! Best of luck on your future endeavors.

**Barbara Dietrick**, an undergraduate in the Megraw lab, successfully defended her Honors Thesis in the major on July 29th: “Determining the genetic network of primary microcephaly disease (MCPH).”

**Publications:**

A manuscript from the Kaplan lab, entitled “A conserved mechanism for coordinating replication fork helicase assembly with phosphorylation of the helicase” was accepted into *PNAS USA*. The authors are **Irina Bruck** and **Daniel Kaplan**. Based upon the results of this new *PNAS USA* manuscript, a provisional patent application was filed. The patent covers an assay to screen inhibitors of Treslin-stimulated-DDK phosphorylation of Mcm2, which may be useful for the treatment of cancer. Congratulations to the **Kaplan lab**!

**Reminders:**

It is time to renew conference room reservations for lab meetings, etc. Reservations are only kept through the end of each semester, so if you would like to continue your reservation or make a new one, please email Natasha Coen ASAP. All existing reservations that have not been renewed by August 14 will be cancelled.

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