Commencement 2014

Tuesday, May Twenty-seventh
Two Thousand and Fourteen

7:00 p.m.

The Jesse H. Jones Hall for the Performing Arts
615 Louisiana
Houston, Texas
THE COMMENCEMENT PROCESSION

Chairman of the Board of Trustees and the Commencement Speaker
President of the College of Medicine and Honored Guests
Chancellor Emeritus
Deans of the College
Chairs of Academic Departments and Center Directors
Investing Marshals of the College of Medicine

Trustees of the College
Professors of the College
Associate Professors of the College
Assistant Professors of the College
Instructors of the College

Candidates for the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy and Faculty Advisors
Candidates for the Degree of Doctor of Medicine and Student Mentors

+++ Significance of the Colors of the Academic Regalia

The color of the velvet edging of the hood and gown indicates the degree; in the lining of the hood are the college colors of the institution that conferred the degree.

The hood and gown of the Doctor of Philosophy has a blue velvet edging; Doctor of Medicine, green; both Doctor of Divinity and Doctor of Theology, scarlet; Doctor of Laws, purple; Doctor of Science, golden yellow; Doctor of Letters and Humanities, white; and Doctor of Dentistry, lilac.
PROGRAM

Processional
Welcome ................................................................. Mr. James T. Hackett, Chair, Board of Trustees
Introductions and Remarks ....................................... Dr. Paul E. Klotman, President and Chief Executive Officer
Presiding ................................................................. Dr. Alicia D.H. Monroe, Senior Dean of Education and
Senior Vice President of Academic Affairs and Faculty Development
Remarks by the Student Representative for
The Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences ....................... Mrs. Julienne Leigh Cloud Carstens
Remarks by the President of the
Graduating Medical Class ................................................ Mr. Zheng Ma
Introduction of Awardees ................................................... Dr. Alicia D.H. Monroe
Presentation of Distinguished Service Award ......................... Dr. Paul E. Klotman
Francis L. Kretzer, Ph.D.
Professor
Department of Ophthalmology
Conferring of Honorary Degrees .......................................... Dr. Paul E. Klotman
Doctor of Humanities in Medicine
Lester H. Smith
The Lester and Sue Smith Foundation
Adam C. Walmus
Director, Michael E. DeBakey Veterans Affairs Medical Center
Doctor of Letters in Medicine
Peter Palese, Ph.D.
Chair of Microbiology, Professor of Medicine, Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai
Jeffrey D. Sachs, Ph.D.
Director, The Earth Institute
Professor, Sustainable Development and Health Policy and Management, Columbia University
Commencement Address ...................................................... Dr. Jeffrey D. Sachs
Presentation of the Candidates for the Degree Doctor of Philosophy
Dr. Deborah L. Johnson
Dean, Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences
Conferring of Degrees .......................................................... Dr. Paul E. Klotman
Administration of the Oath of Hippocrates ........................................... Dr. Mary L. Brandt, Associate Dean

Presentation of the Candidates for the Degree Doctor of Medicine

   Dr. Stephen B. Greenberg
   Dean, Medical Education

   Conferring of Degrees ................................................................................. Dr. Paul E. Klotman

Benediction .................................................................................................. Dr. Virgil Fry, Executive Director – Lifeline Chaplaincy

Recessional

**Investing Marshals**

Dr. John H. Coverdale, Professor of Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences

Dr. E. Lee Poythress, Associate Professor of Medicine
Francis L. Kretzer, Ph.D.

Dr. Frank Kretzer received his Bachelor of Arts (magna cum laude, valedictorian), Master of Arts, and Ph.D. at the University of California, Los Angeles in molecular biology. He then completed a two-year postdoctoral fellowship in parasitology at UCLA and a two-year postdoctoral fellowship in biochemistry at Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem.

In October 1976, he was recruited to Baylor College of Medicine. The major thrust of Kretzer’s research has been studying the pathogenesis and treatment of retinopathy of prematurity and figuring out the link between blindness and hearing loss through the concept of labile or immotile cilia syndromes.

Kretzer has been associated with the histology course in the basic science curriculum since he arrived. He also co-directed the core human sexuality course, which was the first course to introduce the pivotal role of small discussion groups. He also led the vision, vestibular and auditory lectures in the core nervous system course and the core surgical ophthalmology lectures. He is currently the director of anatomical sciences. He is also a yearly lecturer in the Saturday Morning Science Outreach Program, the SMART program research lecture series and the DeBakey Summer Surgery Program.

He has received endless teaching awards from the medical, graduate and allied health students as well as the established awards given by Baylor: One of the first four recipients of the Corbin J. and Barbara Robertson Jr. Presidential Award for Excellence in Medical Education in the first year it was given, the Hall of Fame elected by the graduating medical students, four time recipient of the John P. McGovern Outstanding Teacher Award in the Preclinical Sciences, the Department of Molecular and Cellular Biology Award of Excellence in Education and Service, the Marc Dresden Excellence in Graduate Education Award selected by the Graduate Student Council of the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences, and the Outstanding Service Award in the School of Allied Health Sciences. He has also received one of the Outstanding Teaching Awards at the yearly 12 Days Extravaganza at the end of the basic science curriculum every year without interruption since its inception in 1984.

Lester H. Smith

When Lester H. Smith was diagnosed with both bladder and prostate cancer, he turned to the experts at Baylor College of Medicine to help him fight these diseases. In 2004 Lester and Sue Smith founded The Honor Your Father Campaign for Prostate Cancer Research at Baylor. This yearlong fundraising effort impacted thousands of lives, becoming the largest single fundraising event in the history of the College, raising a record-breaking $6.4 million including a match by The Lester and Sue Smith Foundation. Baylor’s urologic clinic was named The Lester and Sue Smith Urologic Clinic. The Lester and Sue Smith Foundation has endowed seven chairs at Baylor including the department of urology, the Michael E. DeBakey Department of Surgery, and a chair at Texas Children’s Hospital, pediatric urology department.

The Lester and Sue Smith Foundation provided a $30 million challenge grant to Baylor’s Breast Center and the Human Genome Sequencing Center. In appreciation for the Smith’s generosity, Baylor’s Breast Center was named The Lester and Sue Smith Breast Center.

In April 2011 the Smiths provided a $15 million grant—the largest private gift in Harris County Hospital District history—to establish the Smith Clinic, an ambulatory care center designed exclusively for outpatients served at Ben Taub Hospital.
Numerous Houston organizations have honored the Smiths for their immense philanthropic spirit. In March 2013, Sue and Lester received the prestigious Woodrow Wilson Award for Public Service presented by the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars.

Lester Smith serves as a trustee and a member of the Affiliation Board of Baylor and Texas Children’s Hospital. He serves on the Board of Visitors at MD Anderson Cancer Center, and is a member of the Board of Directors of the National Prostate Cancer Foundation. His first book, “You Gotta Dance Like No One’s Watching,” was published in 2011 with all profits supporting breast cancer and genomic research.

**ADAM C. WALMUS**

Adam C. Walmus was appointed director of the Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center (MEDVAMC) in August 2009.

With the Department of Veterans Affairs since 1981, Walmus serves as MEDVAMC’s CEO charged with management of one of the most complex VA medical centers in the country with more than 3,700 employees and an annual budget of approximately $760 million. In addition to caring for more than 130,000 veterans in southeast Texas, the MEDVAMC also serves as a regional and national referral center for many services including cardiac surgery, liver transplant, traumatic brain injury, epilepsy, radiation therapy and spinal cord injury.

His more than 30 years of federal service include VA positions in Houston, Muskogee, Dublin, Georgia, and New Orleans as well as a Department of Health and Human Services position in the Washington, D.C., area.

Walmus has a bachelor’s degree from Trinity College in Hartford, Conn. He holds masters degrees in health care administration from Tulane University and Asian studies from the University of Michigan.

Elected to the American College of Healthcare Executives Council of Regents in March 2013, he is the VA Regent and received ACHE Regent’s Senior Executive Award in March 2011. He is a member of the graduate advisory board at University of Houston-Clear Lake and Texas A&M’s Master in Healthcare Administration Program. In 2012 he was selected to serve as chairman of the Houston Federal Executive Board.

Walmus was recognized by the VA secretary with the VA Diversity and Inclusion Award in 2010 and the Alternative Dispute Resolution and Diversity and Inclusion Excellence Award in 2011. In 2011 he received an honorary society membership to the West Point Society of Greater Houston and was given the title of Honorary Colonel with the U.S. Army’s 75th Mission Command Training Division.

**PETER PALESE, PH.D.**

Dr. Peter Palese is professor and chair of the department of microbiology at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai and an expert in the field of RNA viruses.

Palese received his Ph.D. in chemistry in 1969 and his M.S. in pharmacy in 1970 from the University of Vienna. He was a postdoctoral fellow at the Roche Institute of Molecular Biology from 1970 until 1971, when he joined the department of microbiology at the Mount Sinai School of Medicine as assistant professor. In 1976 he was visiting associate professor, department of microbiology and immunology at the University of California, Los Angeles School of Medicine. In 1987 he was named chairman of the department of microbiology at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai.
His research is interested in the fundamental questions concerning the genetic makeup and the biology of viruses. His lab uses molecular biological techniques to understand how viruses replicate and how they interact with cells to cause disease in their hosts. The emphasis is on the study of RNA viruses such as influenza, paramyxovirus, and corona (SARS) viruses.


JEFFREY D. SACHS, PH.D.

Dr. Jeffrey D. Sachs is the director of The Earth Institute, Quetelet Professor of Sustainable Development, and professor of health policy and management at Columbia University. He is special advisor to United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon on the Millennium Development Goals, having held the same position under former UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan. He is director of the UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network. He is co-founder and chief strategist of Millennium Promise Alliance and is director of the Millennium Villages Project. Sachs is also one of the Secretary-General’s MDG Advocates and a commissioner of the ITU/UNESCO Broadband Commission for Development. He has authored three New York Times bestsellers in the past seven years.

Sachs received his Bachelor of Arts, summa cum laude, from Harvard College in 1976, and his Master of Arts and Ph.D. from Harvard University in 1978 and 1980, respectively.

Sachs is widely considered to be the world’s leading expert on economic development and the fight against poverty. His work on ending poverty, promoting economic growth, fighting hunger and disease, and promoting sustainable environmental practices has taken him to more than 125 countries with more than 90 percent of the world’s population. For more than a quarter century he has advised dozens of heads of state and governments on economic strategy. He works closely with international organizations including the African Union, the Asian Development Bank, the Inter-American Development Bank, the African Development Bank, the Islamic Development Bank, the World Health Organization, the United Nations Development Programme, the World Food Programme, UNAIDS and the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB, and Malaria, among others.

As director of the Earth Institute of Columbia University, he leads a university-wide organization of more than 850 professionals from natural science and social science disciplines, in support of sustainable development.

Sachs is the recipient of many awards and honors, including membership in the Institute of Medicine, the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, Harvard Society of Fellows, and the Fellows of the World Econometric Society. He has received more than 20 honorary degrees. His syndicated newspaper column appears in more than 80 countries around the world.
COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

Professor Jeffrey D. Sachs, Ph.D.

Director of The Earth Institute
Quetelet Professor of Sustainable Development

Professor of Health Policy and Management
Columbia University
Candidates for the Degree, Doctor of Philosophy

**JUSTIN LARN ANGLIN**
B.S., The University of Texas at Dallas  
Ph.D. Program: Biochemistry and Molecular Biology  
Advisor: Yongcheng Song, Ph.D.  
Dissertation: “Small Molecule Inhibitors of DOT1L Selectively Kill MLL-Rearranged Leukemic Cells”

**DAVID LYNN BEAVERS**
B.S., The University of Texas at Austin  
Ph.D. Program: Translational Biology and Molecular Medicine  
Advisor: Xander H.T. Wehrens, M.D., Ph.D.  
Dissertation: “The Role of Junctophilin-2 in Healthy and Diseased Hearts”

**TYLER FRANKLIN BECK**
B.S., M.S., University of Maryland – Baltimore County  
Ph.D. Program: Molecular and Human Genetics  
Advisor: Daryl A. Scott, M.D., Ph.D.  
Dissertation: “Genetic Determinants of Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia in Humans and Mice”

**MICHAEL JAMES BOLT**
B.A., Ohio Wesleyan University  
Ph.D. Program: Molecular and Cellular Biology  
Advisor: Michael A. Mancini, Ph.D.  
Dissertation: “Utilizing Microscopy to Define Novel Pathways Controlling ER Signaling”

**PHILIP MICHAEL BOONE**
B.S., Stanford University  
Ph.D. Program: Molecular and Human Genetics  
Advisor: James R. Lupski, M.D., Ph.D.  
Dissertation: “Gene-Level DNA Copy-Number Variations: Origin, Detection, and Role as Disease Alleles, Incidental Findings, and Recessive Carrier States”

**SONA BUDHIRAJA**
B.S., Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda  
M.S., University of Houston  
Ph.D. Program: Molecular Virology and Microbiology  
Advisor: Andrew P. Rice, Ph.D.  
Dissertation: “HIV-1 Host Cofactors: Implications for Viral Replication and Latency”
MATTHEW DAVID BURSTEIN
B.S., B.A., University of Pittsburgh
Ph.D. Program: Structural and Computational Biology and Molecular Biophysics
Advisor: Ching C. Lau, M.D., Ph.D.

CHRISTINA DENISE CAMELL
B.A., University of Colorado at Boulder
Ph.D. Program: Immunology
Advisor: C. Wayne Smith, M.D.
Dissertation: “Dietary Fatty-Acids Regulate Adipose Tissue Macrophage Polarization During Short-Term Feeding”

KIMBERLY MARIE CARLSON
B.S., University of Houston
Ph.D. Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
Advisor: Lynn E. Zechiedrich, Ph.D.
Dissertation: “Characterization of Ciclopirox as a Repurposed Antibiotic Effective Against Multidrug-Resistant *Escherichia Coli, Klebsiella Pneumoniae*, and *Acinetobacter Baumannii* Clinical Isolates”

JOSE ROBERTO CASANOVA, JR.
B.A., Our Lady of the Lake University – San Antonio
Ph.D. Program: Neuroscience
Advisor: John W. Swann, Ph.D.
Dissertation: “Mechanisms Underlying Seizure-Induced Dendritic Abnormalities in the Developing Hippocampus”

JULIENNE LEIGH CLOUD CARSTENS
B.S., Louisiana Tech University
Ph.D. Program: Integrative Molecular and Biomedical Sciences
Advisor: David M. Spencer, Ph.D.
Dissertation: “FGFR1, WNT, TGF-β, and SOX9 Collaborate in the Intricate Progression of Prostate Cancer”

WU-LIN CHARNG
B.S., National Tsing Hua University
M.S., National Yang-Ming University
Ph.D. Program: Developmental Biology
Advisor: Hugo J. Bellen, D.V.M., Ph.D.
Dissertation: “Drosophila Tempura, A Novel Protein Prenyltransferase α Subunit, Regulates Notch Signaling Via RAB1 and RAB11”
Nimrat Chatterjee
B.S., M.S. Gnd University
Ph.D. Program: Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
Advisor: John H. Wilson, Ph.D.
Dissertation: “Environmental Stress Induces Trinucleotide Repeat Instability in Human Cells”

Shan Chen
B.S., Tsinghua University
Ph.D. Program: Molecular and Human Genetics
Advisor: Brendan H.L. Lee, M.D., Ph.D.
Dissertation: “Notch and Angiotensin Receptors Mediated Regulation of Skeletogenesis”

Caterina Clementi
B.S., M.S. Università degli Studi di Firenze
Ph.D. Program: Developmental Biology
Advisors: Martin M. Marzuk, M.D., Ph.D. and Francesco J. DeMayo, Ph.D.
Dissertation: “Bone Morphogenetic Protein (BMP) Type 1 Receptors Regulate Different Steps of Early Pregnancy”

Cameron Shea Cowan
B.S., The University of Texas at Austin
Ph.D. Program: Neuroscience
Advisor: Samuel M. Wu, Ph.D.
Dissertation: “Genetic Dissection of the Pathways Driving Night Vision in Mouse Retinal Ganglion Cells and Optokinetic Responses”

Ronald James Cotton
B.A., B.S., Rice University
Ph.D. Program: Neuroscience
Advisor: Andreas S. Tolia, Ph.D.
Dissertation: “Characterizing the Structure of Network Activity in the Neocortex Using Three-Dimensional Random Access Multi Photon Imaging”

Randy Ferrell Crossland
B.S., M.S. Stephen F. Austin State University
Ph.D. Program: Molecular Physiology and Biophysics, Cardiovascular Science
Advisor: Robert M. Bryan Jr., Ph.D. and Sean P. Marrelli, Ph.D.
Dissertation: “Cerebrovascular Consequences of Obstructive Sleep Apnea”
JOSEPHEEN DE ASIS CRUZ
B.S., M.D., University of the Philippines
Ph.D. Program: Neuroscience
Advisor: P. Read Montague Jr., Ph.D. and Michael S. Beauchamp, Ph.D.
Dissertation: “Neural Markers of Autism Spectrum Disorders –
A Functional Magnetic Resonance Imaging Study”

DANDAN CUI
B.S., Nankai University
Ph.D. Program: Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
Advisor: Xuewen Pan, Ph.D.
Dissertation: “Identifying Drug Mechanism of Action and Novel Gene Functions
with Yeast Functional Genomics Tools”

DANG QUY DAO
B.A., University of California, Berkeley
Ph.D. Program: Neuroscience
Advisor: Mariella De Biasi, Ph.D.
Dissertation: “Nicotinic Modulation of Neuronal Physiology in the Medial Habenula”

JONATHAN DAVID DOUGHERTY
B.S., St. Edward’s University
Ph.D. Program: Molecular Virology and Microbiology
Advisor: Richard E. Lloyd, Ph.D.
Dissertation: “Poliovirus Disruption of Processing Bodies and the Inhibition of Translation
by a RNA Decay Protein”

RYAN PATRICK DUREN
B.S., Baylor University
Ph.D. Program: Integrative Molecular and Biomedical Sciences
Advisor: Orla M. Conneely, Ph.D.
Dissertation: “Transcriptional Mechanisms of NR4A Tumor Suppression in Acute Myeloid Leukemia”

GLORIA VITNONE ECHEVERRIA
B.S., Texas A&M University
Ph.D. Program: Integrative Molecular and Biomedical Sciences
Advisor: Thomas A. Cooper, M.D.
Dissertation: “Characterization of the Mechanism of Muscleblind-Like 1 Mediated Activation
of Insulin Receptor Exon 11 Inclusion”
XIAO FANG
B.S., University of Science and Technology of China
Ph.D. Program: Molecular Physiology and Biophysics
Advisor: Pumin Zhang, Ph.D.
Dissertation: “The Aneupolidy Checkpoint Suppresses Tumorigenesis by Promoting Cell Cycle Arrest and Apoptosis”

BARTŁOMIEJ FRYSZCZYNN
B.S., University of Houston - Downtown
Ph.D. Program: Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
Advisor: Timothy E. Palzkill, Ph.D.
Dissertation: “Evolution of Serine β-Lactamases and Their Interactions with β-Lactamase Inhibitory Proteins”

JESÚS-GERARDO GALAZ-MONTOYA
B.S., Universidad de Sonora (UNISON)
Ph.D. Program: Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
Advisor: Steven J. Ludtke, Ph.D.
Dissertation: “Implementation of Single Particle Cryo Electron Tomography in EMAN2 and its Application to Study the TRiC Chaperonin’s Interactions with Mutant Huntingtin Aggregates”

MONICA DEANA GARCIA
B.S., Rice University
Ph.D. Program: Molecular Physiology and Biophysics
Advisor: Mary E. Dickinson, Ph.D.
Dissertation: “FoxO1 is Required for Arterial Specification in the Mouse Yolk Sac”

CLAUDIA JUDITH GELDRES
B.A., B.S., The University of Texas at Austin
Ph.D. Program: Translational Biology and Molecular Medicine
Advisor: Gianpietro Dotti, M.D.
Dissertation: “Combining T Cell Immunotherapy with Angiogenic Inhibition for the Therapy of Melanoma”

SHARRA LYNN HAMMOND
B.A., University of Colorado at Colorado Springs
Ph.D. Program: Molecular and Cellular Biology
Advisor: Jessica K. Tyler, Ph.D. and Austin J. Cooney, Ph.D.
Dissertation: “Mitotic Phosphorylation of Histone H3 Threonine 80”
WEI-HSIANG HUANG
B.S., National Cheng Kung University
M.S., National Taiwan University
Ph.D. Program: Developmental Biology
Advisor: Huda Y. Zoghbi, M.D.
Dissertation: “The Role of ATOH1-Dependent Hindbrain Circuit in Respiratory Rhythm Generation, Modulation, and Chemoreflex”

MICHAEL JOSEPH IANNOTTI
B.S., Purdue University
Ph.D. Program: Cell and Molecular Biology
Advisor: Richard N. Sifers, Ph.D.
Dissertation: “A Non-Enzymatic Functional Paradigm for ERManI as a Gatekeeper in the Mammalian Proteostasis Network”

TAEKO INOU
B.S., M.S., The University of Texas at Brownsville
Ph.D. Program: Molecular Physiology and Biophysics
Advisor: Robia G. Pautler, Ph.D.
Dissertation: “Assessing the Importance of ROS Regulation in a Mouse Model of Multiple Sclerosis”

KRISTEN LORRAINE KARLIN
B.S., Southwestern University
Ph.D. Program: Integrative Molecular and Biomedical Sciences
Advisor: Thomas F. Westbrook
Dissertation: “The Oncogenic STP Axis Drives Triple-Negative Breast Cancer Through Negative Regulation of the REST Tumor Suppressor”

JUNG-SUN KIM
B.S., Oklahoma Baptist University
Ph.D. Program: Molecular and Cellular Biology
Advisor: Nancy L. Weigel, Ph.D.
Dissertation: “Elucidating Vitamin D Receptor Actions in Prostate Cancer”

WOOSOOK KIM
D.V.M., Kyungpook National University
Ph.D. Program: Integrative Molecular and Biomedical Sciences
Advisor: David R. Rowley, Ph.D.
Dissertation: “Origin of Myofibroblasts and Evolution of Reactive Stroma”
Giedre Krenciute
B.S., Vilnius University
Ph.D. Program: Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
Advisor: Jun Qin, Ph.D.

Pier-Anne Lachance
B.S., Austin Peay State University
Ph.D. Program: Molecular Physiology and Biophysics
Advisor: Eva M. Sevick-Muraca, Ph.D.
Dissertation: “The Role of Integrin Alpha 9 in Lymphangiogenesis and Immunity”

Ping-Hsien Lee
B.S., M.S, National Taiwan University
Ph.D. Program: Immunology
Advisor: H. Daniel Lacorazza, Ph.D.
Dissertation: “Role of the Transcription Factor ELF4 in CD4+ T Cell Differentiation”

Yinyin Liu
B.S., Tsinghua University
Ph.D. Program: Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
Advisor: Zhou Songyang, Ph.D.

James T. Lu
B.S., M.S, Stanford University
Ph.D. Program: Structural and Computational Biology and Molecular Biophysics
Advisor: Richard A. Gibbs, Ph.D.
Dissertation: “Computational Approaches to Resolving Genotype Phenotype Relationships”

Maksim V. Mamonkin
B.S., Novosibirsk State University
Ph.D. Program: Immunology
Advisor: H. Daniel Lacorazza, Ph.D.
Dissertation: “Transcriptional Regulation of CD8+ T Cell Differentiation”

Mohammad Masoud David Mansouri
B.S., University of Houston
M.S., Johns Hopkins University
Ph.D. Program: Clinical Scientist Training Program
Advisor: Rabih O. Darouiche, M.D.
**AMBER DAWN MILLER**
B.S., University of The Pacific
Ph.D. Program: Molecular Virology and Microbiology
Advisor: Margaret E. Conner, Ph.D.
Dissertation: “Mechanisms of Intestinal IgA Induction by Rotavirus”

**VALENTINE ONGERI MILLIEN**
B.S., Seton Hall University
Ph.D. Program: Translational Biology and Molecular Medicine
Advisor: David B. Corry, M.D.
Dissertation: “Fibrinogenolysis Elicits Allergic and Antifungal Responses through TLR4”

**EDWARD ROSHAN MIRANDA**
M.S., National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research
B.S., Government College of Pharmacy – Bangalore, India
Ph.D. Program: Developmental Biology
Advisor: Gad Shaulsky, Ph.D.
Dissertation: “A Transcriptomics Approach to Understanding *Dictyostelium* Development”

**CHRISTOPHER LEWIS MOYE**
B.S., Baylor University
Ph.D. Program: Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
Advisor: John H. Wilson, Ph.D.
Dissertation: “Generation of Instability Within Trinucleotide Repeats”

**ANJANA NARAYANAN**
M.S., Sri Ramachandra University
B.S., University of Madras
Ph.D. Program: Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
Advisor: Kimberley F. Toliash, Ph.D.
Dissertation: “The Role of the Rac-GAPs BCR and ABR in Regulating Astrocyte Polarity and Function”

**AISLYN MARIE NELSON**
B.A., Johns Hopkins University
Ph.D. Program: Neuroscience
Advisor: Ellen A. Lumpkin, Ph.D.
Dissertation: “Calcium-Permeable Ion Channels in Epidermal Keratinocyte and Merkel-Cell Biology”

**MINHTRAN CHARLOTTE VU NGO-HOWARD**
B.S., University of Texas at Austin
Ph.D. Program: Translational Biology and Molecular Medicine
Advisor: Cliona M. Rooney, Ph.D.
Dissertation: “Improving Virus-Specific T-Cell Therapy for the Treatment of Cancer”
ALISON ELIZABETH OBR
B.S., University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire
Ph.D. Program: Molecular and Cellular Biology
Advisor: Dean P. Edwards, Ph.D.
Dissertation: “The Role for Progesterone Receptor Signaling in Normal Mammary Epithelium and Tumorigenesis”

JIA PENG
B.S., Tsinghua University
Ph.D. Program: Molecular and Human Genetics
Advisor: Martin M. Matzuk, M.D., Ph.D.
Dissertation: “Investigation of TGFβ Family Signaling Pathways in Female Reproduction”

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Advisor: Frederick A. Pereira, Ph.D.

SUNANDAN SAHA
B.S., Presidency College
M.S., University of Calcutta
Ph.D. Program: Translational Biology and Molecular Medicine
Advisors: Matthew H. Wilson and Cliona M. Rooney, Ph.D.

BEATRIZ ADRIANA SANTILLÁN
B.S., The University of Texas at Austin
Ph.D. Program: Molecular and Human Genetics
Advisor: John H. Wilson, Ph.D.
Dissertation: “A Novel Assay for Trinucleotide Repeat Instability”

DOMINIK SATORY
B.S., Nicholas Copernicus University
Ph.D. Program: Molecular and Human Genetics
Advisor: Christophe Herman, Ph.D.
Dissertation: “On Transcription Fidelity”
Brandon Ross Schwechter
B.S., University of Wisconsin – Madison
Ph.D. Program: Neuroscience
Advisor: Kimberley F. Tolias, Ph.D.
Dissertation: “Synaptic Strength Regulation by a Calcium-Sensitive RAC-GEF”

Bryce Avery Seifert
B.S., Clemson University
Ph.D. Program: Molecular and Human Genetics
Advisor: Thomas P. Zwaka, M.D., Ph.D.
Dissertation: “Ronin Mediates DNA Damage Responses in Mouse Embryonic Stem Cells”

Jaturong Sewatanon
M.D., Mahidol University
Ph.D. Program: Molecular Virology and Microbiology
Advisor: Paul D. Ling, Ph.D.
Dissertation: “Gammaherpesvirus Evasion of Promyelocytic Leukemia Protein-Mediated Intrinsic Antiviral Defenses”

Vidya C. Sinha
B.S., The University of Texas at Austin
Ph.D. Program: Molecular and Cellular Biology
Advisor: Yi Li, Ph.D.
Dissertation: “Role of the ARF Tumor Suppressor in Mammary Tumor Initiation and Phenotype”

Manivannan Subramaniyan
M.S., University of Agricultural Sciences – Bangalore
Ph.D. Program: Neuroscience
Advisor: Andreas S. Tolias, Ph.D.
Dissertation: “Encoding of Space During Motion”

Tingting Sun
B.S., Peking University
Ph.D. Program: Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
Advisor: Thomas F. Westbrook, Ph.D.
Dissertation: “PTPN12: A Novel Tumor Suppressor that Inhibits Multiple Proto-Oncogenic Tyrosine Kinases in Breast Cancer”
**Amanda Leigh Thomas**
B.S., M.S., University of North Carolina at Greensboro
Ph.D. Program: Molecular and Human Genetics
Advisor: Herman A. Dierick, M.D.

**Maria Viskovska**
B.S., Brigham Young University
Ph.D. Program: Molecular Virology and Microbiology
Advisor: B.V. V. Prasad, Ph.D.
Dissertation: “Biochemical and Structural Studies of Rotavirus Proteins and Their Interactions During Genome Replication”

**Elizabeth Villegas**
B.S., University of Houston – Downtown
Ph.D. Program: Developmental Biology
Advisor: Jeffrey M. Rosen, Ph.D.
Dissertation: “Plk2 Regulates Mammary Gland Development and is a Putative Tumor Suppressor in Breast Cancer”

**Sompeng Vongpunsawad**
B.S., Wayne State University
Ph.D. Program: Molecular Virology and Microbiology
Advisor: Mary K. Estes, Ph.D.
Dissertation: “Studies of Norovirus Major and Minor Capsid Protein Interactions”

**Brigitta Dewi Wastuwidyantya**
B.S., Nanyang Technological University
Ph.D. Program: Molecular and Human Genetics
Advisor: Jue D. Wang, Ph.D.
Dissertation: “Impact of Gene Orientation on Spontaneous Mutagenesis in Bacillus Subtilis”

**Jaime Marie Williams**
B.S., University of Iowa
Ph.D. Program: Molecular and Human Genetics
Advisor: Alison A. Bertuch, M.D., Ph.D.
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Dissertation: “CRAG is a GEF for RAB11 Required for Transport of Rhodopsin and Maintenance of Adult Photoreceptors”

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The college’s Student Mentor Program began six years ago. This program was designed to create a longitudinal relationship between students and faculty to facilitate academic and personal development throughout medical school. Tonight, the second cohort of students is graduating. The mentors hood their students at graduation as a symbol of the end of their shared medical school journey.

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Chaya Murali

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Baylor College of Medicine Alumni Association Lehmann Outstanding Student Award
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One of the oldest binding documents in history is the Hippocratic Oath. Although it was probably composed over 2000 years ago, its principles are still held sacred by physicians today—treat the sick to the best of one’s ability, preserve patient privacy, and teach medicine principles to the next generation.

The first recorded administration of the Hippocratic Oath in a medical school was at the University of Wittenberg, Germany in 1508. It was first incorporated into the commencement exercises at Montpellier, France in 1804. A survey of U.S. medical schools in 1928 found that only 19% of the medical schools included the oath in their commencement exercises. After World War II, oath taking began to play an increasing part in graduation exercises. Today, nearly every U.S. medical school administers some type of professional oath.

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