MSTP Executive Committee: A Commitment to Educational Excellence

The concept of the MSTP Executive Committee was developed during the last NIH grant renewal. Since the 2003 academic year the committee has worked in partnership with the Directors of the MSTP, Kerry O’Banion, M.D., Ph.D., and Douglas Turner, Ph.D. to define and implement strategies to optimize the education of MSTP students. The committee brings together leaders within the medical school community and includes the Dean of the Medical School, David Guzick, M.D., Ph.D., the Senior Associate Dean of Graduate Studies, Paul LaCelle, M.D., the Senior Associate Dean for Clinical Research, Tom Pearson, M.D., Ph.D., the Senior Associate Dean for Basic Research, and the Associate Dean for Undergraduate Medical Education, David Lambert, M.D. The committee is co-chaired by Regis O’Keefe, M.D., Ph.D. and Mark Taubman, M.D. and includes Vincent Fong and Adam Dziorny as the MSTP student council representatives as well as leaders of key departments and research centers. The following link on the MSTP website provides the full committee membership. http://www.urmc.edu/smd/mstp/program/committees.cfm

Combining Ph.D. research training with medical education presents special challenges since both programs have unique requirements but share a similar goal to improve the understanding, diagnosis, and management of patients with medical diseases. Members of the Executive Committee meet on a bimonthly basis to discuss the MSTP admissions process, curriculum, mentoring programs, and other issues. A particular focus of the committee has been to facilitate development of a unique MSTP educational track that allows students to efficiently integrate the strengths of both the medical and graduate school educational programs. The involvement of medical school leaders in this process has facilitated the ongoing evolution and development of the MSTP.

A key component of the success of the Executive Committee and MSTP program has been the strong commitment of the Medical School Dean, Dr. David Guzick. With Dean Guzick’s leadership the MSTP has grown to approximately 8 students per year. This has allowed the program to develop a strong independent identity. In select medical school courses MSTP students come together in specialized problem based learning (PBL) groups and take a more scientific approach to clinical problems. The Executive Committee has worked to develop a seamless transition between medical school and graduate school educational programs so as to meet the unique needs of MSTP students. Potential overlapping courses or excessive requirements have been addressed. Since the MSTP involves extraordinary student commitment, advancement of students through the program is followed to ensure adequate progress. Finally, the re-integration of students into the medical
school curriculum has been made more efficient following completion of the Ph.D. degree.

In conclusion, the MSTP Executive Committee clearly embodies the University of Rochester’s extraordinary commitment for training of outstanding clinician-scientists. The committee remains focused on continued progress towards becoming one of the finest training programs in the United States.

**Calendar of Events:**

**January 11-12, 2007**
- Interview Date

**January 18-19**
- Interview Date

**February 8-9**
- Interview Date

**January 15**
- Spring Seminar Series: Tomas Ganz, M.D., Ph.D., Professor of Medicine and Pathology, UCLA; Director, Will Rogers Pulmonary Research Institute

**January-February**
- Annual MSTP Ski Day, Bristol Mountain
- First Annual MSTP Curling “Competition”

**March 30-31**
- Annual MSTP Revisit for accepted applicants

**March-April**
- Annual trip to Maple Tree Inn for pancakes & maple syrup tasting
- Annual MSTP Graduation Party

**May 15**
- AAMC Deadline for applicants holding multiple acceptances

**May 18**
- School of Medicine Commencement

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**Birth Announcements**

The MSTP is proud to announce that we had FOUR births this semester! Congratulations to Kate, Matt and Thad on the birth of their first-born babies and to Chris on his THIRD child.

Matt Bellizzi (M4) and wife Kellin King (M’04; currently in third year residency in medicine/pediatrics) became the proud parents of Braden Forrester Bellizzi on 11/12/06. Coincidentally, they were at Highland Hospital at the same time as Thad Carlson and wife Neva!

Nathaniel Rocco Carlson was born on 11/13/06, one day after Matt Bellizzi’s baby! Proud papa is Thad Carlson, a G5 in Microbiology & Immunology in Dr. Ben Segal’s lab and ecstatic mama is Neva Corbo-Hudak.
Birth Announcements, Con't.

Kate Eisenberg (G2 in Epidemiology; E. vanWijngaarden, PhD., advisor) and husband Aaron announced the arrival of their beautiful girl Dylan Blumkin on 8/31/06. Dog Snuffy is very proud too!

Chris Richardson (G2 in microbiology & immunology; Ignacio Sanz, M.D., advisor) and wife Emily are proud to announce the birth of their THIRD child, Lindsay Marie Richardson born September 26, 2006. Hope you’re getting some sleep, Chris & Emily!

Wedding Announcements

Babak Razavi, G5 in biomedical engineering (Gary Paige, M.D., Ph.D., advisor) and Anne Moys tied the knot on June 23, 2006 in lovely Glen Iris Inn, Letchworth State Park, the site of many MSTP annual retreats! Anne is a medical physicist working for Siemens Oncology Care Systems (near San Francisco) as a product manager. She is in charge of a linear accelerator used to treat tumors. Best wishes, Babak and Anne!

Engagements

Abdallah Bitar (G2 in chemistry; Alison Frontier, Ph.D., advisor) became engaged to Zouha Bittar (with 2 t’s). Zouha lives in Little Falls, NJ, with her family (originally from Homs, Syria) where she attends Montclair University and is working on a B.S. in educational mathematics to become a teacher. Abdallah reports “We have not yet set a date for the wedding but we hope to get married in 2008.”
**Past Events**

Sol Shaftel (G5 in neurobiology & anatomy) and Thad Carlson (G5 in microbiology & immunology) were among 25 MD/PhD students worldwide selected to receive travel scholarships to present at the “Days in Molecular Medicine Conference” in Stockholm, Sweden in May, 2006.

MSTP students, staff and faculty had a splendid day on 8/11/06 at the annual Retreat held at beautiful Casa Larga Winery in Perinton, NY. Nina Schor, M.D., Ph.D., the new Chair of Pediatrics was our keynote speaker. The 7 incoming students were introduced and welcomed (see Page 7); student research presentations were given, and students elected council positions for the coming year. A fun-filled trivia contest left us all knowing much more about each other than perhaps we wanted to (too much information?)! The day wrapped up at Mendon Ponds Park with a scrumptious BBQ.

Five MSTP students and our MSTP Director attended the annual National MD/PhD Program Student Conference in Keystone, Colorado July 7-9.

On September 25, the Fall ’06 MSTP Seminar Series kicked off. Three “elder” MSTP students: Candace Gildner (G2 in BME; D. Hocking, Ph.D., advisor), Kuei Lim (M4) and Sol Shaftel (G5 in neurobiology & anatomy; K. O’Banion/J. Olschowka, co-advisors) discussed the “transition points” between medical and graduate school and how they survived them.

On October 16, Brad Berk, M.D., Ph.D., esteemed alumnus of the MSTP and new Senior Vice President for Health Sciences and Chief Executive Officer of the medical center spoke at the second seminar of the Fall Seminar Series. His talk focused on balancing the three roles of physician, scientist and administrator.
October 10 and 11, the MSTP hosted Drs. Toshiaki Tamaki, Shoji Kagami and Masashi Akaike from the MD/PhD Program at the Tokushima University in Tokyo, Japan. They had requested to see how our MD/PhD Program operates and gain insight into how their Program may be improved. They met with Dr. O’Banion, as well as faculty associated with the MSTP and had lunch with a group of current MSTP students (see photo above) to share training experiences.

The Annual MSTP Wine-Tasting/Hiking Trip was held on October 14. A bus was rented and 30 students, spouses and friends had a great day hiking in Watkins Glen State Park as well as tasting wine at 3 different vineyards on Seneca Lake in the Finger Lakes area.

The final seminar of the Fall Series was presented on November 6 by Regis O’Keefe, M.D., Ph.D., Professor of Orthopaedics, Associate Chair for Academic Affairs and Chair of the MSTP Executive Committee. Dr. O’Keefe spoke on “Life as a Clinician-Scientist in Orthopaedic Surgery”.

MSTP Holiday Party was hosted by Cathy Senecal-Rice (MSTP Administrator) at her home on December 15, 2006. The potluck dinner allowed everyone to enjoy homemade cooking, as well as lasagna and other entrees from Wegman’s. A game called “Gift Exchange” was played by those who brought a wrapped mysterious gift. The board game “Operation” was quite popular, as seen in the photos below. Ana Tablante’s pet hedgehog ‘Aspen’ joined in the fun. In celebration of Hanukkah, Anat Kohn brought sumptuous potato latkes to share (her mother’s recipe).
Welcome!
MST Program Entering Class of 2006

Seven new MSTP students entered the first year medical school class in August, 2006.

Laura Fornarola graduated with a B.S. in chemistry from University of Rochester in May, 2006, so didn’t go far from home! Laura worked for two summers as an undergraduate in the laboratory of Professor Robert Boeckman, Chair of Chemistry and has also been involved in a chemistry outreach program for high school and middle school students in the community.

Anat Kohn also received a B.S. from University of Rochester, but in 2004 in the field of molecular genetics. Anat was born in Israel, but grew up in New Jersey. She did a cell biology/stem cell research internship with Johnson & Johnson and worked in the department of Cell Biology & Neuroscience at the W.M. Keck Center for Collaborative Neuroscience.

Daniel Marker completed a B.S. at Clarkson University in biomolecular science in 2006. He started his training early by being admitted to the GEBS summer program in Dr. Sanjay Maggiwar’s lab in 2005. He also did a lab rotation in the summer of 2006 after acceptance to the MSTP with Handy (Harris) Gelbard, M.D., Ph.D., Professor of Neurology and Pediatrics.

Rebekkah Matheson comes to us from Salt Lake City, Utah where she attended Brigham Young University, receiving a B.S. in biophysics and neuroscience in 2006. Rebekkah received the honor of being selected from undergraduates, graduate and medical students, as well as medical residents for the prestigious Mallinckrodt Institute of Radiology Summer Research Fellowship at Washington University in the summer of 2005.

Scott Peslak is from Pennsylvania, graduating in 2006 with a B.S. in biochemistry and philosophy from University of Scranton. Scott, like Dan Marker, also did a summer lab rotation upon acceptance to the MSTP with James Palis, M.D., Professor of Pediatrics (Hematology/Oncology) in the Center for Human Genetics. Scott is also an accomplished musician who plays jazz trumpet and bass vocalist, as well as piano accompanist. He’ll be a great addition to Music Night where first-year students perform!

Imran Punekar hails from Saudi Arabia where he was born, then subsequently moved to England, NYC, then settled in Pennsylvania, his current residence. He received a prestigious Fulbright Scholarship in 2005 to conduct research on cultural competence in health care in the United Arab Emirates (UAE).

Joanna Touger is a 2004 graduate of Williams College, majoring in biology. After graduation, she worked at UCSF in a pulmonology lab studying the role of mast cells in the innate immune response to bacterial lung infections. The following year she applied and was admitted to the UR graduate school, completing her first lab rotation with Stephen Dewhurst, Ph.D. in microbiology & immunology. With one year of graduate school under her belt, she is well on the way toward obtaining both degrees!
STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS

Solomon (Sol) Shaftel (G5 in Neurobiology and Anatomy; J. Olschowka/K. O’Banion, co-advisors) grew up in Rochester, attended Brighton High School, and graduated from Binghamton University in 1999 with a degree in Biology. Before entering the MST Program, Sol’s research experiences included the use of camel milk to treat diabetes in nomadic tribes of Israel’s Negev desert, studies of predator avoidance strategies of the eastern spotted newt, and development of novel cancer vaccines as a research technician at the local biotechnology company Vaccinex. Soon after entering the MSTP in 2000, Sol grew fascinated with the structure and function of the nervous system, and eventually settled down in the laboratories of John Olschowka and our co-director Kerry O’Banion. Sol’s research focuses on the contribution of inflammation to the pathogenesis of Alzheimer’s disease, and specifically on the function of the pro-inflammatory cytokine Interleukin-1β. While in the graduate portion of his studies, Sol has enjoyed being a teaching assistant in the first year medical student gross anatomy course, and has had the opportunity to present his research in such exotic locales as Stockholm, Sweden. He plans to defend his thesis this winter before re-entering the 3rd year medical school class in Spring, 2007.

In addition to being a professional student, Sol enjoys playing several instruments and listening to music, cooking, traveling and spending time with his beautiful, intelligent dog, Jazzmine (shown below). After completion of the MD/PhD program, Sol hopes to pursue a combined clinical and research based career in Anesthesia or Radiology.
HONORS AND AWARDS

Kerry O’Banion, M.D., Ph.D., Director of the MSTP was elected as a Steering Committee member for the MD/PhD Program Section of the GREAT (Graduate Research, Education and Training) Group, a national organization affiliated with the American Association of Medical Colleges (AAMC). The following link provides more specific information on this group. 
http://www.aamc.org/members/great/mdphd/start.htm

Tara Arndt (M3) successfully defended her thesis on “Eyeblink Conditioning in Autism and Fetal Valproate Syndrome” on October 3, 2006. Tara’s Ph.D. is in Toxicology (Department of Environmental Medicine) and she studied in the laboratory of Patricia Rodier, Ph.D., Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

Abdallah Bitar (G2 in chemistry) received the Sherman Clarke Fellowship from the Department of Chemistry on 8/18/06. Alison Frontier, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Chemistry is Abdallah’s advisor. The Fellowship is given on the basis of overall performance in the Chemistry Department (research, teaching, and coursework performance). Congratulations, Abdallah!

Yasser Elshatory (G2 in neuroscience) presented his thesis proposal on 12/14/06; the title is “Islet-1 as a regulator of ON & OFF visual pathway development and cholinergic phenotype expression”.

Christine Gorman Zanghi (M3) also successfully defended on 9/29/06 in the Microbiology & Immunology Graduate Program. Under the guidance of Professor of Microbiology & Immunology, Steve Dewhurst, Ph.D., Christine’s thesis title was “Design of a New Lambda Bacteriophage Vector System: Rational Improvement of Phage-Mediated Gene Transfer in Mammalian Cells Through Multiple Modifications to the Phage Surface”.

PUBLICATIONS


MD/PhD Alumni – Let us hear from you.

Our goal is to hear something from each graduate of the program. When we hear from you we will boldly grow. We need current e-mail addresses for names in RED. Please contact Cathy Senecal-Rice, Administrator, MD/PhD Program at: cathy_senecalrice@URMC.Rochester.edu

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Kenny, Alan, M.D. 2002, Ph.D. 2000
Kim, James, M.D. 1999
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Massa, Stephen M., M.D. 1984
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Maytin, Edward V., M.D. 1984
McAdam, Alexander J., M.D. 1995, Ph.D. 1994
Mendelsohn, Steven L., M.D., Ph.D. 1978
Mendler, Jason, M.D. 2005, Ph.D. 2003
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Podell, David N., M.D., Ph.D. 1980
Profenno, Louis M., M.D. 1999
Proweller, Aaron, M.D., Ph.D. 1998
Querfurth, Henry W., M.D., Ph.D. 1983
Ribes, Julie A., M.D., Ph.D. 1990
Richards, Julie M. 2004, Ph.D. 2002
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Rodas, Ricardo, M.D. 2005, Ph.D. 2003
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Alumni News

Thank you to everyone who responded to our plea to contact us. Feel free to keep us up-to-date. Enjoy reading about your fellow alumni. We hope to hear from many more. Please send correspondence to: cathy_senecalrice@urmc.rochester.edu

Mark Burkard, M.D.’02 Ph.D.’00 and wife, Karina (Ph.D. in microbiology & immunology ’01) have three beautiful children: Nathaniel (5), Theodore (15 mo.), and Samantha (3). Recently, they took a summer vacation in the Adirondak Mountains and Mark said “they had fun with their cousins with the exception of Teddy who prefers hanging out with mom”. They reside in New York City where Mark is a Fellow in Medical Oncology at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center. He reports that 10% of his time is spent in clinical work and 90% in research studying mitotic kinases as potential cancer drug targets.

Robert A. Colbert, M.D.’87, Ph.D.’86 is Professor of Pediatrics and Director of the Division of Rheumatology at Cincinnati Children’s Hospital Medical Center in Cincinnati, OH. Dr. Colbert is also, coincidentally, Associate Director of the Physician Scientist (MD/PhD) Training Program! He describes his work as: immunopathogenesis and early diagnosis of juvenile and adult onset spondyloarthritis. He is married to Melissa C. Colbert.

Tucker Collins, M.D. ’81, Ph.D.’81 is Professor and Chair of the Department of Pathology at Children’s Hospital in Boston, MA. He describes the nature of his work: “Our basic research work is focused on understanding gene expression. The C2H2 finger has emerged as the classical zinc finger and is found in 2% of all human genes.” He is married to spouse Mary Whitley and has one daughter, Caroline, age 13. For relaxation, he enjoys sailing his boat offshore.
Willis Huang, M.D. ’05, Ph.D. ’03 recently wrote about life in California where he is currently doing a residency in diagnostic radiology at UCLA. He says “UCLA and Southern California has been like a “dream”. Radiology is tremendously fun and pretty much what I had expected it to be, while Southern Cali has the most incredible weather ever. I just ran outside today, and it was 71 degrees, and I was in shorts and a T-shirt, in sunshine. And it’s supposed to stay near that range for the entire winter. As expected, I’m finally giving a dedicated long-term effort to trying to qualify for the Boston Marathon, so all I’ve been doing really is running, studying, and seeing Jane - and it's been great!

Jeffrey Junig, M.D. ’88, Ph.D.’87 updates us: “I completed residency at the University of Pennsylvania in Anesthesiology in 1992. I worked in private practice for about ten years, and was Chief of Anesthesia at St. Agnes Hospital, Fond du Lac Wisconsin, for most of that time. In 2003 I returned to residency in Psychiatry at the Medical College of Wisconsin. During that time I began writing for Psychiatric Times, first in a quarterly resident’s column, and now in a column called ‘Starting Out’. I also wrote a couple small entries for a book entitled ‘The Encyclopedia on Aging’, and I have published a couple case reports. I completed residency several months ago, and now have a private practice. I also teach medical students in a Problem-Based Learning block, and run a ‘Transition to Practice’ course for psychiatry residents. I have been offered an appointment with the Medical College and am awaiting confirmation at this time. I always felt a bit bad that I did not pursue academics, as I had planned early in the program. I wanted you to know that academics eventually found me, and I am putting my neuroscience training, anesthesia experience, and psychiatric training to good use in teaching and patient care.”

Robert Lerner, M.D.’77, Ph.D.’78 reports that he is Clinical Associate Professor of Radiology at Rochester Radiology Associates, PC in Rochester, NY. They focus on Diagnostic and Interventional Radiology with special emphasis using ultrasound. On a personal level, he and wife Ellen have five children: Chad 29, Seth 27, Dennily 25, Shaina 22 Evan 20 and are “encouraging them to make their way in this complex world” Dr. Lerner states “I recently attended a dinner in Providence, Rhode Island to honor Professor Edwin Carstensen who has been one of my great mentors at the University of Rochester. He was being celebrated by the Acoustical Society of America for his contributions to biomedical ultrasound and many of his former students and colleagues were in attendance and presenting papers”.

Andrew H. Lichtman, M.D.’81, Ph.D.’81 is Associate Professor of Pathology at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston. Dr. Lichtman indicates “My laboratory research concerns the immunopathology of cardiovascular disease, with NIH funded research projects focused on the regulation of T cell responses in atherosclerosis, and the mechanism of T cell trafficking and T cell mediated inflammatory events in the heart. Dr. Lichtman’s spouse is Sheila A. Leavitt; the couple has four children: Eben 22; Areilla 20; Amos 18; Ezra 13 who are involved with music, travel, political activism, hiking, photography, and sports

Stephen Massa, M.D.’84; Ph.D.’84 is currently Assistant Professor of Neurology, but awaiting promotion to Associate Professor at SFVAMC and UCSF in San Francisco, CA. Current research interests include: 1) study of polyglutamine expanded protein synthesis, with an eye towards identifying targets that may be selectively disrupted and 2) computational chemistry and drug discovery, particularly in the area
of neurotrophins and their receptors. He and spouse Lorraine Massa, M.D. have two children Nick, 14 and Felicity, 11.

Alexander McAdam, M.D.'95, Ph.D.'94 reports when asked to describe the nature of his work: “I'm the medical director of the Infectious Diseases Diagnostic Division at Children’s Hospital Boston and an assistant professor of pathology at Harvard Medical School. I do research on respiratory viruses and antibiotic resistance. In addition, I'm a co-director of the Immunology, Microbiology and Infectious Diseases course for first year medical students (along with Andy Lichtman, another UR MD-PhD grad).”

Michael Nead, M.D.'99, Ph.D.'99 is currently senior instructor in medicine at University of Rochester School of Medicine. He is primarily teaching and doing clinical work. During his fellowship, he worked on mouse models of interstitial lung disease and a related translational project.

Minh-Doan Nguyen, M.D. ‘02, Ph.D.’00 is doing a plastic surgery residency at the University of Illinois in Springfield, Illinois. Doan reports that Springfield is a very quiet community compared to lively Rochester! She hopes to have time to start training soon for a 5K race and is a fan of Grey’s Anatomy, the popular t.v. show about residency life, which she claims is nothing like “real” residency life!

Julie Richards, M.D.’04, Ph.D.’02 is currently in a pediatric residency at Oregon Health & Science University in Portland, Oregon. Julie and husband Steve Gunzler are enjoying life with their adorable one year old daughter, Miss Alison Jane Gunzler.

Randy Rosier, M.D.’78, Ph.D.’78, Professor of Orthopaedics at University of Rochester School of Medicine plans to oversee the $7.8 million Center of Research Translation (CORT) grant recently received by the Orthopaedics Department from the National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases, as well as play an active role in the new $40 million Clinical and Translational Science Institute.

Sean Scully, M.D.’86, Ph.D.’85 is Professor of Medicine at Miller School of Medicine/University of Miami in Miami, FL. He is married to spouse Kristi Scully and has two children Patrick and Collin. Dr. Scully enjoys boating and fishing in his spare time.

We hope you have enjoyed reading about your fellow alumni and current MD/PhD students. We thank everyone who wrote and sent in pictures and hope it will inspire others to do the same. If you would like to communicate with any of your fellow alumni, please send an email with the name of the person to Cathy Senecal-Rice: cathy_senecalrice@urmc.rochester.edu. This may be an avenue for current MD/PhD Program students to network with alumni that have a common interest. In this way, privacy is
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