UC Senior Residents
Drs. Lifang Liu, Wei Liu, and Divya Sharma pose in front of the wet heme round pictionary.

UCMC 2016 Graduating Seniors

We’d like to say farewell and best of luck to our 2016 graduating seniors who will be moving on to the next stage in their careers. We have learned so much from them in the time they have been here at the UCMC Pathology Department. We have watched them grow personally and professionally. Their last day is Friday June 24th, please wish them the best of luck, we will miss them! Before they go, we wish to share a little about each of them.

Research
Congratulations to Dr. Patrick Tso, director of UC’s Lipid Biology Group, for being selected to receive the Obesity Metabolism and Nutrition Research Mentor Award from the American Gastrological Association.

Birthdays
• Ayumi Deeny – May 21st
• Divya Sharma – June 6th
• Geri Mitchell – June 10th
• Debbie Ward – June 12th
• Shagufta Khan – June 29th

Employment Changes
• Welcome Jennifer Adcock and Geri Mitchell, our newest lab techs!
• Ayumi Deeny’s last day at UC will be July 20th.

Department Activities
• Lab week was a huge success! Check out the “Lab Week Wrap Up” box on page 5 for the full story!
Dr. Divya Sharma

Dr. Sharma is originally from Kolkata, West Bengal, India. She completed her medical school at College of Medical Sciences in Nepal, then completed an anatomic pathology residency in Kasturba Medical College in Mangalore, Karnataka, India. In 2009, Dr. Sharma moved to Rochester, NY, where she married Dr. Niraj Upadhayay, who practices internal medicine at St. Elizabeth Hospital, Kentucky. Their son, Naman was born August 2015. Dr. Sharma will be entering a 1-year, GI/Liver fellowship at Indiana University in Indianapolis. Upon completion of her fellowship, she would like to return to the Cincinnati area for permanent employment.

Dr. Wei Liu

Dr. Liu is originally from Guangzhou, China. He completed his medical school training at Henan Medical University in 2000. He then attained an MS in oncological surgical pathology at Zhongshan Medical University in 2003. He subsequently worked in the department of pathology at Guangdong Provincial Hospital. In 2011, he completed a doctoral program at the University of Cincinnati department of Molecular and Developmental Biology under the direction of Dr. Yi Zheng. Dr. Liu is married to Mrs. Chang Xiao, a clinical trial manager, and has 2 daughters, Arianna and Evelyn. After graduating from residency, Dr. Liu will be returning to China for 2 years to practice as a general surgical pathologist.

Dr. Lifang Liu

Dr. Liu is originally from Hubei, China. She completed her medical school training at Tongji Medical University as well as an MS in pathology in 2003. She then completed a postdoctoral research fellowship at the University of Louisville, in 2005. Dr. Liu is the youngest of three sisters and she has family who reside in Canada. Dr. Liu plans to pursue a career in surgical pathology.

Academic Year-End Activities

As the 2015-2016 academic year came to a close, the pathology department celebrated with several department-wide activities and gatherings. Thank you to everyone who was able to attend any of these functions, and special thanks to the people who planned and organized the events.
Fun and Games
Dr. Ben Criss, and his wife Natalie play a game at Dave & Busters.

On June 11 members of the department and their families gathered at Dave & Buster’s restaurant in Springdale, Ohio to socialize, eat, and test their skills at the variety of arcade games.

Award Presentation
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The residents pose with Dr. Qualtieri and their gross items.

Dr. Qualtieri helped celebrate the end of the academic year by leading her annual mystery item gross conference on June 14. Each resident was given a surprise object to describe. This was a fun way to wind down the year, as well as a great exercise in thinking outside the box.

A reception was held at the hospital on June 15 in honor of the graduating senior class of pathology residents. A farewell presentation was given, and awards were presented to residents and faculty.

Dr. Matthew Roesch is most interested in hematopathology and molecular genetics. He studied medicine at the Ohio University Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine in Athens, Ohio. Dr. Roesch previously spent time in Cincinnati as an undergrad studying philosophy and bioethics, and working as a research assistant for Drs. Broderick and Samy. Dr. Roesch has also been a teacher and a professional musician. He is joined in Cincinnati by his wife and young children.
Dr. Benjamin Graham is an incoming PGY-1 who is interested in surgical pathology. He attended St. George’s University School of Medicine in Grenada after earning his Bachelor’s degree in biology from Barry University in Miami, Florida. Dr. Graham enjoys music and foreign languages.

Dr. Pooja Agarwal is a pathologist who is open to various subspecialties. She graduated from the Terna Medical College in India, and then completed a two-year AP residency in India prior to joining her husband in Cincinnati for his medical fellowship five years ago. In her free time Dr. Agarwal enjoys dancing and hiking.

Micro Scoops

- We’d like to congratulate Dr. and Mrs. Crutchfield on the arrival of Crosby Crutchfield on June 2nd!
- Congratulations to Jim Hill on the arrival of his granddaughter, Sylvia Rose, on May 4th!
- July marks the 5 year anniversary of the AP Pathology Lab reopening!
- Congratulations to Drs. Benjamin Criss and Randall Butler on receiving the Roger Smith Award for their project “Patient outcome for Mammary Analog Secretory Carcinoma of the Salivary Gland: A Ten-Year Retrospective Analysis.”
- Congratulations to Todd Spille on getting married May 22nd!
- Tumor Bank has-purchased an automated tissue microarray (TMA) instrument and high-resolution digital slide scanner.
- Dr. Meggan Peak is working on a microbial epidemiology project in which she will be performing whole genome sequencing on several isolates of *Stenotrophomonas maltophilia*.

- Prospective Department Chair Second Visits:
  - Dr. Dani Zander of Penn State presented a lecture on “Strategic Planning for Pathology: National Agendas and Directions”.
  - Dr. Ila Singh of Mount Sinai presented a lecture on “A Systematic Approach to Test Utilization Management”.
  - Dr. Xiao-Ming Yin of Indiana University presented a lecture on “Application of Next Generation Sequencing in Clinical Laboratories”.

- The following residents have had their abstracts accepted to the annual CAP conference this year:
  - Meggan Peak and Ben Criss
  - Annie Laib
  - Sujal Shah and Ben Criss
  - Nives Zimmermann
    - Zimmermann N, Baker M, Smith R. “Late Sequel of Childhood Kawasaki Disease.”
    - Zimmermann N, Smith M. “Romiplostim-Induced Atypical Megakaryocytic Hyperplasia Simulating Myeloproliferative-Myelodysplastic Neoplasm.”
  - Histology is working on bringing in a new TdT antibody online in which expression is seen in over 90% of acute lymphoblastic lymphoma/ leukemia cases.
A recent update of the WHO classification of myeloid neoplasms and acute leukemia has recently been published.

There has been a reclassification of Encapsulated Follicular Variant of Papillary Thyroid Carcinoma.

Recent Research Publications

Dr. Jiang Wang
- Epithelial regeneration after gastric ulceration causes prolonged cell type alterations.
- Hepatic Deficiency of Augmenter of Liver Regeneration Exacerbates Alcohol-Induced Liver Injury and Promotes Fibrosis in Mice.

Dr. Nives Zimmermann
- Cyclophilin D Regulates Necrosis But Not Apoptosis of Murine Eosinophils.

Dr. H. Yang
- Prevalence of High risk Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) Infection in China: analysis of 589,033 HPV test results from China’s largest College of American Pathologists (CAP) certified laboratory.
- Elective central node dissection: Comparison of open to minimally invasive video-assisted approach.
- Prevalence of High-Risk Human Papillomavirus Infection in China. Analysis of 671,163 Human Papillomavirus Test Results from China’s Largest College of American Pathologists-Certified Laboratory.

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Newsletter Committee:

Employee Spotlight: Cara Conley

- Where are you from: Cumming, GA
- How many siblings: 1 younger sister
- Hobbies: Cooking, hiking, sewing, and playing with animals
- What brought you to Cincinnati: Friends
- Past employment: Restaurant head hostess/server/secretary in various medical offices.
- What ultimate career goals: Masters in linguistics/library science
- What’s your favorite aspect of pathology: Helping people, a lot to learn

Sujal’s Corner
The biggest problem with corners, really, is that they’re not round. There’s just something majestic about their rounded counterparts - something that is missing when you have a sharp, pain-inducing corner. And let’s not even talk about the fact that when people are being chased, they decide to run INTO a corner. Way to go. Now you just trapped yourself. The ‘flight’ part of the response has let you down - hopefully you’re ready to ‘fight’ now.

Lab Week Wrap Up
Lab week was a huge success - and in what can only be seen as a good outcome, no one was injured by flying scalpel blades. In fact, the greatest injuries suffered were those to certain people’s egos as they failed time and time again to get that small ball in the cup. Everyone went home a winner, thanks to the ‘everyone wins raffle.’ So congratulations to everyone! But beyond that, a certain few people deserve recognition for coming out on top of the many events that took place during the week.

First and foremost, Mr. Hill. It wasn’t a competition, but his French toast breakfast was a huge hit with everyone. Dr. Khan, whose noodles were voted the best of the entrants in the Noodle Contest. Gina, who got hole-in-ones from the furthest distance - twice, if we remember correctly. Emily, who apparently pays a lot of attention to everyone’s noses. Dr. Criss, whose “gallStonehenge” won the Art in Pathology competition - and made us all want to escape away to Europe. Congratulations to all of you on your skills/talents (as creepy as they may be), and better luck to everyone else for next year!