



Chemistry-Biology Interface Program

Congratulations to the 2010 CBI Trainees!

Lawrence Borketey (Chemistry – Schnarr Lab)
Fabian Romano Chernac (Molecular & Cellular Biology – Heuck Lab)
Mariel Feliciano (Chemistry – Chambers Lab)
David Griffin (Chemical Engineering – Bhatia Lab)
Adriana Zeledon Kita (Molecular & Cellular Biology – Kaltashov Lab)
Seena Koshy (Chemistry – Thompson Lab)
Yadilette Rivera Colon (Molecular & Cellular Biology – Garman Lab)
David Solfiell (Chemistry – Rotello Lab)
Whitney Stoppel (Chemical Engineering – Roberts Lab)
Johan Sunryd (Molecular & Cellular Biology – Hebert Lab)

[Learn more about the CBI trainees and their research](#)

The call for nominations for new trainees will be announced in early November, so make sure you're up to date with the [CBI requirements](#) and [Status Report](#).

CBI got positive reviews from the **NIH Site Visit** May 19, 2010! Thanks to all the students, faculty and administrators who participated in the visit, and showed what a great program we have!

Thanks also to the students who helped organize [Careers at the Interfaces of Engineering, Physical and Life Sciences](#), held May 18 in the ISB. This career exploration event featured individual talks, an intimate lunch, a



panel discussion and reception with:

Judith C. Giordan, Director, VentureWell; Senior Advisor NCIIA
Catherine Goodman, UMass Alumna, Senior Editor, *Nature Chemical Biology*
Robert L. Lichter, Principal, Merrimack Consultants, LLC
Dmitry Samarsky, UMass Alumnus, VP, Technology Development, RxiPharmaceuticals
Upma Sharma, Manager, Materials Science & Engineering, Arsenal Medical, Inc.
Rosemary Turingan, UMass Alumna, Lead Scientist, NetBio

The [BMB/BMP/CBI Joint Retreat](#) was another successful event this year, with talks given by Sravanti Vaidya (Hardy Lab), Natalie Wayne (Bolon Lab), Fabian Romano Chernac (Heuck Lab), Sagar Kathuria (Matthews



Lab), Daniel Kita (Cheung Lab), Jay Sage (Knight Lab), Ja-Hyoung Ryu (Thai Lab), Inna Shcherbakova (Moore Lab), and 50 posters presented! Congratulations to the poster winners, Daniel Keifenheim, Kristina Moody Giorda, Tina T. Nguyen and Satamita Samanta, and to the volleyball champs on the Garman/Vachet team!



Dr. Robert A. Weinberg (Member, Whitehead Institute; Director, MIT Ludwig Center for Cancer Research; Professor of Biology, MIT) has accepted Charley Swofford's invitation to be the next **CBI Student Invited Seminar** speaker! Be sure to check out his seminar, co-hosted by MCB, on April 5, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. in 222 Morrill II.

The **Ice Cream Social** is Tuesday, August 17th at the volleyball courts near the dorms on N. Pleasant St. Winners of the Chalk Talk contests for best Student Presentation and Press Release will be announced!

Chalk Talk students and CBI trainees created **CBI Molecules** to showcase their research molecules on the web at Proteopedia. Some of these molecules are featured on the ISB Molecular Playground. Don't forget to check the copyright credits on your CBI molecules by August 27th to be eligible for the jmol and proteopedia page prizes, to be announced at the first Chalk Talk of the fall semester!

Vanessa Mendoza, Sravanti Vaidya and Elih Velazquez are the latest recipients of the **CBI travel award** for the Pittcon, Protein Society and SACNAS conferences!

Congratulations to the students who completed all the CBI requirements and defended within the past academic year:

Mona Gupta • Zimmermann Lab • September 2009
Abby Guce • Garman Lab • September 2009
Brad Pearse • Hebert Lab • September 2009
Virginie Sjoelund • Kaltashov Lab • September 2009
Dan Fowler • Thompson Lab • January 2010
Andrea Gomez Escudero • Vachet Lab • August 2010
Vanessa Mendoza • Vachet Lab • August 2010

[See a complete list of the CBI Alumni, and where they are now](#)

