

## CBI News, August 2011

### *The CBI NIH grant was officially renewed, with an increase in trainee slots!*

The award reflects the intention of scaling the number of NIH-funded trainees from the standard 5 slots awarded in prior years to 6 this year, 7 the two following years, and then 8 the two subsequent years. This is the first time the grant has been approved with an increase in slots, and in the face of budgetary limitations, so it is obvious that the NIH reviewers recognize the strength of our program!

### *Congratulations to the new CBI Trainees!*

- **Nicholas Borotto** – Vachet Group
- **Mylene Ferrolino** – Gierasch Group
- **John Hangasky** – Knapp Group
- **Joanne Lau** – Chien Group
- **Luis Ramirez-Tapia** – Martin Group

*A Call for Nominations  
for the next round of  
trainees will be issued  
later this year!*

### *Career Exploration Event - The First Five Years: What to Expect?*



The student Planning Committee organized a tremendously successful Career Exploration Event, held July 13, 2011. The second annual career event was attended by about 100 graduate students and postdocs in the engineering and life sciences. [Agenda](#) and [bio sketches](#) for the Industry and Academic Panelists.

### *CBI Student Volunteers*

Thank you for your contributions to the CBI courses and events over the past year!

**Nick Borotto** (Ice Cream Social); **Mylene Ferrolino** and **Johan Sunryd** (CBI Student Seminar); **Lawrence Borketey** and **Daniella Gonzalez** (Chalk Talks); **Nick Borotto**, **Mylene Ferrolino**, **Cristina Martin** and **Kristine Faye Pobre** (Molecule Workshops and Review); **Charley Swofford** (CBI Student-Invited Seminar Host)

### *CBI/BMB/BMP Joint Retreat on June 17, 2011 in Shrewsbury*

Congratulations to **Yadilette Rivera-Colón** (Garman Lab) and **Elih M. Velazquez-Delgado** (Hardy Lab) for their award-winning posters, and thanks to **Whitney Stoppel** (Roberts Lab), **Kristina Moody Giorda** (Hebert Lab), **Subinoy Rana** (Rotello Lab) and **Ivan Budyak** (Gierasch Lab) for their excellent talks!

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

**Rob Smock** • Gierasch Lab • August 2011  
**Witold Witkowski** • Hardy Lab • April 2011  
**Siriporn Jiwpanich** • Thai Lab • February 2011  
**Fe Consolacion** • Thompson Lab • January 2011  
**Sravanti Vaidya** • Hardy Lab • January 2011  
**Ankit Vahia** • Martin Lab • November 2010

**Going to a conference?**  
 Don't forget to submit a [Travel Grant Application](#).  
 And if you want to do some networking, you can now [request CBI business cards](#).

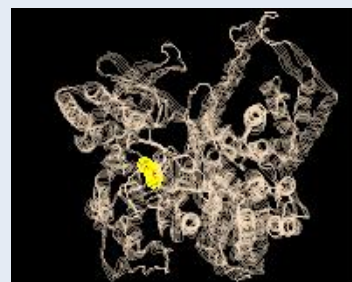
**Save the Date!** October 18, 2011  
 Student-Invited Seminar  
 featuring [Robert Weinberg](#) (MIT)  
 hosted by Charley Swofford

There was a record turn-out at the Ice Cream Social on July 28<sup>th</sup>!



Congratulations to the recipients of the 2011 CBI Awards in Scientific Communication:

- **Best Chalk Talk Presentation**  
[Charley Swofford](#)
- **Best Chalk Talk Press Releases**  
[David Griffin](#) – *Novel Biocomposite Materials*  
[Adriana Kita](#) – *Method for continuous monitoring of protein biopharmaceuticals for disulfide scrambling*  
[Fabian Romano Chernac](#) – *A biochemical/biophysical approach toward understanding the insertion and assembly of PopB and PopD*
- **Best CBI Molecules**  
(Thanks to the Camille & Henry Dreyfus Foundation "Molecular Playground" grant for support)  
[Joanne Lau](#) – *Hexameric ClpX*  
[Luis Ramirez-Tapia](#) – *T7 RNAP Conformations*



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