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WELCOME NEW EMPLOYEES



Please join us in welcoming **Sarah Haluzak** as the new EMT Office Manager. Sarah comes from Human Resources here on campus. Sarah will be working from 1-5 in the afternoons until April 18th, at which time she will be full-time. Please come by and introduce yourself when you have a minute.



Abby Benninghoff has joined the David Williams Laboratory through the EHSC training grant. Abby is from Texas. Welcome!







Stacey Harper has joined the Robert Tanguay Laboratory through the EHSC training grant. Welcome Stacy!




GOODBYE AND THANK YOU

Jacque Taylor (EMT Office Manager) - March 31st was Jacque's last day. After five and a half years with EMT, she is moving to Yakima, WA where her husband Buck has taken over as the Yakima regional airport director. We wish her the best of luck in her new endeavor.

Joshua Kitner (formerly a Res. Asst. in the Bennett/Mosbaugh lab) is now working with Microbiology. Best of luck Josh!

**PROFESSIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS, AWARDS, SPECIAL EVENTS -
JANUARY-MARCH, 2005**

	<p>Castle Funatake's poster presentation entitled, "Exposure to TCDD augments expression of CD25 on recently activated T cells," received the third place award for best student presentation from the Immunotoxicology Specialty Section at this year's 44th Annual Meeting of the Society of Toxicology, held in New Orleans, Louisiana. Her award-winning poster is currently on display in the EMT hallway.</p>
	<p>Amy Skinner had a review published March 2 entitled "Oxidative Mutagenesis, Mismatch Repair, and Aging" in the online Science journal SAGE KE (Science of Aging Knowledge Environment).</p>
 	<p>Lauren Courter, of the Baird Lab, and the William's labs Yu Zhen both received Honorable Mention in the Graduate Student Poster competition of the Carcinogenesis Specialty Section of SOT for their posters at SOT .</p> <p>Susan Tilton, also of Dr. William's lab, received an honorable mention as a finalist for the Carl C. Smith Graduate Student Award for Meritorious Research in the Mechanisms Specialty Section at Society of Toxicology.</p>
	<p>Graduate Students Stephanie Smith-Roe and Yu Zhen also won travel awards to attend the SOT meeting in New Orleans, LA from March 6-</p>

	<p>10th, 2005. The awards were for the amount of \$670.</p> <p>Stephanie also received a Student Achievement Award from the Environmental Mutagen Society Meeting in Pittsburgh, PA this past October.</p> <p>Congratulations!</p>
	<p>Cheng-Yao Chen in the Bennett/Mosbaugh laboratory successfully defended his dissertation December 9, 2004. Chen was able to finish his Ph.D. work despite the tragic death of research advisor, Dr. Dale W. Mosbaugh, thanks to the kind assistance of Dr. Michael Schimerlik (Professor, Dept. of Biochemistry) and Dr. Samuel Bennett (Assistant Professor, Senior Research, Dept. of EMT). The title of Chen's dissertation is "Biochemical Characterization and Mutational Analysis of Human Uracil-DNA Glycosylase." Dr. Chen is currently a postdoctoral research fellow in Dr. Larry Loeb's laboratory at the University of Washington. Best of luck to Chen!</p>
	<p>Brinda Mahadavan, of the Baird Lab, has been promoted to Assistant Professor Senior Research. Congratulations Brinda!</p>

OTHER ACCOMPLISHMENTS, AWARDS, SPECIAL EVENTS -

JANUARY-MARCH, 2005



Amy Smoker (an FRA in NPIC) is organizing a 5K Run/Walk called Sophie's Run, April 30th at Willamette Park in Corvallis at 9:00 a.m. The event is to raise awareness of Williams Syndrome, a rare genetic disorder that is estimated to occur in 1/20,000 births, and to provide a future needs fund for Sophia Gerding, a 3 yr old here in town that has WS.

For more information or to participate please visit the [Sophie's Run website](#).



The OSU Softball Season is swinging into action this Spring! An organizational meeting is scheduled for Weds, April 13 at 5 PM in the ALS conference room (ALS 1019). We'll discuss a practice time, playing times, and I'll NEED YOUR SIGNATURE on the team roster. If you cannot make this meeting time, please contact me and we can arrange for your signature before-hand. I need 8 sigs MINIMUM to form our illustrious team, "Running on EMT!" Additional players can sign on after the season starts. Would-be players can contact Kara Warner at warnerk@onid.orst.edu for information.

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