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Spotlight on Research

Research in the **Lohman Lab** focuses on obtaining a molecular understanding of the mechanisms of protein-nucleic acid interactions involved in DNA metabolism, in particular, DNA motor proteins (helicases/translocases) and single stranded DNA binding proteins. Thermodynamic, kinetic, structural and single molecule approaches are used to probe these interactions at the molecular level.

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May Publication

Dyson H.J., Hall K.B., & Piston D.W.


TEA TIME

for Faculty, Staff, Postdocs & Students

Tuesdays & Thursdays
3:00-4:00 pm

Biochemistry Break Room
201 McDonnell Sciences Building

Coffee, tea and cookies are served.
Melanie Ernst has been elected chair of the 2021 Mechanisms of Membrane Transport GRS.

The GRS is a unique forum for graduate students, post-docs, and other scientists with comparable levels of experience and education to present and exchange new data and cutting edge ideas.

Congratulations Melanie!
CarD contributes to diverse gene expression outcomes throughout the genome of Mycobacterium tuberculosis

The **Bowman Lab** seeks to understand the distribution of different structures a protein adopts and how this ensemble determines a protein’s function. Examples of ongoing research projects include 1) understanding how mutations in the enzyme beta-lactamase change its specificity without changing the protein’s crystal structure, 2) designing allosteric drugs, and 3) developing algorithms for quickly building models of the different structures a protein adopts.

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Join Galletto’s Lab for a JUMBO Happy Hour
August 9th at 4:30pm

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*Identification of small molecule enzyme inhibitors as broad-spectrum anthelmintics.*

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On June 7, 2019, **Dr. Josh Rackers** was awarded the 2019 Ceil M. DeGutis Prize in Chemical Biology/Medicinal Chemistry.

Dr. Rackers presented his research entitled "**HIPPO: A physics-based model for biomolecular interactions**".

Mr. Rackers was nominated by his thesis mentor Dr. Jay Ponder. In Dr. Ponder’s lab, Josh’s work focused on using the tools of applied quantum mechanics to predict the behavior and interactions of biological molecules. This work is motivated by a deeply held belief that physics holds the answers to many of biology’s most important problems.

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Nguyen B., Ciuba M.A., Kozlov A.G., Levitus M., & Lohman T.M.

Protein Environment and DNA Orientation Affect Protein-Induced Cy3 Fluorescence Enhancement.

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July 23rd, 2019 – **Eric Galburt, PhD**, Associate Professor, Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biophysics, received a new four year grant award from the National Institute of General Medical Sciences for his research entitled “**Kinetic regulation of mycobacterial transcription**”.
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The Galburt Lab strives to understand the physical mechanisms of transcription initiation and other important DNA-protein interactions. More specifically, we use a variety of single-molecule and ensemble biophysical techniques including both optical and magnetic tweezers and fluorescent microscopy to investigate how the assembly of initiation complexes on gene promoters leads to DNA unwinding and transcription. Our work is currently focused on the mechanisms of basal transcription initiation in Eukaryotes and on factor-regulated transcription in Mycobacterium tuberculosis.

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Congratulations to Maxwell Zimmerman for being awarded the Dr. Philip Needleman Pharmacology Prize.

The award is presented annually from the Department of Developmental Biology to a graduating student demonstrating outstanding achievements in the field of Pharmacology. Maxwell is a PhD student in the Computational and Molecular Biophysics Program – he is completing his thesis research in the lab of Dr. Gregory Bowman.

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June 14th, 2019 – **Jim Janetka, PhD**, Associate Professor of Biochemistry and Molecular Biophysics, received a two-year Siteman Investment Program (SIP) award from the Siteman Cancer Center and Foundation for Barnes Jewish-Hospital for his research entitled “The role of pericellular serine proteases in tumor progression and resistance to anticancer therapy.”
Farmer's Market

Inside the McDonnell Pediatric Research Building
or
Outside on the Plaza
(weather permitting)

Every Thursday!
10:00 am - 2:00 pm
The **Greenberg Lab** focuses on how cytoskeletal motors function in both health and disease. Currently, the lab is studying mutations that cause familial cardiomyopathies, the leading cause of sudden cardiac death in people under 30 years old. The lab uses an array of biochemical, biophysical, and cell biological techniques to decipher how these mutations affect heart contraction from the level of single molecules to the level of engineered tissues. Insights into the disease pathogenesis will guide efforts to develop novel therapies.

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The **Cooper Lab** is interested in how the actin filaments in cells assemble and how that assembly controls cell shape and movement. One focus is an actin-binding protein called "capping protein," which caps one end of the actin filament. Capping protein is in turn regulated by intrinsically disordered regions of the CARMIL family of proteins, which exhibit positive linkage in their binding interactions.

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The **Burgers Lab** studies DNA replication and DNA damage response in eukaryotic cells. Using yeast as a model organism, the lab integrates the biochemical analysis of DNA-protein interactions in purified model systems with the genetic analysis of targeted yeast mutants. Specific areas of interest are lagging strand DNA replication and Okazaki fragment maturation, damage induced mutagenesis, and DNA damage cell cycle checkpoints.

Right: DNA replication fork and Okazaki fragment maturation

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Piperidine carbamate peptidomimetic inhibitors of the serine proteases HGFA, matriptase and hepsin