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**FACULTY AND STAFF NEWS**


**Darryl Biery, DVM**, Emeritus Professor of Radiology, received the prestigious ACVR Bernstein Lifetime Achievement Award at the 2015 ACVR Annual Scientific Meeting in Minneapolis. This award is given to members of the American College of Veterinary Radiology who have made an outstanding contribution in the form of service, teaching, or research to the College and represents the ACVR’s highest honor.

**Ashley Boyle, DVM**, spoke at the 2015 Northeast Association of Equine Practitioners Symposium last September in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Her talks included *Update on Strangles and Managing Outbreaks; Strangles – Unusual Cases and Effective Treatments;* and *Diagnosis and Treatment of the Sick Foal on the Farm*. She published the following: *Duffee LR, Stefanovski D, Boston RC, Boyle AG. Predictor Variables for Streptococcus equi subsp equi Diagnosis and Complications in Horses: 108 cases (2005-2012), JAVMA. 2015 Nov 15;247(10): 1161-8.*

**Allison Bradbury, PhD**, a Postdoctoral Research Fellow in the lab of **Charles Vite, DVM, PhD**, was selected to receive the WORLDSymposium Young Investigator Award for 2016. The award is a partial scholarship towards attendance at WORLDSymposium 2016, and recipients are recognized at the closing banquet and award ceremony.

**Dorothy Cimino Brown, DVM**, gave a presentation last June entitled *Spontaneous Animal Models: Unsung Heroes in Bone Cancer Pain* at the 2015 American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine Forum in Indianapolis. In September, she gave three presentations entitled *Targeted Neurotoxins for Chronic Pain Relief; Chronic Pain Assessment;* and *Designing, Mentoring, and Reporting Clinical Research Projects* at the 21st International Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care Society Symposium in Washington, D.C. Also in September, Brown was part of an expert panel that discussed *Bridging the Gaps between Pain Research and Osteoarthritis Research* at the International Workshop on Osteoarthritis Pain at the Nobel Forum, Karolinska Institutet in Stockholm, Sweden. Last October, she discussed *Clinical research design, interpretation, and biostatistics for the practicing specialty veterinarian* in the Resident’s Review Workshop at the Veterinary Cancer Society Annual Conference in Vienna, Virginia.

**Stephen Cole, VMD**, a Postdoctoral Fellow in Clinical and Molecular Microbiology, published two case studies (co-author: **Shelley Rankin, PhD**) under the AAVMC/APTR One Health Interprofessional Education Working Group. The first was entitled *Care of immunocompromised individuals: the role of companion animals in mental health*. The second, *Lead Poisoning: From the Backyard to the Community*, was co-authored by Peter Rabinowitz, MD, MPH, of the University of Washington. In recognition of this accomplishment, Cole was named an AAVMC One Health Scholar and received two $1,000 stipends. He also presented his work *Methicillin-Resistant Staphylococcus Species in Companion Animals from across the United States* at the annual American Association of Veterinary Laboratory Diagnosticians meeting; Rankin was co-author.

**Emily Daignault-Salvaggio**, Medicine Secretary at New Bolton Center, and her horse *Gin Joint* won the Field Hunter division in the 2015 TCA Thoroughbred Makeover event last October at Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington, Kentucky. The event is presented by the Retired Racehorse Project, which aims to facilitate the placement of retired Thoroughbred racehorses in second careers.

**Jamie DeFazio, VTS-EVN, CVT**, lectured at the 104th annual Kentucky Veterinary Medical Association Meeting/42nd Mid-America Veterinary Conference last September in Louisville, Kentucky. DeFazio’s topics were IV catheter placement and maintenance, disseminated intravascular dissemination, and neonatal nursing.

**Raimon Duran-Struuck, DVM, PhD**, presented on *Treatment approaches and clinical parameters predictive of CMV disease and resolution in immunodeficient cynomolgus macaques – a clinically relevant large animal model* at the American Association for Laboratory Animal Science meeting in Phoenix, Arizona, last November. He published the following manuscript: *Privileged to work with animals. Duran-Struuck R. Lab Anim (NY). 2015 Oct 20;44(11):453.* He also published:

Amy Durham, VMD, received the American College of Veterinary Pathologists’ Presidential Award last October at the American College of Veterinary Pathologists/American Society for Veterinary Clinical Pathology/Society of Toxicologic Pathology Combined Annual Meeting in Minneapolis.


Ronald Harty, PhD, was an invited seminar speaker last September at Indiana University School of Medicine-South Bend. His seminar was entitled Ebola Virus: Can We Nip it in the Bud? Along with Bruce Freedman, VMD, PhD, he was the co-corresponding author on the following publication: Han, Z., Madara, J.J., Herbert, A., Prugar, L.I., Ruthel, G., Lu, J., Liu, Y., Liu, W., Liu, X., Wrobel, J.E., Reitz, A.B., Dye, J.M., Harty, R.N., and Freedman, B.D. 2015. Calcium Regulation of Hemorrhagic Fever Virus Budding: Mechanistic Implications for Host-Oriented Therapeutic Intervention. PLoS Pathogens 11(10): e1005220.

Mark Haskins VMD, PhD, lectured on Where we have been, where we are, and where we are going (including large animal models) at The Glycoproteinoses: Fourth International Conference on Advances in Pathogenesis and Therapy in St. Louis, Missouri. He also delivered a lecture on Where we were, where we are, and where we are going in treating lysosomal storage diseases in the Department of Translational Medicine at The University of Naples Federico II in Naples, Italy. In addition, he received an International Society for Mannosidosis and Related Diseases Award for “a lifetime of service and knowledge of lysosomal storage diseases.”

Jessica Johnston, DVM, is a third-year laboratory animal medicine resident in the University Laboratory Animal Resources department at Penn Vet. Last November, at the American Association for Laboratory Animal Science National Meeting in Phoenix, Arizona, her poster entitled Validation of a Cage-side Glycosylated Hemoglobin Test (HbA1C) for Cynomolgus Macaques (Macaca fascicularis) won first place in the laboratory investigations category.

Meryl Littman, VMD, was a member of the Pennsylvania Department of Health’s Task Force for Lyme Disease and Related Tick-Borne Diseases. She spoke for nine hours at the New York State Spring Veterinary Conference in Rye Brook, New York, last May on Protein-losing Nephropathy (PLN), Leptospirosis, and Tickborne Diseases (Lyme Disease, Anaplasmosis, Babesiosis, Bartonellosis, Cytauxzoonosis, Ehrlichiosis, Mycoplasmosis, and Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever). She also spoke at the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine (ACVIM) 33rd Annual Medical Forum in Indianapolis last June on the Lyme Update Panel; at the Theriogenology Conference in San Antonio, Texas, last August on Tickborne and Other Stealth Pathogen Reproductive Concerns, and Genetic Counseling for Inherited Kidney and Urinary Tract Diseases; and at the ECVIM - Companion Animals Conference in Lisbon, Portugal, last September on Genetic PLN: Genetic Testing in Combination with Blood Pressure Measurement, and Investigation of Dogs with Suspected Glomerular Disease: What is the Current State-of-the-Art?

Carolina Lopez, PhD, published the following, which was featured by Penn News: Sun Y, Jain D, Koziol-White C, Genoyer E, Gilbert M, Tapia K, Panettieri RA, Hodinka RL, and López CB. (2015). Immunostimulatory Defective Viral Genomes Promote Strong Innate Antiviral Responses During Respiratory Syncytial Virus Infection in Mice and Humans. PLOS Pathog 11(9):
Kathryn Michel, DVM, was awarded a Master’s of Science in Education degree (MSED) by the Penn Graduate School of Education last summer.

Lisa Murphy, VMD, was invited to join TriState Bird Rescue as the veterinarian seat on their Board of Directors, effective January 2016.

Cynthia Otto, DVM, PhD, was featured on Going Deep with David Rees on the Esquire Network.

Virginia Reef, DVM, received the American Association of Equine Practitioners 2015 Distinguished Educator – Academic Award, which honors an individual who has demonstrated a significant impact on the development and training of equine practitioners. She was recognized last December during the President’s Luncheon at the AAEP’s 61st Annual Convention in Las Vegas, Nevada. Reef completed her internship and residency in large animal medicine in 1982 at Penn Vet, where she has served on the faculty ever since.


Deborah Silverstein, DVM, was elected as Vice President of the American College of Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care. She is also the Scientific Program Committee Chair.

BJ Turek, VMD, a third-year resident working with the Penn Vet Diagnostic Lab Team, won the CL Davis Scholarship Award at the American College of Veterinary Pathologists/ American Society for Veterinary Clinical Pathology/Society of Toxicologic Pathology Combined Annual Meeting last October in Minneapolis.