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The Holidays are over and a new year begins. Let's hope that this year is one of your best. We wish you all health, happiness, and only good things.

## **A MESSAGE FROM BOBBY ROSENFELD**

This is my last editorial duty for the CMBB Quarterly Newsletter and soon to be my last days here at CMBB. I plan to retire in July and will most likely be taking some time off prior to then, so I'll be in and out of the office for the next few months. I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you for making my job one that has made me feel that I've done some good for many of you out there. I have enjoyed working with each and every one of you and will miss my daily contact with my supplement recipients, their principal investigators/mentors, and especially the staff here at CMBB. Sanya, Nelson, Peter, Belinda and LaShell have been wonderful to work with and I will miss their friendship, their advice, and most of all our morning chats. I have been blessed to have had the opportunity to work with the most wonderful people. I sincerely wish all of you the very best for a safe, happy, and prosperous New Year.

## **MEO CHANGES IMPACT CMBB**

On Tuesday, January 25<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m., CMBB and OCTR held a *Sweet So Long Party* for our beloved LaShell Gaskins. On October 1, 2004, extramural support services at NIH were restructured into a Most Efficient Organization (MEO) called the Division of Extramural Activities Support (DEAS). Despite the impending changes that she would be confronted with, Ms. Gaskins continued to work with the highest degree of professionalism and responsibility until she made the decision not to join the MEO, but to move into a transitional position until selected for a new position. We at CMBB both understood and supported her decision, but are truly sorry to see her go. She was finally selected for a new position at the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS) that began on January 3, 2005.

Ms. Gaskins had been with the CMBB for five years and had become an integral part of its success. LaShell possessed the wonderful talent of being extremely organized and she handled multiple tasks for many people within the CMBB and OCTR. She was (and still is) well liked by her peers and she set a standard of operation for other program specialists to emulate. During her tenure here she also

established new procedures that helped make our branch operate more efficiently. LaShell also assisted with all of the operations necessary to put together the annual Professional Development and Peer Review and the MI/CCP TAW and Investigators' Workshops. These efforts required close coordination with our support contractor in: selection of appropriate locations; determination of the most cost-effective meal and hotel arrangements; distribution of logistical and event information and development of workshop notebooks. Ms. Gaskins was also responsible for working very closely with the attendees to ensure that they complied with Federal Government Procurement Regulations. In that capacity, Ms. Gaskins was relied upon heavily to assist the attendees with finalizing travel arrangements through Omega World Travel and filing Automated Clearing House (ACH) forms with the NIH Accounts Payable Office. Upon receiving completed forms, she was responsible for processing Professional Services Contracts for each attendee. In the course of preparing for our most recent workshops, NIH mandated a new procurement regulation that required all contractors to register with the Central Contractor Registration (CCR). The time in which we were notified of the new regulation made it extremely difficult for our participants to be registered, but LaShell worked diligently with the attendees to ensure that each person adhered to the NIH Regulation.

As you can see, Ms. LaShell Gaskins' efforts significantly contributed to the success of the CMBB. She always sought ways to improve the quality of her work and to strive for professional advancement. She never failed to meet the challenges and demands of this ever-busy branch. Our loss is NINDS' gain.

## **AACR PLANS GALA FOR 20<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF MINORITY SCHOLARS PROGRAM**

On January 27, 2005, the first meeting of the AACR-MICR Minority Scholar Planning Committee took place in Bethesda, MD to discuss the plans for this major celebration. A little over twenty years ago, AACR members—both minority and non-minority—began an important dialogue about the advancement of minority investigators in the field of cancer research. The result of this significant and historic discussion was the creation of a new award program designed to enhance the education and training of early career minority investigators by providing financial awards for participation in AACR conferences. First known as the NCI Minority Travel Awards, this program was expanded to further meet the varied needs of minority scientists and is known today as the AACR Minority Scholar Awards in Cancer Research. Since 1985, the AACR has received generous funding from the Comprehensive Minority Biomedical Branch of the National Cancer Institute to administer the awards. For 20 years, the AACR has endeavored through this program to reach out to minority predoctoral and postdoctoral students, trainees, and junior investigators as prospective future cancer researchers.

In recognition of the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of this meritorious program, the AACR – Minorities in Cancer Research Council and the Comprehensive Minority Biomedical Branch are sponsoring a formal gala during the 96th AACR Annual meeting. The proposed program will take place on Saturday, April 16, 2005, and will include a special session highlighting the milestones of the past followed by a banquet (formal dinner and dancing).

AACR has recently contacted over 600 past scholars and have asked them to fill out and return AACR Minority Scholar Awards in Cancer Research Program Evaluations. If you have not done so already, please return these forms for it is important for us to know if you will be attending 96<sup>th</sup> AACR meeting and the Gala. In addition, two scholars who have made significant contributions to cancer research will be honored at the Gala. AACR will be sending more information about the award criteria and nomination process within the next week. Also in the next few weeks, more information regarding the Gala can be obtained at the website: [www.aacr.org](http://www.aacr.org).

The planning committee members who attended the meeting were: Margaret Foti (AACR) ; Beverly D. Lyn-Cook (FDA, Co-Chair), Sanya A. Springfield (NCI, Co-Chair); H. Nelson Aguila (NCI); Malcolm Brock (Johns Hopkins); Carlos Casiano (Loma Linda); Belinda Locke (NCI); Carlos S. Moreno (Emory); Eddie Reed (West Virginia); Jessie Satia (Amgen, Inc), Sandra White (North Carolina Central), Robin Felder (AACR) and Jamilia Bailey (AACR).

## CONGRATULATIONS CORNER

**Manuel Penichet**, UCLA, upon receipt of his R01 grant. Funding began on December 20<sup>th</sup>. He took the time to let us know and to thank the CMBB staff for our “strong support and consideration.” Manuel, we are so proud of you.

**Lisa McPhatter**, Duke University, was selected to participate in the Workshop on Modeling Human Colon Cancer in the Mouse at Jackson Laboratories. She says it was a rigorous week and she learned a lot in techniques. She also had the opportunity to make some international friendships. Good for you, Lisa.

## Moffitt Cancer Center and University of Puerto Rico Cancer Center

The successful collaborations between **Drs. Baez, Munoz-Antonia, Muro-Cacho and Cantor**, researchers on the MI/CCP partnership P20 grant, who have submitted an R01 application as well as having a manuscript accepted for publication in Clinical Cancer Research.

**Dr. Mona Fouad**, University of Alabama, Birmingham, as being selected the first recipient of the Louis Sullivan Best Practice Award in recognition of outstanding work on reducing health disparities in the United States. Dr. Fouad also received the UAB Odessa Woolfolk Community Service Award. Ms. Woolfolk is one of the founders of the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute and one of the prominent African American leaders in Alabama.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### ***April 16, 2005: THE PRESIDENTIAL FORUM***

This forum is for Presidents of Minority Serving Institutions and Cancer Center Directors who are participating in our Minority Institution/Cancer Center Partnership program. It is being held in conjunction with the AACR meeting in Anaheim, CA. By invitation only.

### ***May 2-3, 2005: CMBB'S PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PEER REVIEW WORKSHOP***

The workshop is for supplement recipients at the graduate level and above, career development grantees, F31 NRSA grantees and other invited guests. We hope to be able to get invitation letters out by February 2005.

If you are in one of the above listed categories and do not receive an invitation letter, please contact Belinda Locke at bl147h@nih.gov. By invitation only.

**September 12-13, 2005: MI/CCP FUNDED INVESTIGATORS WORKSHOP**

This workshop is for principal investigators, project leaders, program leaders and selected others to report and discuss their grants and plans for the future. By invitation only.

**September 12, 2005: MI/CCP TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE WORKSHOP**

This workshop is for those investigators from Minority Serving Institutions and Cancer Centers interested in developing a partnership and submitting an application for one of the three funding mechanisms that constitute the program (P20, U56, U54). More about each one of the mechanisms is available at:

<http://grants1.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-CA-05-020.html>

<http://grants1.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-CA-05-004.html>

<http://grants1.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-CA-05-022.html>

<http://grants1.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-CA-05-021.html>

**CALL FOR ABSTRACTS**

The American Cancer Society's Behavioral Research Center invites abstracts for podium and poster presentations at the conference "Exploring Models to Eliminate Cancer Disparities among African American and Latino Populations: Research and Community Solutions." Submission deadline is January 15, 2005. Additional information may be

obtained from the contact person: Asha Menon (404-329-7769; [asha.menon@cancer.org](mailto:asha.menon@cancer.org)). Additional conference information and on-line registration is available at: [http://www.cancer.org/docroot/AA/AA\\_7.asp?sitearea=AA&level=1](http://www.cancer.org/docroot/AA/AA_7.asp?sitearea=AA&level=1).

**NCI FEATURED IN BLACK BAG INSERT OF THE JOURNAL FOR MINORITY MEDICAL STUDENTS**

The Journal is a non-technical publication designed to inform its readers of the most pressing issues in medical education. It promotes medical careers among minority students in an effort to increase the numbers of physicians providing health care to underserved populations. It is distributed to all medical schools in the country and in the libraries and student areas at HBCUs, HSIs, and many of the four year institutions serving Native American Students. This Black Bag insert illustrates NCI's commitment to increasing minority participation in its intra- and extramural activities.

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

**Charlotte Geyer Foundation** submission deadline of February 1

Information may be found at: [www.charlottegeyer.org](http://www.charlottegeyer.org) or you may contact Nancy Falletta, Executive Director, The Charlotte Geyer Foundation directly at 716-632-6448.

**OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE**

**Graduate Women in Science (GWIS) notice – minority training program in cancer control research**

Laura Jimenez, Program Coordinator for the UCLA Minority Training Program in Cancer Control Research (MTPCCR) would like to

work with GWIS to disseminate information about this wonderful training opportunity for master's-level graduate students and professionals. The purpose of the MTPCCR is to increase ethnic diversity in research and cancer control by encouraging minority students in master's-level health programs as well as master's trained professionals to pursue a doctoral degree and a career in research.

The program has three components: (1) A five-day Summer Institute, "Careers in Cancer Control Research" designed to showcase the opportunities and need for minority researchers in cancer control; (2) Student Internships, available to students and graduates who participate in the Summer Institute can apply for paid internships; and (3) Doctoral Application Support Awards, available Summer Institute participants who wish to pursue a doctorate in a field that could lead to cancer research.

For more information please contact Laura Jimenez at 310-794-7314 or by e-mail at [mtpccr@ph.ucla.edu](mailto:mtpccr@ph.ucla.edu).

### **WOMEN IN CANCER RESEARCH (WICR) Request for info/fellowships/jobs**

1. Member seeking advice – If you have any experience with a daycare service for children of outpatients or know of a program some place where you have a contact who might share information with us, please notify Pamela Marino ([marinop@nigms.nih.gov](mailto:marinop@nigms.nih.gov)) and she will collate the responses and post them on bloc to the WICR List so all can benefit.
2. Fellowship Programs – the NIGMS Pharmacology Research Associate (PRAT) program is now accepting applications for positions to begin October 2005. This is a 3-year competitive research fellowship program that supports

postdoctoral training (in the pharmacological sciences and related research areas) at NIH or FDA laboratories. Candidates apply in conjunction with an identified preceptor, who may be any tenured or tenure-track scientist at NIH or FDA. For more information or application materials, contact the PRAT program assistant by e-mail at [prat@nigms.nih.gov](mailto:prat@nigms.nih.gov), or visit the PRAT Web site at [http://www.nigms.nih.gov/about\\_nigms/prat.html](http://www.nigms.nih.gov/about_nigms/prat.html).

3. AAAS Science and Technology Policy Fellowships 2006:6 – Help shape policy in Washington. Scientists and engineers are invited to apply for one-year science and technology policy fellowships in Washington, DC beginning September 2005. These 10 programs administered by the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) are designed to provide each Fellow with a unique public policy learning experience and to bring technical backgrounds and external perspectives to decision-making in the U.S. government. For application instructions and further information contact: 1200 New York Avenue, Washington, DC 20005; phone 202-326-6700; e-mail [fellowships@aaas.org](mailto:fellowships@aaas.org); Web: [www.fellowships.aaas.org](http://www.fellowships.aaas.org).
4. Postdoctoral position available immediately. This project involves investigation of hyper and hypomethylation in breast cancer risk using biospecimens and data collected in the Long Island Breast Cancer Study Project, a population based case-control study of environmental risk factors for breast cancer and the Metropolitan New York Registry of Breast Cancer Families. Submit current biosketch and three references to Dr. Regina Santella, Columbia University, 701 West 168<sup>th</sup> Street, New York, NY 10032 or

rpsl@columbia.edu.

rCenter/CC\_detail.asp?ID=982.

5. Assistant Director for Roadmap Coordination, NIH.  
[http://careerhere.nih.gov/CHPublic/HRShowVac.taf?&VACANCY\\_uidl=16037](http://careerhere.nih.gov/CHPublic/HRShowVac.taf?&VACANCY_uidl=16037)
6. Associate Vice President of Sponsored Research Administration. Opus Search Partners has been retained by Columbia University to fill this position. The Associate Vice President is responsible for the delivery of pre- and post-award services in support of research activity at the Columbia University Medical Center that is sponsored by federal and state agencies, foundations, corporations (exclusive of clinical trials) and other sources. The Medical Center maintains a separate office for supporting clinical-trial activity, reporting to CUMC's senior administration. For more information e-mail [Rebecca.garrett@opuspartners.net](mailto:Rebecca.garrett@opuspartners.net).
7. Clinical Director – Pharmaceutical Development (Oncology and/or Metabolic Diseases) – A global pharmaceutical company in Northern New Jersey has an immediate opening for a Clinical Director or Group Leader with a dotted line to the US head of clinical Pharmacology. This position interacts not only internally with the Members of the Disease Area Strategy Teams and other peers in Research, Business and Licensing, Early R&D Project Team Leaders and members, LCT Leaders, members of Peer review but also with external Opinion leaders and Investigators. If interested, send CV or resume to: Tom Benoit, Allen Thomas Associates, [tom@allenthomas.com](mailto:tom@allenthomas.com); 732-219-5353 ext. 17.
8. Pharmacologist or Toxicologist NCI-Developmental Therapeutics Program (2 openings) –  
[http://www.aapspharmaceutica.com/careerCenter/CC\\_detail.asp?ID=982](http://www.aapspharmaceutica.com/careerCenter/CC_detail.asp?ID=982).
9. Chao Family Comprehensive Cancer Center Translational Cancer Research Position: Associate/Full Professor. This is a faculty position in translational research in women's cancers. Applicants will hold an M.D., Ph.D. or equivalent degree and should have an extramural funded research program in clinical and laboratory studies of women's cancers. Applicants should submit a description of research accomplishments, future plans, CV, and at least four references to: Eva Lee, Ph.D., Chair, Search Committee c/o Sandy Schroeder Chao Family Comprehensive Cancer Center, 101 The City Drive Building 56, 216K, Orange, CA 92868 or by email in PDF format to [schroeds@uci.edu](mailto:schroeds@uci.edu).
10. The Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine invites applications for a senior-level tenure-track faculty position in translational oncology. The position will be approximately 80% research. Applications should include a CV, statement of career goals, summary of current research activities and the names (with complete mailing, phone, fax, and e-mail) of at least four individuals from whom letters of reference may be solicited. For more information contact Dr. Lawrence Mathes, c/o Ms. Michele Morscher, Chair of the COP Search Committee, College of Veterinary Medicine, The Ohio State University, 1900 Coffey Road, Columbus, OH 43210, e-mail inquiries should be directed to [mathes.2@osu.edu](mailto:mathes.2@osu.edu). Website: <http://vet.osu.edu/jobs>.
11. The Cancer Institute of New York University's School of Medicine and the Department of Pathology are looking to hire up to 15 tenure-track faculty members. Most positions will be at the

Assistant Professor level, although a few Associate or Professor level recruitments will be considered. For more information see:

[http://saturn.med.nyu.edu/research/mp/rot\\_hlab/pathology/advertisement.html](http://saturn.med.nyu.edu/research/mp/rot_hlab/pathology/advertisement.html).

[http://www.med.nyu.edu/smilowcenter/opportunities/cancer\\_opps.html](http://www.med.nyu.edu/smilowcenter/opportunities/cancer_opps.html).

<http://www.med.nyu.edu/cmilowcenter/>

### **THOMAS JEFFERSON UNIVERSITY**

Candidates (MD or Ph.D.) are invited to apply for a position beginning January 2005 as a Fellow in the Division of Clinical Pharmacology, Thomas Jefferson University. This NIH-supported training program provides expertise in the principles and practice of clinical pharmacology and clinical investigation. The program including didactic, clinical and basic research components requires a minimum of two years after which Fellows will be subspecialty board eligible. Candidates should address inquiries to: Training Programs, Division of Clinical Pharmacology, Thomas Jefferson University, 132 South 10<sup>th</sup> Street, 1170 Main, Philadelphia, PA 19107.

### **HOWARD UNIVERSITY CANCER CENTER**

Howard University Cancer Center is currently searching for an epidemiologist or behavioral scientist to facilitate the growth of the Division of Cancer Prevention, Control and Population Sciences. Successful candidates will be expected to develop and maintain fully funded competitive research. Successful applicants will have a primary faculty appointment at Howard University College of Medicine. A doctorate degree and training in Epidemiology, Biostatistics, Psychology or other closely related fields with expertise in cancer research, history of peer-reviewed

publications, evidence of independent cancer research through receipt of extramural funding is required. Applicants are encouraged to apply by sending a letter of research interest, a current CV and a list of three professional references to: Dr. Lucile L. Adams-Campbell, Director, Cancer Center, Howard University Cancer Center, 2401 Georgia Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20060.

Howard University Cancer Center is seeking a basic scientist to establish basic research programs in a multidisciplinary environment of population, translational and clinical research. The Associate Director for Basic Research will be expected to devise and implement collaborative basic research programs supported by peer reviewed funding. Candidates should have a track record of establishing and sustaining viable basic research programs. A PhD or MD/PhD within a scientific discipline, leadership experience and demonstrated success in publishing and obtaining peer reviewed funding is necessary. Faculty rank (tenured) is commensurate with experience and salary is competitive. Interested candidates should submit an updated and complete CV and statement of interest to Dr. Lucile Adams-Campbell, Howard University Cancer Center, 2041 Georgia Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20060.

Howard University Cancer Center is seeking an Associate Director for Experimental Therapeutics. The successful candidate will be a physician scientist who has significant and demonstrated experience in establishing and maintaining a viable clinical trials program. A track record in early phase development, publications, and obtaining peer reviewed funding in oncologic clinical investigations is necessary. Successful applicants will be eligible for a joint appointment at the Johns Hopkins University Cancer Center via the Howard-Hopkins Cancer Center Partnership. Interested

candidates should submit a CV and statement of interest to Dr. Lucile Adams-Campbell, Howard University Cancer Center, 2041 Georgia Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20060.

