Alumni Newsletter

Department of Physiology and Biophysics

University of Illinois at Chicago

May, 2019

**Commencement ceremony**

This year marks the 137th Commencement of the College of Medicine. We graduated 12 students in our MSMP (Masters of Science in Medical Physiology) program. This completes our third year of this program. Our graduates this year were:

Mohammed Alrubaee Alexandra Baczynski

Austin Barrett Cory Bockenhauer

Kathryn Buzenius Med Jimson Jimenez

Erik Kozina Nolan Luckett

Bridget Morgan Natalia Pena

Jhunnelle Walters Charles Withington



Dr. Mark Brodie who took over the program from Dr. Jesus Garcia is on the right hand side of the picture.

**Transitions**

Dr. Sergey Popov has retired. He joined our Department in 1994. He will be missed.

Dr. Monica Lee joined our Department in February as an Assistant Professor. Videos of her explaining her work and why she got into science are on our Departmental YouTube channel.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCrT9gKNGCPxkP1Xu50kjeig/videos>

**Students who have defended**

Since the last newsletter, two students in the MD/PhD program defended their theses:

March 1, 2019

Alexander Ticho

S-acylation is crucial for ASBT-mediated bile acid uptake: monitoring the transport activity in real time

Advisor: Waddah Alrefai

March 8, 2019

Christopher Manzella

Serotonin is an endogenous regulator of the aryl hydrocarbon receptor in the intestine

Advisor: Ravinder Gill

**Department Web page updated**

Our revision of the Departmental Web page is finished. Among the many tweaks, our upcoming events and Twitter feed are more prominently displayed on the home page.