Alumni Newsletter

Department of Physiology and Biophysics

University of Illinois at Chicago

November, 2019

**Awards/Recognition Evening**

This year on November 21 we had the 30th Awards/Recognition Evening. It is so nice to recognize the great faculty and students we have.

I have attached the program to this letter and I have posted some of the pictures I took during this event at the following URL.

<https://mcpb.webhost.uic.edu/Pictures/Awards_Evening-2019/index.html>

This year Anthony Arena received the Mark R. Lambrecht Award for Scholarship and Commitment and Alexandra (Lexie) Socovich received the Kate Barany Graduate Student Award. The Philip L. Hawley Distinguished Faculty Award was presented to Dr. Dan Shaye.

**New faculty member**

Dr. Ekram Emrah Er has joined our Department. We have made videos of him discussing his research and why he got into science. You can view them on our YouTube channel:

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

**Masters thesis defense**

Bianca Bigit

Notch in pericytes: receptor function and targets

Advisor: Dr. Henar Cuervo Grajal

**The John and Kathy Solaro Graduate Fellowship**

At the awards evening it was announced that John and Kathy Solaro had established an endowment creating the John and Kathy Solaro Graduate Fellowship. This was first announced at the annual Center for Cardiovascular Research day. The fellowship will provide support for doctoral students training within the Department.

**Appointments**

Dr. Jan Kitajewski has added to his duties by becoming the Interim Director of the University of Illinois Cancer Center. This becomes effective December 16.

**Gift Giving**

With Thanksgiving in a couple of days and the holiday season soon to follow we all have much to be thankful for. Many of us make contributions at this time of year. If you are so inclined, you can give a gift that will directly benefit your Department. You can actually do this from the our web site (physiology.uic.edu) by clicking on the giving label under the banner. You can also make these contributions directly:

James L. Ferguson Memorial Fund

University of Illinois Foundation

1305 West Green Street

Urbana, IL 61801-2962

And

Mark Lambrecht Memorial Fund

(same address as above)

And

Kate Barany Memorial Fund

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To make sure the checks get to the correct fund they should be made payable to the:

UIF James L. Ferguson Memorial Fund

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UIF Mark Lambrecht Memorial Fund

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