



September 15, 2008

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Calendar

Monday, Sept 15

- Nothing scheduled at this time

Tuesday, Sept 16

- LA House Officers, M197, 8:00-9:00
- SCAVMA Pet food sale at SCAVMA store. 12:00-1:00
- Curriculum Committee meeting, M269, 3:00-5:00
- Clinical Sciences Faculty meeting, M298, 3:00-5:00

Wednesday, Sept 17

- Necropsy rounds, Gallery, 8:00-9:00
- IACUC Executive meeting, M269, 8:00-10:00
- Histology rounds, M125, 8:30-9:00
- HR training, M200, 8:30-1:30
- Pathology rounds, M125, 9:00-10:30
- Quality Control Committee meeting, M269, 10:00-11:00
- Large Animal Seminar, M269, 12:00-1:00
- Quality Control Committee meeting, M269, 2:00-3:00
- Faculty meeting, M102, 3:00-3:45
- Staff & Faculty meeting, M102, 4:00-5:00

Thursday, Sept 18

- Senior Papers: "Veterinary Acupuncture for Chronic Pain in Small Animals," Sara Sheltren; Dr. Gunkel, advisor. "Overview of West Nile Viral Disease in Equids," Jessie Peck; Dr. Firshman, advisor; M102, 8:00-9:00
- LAM Physiology, M197, 8:00-9:00
- Emergency Power Progress meeting, M197, 10:00-11:00
- Journal Club, M200 12:00-1:00

Friday, Sept 19

- Cytology rounds, M125, 8:00-9:00
- Large Animal Medicine Journal Club, M197, 8:00-8:30
- Large Animal grand rounds, M197, 8:30-9:30
- Oncology rounds, M269, 9:00-11:00

Monday, Sept 22

- SCAVMA Pet food sale, SCAVMA store, 12:00-12:45

Tuesday, Sept 23

- Large Animal House Officers, M197, 8:00-9:00
- Residency rounds, M298, 8:30-10:30

Wednesday, Sept 24

- Orientation for the Class of 2012, M102, 8:00-5:00
- VDL Pathology, M125, 9:00-10:30
- IACUC Administrative meeting, M269, 8:00-9:30

Thursday, Sept 25

- No Senior Papers
- Orientation for the Class of 2012, Avery Park, 8:00-5:00
- LA Medicine Physiology, M197, 8:00-9:00
- Emergency Power Progress, M197, 10:00-11:00
- Journal Club, M200, 12-1

Friday, Sept 26

- Orientation for the Class of 2012, M102, 8:00-5:00
- Cytology rounds, M125, 8:00-9:00
- Large Animal Medicine Journal Club, M197, 8:00-8:30
- Large Animal grand rounds, M197, 8:30-9:30
- Oncology Club meeting, M269, 9:00-11:00
- White Coat Dinner, Class of 2012, MU Ballroom, 6:00

Message from the Dean

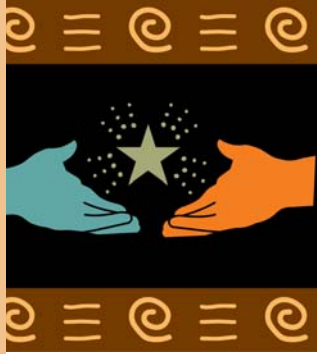
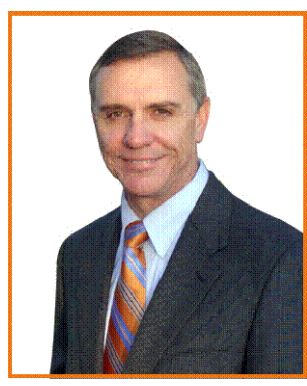
As we look forward to the start of the new academic year, I want to be sure that we have regular opportunities for both faculty and staff to be brought up to date on upcoming events, important issues, and opportunities for college service. Starting this fall, the faculty will meet once a term to take care of business agenda items. Following the faculty meeting, staff are invited to join faculty for the presentation of the dean's and department heads' reports. Other issues of interest to the whole College will also be covered at that time. The first of these combined faculty-staff meetings is scheduled for this Wednesday, September 17.

I am pleased to report that the development of our new, improved website is approaching completion. Pat Hutson in the Dean's Office and OSU Advancement have worked hard to make this possible. Please continue to assist Pat by updating the information pertinent to college units, in preparation for a launch date in early November.

There are many things to celebrate after a year of hard work. Included among our accomplishments are the successful establishment of the Animal Medical Learning Center in collaboration with the Oregon Humane Society in Portland, the completion of the large animal and diagnostic imaging expansion, full accreditation of the College by the AVMA Council on Education, and our ongoing diversity initiative. With regard to the latter, I appreciate the participation of students, staff, and faculty in the climate surveys, the results of which are very informative. We have invited Dr. Terryl Ross, OSU Director of Diversity and Community, to discuss these surveys with us at our meeting this Wednesday.

I am pleased to announce that the Class of 2008 performed very well on the North American Veterinary Licensing Examination (NAVLE), as expected. The pass rate (98%) exceeded the national average and our new graduates demonstrated excellence across all species and organ system categories. Congratulations to the Class of 2008, as well as to the faculty and staff who made this accomplishment possible!

Finally, the Vet Gazette is celebrating its one-year anniversary as a College e-newsletter. I appreciate the colleagues who have worked hard to make this possible, especially Jill Bartlett, Debrah Rarick, and Pat Hutson. Please continue to assist our publication team in their efforts by keeping the Dean's Office informed about all the great things that are being achieved at the College.

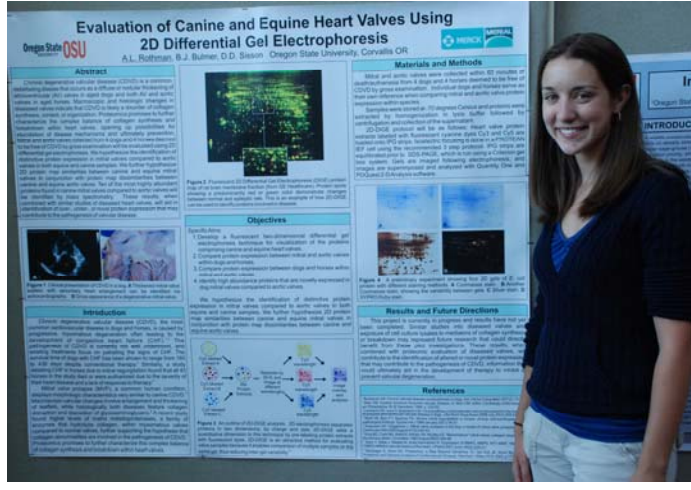


CVM climate survey discussion

Wednesday, September 17, at 4 p.m., in Magruder 102, Dr. Clarke will give his Dean's Report and Dr. Terryl Ross, Director for Community and Diversity, will lead us in a dialog regarding the CVM Climate Surveys and our next steps in the process of writing and implementing a College Diversity Action Plan. Please read the survey results and bring your ideas for improving community and diversity to the meeting. You can also send ideas to the Diversity Action Planning Committee members. The members of the DAP committee are Allyson Gosling, Tammy Jennings, Jacob Mecham, Manoj Pастey, Lisa Poland, Debrah Rarick, Daniel Richardson, Mahfuzur Sarker, and Susan Tornquist.

CVM Research Day student poster presentation winner

Congratulations to Anna Rothman, Merck-Merial scholar whose presentation at RESEARCH DAY was chosen as the best. Judges were unaffiliated with any of the programs/projects. She will be sponsored by Biomedical Sciences for a trip to a scientific meeting this academic year. Anna's poster title was "2D electrophoresis of heart valve proteins"; her mentors were Drs. Barret Bulmer and David Sisson.



Animal Medical and Learning Center at the Oregon Humane Society celebrates one year

The Animal Medical and Learning Center at the Oregon Humane Society recently celebrated its one year anniversary. It has been an amazing year for the staff of OHS as well as the students who have rotated through this facility. Here are just a couple of the highlights:

We have seen the Class of 2008 graduate from the OSU-CVM and have started training our second class of veterinary students. So far, over 80 students have rotated through our required course in Small Animal Primary Care.

OSU veterinary students have spayed and neutered over 3,000 dogs, cats and rabbits in one year. If that weren't enough, they have also been involved in – either as primary or assisting surgeon – in more than 400 other surgeries. This would include everything from abscesses and lacerations to GDVs and orthopedic surgery.



Student involvement does not end with surgery. They are instrumental in providing medical care to our shelter and foster care patients. Anorexic cats, itchy dogs, and don't forget about the rats, guinea pigs, and birds. There is ample opportunity for student learning and involvement.

Our goal is to help prepare students for practice. If they have the opportunity to increase their skills and help shelter animals at the same time....I believe that is what is called a win-win situation. We are all looking forward to what the next year will bring.

Kirk Miller, DVM, Dip. ABVP
Faculty, Oregon State University

McDowell Veterinary Medicine Library storage now accessible

Library users who may have previously been deterred by the library catalog location "Vet Med Storage" and worried that they couldn't access those books and journals quickly can breathe easier. After sorting through thousands of books and journals, all library items labeled as Vet Med Storage are now located in the McDowell Library in the back photocopier room on the compact shelves. These shelves also house the library's video and slide collections. Journals are arranged alphabetically by title, and books are shelved by call number. The compact shelves are open stacks and users are encouraged to make use of them.

World Rabies Day 2008: Awareness is the best defense against rabies

The world is again joining together on September 28 to raise awareness and understanding about the importance of rabies prevention. Rabies is the oldest and deadliest disease known to mankind.

Led by the Alliance for Rabies Control and supported by numerous human and animal health organizations worldwide, World Rabies Day is a unique campaign that brings together hundreds of thousands of people across the world to reinforce the message that rabies is a preventable disease, yet kills 55,000 people needlessly each year, half of which are children under the age of 15.

The World Rabies Day initiative also raises money towards local rabies prevention and control programs, with five projects funded in 2008.

OSU CVM students Ruth McDevitt and Carla Lerum Webb are participating locally in this world event by having an informational booth at the Corvallis Farmer's Market on Saturday, September 27 where they will be distributing brochures, t-shirts, and other information about rabies. They and other students from the 36 North American and Caribbean veterinary programs are the driving force behind the World Rabies Day initiative.

More information on World Rabies Day can be found at the official web site, www.worldrabiesday.org.



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New Employees



Michelle Steinauer– Research Assistant Professor

Michelle Steinauer has recently moved to Corvallis from Albuquerque, N.M. where she was a Research Assistant Professor at the University of New Mexico. She has been with the College since August 1st. Michelle received a B.S. and a Ph.D. from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, and an M.S. at Southeastern Louisiana University, with all degrees in biology with an emphasis in parasitology.

Michelle acquired her love for parasites as an undergraduate after taking a course in "Field Parasitology" at Cedar Point Biological Station, and has worked with various types of parasites since then, especially Acanthocephala (spiny headed worms). Her research interests focus on the interface between the ecology, evolution, genetics, and epidemiology of parasitic organisms. She is currently working with trematode parasites in Kenya, which cause the disease schistosomiasis in humans. This project has four major aims: 1) To determine the amount of hybridization and gene introgression among human and rodent parasites in Kenya; 2) To examine the intraspecific and interspecific interactions of human and rodent parasites within their vector host and how this relates to disease transmission; 3) To examine patterns of genetic diversity of schistosomes within humans in order to determine patterns of diversity, transmission patterns, and worm burdens; and 4) To examine the emergence of drug resistance of schistosomes in Kenya.

In her spare time, Michelle enjoys hiking, birding, weightlifting, and traveling.



Jack Maylunas- Diagnostic Ultrasonographer

Jack has been at the College of Veterinary Medicine since May 2008. His duties here are to perform ultrasound exams on all the critters, and to teach the elements of diagnostic ultrasound to the students. Jack spent 20 years doing human ultrasound before switching to veterinary medicine.

When he isn't working, he likes to spend time in the great outdoors. Places you are likely to find him are at one of Oregon's many rock climbing sites, flying down a snowy mountain slope on his tele skis, or running on a twisty mountain trail.

Jack's other passions are his two year old son, Landon, and his big sister Cassie. Cassie is a lab mix!



Carolyn Verduyn- Quality Manager, Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory

Carolyn has been at the College since May, but prior to transitioning to veterinary diagnostics she worked in quality management for the pharmaceutical industry for 18 years, most recently in bioanalytical chemistry.

Carolyn is responsible for the integrity, maintenance, and improvement of the quality assurance program of the Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory (VDL). The position assures the VDL Quality System, assuring it meets the performance standards established by the American Association of Veterinary Laboratory Diagnosticians (AAVLD) and maintains full accreditation with the AAVLD organization. She also manages the laboratory testing procedures, conducts internal audits to ensure compliance with internal procedures and the AAVLD standards, and facilitates laboratory training programs and the continuous improvement of laboratory operations with the goal of achieving the highest possible quality of results, customer service, and compliance.

When not at work she enjoys walking, bicycling, gardening, traveling, yoga, cooking, music, and the company of friends and family. Being an animal lover, she has two cats (Emily and Jo-Jo) and two chickens.

While she's only been here for a couple months, she has already been impressed with the high level of expertise and dedication of the staff and students here and says she is thankful for the opportunity to serve the team.