CONGRATULATIONS
DR. KOTLIKOFF!

A hearty Congratulations! to our very own, Dr. Michael Kotlikoff, who left us this past August to move down campus to serve as the University’s new Provost!

On Tuesday, October 13th, join the rest of the CVM community in...

TOASTING (AND ROASTING)
MIKE KOTLIKOFF

Celebrate Mike Kotlikoff
Tuesday, October 13, 2015
2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Cornell Veterinary Education Center, Cornell University
Ithaca, New York

2015, 3RD QUARTER

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IS IT JUST ME OR IS THAT HOLE GETTING BIGGER?

Keep up on what’s going on with the Capital Project at...
http://www.vet.cornell.edu/about/project.cfm

Keep in mind...
The Movers Are Coming!
so everyone should be diligently cleaning!
Dr. Ming Yang

Dr. Ming Yang, a Research Associate in the Fortune Lab, was awarded a Seed Grant from the Cornell Center for Reproductive Genomics (CRG) for his proposal entitled "Expression of miRNAs During Bovine Fetal Ovarian Development: Potential Role in Estradiol Synthesis and Follicle Formation". Ming was awarded funding in the amount of $8,000 for his pilot research project.

Dr. Jeremy Allen

Dr. Jeremy Allen, a Post-Doc Associate in the Fortune Lab, received his PhD in Animal Science and hopes to continue a career in academia.

Dr. Heinrich Lob

Dr. Heinrich Lob, a Research Scientist in the Davisson Lab, was recognized for his abstract titled "Endoplasmic Reticulum (ER) Stress in the Subfornical Organ (SFO) Induces Peripheral Inflammation by Altering Autonomic Output" which placed within the top 10% of the accepted abstracts at one of the American Heart Association’s Specialty Conferences this year. Dr. Lob has been selected to re-present his abstract as a poster presentation at Scientific Sessions 2015, in Orlando, FL this November.
Dr. Michelle White, a PhD student in the Boyko lab, was one of eight “Best Student Abstract Winners” at the recent 8th International Conference on Advances in Canine and Feline Genomics and Inherited Diseases, that was held in Cambridge, UK.

Tim Pierpont won 2nd prize in the poster competition at the Stem Cell Program Symposium for his poster entitled:
INVESTIGATING HOW THE DNA DAMAGE RESPONSE AND STEM CELL PROPERTIES OF TESTICULAR GERM CELL CANCERS INFLUENCE CHEMOSENSITIVITY

Priti Singh won 3rd prize in the poster competition at the Stem Cell Program Symposium for her poster entitled:
THE GENETICS OF HUMAN INFERTILITY BY FUNCTIONAL INTERROGATION OF SNPS IN MICE


"I'm from Massachusetts originally and worked in Boston at the Harvard School of Public Health for four years before coming to Cornell. I'm broadly interested in molecular mechanisms of aging and their interconnection to disease (especially those associated with age). I'm currently working on stem cell transplantation therapies for Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis and other disorders of the central nervous system. Another project I'm involved with deals with the Sirtuin enzymes and their relationship to neurobiology and cell death. As well, I'm a fervent ice hockey fan!"

Justin Nicholatos

"I received my BS in Biology from Mount St. Mary’s University, in Los Angeles in 2013. In 2014 I began my graduate studies in the field of Biochemistry, Cellular, and Molecular Biology at Cornell University and joined the Weiss lab. In the lab, my research will focus on continuing to determine novel protein interactors with Hus1, examine regulation of HUS1 transcript isoforms, and study how specific mutations in key residues of HUS1 compromise the 9-1-1 complex."

Catalina Pereira

"I hold a BS in Biology and an MHA degree with additional certifications in Histology and Immunohistochemistry. I have worked in histology for 15 years, mostly with the University of Pittsburgh, as I hail from Erie, PA. The past few years my family and I have had the opportunity to live in the Black Hills region of South Dakota! In my spare time, I am found outdoors with my family hiking or biking local trails."

Renee Post

"I am originally from Miami, FL but have lived in many different places throughout North America for my training. I did my undergraduate studies at Brown University where I was first introduced to biological research. I later pursued my DVM at the University of California, Davis and completed a residency and MVSc degree in clinical pathology at the University of Prince Edward Island in Canada. It was during my residency and Master’s program that my interest in research in cancer biology more fully developed. We frequently diagnosed neoplasia of various kinds especially in our companion animal species. I am interested in pursuing research in translational medicine in a "One Health" context using neoplasia in companion animals as a model for these diseases in human patients. I have joined Dr. Kristy Richards’ lab as a PhD student to take on this kind of work. In my pastime I enjoy all the fiber arts including spinning, weaving, knitting, and sewing and even have an English angora rabbit from which I collect hair and spin into yarn."

Dania Villarnova
Brieuc Cossic

“I am from France. I grew up by the sea in Brittany and went to vet school in Belgium. I graduated in 2012 from the University of Liege and spent the two following years working in a cattle ranch in Gabon. My main duty was the genetic improvement oriented toward beef quality and trypanotolerance of Ndamas cattle. In the meantime, I followed a master’s program on distance learning at the University of Edinburgh in International Animal Health with a dissertation on trypanosomiasis and pressure of infection assessment in remote areas. At the ranch, necropsies were a useful tool for diseases prevention although I often found myself struggling with diagnosis. This is what raised my interest in pathology and led me to this residency program.

I am really interested in infectious diseases involving production animals, humans and wildlife and transboundary diseases. For now, I would like to work in pathology in developing countries. I also enjoy mountain biking and hope to explore tracks surrounding Ithaca when possible.”

Mason Jager

“I was born and raised in Connecticut and completed my BS in Pathobiology at the University of Connecticut in 2008. I graduated with a DVM degree from the Cornell College of Veterinary Medicine in 2012 and worked as an associate veterinarian at Pieper-Olson Veterinary Hospital, a companion animal general and specialty practice in Middletown, Connecticut from 2012 until 2015. I became interested in pathology while working as a necropsy assistant at the Connecticut Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Lab at the University of Connecticut. As a veterinary student, I developed a special interest in emerging and zoonotic infectious diseases and hope to pursue these interests further after my residency. In my free time I enjoy traveling, landscape photography, and baking. It’s great to be back at Cornell!”

Joseph Malatos

“I am originally from central Massachusetts, and attended the University of Massachusetts Amherst for my undergraduate degree. I went to veterinary school at North Carolina State University in Raleigh, NC where I fostered my interest in fish and aquatic invertebrates and gained an interest in pathology. I will be joining as the Zoo and Wildlife pathology resident, and my favorite animal is a tie between the toadfish and the cowfish. I run as often as I can, and enjoy all outdoor activities as well as collecting old books and photographs. I am excited to be back in the northeast and looking forward to enjoying all that Ithaca has to offer!”

Stacy Rine

“I am originally from Maryland. I also lived several years in Florida, which is where I earned my DVM. After vet school I worked as a small animal practitioner and owned my own practice for several years. My passion for pathology brought me to an anatomy residency at Cornell. I also enjoy woodworking, trains, movies, and photography. I am very excited to be part of Cornell and look forward to enjoying this beautiful part of New York!”

May Tse

“I am from Hong Kong and I studied in University of Edinburgh for my BVM&S. I worked at the Hong Kong Government veterinary laboratory since I graduated where I develop my interest in anatomic pathology. I am very fortunate to be offered the training opportunity by Hong Kong City University as a resident in anatomic pathology in Cornell University under the collaboration of the Hong Kong City University with Cornell University in planning to set up the first vet school in Hong Kong. I enjoy swimming, hiking, reading, travelling and writing Chinese calligraphy. I look forward meeting and working with various people in Cornell and Ithaca.”
Staff Retreat - Wine & Design

On Tuesday, July 21st, the Administrative Staff attended their 3rd Annual Staff Retreat event at Wine & Design in downtown Ithaca. Thank you to Shannon Spencer for planning this event and to Jen Patterson for arranging the delicious food. A special thank you to Mark Roberson, our Department Chair, for recognizing the benefits of and supporting these activities.

Congratulations to Sergiy Libert and Veerle Rottiers on the birth of their twins, Viktor (left) and Kate (right)
INTERESTING THINGS TO SEE AND DO!

- The Center for Vertebrate Genomics is accepting new applicants for the Genomics Scholars Program! Applications due: Sept. 28
  [http://www.vertebrategenomics.cornell.edu/ScholarsPgm.html](http://www.vertebrategenomics.cornell.edu/ScholarsPgm.html)

- Cornell Employee Celebration, Oct. 2
  [https://www.hr.cornell.edu/life/celebrating/employee_celebration.html](https://www.hr.cornell.edu/life/celebrating/employee_celebration.html)

- 2015 Cornell Sheep & Goat Symposium, Oct. 2-4
  [http://www.sheep.cornell.edu/calendar/sheep_goat_symposium.html](http://www.sheep.cornell.edu/calendar/sheep_goat_symposium.html)

- Weill Institute Symposium, Oct. 13

- Clinical Investigators’ Day, Oct. 16
  [http://vet.cornell.edu/clinsci/CID/index.cfm](http://vet.cornell.edu/clinsci/CID/index.cfm)

- 2015 New York State Fall Veterinary Conference, Oct. 16-18

- Keep an eye open for notices of the upcoming Benefair, Nov. 5

- 1st Annual Elves’ KOZYKIDS Blanket-Bee, Nov. 7
  Contact Joanna Bock for more info: 607-279-4095, [joanna@htva.net](mailto:joanna@htva.net)

LINKS OF INTEREST

Have questions about the state of the Vet Library during construction?
Library FAQs
[http://www.vet.cornell.edu/Library/AboutUs/FAQs.cfm](http://www.vet.cornell.edu/Library/AboutUs/FAQs.cfm)

Looking for a good laugh?

20 PhD’s Were Asked…
“What is a dumbed down Summary of your thesis?”

SEMINARS!

Check out the following websites for our upcoming seminars...

- Biomedical Sciences Seminar Series
  [http://www.vet.cornell.edu/biosci/seminars/seminars.cfm](http://www.vet.cornell.edu/biosci/seminars/seminars.cfm)

- MIP Field Seminars
  [http://www.vet.cornell.edu/biosci/seminars/physiology.cfm](http://www.vet.cornell.edu/biosci/seminars/physiology.cfm)

- Reproductive Physiology/Endocrinology Seminar Series
  [http://www.vet.cornell.edu/biosci/seminars/ReproEndoSeminarSeries.cfm](http://www.vet.cornell.edu/biosci/seminars/ReproEndoSeminarSeries.cfm)

- Vertebrate Genomics Club (The Verge)
  [http://www.vertebrategenomics.cornell.edu/GenomicsClub.html](http://www.vertebrategenomics.cornell.edu/GenomicsClub.html)