Congratulations to Laura Shannon

... of the Boyko Lab for her paper in Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences which was featured on the cover of the November 3rd edition. Write-ups of her research appeared in The New York Times and in The Atlantic,...

Laura and Dr. Boyko were invited to do live nationwide interviews for the Wall Street Journal and Fox News, respectively.

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CHECK OUT THE...

Postdoc Spotlight: Christa Heyward

Christa Heyward is featured as part of Cornell's Postdoc Appreciation Week, 2015.

http://gradschool.cornell.edu/spotlight/postdoc-spotlight-christa-heyward
Heinrich Lob joined Regeneron Pharmaceuticals in Tarrytown, NY. In his future position, Heinrich will work on drug target discovery and development for skeletal diseases and blood disorders.

On December 1, 2015 Jenny Sones started at Louisiana State University School of Veterinary Medicine as an Assistant Professor of Theriogenology (tenure track). The position is 50% clinical and 50% research effort.

Ms. Elena Cestero has accepted the position of Chair’s Assistant in Biomedical Sciences and will be working closely with Dr. Roberson in her new role. Elena began her career at Cornell in the fall of 2007 working in the College’s Office of Human Resources and then joined the Department in August, 2010 as an Administrative Assistant. Congratulations, Elena!
Alexia Corbett joined the Department of Biomedical Sciences as the new Grants Coordinator in October. Alexia is originally from New Hampshire but relocated to Ithaca in October, with her fiancé, from Bangor, Maine. She received her Bachelors degree from the University of New Hampshire and her Masters from the University of Maine in 2012. Prior to relocating, Alexia worked as a Grants Coordinator for the City of Bangor’s Public Health Department as well as a Human Resources Manager at a hospital. Outside of work, Alexia enjoys spending time outdoors and hiking with her dog.

Kate Grive recently finished her PhD in Molecular Biology, Cell Biology, and Biochemistry at Brown University, with Dr. Rich Freiman, studying female infertility and genetic determinants of ovarian health. She will continue her work in this field in Paula Cohen’s lab beginning in December, studying DNA damage response during Meiosis I. While not in the lab, she is an ardent advocate for women in STEM fields and co-founded Brown’s chapter of Graduate Women in Science and Engineering. She is eager to continue finding avenues to support women scientists while at Cornell. While most recently moving from Providence, RI, she got her Bachelor’s degree at the University of Connecticut, on a rural campus much like Cornell’s. She is excited to begin exploring upstate New York, and especially finding great places to hike. In addition to being outdoors, Kate also really enjoys cooking, hanging out with her awesome cat, and seeing live music.

Congratulations to Dr. Adam Boyko who was recently awarded an AKC Canine Health Foundation grant for his work…

“Hereditary deafness in dogs - genomic studies in Australian Cattle Dogs and Dalmatians using full sibling pairs.”


A BRAND NEW BUNDLE OF JOY

Born to Priti Singh of the Schimenti Lab
November 23rd, 2015; 7lbs 31oz, 21 inches
**INTERESTING THINGS TO SEE AND DO!**

- Check out the Cornell Employee Celebration, January 23rd!
  [https://www.hr.cornell.edu/life/celebrating/employee_celebration.html](https://www.hr.cornell.edu/life/celebrating/employee_celebration.html)

**LINKS OF INTEREST**

The VRT Curtain Wall Project is planned to begin early this next year. Floor plans indicating approximate move dates and space layout during the project can be found on each floor near the elevator.

Check out the following link for more information about the Capital Project

[http://www.vet.cornell.edu/about/project.cfm](http://www.vet.cornell.edu/about/project.cfm)

**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)

- **BBS WIP**
  [http://vet.cornell.edu/BBS/CurrentStudents/bbsevents.cfm](http://vet.cornell.edu/BBS/CurrentStudents/bbsevents.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)