### **Therapeutic Sciences Graduate** Program



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**TSGP** News:

Congratulations!

Rachel Carley successfully defended her PhD dissertation on Apri 25th, 2024. Congratulations, Dr. Carley!

As a member of Dr. Alan Morrison's laboratory at Brown, Dr. Rachel Carley studied the role of macrophage inflammation in vascular calcification. The primary goal of the Morrison Lab is to define a critical pathway of which inflammatory macrophage signaling modulates atherosclerosis and calcification. Dr. Carley presented a Thesis entitled "Rac1 and NF-KB Signaling Regulates Macrophage IL-1β Expression to Influence Atherosclerotic Calcification and SARS-CoV-2 Infection."

### **Graduation Spotlight:**

Congratulations to our TSGP PhD Graduates! Thomas A. Lewis, Dean of the Graduate School, will preside at the Doctoral Graduation Ceremony beginning at 10:30am on Sunday, May 26th, 2024 at Pembroke Field. .



Helen Belato, PhD Molecular Pharmacology & Physiology



Rachel Carley, PhD **Molecular Pharmacology** & Physiology





Caitlin Hopkins, PhD Biotechnology



Andrew Howes, PhD Biotechnology

#### TSGP Biotechnology Masters Program Class of 2024

\* For the first time, the Master's Ceremony will be held on Saturday afternoon, May 25th at 4:00pm on the College Green







Priyanka Bedi, Master of Science, Biotechnology Sheryn Bentata, Master of Science, Biotechnology Alyce Brady, Master of Science, Biotechnology Olivya Caballero, Master of Science, Biotechnology Sophie Chaviari, Master of Science, Biotechnology Sei Hyun Choi, Master of Science, Biotechnology Yashvi Deokule, Master of Science, Biotechnology Douglas Dubosky, Master of Science, Biotechnology Megan Fife, Master of Science, Biotechnology Peiling He, Master of Science, Biotechnology Jiayu Hu, Master of Science, Biotechnology Yannick Johnson, Master of Science, Biotechnology Palli Kheni, Master of Science, Biotechnology Adrian Lee, Master of Science, Biotechnology Celia Lette, Master of Arts, Biotechnology Yanxi Li, Master of Science, Biotechnology Yifei Li, Master of Science, Biotechnology Yu Liu, Master of Science, Biotechnology Weiting Lyu, Master of Arts, Biotechnology Hongyu Ma, Master of Science, Biotechnology Madeleine Marx, Master of Science, Biotechnology Christian Muñoz, Master of Science, Biotechnology Olivia Perez, Master of Science, Biotechnology Xinran Qi, Master of Science, Biotechnology Jacqueline Real, Master of Science, Biotechnology Katlyn Reynolds, Master of Science, Biotechnology Nazrin Rustamzade, Master of Science, Biotechnology **Bishouy Sharoubim, Master of Science, Biotechnology** Sophia Sordilla, Master of Science, Biotechnology Cansu Tacettin, Master of Science, Biotechnology Tuong Tran, Master of Science, Biotechnology Rudra Trivedi, Master of Science, Biotechnology Alex Von Eckartsberg, Master of Science, Biotechnology Chengjie Xi, Master of Science, Biotechnology Yutong Xia, Master of Science, Biotechnology Jiaying Yan, Master of Science, Biotechnology Yiwen Yang, Master of Science, Biotechnology Jilliana Zarzycki, Master of Science, Biotechnology











#### **TSGP Annual PhD Retreat**

#### May 3rd, 2024

The Audubon Nature Center Bristol, Rhode Island



Our TSGP Annual PhD Retreat kicked off with a full hot breakfast at the Audubon Society of Rhode Island Nature Center and Aquarium! The nature center is situated on the 28-acre Claire D. McIntosh Wildlife Refuge. The morning featured faculty talks given by Dr. Alan Morrison and Dr. Jack Elias. Students enjoyed box lunches outdoors and explored the beautiful grounds. They walked along a 1/4 mile boardwalk through fresh and saltwater marshes to discover a majestic view of Narragansett Bay! A Keynote Address was given by Dr. Elizabeth Jonas from Yale University and a talk was given by Dr. Benedito Carneiro from Brown. Small group break-out sessions followed. Our retreat concluded with a lively Poster Session on the Patio!

# PhD fipecial Day



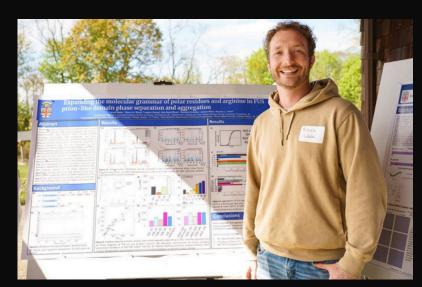




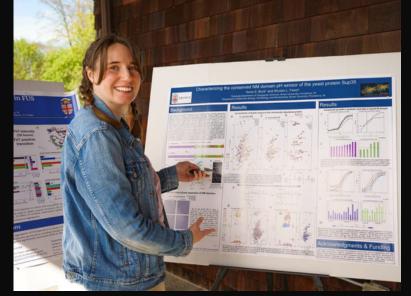
Angelica Salaverria, Michelle Shub and Iz Varghese phil

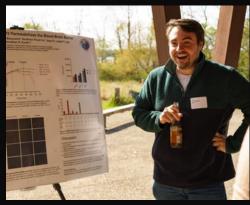


Michelle Shub and Dom Walker



Noah Wake





Above: Alan Ardito Left: Anna Bock



Stephen Robert '62 Campus Center Petteruti Lounge





Jean J. Jerome "Post-Transcriptional Regulators of Muscle Function"



Angelica Salaverria "Amphiregulin (AREG) in High Grade Serous Ovarian Cancer"



Michelle Shub "Optimizing the Endothelial Tube Formation Assay to Study Angiogenesis in GBM"



Esra Taner "Sex differences in Alzheimer's Disease"



Iz Varghese "Predicting Relative Populations of Kinase Conformations using Computational Simulations"



Laura Jinxuan Wu "Harnessing the RNA epitranscriptome for cancer therapy"





## Alissa Oakes

PhD Thesis Defense Presentation



Thursday, June 6th, 2024

9:00am Thesis Defense Presentation The Marcuvitz Auditorium Sidney Frank Hall for Life Sciences

#### 12:00 noon Celebration outdoors in the Gilbane Garden \* adjacent to Sidney Frank Hall

If you have something you wish to highlight in the newsletter, please email ruth\_mattson@brown.edu

