

# University of Chicago Cancer Research Center



## MEMBER NEWS AND UPDATES

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### UCCRC News: Update

The UCCRC would like to welcome **Hoyee Leong, PhD**, our new Director for Scientific Communications and Strategic Partnerships. Hoyee joins us from the University HealthSystem Consortium (Oakbrook, IL). Previously, she was a postdoctoral fellow with **Geoffrey Greene, PhD**. She will be working with **Marcy List, PhD** on the UCCRC's scientific communications and developing new partnerships with investigators at Argonne National Laboratory and NorthShore University HealthSystem, with **Michelle Seidl, PhD**, on strategic planning for the University's Ludwig Center, and with **Michelle Le Beau, PhD**, on coordinating a multi-disciplinary systems biology and genomics approach to study therapy-related leukemia, recently funded by the Cancer Research Foundation.

### UCCRC News: Hematology/Oncology

The section of Hematology/Oncology is pleased to announce the appointment of **Dr. Todd Zimmerman, MD** as Co-Director for the Specialty Care Units. He will work closely with **Soni Smith, MD** in the administration of this facility. Additionally, **Kenneth Cohen, MD** has agreed to oversee the section's CME activities, including the coordination of the group's Monday conference. The UCCRC would also like to congratulate **Michael Maitland, MD, PhD**, for his recent appointment as Associate Director of the Clinical Pharmacology Fellowship Program.

### UCCRC News: Website Update

A new section of the UCCRC website has been developed on the UCCRC's Specialized Program of Research Excellence (SPORE) in Breast Cancer. The SPORE aims to develop genetic and imaging-based approaches to the prevention, detection, and treatment of breast cancer in women who are at increased risk of developing an aggressive form of malignancy at a young age. This program is one of only eleven NCI Breast Cancer SPORES in the United States. For more information, visit the UCCRC SPORE website at: <http://uccrc.uchicago.edu/Spore/sporehome.html>

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### Upcoming Seminars

- ▶ **UCCRC Translational Seminar Series**  
Targeting Myeloma Cells By a Novel Class of Small Molecule Inhibitors  
Amittha Wickrema, PhD  
Multiple Myeloma: Improving Survival With Novel Therapies  
Todd Zimmerman, MD  
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- ▶ **7th Annual Charles B. Huggins Lectures**  
Blood, Stem Cells, and Cancers of the Blood  
Wei Xu, Graduate Student, Committee on Cancer Biology  
2/7/2009, 2/14/2009, 2/21/2009, 2/28/2009  
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM  
Billings Auditorium (P117) in the Medical Center
- ▶ **Department of Pathology Lecture**  
Co-Targeting Tumor and Tumor Stroma  
H. Rosie Xing, PhD  
2/24/2009, 12:00 PM - 1:00PM

### UCCRC News: New Psycho-Oncology Services

The Department of Psychiatry is offering new services in psychiatric evaluation and therapy for patients, including daily psychiatric consultation and therapy for hospitalized cancer patients, as well as outpatient psychiatric services. To make a referral to the Psycho Oncology Program, fax a referral form (Found on HemOnc's shared drive: Z:shared/Resources/FORMS/Requisitions) to **Jean Harris** at 773-834-6761. In addition, please send an email directly to **Marie Tobin, MD** at [mtobin@uchicago.edu](mailto:mtobin@uchicago.edu) to flag the referral for immediate attention. We would also like to welcome **Amy Siston, PhD**, who, supported by UCCRC, has joined the Department of Psychiatry on a part-time basis.

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## UCCRC News: Funding Opportunities Update

We currently have over 120 Funding Opportunities posted on the UCCRC web site, and continue to add to this list as we are made aware of new opportunities. If you become aware of an opportunity that may be of interest to your colleagues, please forward it to us for posting. Funding and award opportunities for cancer research with agency deadlines in February include: National Institutes of Health, National Cancer Institute, the Leukemia Research Foundation, the DOD Breast Cancer Research Program, and the Ellison Medical Foundation. For more information, please visit our website at: [http://funding.uccrc.org/funding\\_opportunity](http://funding.uccrc.org/funding_opportunity).

## Community Outreach Update

- ▶ Community Engagement Centering on Solutions (CECOS) is targeting young women in Chicago's southside community with a forum on cervical cancer, and how to make informed decisions about human papillomavirus (HPV) treatment. Join us on Saturday, March 7, 2009, at Kennedy-King College from 10:30 AM - 1:00 PM to address these issues in a thoughtful exchange of ideas. **Rick Kittles, PhD**, Associate Director for Diversity and Community Outreach, is gathering a team of community-oriented experts to discuss the role of HPV in cancer.
- ▶ The UCCRC is in the process of creating a Community section on our website to highlight our ongoing outreach efforts. We will keep you updated as changes are made, and welcome your suggestions.

## Shared Research Facilities Update

### UCCRC Core Updates:

- ▶ The **Integrated Microscopy Facility** recently completed upgrades to two of its existing microscopes. The Olympus Fluoview laser scanning confocal was upgraded to a DSU spinning disk confocal running SlideBook software. This microscope can now image all fluorophores from DAPI (blue) to Cy5 (far red) plus DIC in either widefield or confocal mode. With the 1.37 mega pixel Hamamatsu CCD digital camera and high NA, oil-immersion objectives, this microscope is optimized for high-resolution imaging of fixed samples.
- ▶ The second microscope, the Olympus live cell/total internal reflection (TIRF), is now housed on the IX70 microscope platform. It uses automated excitation and emission filter changers, an emission image splitter, and has a manual 4-position fluorescence filter turret and DIC optics. The microscope runs user-friendly MetaMorph software controlling a Retiga EXi digital chilled CCD camera for high resolution images of fixed or live cells. For more information, contact Christine Labno at [ccaselab@bsd.uchicago.edu](mailto:ccaselab@bsd.uchicago.edu), or Vytas Bindokas at [vbindoka@bsd.uchicago.edu](mailto:vbindoka@bsd.uchicago.edu).
- ▶ **Rafael Gama, PhD** Technical Director for the **Functional Genomics Facility**, will be giving a presentation to the Post Doctoral Association on Friday, February 20, 2009, at 4:00 PM in BSLC 205. Dr. Gama will be giving an overview of the resources and services that are available in the microarray facility.

## Association of American Cancer Institutes Newsletter Updates

- ▶ The February 2009 AACI Newsletter features a story about UCCRC member **Susan Cohn, MD**. It recognizes her initiative to develop a system to standardize global studies of neuroblastoma. The new classification program would allow the direct comparison of results from clinical trials conducted in different regions of the world, and would help doctors to determine the most effective treatment strategies for their patients.