Fall 2020 MSTP Messenger
Welcome Dr. Joe Hurt

On September 1st, we officially welcomed Joe Hurt, MD PhD to our MSTP Leadership Team as our new Clinical Associate Director. Joe is an Assistant Professor in the Divisions of Maternal Fetal Medicine and Reproductive Sciences in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology. He grew up in the Big Sky Country of rural northwest Montana and attended Whitman College, a small liberal arts college in Walla Walla, Washington. He received MD/PhD degrees at Johns Hopkins School of Medicine in Baltimore, Maryland working in the neuropharmacology laboratory of Dr. Solomon Snyder, MD. His Neuroscience PhD examined the phospho-regulation of neuronal nitric oxide synthase. After Hopkins Gyn-OB residency training, he worked as a postdoc in the Hopkins Translational Neuro-Urology Research Lab of Dr. Arthur Burnett, MD MBA investigating neural regulation of vascular smooth muscle. He was then recruited to Colorado as a faculty member where he also completed subspecialty Maternal Fetal Medicine Fellowship training in 2015. His research examines basic signal transduction of gaso-transmitters such as nitric oxide and hydrogen sulfide, especially as it relates to smooth muscle function. His lab uses genetic mouse models and human tissue to understand normal and pathophysiologic processes in various organ systems including during pregnancy. Clinically, he cares for high risk and critical care moms with medical or obstetric complications or with genetically or anatomically abnormal fetuses. He is the editor of a popular manual for women’s health providers and students (Pocket OB-Gyn) and co-director of CU OB-Gyn’s annual Vail CME Course. Away from Labor and Delivery and the Lab, Joe is a traveler and foodie who enjoys the usual Colorado adventures in skiing, biking, and hiking (including with his exuberant and talkative Weimaraner, Mya). He has been part of our MSTP for 5 years and is excited to work with Drs. Wilson and Ernst to nurture our trainees’ careers as experts in science and medicine. He approaches mentorship with the goal of helping each trainee achieve their unique highest potential, and he is passionately dedicated to paying forward the remarkable research and clinical mentorship that he received as a student, trainee, and faculty member. His door (or zoom link) is always open and you should feel free to reach out any time at k.joseph.hurt@ucdenver.edu.
Ira Fleming

I grew up in Seattle, WA, and graduated with a degree in Molecular Biology from Pomona College in 2018. There, I worked with Andre Cavalcanti, applying computational methods to protozoan genomics. I also spent time during my undergrad with Julie McElrath’s group at Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center, studying HIV. After graduation, I worked as a research technician for two years with Alex Shalek at MIT, using single-cell transcriptomics to profile patient immune responses to infectious disease (Lyme, West Nile, and Hepatitis B) and to illustrate the effects of novel drugs in vitro. I am most interested in host-pathogen interactions, the buffering/regulation of human immune responses, and harnessing pathogenicity* for therapeutic purposes. When I’m not in lab, I play music and run long distances, both of which are better with a buddy, so I’m on the lookout! I also love hiking, reading science fiction, and cooking!

Brandon Hilliard

I grew up in Anoka, Minnesota, and attended Carleton College where I graduated with a degree in Chemistry and a minor in Biochemistry. As an undergraduate I worked in the James LaBelle Lab at the University of Chicago investigating potential therapeutic roles for BH3 mimetics in Graft verses host disease. After graduation, I spent two years at Yale as a member of the Andrew Wang Lab, where I studied xenobiotic pathways and their role in the development of food allergy though the priming of type 2 inflammatory responses. Our lab also utilized mouse models of COVID-19 to better understand corona virus pathogenesis and the role of keto-genesis in age-induced exacerbation of COVID. Outside of the lab I enjoy playing soccer, hockey, Russian literature and sketching.
**Rachel Cohen**

I grew up in Sunnyvale, CA in the heart of the Silicon Valley. I graduated with a BS in Microbiology and a minor in Gender, Race, Culture, Science, and Technology from California Polytechnic State University San Luis Obispo. I joined Dr. Marie Yeung’s lab where I investigated the effect of commercial probiotic strains on human intestinal epithelial cells using an *in vitro* approach. I spent a summer at the University of Pennsylvania in Dr. De’Broski Herbert’s lab studying potential receptor candidates for the trefoil factor family of proteins which promote epithelial regeneration. After graduating, I joined Dr. Jonathan Maltzman’s Lab at Stanford where I used flow cytometric approaches to ask questions about mouse T lymphocyte biology. I hope to pursue research in mucosal immunology to understand the connection between the microbiome, gut, and immune system. Outside of lab I love being active, hiking, camping, horseback-riding, making jewelry, and photography.

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**Joseph Gaballa**

I was born and raised in Walnut Creek, California, and attended a local community college after high school. After developing an interest in the biomedical sciences, I transferred to UCLA where I earned a degree in Microbiology, Immunology, and Molecular Genetics. Shortly after graduation, I entered the Postbaccalaureate Research Education Program at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota where I joined the lab of William A. Faubion, M.D. During my three years at Mayo, I utilized CyTOF to identify a novel subset of regulatory T cells that are dysfunctional in the setting of Crohn’s disease intestinal inflammation. This experience solidified my interest in immunology, as well as my desire to pursue a career as a physician-scientist. Outside of school, I am an avid fan of Formula 1 racing, deep house music, cooking, traveling, exercising, and spirited drives.
Erin Fish

I was born and raised ten minutes outside of Detroit and have lived in Michigan my whole life. I attended Grand Valley State University (GVSU) where I received my B.S. in biochemistry with a minor in spanish. At GVSU I conducted research in Dr. Brad Wallar’s lab where I performed structure/function analyses on bacterially produced β-lactamase enzymes. Specifically, I characterized inhibitory compounds for a group of β-lactamase clinical isolates found in multi-drug resistant Acinetobacter baumannii infections. I look forward to continuing infectious disease related research by studying immune system coordination in response to pathogens. I am also excited to experience Colorado life for the first time! In my free time I enjoy playing basketball and volleyball, hiking, going to breweries, doing yoga, and listening to audiobooks.

Daniel Moskop

I was born and raised in Glendale, Arizona and graduated from Vassar College in 2018 with a BA in Biology. During my undergraduate years I worked with Dr. Jennifer Kennell on a project using Drosophila to explore a gene involved in regulating toxic byproducts in metabolic pathways. After graduating I spent two years in the lab of Dr. Yelena Ginzburg at Mount Sinai. My main project aimed to better understand the mechanisms controlling iron regulation in the disease polycythemia vera using both primary human samples and mouse models. Outside of science I enjoy cooking and staying active. I used to love rock climbing when I lived in Arizona, so I hope to get back into that as well.
Jessica Beynor

I was born and raised in Barnstable, Massachusetts before moving to North Carolina to do my undergrad at UNC Chapel Hill. Here I majored in Clinical Laboratory Science and rotated through diagnostic labs in each of the hospitals in the Triangle area with the intent of becoming a medical technologist. In 2018, however, I moved to Boston to join Dr. Soumya Raychaudhuri’s Lab at Brigham and Women’s Hospital and Harvard Medical School to study tuberculosis disease progression. In doing this, we surveyed the T cell landscape in >250 donors from Lima, Peru at a multimodal single-cell level to study the heterogeneity between cases and household controls in the steady-state. In my free time, I enjoy discovering new coffee shops, watching musicals, traveling, and rollerblading when possible!

Jackson Stocking

I grew up in Buffalo, New York and attended Cornell University, where I earned a B.S. in Biological Sciences with a concentration in Neurobiology and Behavior. During my time at Cornell, I spent two summers working under Dr. James Mohler at Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center, studying androgen metabolism pathways in prostate cancer following androgen deprivation therapy. In my final year at Cornell, I worked with Dr. James Casey on an educational outreach program that used environmental DNA to locate invasive fish species in New York State waters. After graduating, I spent 3 years at Massachusetts General Hospital in the lab of Dr. Priscilla Brastianos, where I used single-cell RNA sequencing to characterize melanoma brain metastases from patients receiving immune checkpoint inhibitors. Outside of my work, I love sailboat racing, skiing, and music. I am thrilled to be joining the CU MSTP, and I look forward to making the most of the mountains during my time here!
Ashlyn Stahly
I grew up in Erie, CO, just outside of Boulder, and I am very excited to be returning home. I graduated from the University of South Alabama, where I received a B.S. in Biology, as well as a B.S. in Mathematics/Statistics. During undergrad, I worked in the lab of Dr. Glen Borchert for three years studying the phenotypic impacts of small nucleolar-derived RNA in prostate cancer. I was also involved in a number of other lab projects, including the characterization of alternative G4-capable region interactions and the identification of novel small RNA in Salmonella enterica. The summer of 2019, I spent in the lab of Dr. Heide Ford here at Anschutz, describing the modulation of IL-6 by SIX1 in breast cancer. In the future, I hope to continue developing a deeper understanding of the role of various non-coding RNAs in development and disease. In my free time, I enjoy baking, knitting, binging TV shows, enjoying the outdoors, talking about coffee, and tutoring math. In the winter, you can find me on the slopes, skiing.

Stefano Ginocchio
I grew up in Alamo, California and graduated from UC Davis with degrees in Pharmaceutical Chemistry and Food Science. During undergrad, I worked with Dr. David B. Goodin studying the structure and function of CYP P450cam via noncanonical amino acid insertion. After that, I joined the lab of Dr. Stuart F. J. Le Grice at the National Cancer Institute in Frederick, Maryland where I developed RNA-targeting small molecules designed to be used as chemical probes and potential therapeutics against HBV and breast cancer. Outside of research I enjoy getting outdoors, long bike rides with picnics, and gardening.
Jordan Hickman (Transfer)

I was born and raised in Colorado. I spent my early years in Pueblo and then for middle and high school I lived in Castle Rock. I graduated from Colorado State University with my BS and MS in Biomedical Sciences. While at CSU, I studied electrical connections in the brain using electron microscopy in Dr. John Rash’s lab. After graduating, I worked with Dr. Cristin Welle on the Anschutz Campus studying how neuromodulation can be used to harness plasticity and treat neurological disorders. I’m excited to stay in Colorado and get the opportunity to continue doing research. In my free time, I like to play basketball and I love getting outside for hiking or happy hours on patios. Pictured with me is my nephew where I strive to be the fun (and sometimes irresponsible) uncle.

Congratulations Matt Becker for being selected for the Outstanding Dissertation Award!
Congratulations Grant Lo on being awarded an appointment on the Molecular Biology T32!!
Congratulations David Kitzenberg for recently received a T32 award in the Molecular Pathogenesis of Infectious Diseases!
Congratulations Anagha on your CANB T32 and awarded the CCTSI TL1 Pre-Doc award last year!

EXCITING NEWS

Alison Hixon is a proud auntie!
Her niece Isabel May Hixon was born 8/13/2020 to her sister-in-law Kelly and brother Brian
Michael Nash was interviewed by the chameleon keeper podcast with over 53,000 listeners talking about a species of rare chameleon he keep. As a result, babies are now being distributed to breeding programs worldwide! Hopefully this will lead to the establishment of a sustained captive population that can be used to reintroduce the species in the wild should the need ever arise.

**Congrats to everyone who successfully defended and were awarded PhDs between April to August:**

- **Cecie Levandowski** - Chemistry/Biochemistry, Taatjes Lab
- **Kelly Higa** - Immunology, DeGregori Lab
- **Matt Becker** - Neuroscience, Person Lab
- **Devin Boe** - Immunology, Kovacs Lab
- **Karina Gomez** - Cancer Biology, Jimeno Lab
- **Isabel Fernandez** - Immunology, Kedl Lab
- **Elijah Christiansen** - Neuroscience, Zylberberg Lab
- **Kenny Felsenstein** - Molecular, Cellular and Development, Theodorescu Lab
## 2020 Admissions Committee Members

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2020-2021 SAVE THE DATES

Interview Days

November 11, November 18
December 2, December 16
January 6, January 13, January 27
February 10
Tentative Second Look: March 4-7

Park Day will be in October-Stay Tuned for Official Date

Deadline Dates

September 14 - Apply for Spring 2021 PhD Graduation! Application open via UCDAccess
November 2 - Registration opens for spring courses. Ask Liz for what you need to register.
December 1 - Forms due for any PhD student planning on returning to med school. Email Liz for details
December 11 - Last day of Graduate School courses
January TBD - SOM/OSL Orientation for students returning to medical school.
February 5 - Last day to add/drop Graduate School courses; Last day to apply for spring graduation
New MSTP faculty over the past 6 months

Nausica Arnoult – Boulder, MCDB
Cecilia Caino – Anschutz, Pharmacology
Ed Chuong – Boulder, MCDB
Dan Denman – Anschutz, Neuroscience
Lauren Fishbein – Anschutz, Cancer Biology
Mayumi Fujita – Anschutz, Cancer Biology, Immunology
Magda Gorska – National Jewish, Immunology
Chelsea Magin – Anschutz, Bioengineering
Won Chan Oh – Anschutz, Pharmacology, Neuroscience
Tim White – Boulder, Chem/Bio Engineering
Alex Whiteley – Boulder, Biochemistry
Tuoqi Wu – Anschutz, Immunology
Michael Yeager – Anschutz, Bioengineering

Mayumi Fujita:
Dr. Fujita is a tenured professor of Dermatology and Immunology & Microbiology, and a dermatologist at the SOM and VA Eastern Colorado. The Fujita lab studies 1) genotoxic insults in melanoma, 2) tumor plasticity and heterogeneity, 3) tumor inflammation and inflammasomes, and 4) IL-37-mediated immune tolerance

Tim White:
The Responsive and Programmable (R+PM) Group is generally interested in realizing functional utility in soft materials. Our research targets paradigm-shifting impact in medical, energy, national security, and commercial use. We take a highly interdisciplinary approach with most projects bridging materials chemistry, polymer science, mechanics, optics, biology, and applied physics. Current research activities are broadly focused harnessing stimuli response in liquid crystalline materials to realize shape transformation or optical reconfiguration. Ongoing research of interest to students in the Medical Science Training Program include:
1) The use of mechanical anisotropy inherent to liquid crystalline elastomers to “program” the growth of cells (currently 2-d, working towards 3-d)
2) Optical reconfiguration of medical technology in thoracic surgery

Dan Denman:
Dan Denman joined Physiology and Biophysics at CU Anschutz in 2019 from the Allen Institute for Brain Science, where he co-developed the Neuropixels electrode. His lab continues to use cutting-edge in vivo methods, studying the neural basis of visual perception and behavior with a focus on population coding and spike timing

Ed Chuong:
Ed Chuong's lab is interested in the evolution of gene regulatory networks underlying immunity and cancer. His lab is particularly focused on the role of ubiquitous genomic parasites known as transposons, and their contribution to the epigenetic landscape of human cells
Tuoqi Wu:
The Wu lab focuses on understanding the molecular pathways that govern T cell differentiation and function during infection and cancer. We hope to apply this knowledge to the development of more effective vaccines and immunotherapies.

Chelsea Magin:
Dr. Magin is an Assistant Professor of Bioengineering with training and expertise in biomaterials, product development, and pulmonary science. We engineer biomaterials-based cell culture platforms that precisely and consistently mimic the dynamic and complex architecture, composition, and mechanical properties of lung tissue to study disease and regeneration.

Won Chan Oh:
The goal of my research is to understand at the cellular and molecular level how synaptic and circuit connections form during development, how they are modified during learning and altered in disease such as neurodevelopmental disorders including ASDs.

Magda Gorska:
Is an associate professor in the Division of Allergy and Immunology at National Jewish Health. The goal of her lab is to delineate mechanisms by which maternal factors and early-life environmental exposures influence (promote or hinder) development of asthma and other allergic diseases in offspring.

Cecilia Caino:
Cecilia was born and educated in Argentina. After completing a Masters in Biology, she joined the Kazanietz laboratory (UPenn) for her PhD. Cecilia did a postdoctoral training in the Altieri laboratory (The Wistar Institute Cancer Center) and established her independent research lab at CU-AMC in 2017. Cecilia directs the PHCL 7605 Responsible Conduct of Research and PHCL 7606 Receptors and Cell Signaling courses. Cecilia’s research aims to understand the role of mitochondrial function in cancer progression. The current goal of the lab are: (i) to dissect the molecular mechanisms underlying mitochondrial trafficking in tumors, particularly in the context of hypoxic stress from the tumor microenvironment; (ii) to understand how rewiring of the mitochondrial network in tumors impacts cellular behaviors that drive progressive and lethal cancer; and (iii) to examine the contribution of the mitochondrial trafficking components (SNPH, Miro1/2 and Kinesin) to tumor cell invasion and metastatic dissemination.

Alex Whiteley:
Alexandra Whiteley completed her PhD at UCSF, where she studied cellular immunology and the trafficking of the high affinity IgE receptor (FcERI) on human dendritic cells. She performed postdoctoral work at Genentech in the laboratory of Dr. Eric Brown, MD, to identify the in vivo consequences of UBQLN1 loss with a focus on B cell function. Following her time at Genentech, she completed her training in the laboratory of Dr. Daniel Finley, PhD, at Harvard Medical School, where she studied the proteomic changes of UBQLN2 perturbation in models of ALS. She began her laboratory as an Assistant Professor in the Biochemistry Department of CU Boulder in January 2020 and is focused on understanding the biology of UBQLNs and protein homeostasis. Protein degradation is central to cellular life, and the proteasome is the major pathway of protein degradation in the cell. Ubiquilins (UBQLNs) are a family of human proteins which assist in the proteasome degradation of some proteins, though the mechanics of which are poorly understood. Despite the fact that we lack a molecular understanding of how these proteins facilitate protein degradation, it is clear that UBQLNs are necessary for life, as mutations in UBQLN4 cause a hereditary chromosomal instability disease, and mutations in UBQLN2 cause familial ALS. Our laboratory aims to understand how UBQLNs facilitate protein degradation: what proteins they help to degrade, how they deliver proteins to the proteasome, and the specific cellular consequences of their loss through a combination of biochemical, cell biological, and in vivo techniques.
Patrick Hume (class of 2013) joined the faculty at National Jewish Health (Denver, CO) this past July as a physician-scientist in the Division of Pulmonary, Critical Care, and Sleep Medicine. He also received a fundable score on his NIH K08 grant application to investigate the role of airway wall macrophages in the development of COPD.


Also featured on JAMA publication [https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jama/fullarticle/2769871](https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jama/fullarticle/2769871)

Sruthi Thomas (class of 2013), MD, PhD, Assistant Professor in Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation and Neurosurgery at Baylor College of Medicine/Texas Children's Hospital recently published a review article entitled, "Surgical Tone Reduction in Cerebral Palsy," her primary area of research: Thomas SP, Addison AP, Curry SJ. Surgical tone reduction in cerebral palsy. *Phys Med Rehabil Clin N Am* 2020; 31(1):91-105.

She was also recently funded two separate grants, the H. Ben Taub Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Faculty Pilot Award and the Baylor College of Medicine Junior Faculty Seed Award, to investigate practice variation across the US in surgical tone management of children with cerebral palsy. Dr. Thomas has also been named the Program Director for the Texas Children's Hospital Intrathecal Baclofen (ITB) Pump program, placing her in charge of one of the country's largest pediatric ITB programs.

Cheryl Keech, M.D.,PhD, Gary albert, M.S., Iksung Cho, M.S.,Andreana Robertson, M.S., Patricia Reed, B.S., Susan Neal, Joyce S. Pleston, PhD, Mingzhu Zhu, Ph.D., Shane Cloney-Clark, B.S., Haixia Zhou, PhD, Gale Smith, PhD, Nita Patel, M.S. et al. *Phase 1–2 Trial of a SARS-CoV-2 Recombinant Spike Protein Nanoparticle Vaccine.* doi: 10.1056/NEJMo2026920

Brian Harry (class of 2015) was recognized as an American Society of Clinical Pathology (ASCP) 40 under 40 honoree. [https://www.ascp.org/content/get-involved/get-recognized/40-under-forty](https://www.ascp.org/content/get-involved/get-recognized/40-under-forty)
Recent Student Publications


W B LaRiviere, Eric P Schmidt. *Using the Extremes of Human Inflammation to Understand the Transcriptional Control of IL-18.* doi: 10.1164/rccm.201912-2322ED


New Book Club - We have started a new book club that will be meeting every other month. After each meeting, members will submit book suggestions and we will vote on the next one to read. We plan on alternating between non-fiction and fiction. You can join all meetings, or just attend the ones you interested in. Meetings are low-key and you do not have to finish the book to participate in discussion. It’s just a grand ol’ time seeing your friends and colleagues, catching-up, and talking about books we love. Below are a list of books we have read and plan to read in the future.

July: *Grit: The Power of Passion and Perseverance* by Angela Duckworth - pioneering psychologist Angela Duckworth shows parents, educators, athletes, students, and business people–both seasoned and new–that the secret to outstanding achievement is not talent but a focused persistence called "grit."

*September:* *Homegoing* by Yaa Gyasi - Ghana, eighteenth century: two half sisters are born into different villages, each unaware of the other. One will marry an Englishman and lead a life of comfort in the palatial rooms of the Cape Coast Castle. The other will be captured in a raid on her village, imprisoned in the very same castle, and sold into slavery. *Homegoing* follows the parallel paths of these sisters and their descendants through eight generations: from the Gold Coast to the plantations of Mississippi, from the American Civil War to Jazz Age Harlem. Yaa Gyasi’s extraordinary novel illuminates slavery’s troubled legacy both for those who were taken and those who stayed--and shows how the memory of captivity has been inscribed on the soul of our nation. [Buy it HERE to support Black-owned bookshops](#)

November???
We want to reiterate that MSTP SC is completely student-driven, so please make it yours! There is no time-commitment or effort-level requirement to be involved or learn more. Sign up [HERE](#) to get involved.

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**MSTP student council has started a new initiative to increase bonding and mentorship between students: MSTP-Pods.**

Do you want to get to know other MSTPs? Do you enjoy besting others in a game of wit? Are you appeased by puns? Or are you just sick of getting these advertisements? Get sorted into a P-Pod with other MSTPs. Then, free your competitive side by going pod-to-pod against other MSTPs in our War & Peas: [Championship Tournament](#)!

Email mstpstudentcouncil@UCDENVER.EDU for more info.
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