



**Celebration of the 25th Anniversary of
The University of Toledo-University of
Salford Exchange Program
Saturday, January 30, 2010**



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- 8:30 am** **Continental Breakfast Memorial Field House, Town Square**
- 9:00 am** **Salford Alumni Research Symposium, FH 2100**
Welcoming Remarks
Patricia Komuniecki, Ph.D., Vice Provost for Graduate Affairs &
Dean, College of Graduate Studies, Professor of Biology
UT Director-Salford Exchange Program 1990-2009
- Darren Brooks, Ph.D., Lecturer, School of Environment and life Sciences,
The University of Salford, Studies in the USA Course Tutor, 2005-present
- 9:15** **Megan (Henderson) Ballinger, Ph.D.** Postdoctoral Fellow @ The University of
Michigan. UT exchange student @ Salford 2000-01, B.S. Biology UT 2002,
Ph.D. Immunology, University of Michigan, 2007
“The role of IRAK-M in modulating acute lung injury”
- 9:45** **Rachael Mintz-Cole, M.D./Ph.D.** candidate, The University of Cincinnati.
UT exchange student @ Salford 2003-04, B.S. Biology UT 2005
“Different Mold Species Induce Distinct Inflammation in the Lungs of Mice”
- 10:15** **Stephanie Coomes, Ph.D.** candidate, The University of Michigan.
UT exchange student @ Salford 2005-06, B.S. Biology UT 2007
**“Induction of transforming growth factor beta-1 impairs anti-viral immunity
in the lung late post-experimental bone marrow transplant”**
- 10:45** **Break**
- 11:00** **Ed Briercheck, M.D./Ph.D.** candidate The Ohio State University, UT
exchange student @ Salford 2004-05, B.S. Biology UT 2006
“Natural Killer Cells: Controlling Infection and Curing Cancer”
- 11:30** **Flo Pauli, Ph.D.,** Senior Scientist, HudsonAlpha Institute for Biotechnology.
UT exchange student @ Salford 2000-01, B.S. Biology UT 2002, Ph.D.
Molecular Genetics, Stanford University, 2007
**The ENCODE Project and genome-wide mechanisms of gene regulation by
the glucocorticoid receptor”**
- 12 noon** **Lunch Break**

- 1:30 Welcoming Remarks- Dean Nina McClelland, College of Arts and Sciences**
- Gareth Harris**, Ph.D. candidate @ The University of Toledo.
BSc University of Sheffield 2004, MSc University of Salford, 2005
“Neuropeptides are essential for the serotonergic stimulation of aversive responses mediated by the ASH neurons in *Caenorhabditis elegans*”
- 2:00 Rachel Wragg**, Ph.D. candidate @ The University of Toledo.
Salford exchange student @ UT 2003-03, BSc 2004 and MSc 2005 University of Salford
“Monoamines and peptides interact to modulate sensory-mediated glutamatergic signaling in *Caenorhabditis elegans*”
- 2:30 Kara (Buehrer) Kile**, Ph.D. Visiting Assistant Professor of Neuroscience, Oberlin College. UT exchange student @ Salford 1997-98, B.S. UT Bioengineering 2000, Ph.D. Biomedical Engineering (Neural Engineering), Case Western Reserve University 2007
“Deep Brain Stimulation for Seizure Suppression”
- 3:00 Closing Remarks**
Dr. Brian Ashburner, Associate Professor of Biology, The University of Toledo, Director, UT-Salford Exchange Program 2009-present
- 3:15 pm Alumni Reflections on the Exchange Experience**
Opening Reflections by Patricia R. Komuniecki, Ph.D., Former Director
- Moderator:** David Pearson, Ph.D., DABR, Exchange at UT 1999-2000, BSc, 2000, The University of Salford; UT MS & PhD Physics degrees; Assistant Professor/Clinical Medical Physicist, Dept. of Radiation Oncology, UT COM
- Participants:**
- Eric Cole, Exchange at Salford 2003-04; B.S., UT Biology, 2005; UT M.S. 2007, research assistant @ Cincinnati Children’s Hospital Medical Center, future dental student @ University of Louisville
 - Nikko Ronquillo, Exchange at Salford 2004-05; B.S., UT Biology, 2006; MD/PhD candidate @ The University of Utah
 - Aaron Grabovich: Exchange at Salford 2004-05; B.S., UT Biology, 2006; UT MS.2007, Nova Southeastern University MS 2009. Anesthesiology Assistant
 - Laura Halpin, Exchange at Salford 2006-07; B.S., UT Biology, 2008; MD/PhD student @ UTCOM
 - Bobby Hieronimus, Exchange at Salford 2005-06; B.S., UT Biology, 2007; MD student @ UTCOM
 - Alison Fedyna, Exchange at Salford 2007-08; B.S., UT Biology and B.A. UT Psychology, 2009; post-baccalaureate fellow at NIH
- 4:30-6:30 pm Alumni Reception**
Libbey Hall