

## Program Executive Committee:

- Johannes Hell
- Dawn Quelle
- Kevin Rice
- Andrew Russo
- David Wiemer



Dawn Quelle, Ph.D.  
Associate Professor  
Director, Graduate Admissions  
Pharmacology



Kevin Rice, Ph.D.  
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Physiology and Biophysics



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Professor and Chair  
Chemistry

## Transitions and Program Updates

Dear Colleagues and Trainees:

Welcome to the inaugural issue of the newsletter for the Interdisciplinary Training Program in the Pharmacological Sciences. This newsletter is important because it will keep you in touch with our training program. Keeping in touch is critical for creating a sense of a true program in which trainers and trainees interact beyond their departmental boundaries, and for upcoming renewal of the NIH training grant that supports this program. Site visit teams typically probe the faculty and students on the issue of working together by asking questions about the structure and organization of the program. So, please read the newsletters, which we will publish at least quarterly and keep as short and succinct as possible.



Best Regards,

Johannes W. Hell, Ph.D.



Dr. Gerald Gebhart, Professor and former Head of Pharmacology, is stepping down as the Program Director of the training grant this spring. He has accepted a position as Professor and Director of the Center for Pain Research at the University of Pittsburgh. We are deeply indebted to Jerry for the outstanding leadership he has provided to the Department of Pharmacology for many years. Under his guidance, the Department has grown with the addition of many new faculty and the recruitment of a strong base of trainees. He also led the effort to reestablish this training grant, working to expand its scope to integrate faculty and trainees in the Colleges of Medicine, Pharmacy and the Liberal Arts and Sciences into a truly interdisciplinary training program. There is no doubt that his departure will leave a void in the program and in our hearts. We wish him the very best in his new endeavor, and look forward to receiving updates on the program that he will develop at the University of Pittsburgh.

Dr. Johannes Hell, Associate Professor of Pharmacology, has agreed to serve as Program Director for the training grant, and to lead the competitive renewal that will be submitted in May. He will have the benefit of assistance from Dr. Kevin Rice, Professor and Head of the Division of Medicinal and Natural Products Chemistry in the College of Pharmacy and a member of the Program Executive Committee, and Dr. Minnetta Gardinier (pictured at right), Associate Professor of Pharmacology and Director of the Interdisciplinary Program in Molecular Biology, both of whom devoted substantial energies to initial submission of the training grant and have, along with members of the Executive Committee, provided sage guidance in its first two years to ensure its success. Minnetta has recently accepted a position as Associate Dean in the Graduate College. With the award of a T32 training grant to the Interdisciplinary Program in Molecular Biology, for which she is the Program Director, she has stepped down from a leadership position on the Program Executive Committee for the Pharmacological Sciences training grant. Dr. Dawn Quelle, Associate Professor of Pharmacology, graciously agreed to serve in her stead.





Solicitations have been mailed to all Department Heads, Division Heads, and Interdisciplinary Program Directors in the Colleges of Medicine, Pharmacy and the Liberal Arts and Sciences seeking nominations for faculty members to serve as **new trainers** on this grant. All trainers will be asked to provide a biosketch, a summary of trainees and grant support, and a listing of their IACUC approval dates, publications and collaborations. Pharmacology office staff will contact trainers in the next couple of weeks as it is critical for a well organized proposal to get an early start. Submission deadline for the TG is **May 10, 2006** but we need to receive information **much earlier**, i.e. late March 2006.

## Current and Past Trainees in the Pharmacological Sciences

### Current Trainers

#### Anatomy & Cell Biology

Robin Davison  
John Engelhart  
Michael Rebagliati  
Robert Tomanek

#### Anesthesia

Timothy Brennan  
Donna Hammond

#### Biochemistry

Kenneth Murphy  
Bryce Plapp  
Subramanian Ramaswamy

#### Chemistry

Sonya Franklin  
Lei Geng  
Jan Jensen  
Amnon Kohen  
Daniel Quinn  
David Wiemer

#### Neurology

Daniel Tranel

#### Pharmacology

Mario Ascoli  
Rory Fisher  
Minnetta Gardinier  
Gerald Gebhart  
Johannes Hell  
Mary Horne  
John Koland  
Nancy Lill  
Herbert Proudfit  
Dawn Quelle  
Frederick Quelle  
Stefan Strack

#### Internal Medicine

Beverly Davidson  
Frank Faraci  
Donald Heistad  
Raymond Hohl  
Kathryn Lamping  
Steven Lentz  
Michael Welsh

#### Medicinal & Natural Products Chemistry

Michael Duffel  
Zhendong Jin  
Robert Kerns

#### Physiology & Biophysics

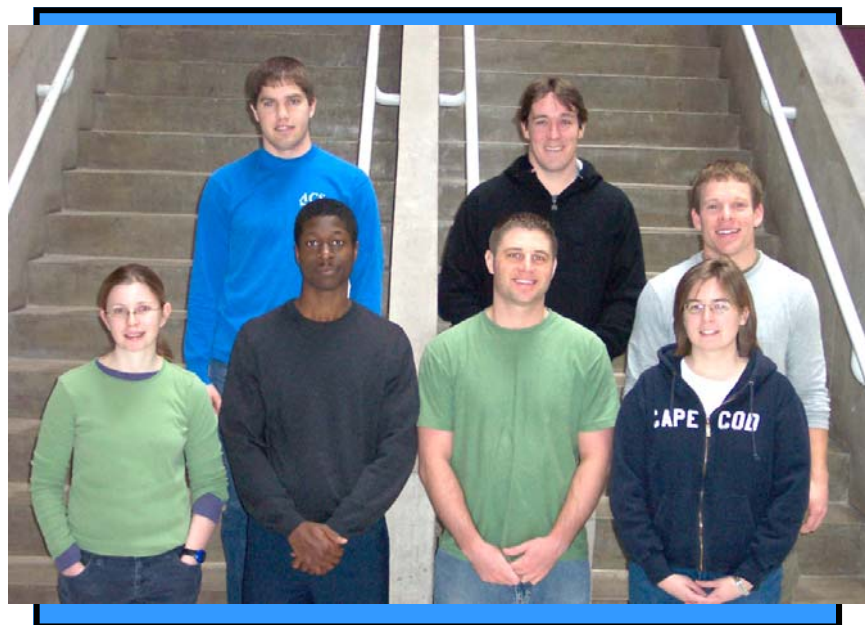
Kevin Campbell  
Sarah England  
W. Scott Moye-Rowley  
Robert Piper  
Andrew Russo  
Deborah Segaloff

#### Physical Therapy & Rehabilitation Science

Kathleen Sluka

#### Psychology

A. Kim Johnson



Front Row (left to right):

Arianne Waseen, Pharmacology (mentor: Minnetta Gardinier)  
B. Kevin Anderson, Medicinal & Natural Products Chemistry (mentor: Kevin Rice)  
\*Justin Drake, Physiology and Biophysics (mentor: Michael Henry)  
Amy Halt, Pharmacology (mentor: Johannes Hell)

Back Row (left to right):

Nolan Mente, Chemistry (mentor: David Wiemer)  
Kevin Tidgewell, Medicinal & Natural Products Chemistry (mentor: Tom Prisinzano)  
Garrett Rettig, Medicinal & Natural Products Chemistry (mentor: Kevin Rice)

\*Justin Drake received a two-year Predoctoral Fellowship from the American Heart Association for his project entitled, "The Role of Endothelin-1 in Neovascularization of Prostate Cancer Metastasis," in January 2006.

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## We're on the Web!

<http://pharmacy.uiowa.edu/mnpcphar/pages/pharmacosciences.htm>

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