



SEMINAR SERIES

The Biostatistics and Health Outcomes Research Group (HORG) Seminars will resume in September.

The Survivorship, Outcomes and Risk (SOAR) Seminars will resume in October.



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HIGHLIGHT

[Sharon Bayuga](#) was one of four recipients of the 2015 Research Administrator Award of Excellence at the Fourth Annual Research Administrators' Professional Day event held on May 29th. This award is in recognition of her hard work and dedication to our department and MSK. Sharon joined MSK after graduating from the Mailman School of Public Health at Columbia University with an MPH in Epidemiology. She initially started as an Assistant Epidemiologist working with the investigators in the Epidemiology Service. Sharon later transitioned to the position of Research Program Manager in 2009, serving as the focal point for staffing research support needs, regulatory guidance, and other matters related to conducting research at MSK.

Sharon is originally from Seattle, Washington, where she attended the University of Washington for her undergraduate degree. She currently resides in Manhattan with her husband and daughter. When not in the office she enjoys exploring the city with her daughter, going to the beach, and visiting family in the Northeast and West Coast. We congratulate Sharon on winning this award and thank her for going above and beyond!



Back: Bradley Cohen, Prusha Patel, Lauren Rogak, Carolyn Eberle, Meg Woods, Mary Shaw, Sean Ryan

Front: Cynthia Berry, Shireen Lewis, Farheen Ajmeri, Yasmeen Majoka, Sharon Bayuga, Val Pocus, Narre Heon, Roxana Damian

RESEARCH ADMINISTRATORS' PROFESSIONAL DAY

We also want to congratulate [Yasmeen Majoka](#) for winning the People's Choice Award at Research Administrator's Professional Day for her poster: "Faculty Recruitment and Hiring: Sharing Best Practices". She presented the poster along with coauthors Farheen Ajmeri, Bradley Cohen, Katherine Wong, Cynthia Berry, and Shireen Lewis. There were 21 posters submitted in total. Please check out the winning poster on the bulletin board by the Wet Pantry!

GRANTS

[Talya Salz](#) was recently awarded an NCI R03 grant: "Do cardiovascular risk factors modify the cardiotoxicity of lymphoma treatments?" The overarching goal of this proposal is to better understand how pre-existing cardiovascular risk factors interact with cardiotoxic therapies to heighten the risk of developing major cardiac events among lymphoma survivors. [Andrew Vickers](#) is a co-investigator; other investigators are from both MSK and the Danish Cancer Center.

CONGRATULATIONS, AUDREY!

[Audrey Mauguen](#) won the Biology-Health PhD prize for her thesis, "Prognosis of cancer patients: input of standard and joint frailty models." This award is one of the four PhD thesis prizes from the University of Bordeaux given each year. The university awards PhD theses carried out in several fields, both in pure and applied research, to incite quality research in Bordeaux.

HOWARD'S RETIREMENT PARTY

On June 22nd we celebrated Howard Thaler's retirement with colleagues from the department, across MSK and with his family. We appreciate the 40 plus years of service Howard has dedicated to the institution and wish him the very best in his retirement. A special thank you to those individuals who helped to make Howard's celebration a special and memorable event: Cynthia Berry, Melissa Budnick, Tania Celea, Brad Cohen, Roxana Damian, Alexia Iasonos, Joey Kanik, Shireen Lewis, Yasmeen Majoka, Chaya Moskowitz, Tricia Neary, Val Pocus, Romina Rodriguez, Katherine Wong, and Ann Zauber.



THANK YOU SUMMER VISITORS!

Farewell and thank you to all the interns and students that worked with us this summer:

- ❖ Promy Bari: Intern worked with Admin Team
- ❖ Jenelle Cocorpus: Intern worked with Sara Olson
- ❖ Katherine Fleshner: Intern worked with Sigrid Carlsson
- ❖ Emily George: Intern worked with Malcolm Pike
- ❖ Miriam Goss: Intern worked with Jaya Satagopan and Malcolm Pike
- ❖ Vincent Laudone: Intern worked with Andrew Vickers
- ❖ Ajay Patel: Intern worked with Andrew Vickers
- ❖ Alexandr Pinkhasov: Intern worked with Victoria Blinder
- ❖ Ashrita Raman: Intern worked with Jaya Satagopan
- ❖ Alexander Woods: Intern worked with Allison Snyderman
- ❖ Rubaya Yeahia: Intern worked with Deb Korenstein
- ❖ Jing Zhang: Visiting Professor with Mithat Gonen

STAFF PROMOTIONS

- ❖ [Ling Chen](#) promoted to Webcore Supervisor
- ❖ [Emily Nadelmann](#) promoted to RSA II
- ❖ [Heta Parmar](#) promoted to Senior Research Technician
- ❖ [Kaitlin Woo](#) promoted to Research Biostatistician
- ❖ [Jenny Yang](#) promoted to RSA II
- ❖ [Emily Zabor](#) promoted to Research Biostatistician II

STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to our colleagues for their years of MSK service! The following employees will be receiving their service awards this quarter:

- ❖ [Coral Atoria](#) -5 years
- ❖ [Helena Furberg](#) -5 years
- ❖ [Deborah \(Kuk\) Chao](#) -5 years
- ❖ [Anne Eaton](#) -5 years
- ❖ [Carolyn Eberle](#) -5 years
- ❖ [Dan Sjoberg](#) -5 years
- ❖ [Emily Zabor](#) -5 years
- ❖ [Marinela Capanu](#) -10 years
- ❖ [Alexia Iasonos](#) -10 years
- ❖ [Li-Xuan Qin](#) -10 years
- ❖ [Meghan Woods](#) -10 years
- ❖ [Jun Yan](#) -20 years

NEW STAFF

[Tania Celea, Receptionist](#)

Tania joined the department in March 2015 and recently accepted the receptionist position. Tania greets visitors, coordinates access to the building, helps schedule conference meetings, assists with other administrative needs, and keeps the reception area beautifully decorated with her flower arrangements.



[Raina Jain, Data Assistant](#)

Raina joins our department as a data assistant working with Peter Bach. She recently graduated from Columbia University with a BA in Biology. Previously, she worked as a research assistant in labs at both MSK and Columbia University Medical Center.



[Ethna McFerran, Graduate Student](#)

Ethna McFerran has joined the department as a visiting scholar and is working with Ann Zaubner. She is the NCI Health Economics Fellow and will be with the department until April 2017. Ethna is working on a Health Economic Evaluation of surveillance in colorectal adenoma patients at risk of colorectal cancer and the 'MISCAN' model.



[Julia Sisti, Postdoctoral Research Scholar](#)

Julia has joined the department as a postdoctoral Research Scholar working with Jonine Bernstein on a number of projects relating to breast cancer epidemiology, including the WECARE and IMAGINE studies. She graduated in May with a doctorate in Epidemiology from the T.H. Chan Harvard School of Public Health, where her work focused largely on the role of dietary and reproductive risk factors for breast cancer.



[Annie Yang, Data Assistant](#)

Annie joins our department as a data assistant for Debbie Korenstein and Allison Lipitz-Snyderman. She recently graduated from Harvard College with a BA in Chemical and Physical Biology and a secondary degree in Global Health and Health Policy.



STAFF FAREWELLS

[Sophia Chen](#) recruited patients for Dr. Victoria Blinder's research protocols for two years; she will begin law school at George Washington University in Washington, D.C, in August.

After a year and a half of service to the department, [Kelsey Laning](#) has left MSK to relocate back to Massachusetts. She will be a Grant Coordinator for Massachusetts General Hospital's Cancer Center. We thank her for all of her hard work and wish her the best in her new position.

[Jessica Poon](#) is returning to UC Berkeley to pursue a PhD in Health Services and Policy Analysis. She would like to thank everybody at MSKCC for their inspiring examples of kindness and dedication.

[Geoffrey Schnorr](#) is leaving MSKCC in late July to pursue a PhD in Economics at the University of California-Davis.

After a year and a half of recruitment to Health Outcomes protocols, [Angie Santiago-Zayas](#) has opted to pursue a career in the Office of Clinical Research.

CRPW POSTER SESSION PRESENTATIONS

[Liz Fortier](#) presented "Development of a Medical Record Based Trigger Tool for Identifying Adverse Events During Cancer Care." Authors included: Allison Lipitz-Snyderman PhD, David Pfister MD, Christopher Anderson MD, Andrew Epstein MD, Aileen Killen RN PhD CPPS, Camelia Sima MD MS, Coral Atoria MPH, Elizabeth Fortier MPH, David Classen MD, and Saul Weingart MD PhD.

[Sean Ryan](#) presented "MSK Coordinating Center Experience with PRO-CTCAE in a Large National Multi-site Cancer Cooperative Group Clinical Trial (Alliance N1048 PROSPECT)." Authors included: Sean Ryan MS, Mary Shaw, Narre Heon, Lauren Rogak MA, and Ethan Basch MD, MSc.

RESTAURANTS

[The Graso Grill](#): Solid sandwiches, salads, and burgers. There are a number of creative offerings for both breakfast and lunch, with extensive options to customize your meal. 16 E 48th St btw Madison & 5th Ave

[Tacos Grand Central](#): "Hole in the wall" Mexican food to go, including tacos, burritos, and quesadillas. The carnitas burrito is particularly delicious, and all orders come with a spicy and addictive green sauce. 153 E 43rd St btw Lex & 3rd Ave

[Benton Café](#): Small Japanese takeaway shop with donburi, bento boxes, rice balls, and pastries. There is a different lunch special rice bowl each day. The Friday special chirashi bowl is \$9 and comes with a cup of miso soup. Don't forget to ask the cashier for a Benton "loyalty card" at your first visit. 156 E 45th St btw Lex & 3rd Ave