

7 Pathology Residents Graduated in 2016

'This year's grad dinner took place at the Royal Vancouver Yacht club, on a rather cool, wet May evening, interspersed with lightning that lit up the sky – beautiful!

Ms. Shelley Berkow

There were over 90 guests to celebrate the achievements of seven graduates from: Anatomical pathology (Drs. Susanna Zachara-Szcakowski, Brandon Sheffield & Gang Wang); General Pathology (Dr. Tyler Verdun); Hematopathology (Drs. Eman Khan & Shadhiya Afaq Al Khan); Neuropathology (Dr. Veronica Hirsch-Reinshagen), and two fellows, Dr. Medhi Agoumi (Breast & Cytology), & Dr. Nick Sunderland (Hematopathology & Transfusion Medicine).

The evening started off with a sumptuous dinner, and then the fun began with a roast of the graduates, followed by an hilarious video produced by the Anatomical Pathology Grads, roasting the staff. There was so much laughter during the video, that at times, it was very difficult to hear. Awards were presented by Dr. Mike Allard, to thank two program directors, who had stepped down during the year, Dr. Pat Doyle (Medical Microbiology), and Dr. Andre Mattman (Medical Biochemistry).

Also, annually two teaching awards are presented to outstanding staff who had been nominated by the residents. This year the awards went to: Dr. Sylvie Champagne (Medical Microbiology), and Dr. Tom Thomson (Anatomical Pathology).

To finish off the evening, the Program Directors presented the graduates with their certificates.

Congratulations to all our Grads!



ANATOMICAL PATHOLOGY GRADUATES

PROGRAM DIRECTOR: DR. DIANA IONESCU



DR. SUSANNA ZACHARASZCZAKOWSKI

EDUCATION

- BSc Anatomy and Cell Biology, McGill
- MD, University of Toronto
- Residency in Anatomical Pathology

FUTURE PLANS

- Joint medical kidney and genitourinary pathology fellowship, Calgary

DR. BRANDON SHEFFIELD

EDUCATION

- MD, University of Toronto
- Residency in Anatomical Pathology

FUTURE PLANS

- Work in Abbotsford, looking forward to being a dad



DR. GANG WANG

EDUCATION

- MD, Tongji Medical University, China
- PhD, University of British Columbia
- Residency in Anatomical Pathology

FUTURE PLANS

- Genitourinary Fellowship in MD Anderson Cancer Center



Behind the scenes

(or what really went on in the back room)

B: I credit Tyler with making me a better pathologist

T: What?... I've got nothing nice to say about you

T: Brandon – do you want to succeed in life, or do you want to pass the exam?

B: Point

S: Happy birthday Tyler – did you get any good gifts?

T: I'm at that age when I don't want anymore gifts – just friends

B: Well, I want to be the queen of England; we can't all get what we want Tyler

B: Can you put it in your will to choose who you want to do your autopsy? Because I would choose Jason, and then before I died I would swallow a paper with "Hi Jason". I mean you're dying anyway – why not go out with a practical joke?

GENERAL PATHOLOGY GRADUATES

PROGRAM DIRECTOR: DR. MIKE NIMMO

DR. TYLER VERDUN

EDUCATION

- BHSc (Hons), McMaster University
- MD, Northern Ontario School of Medicine
- Residency General Pathology

FUTURE PLANS

- DYNALife Dx in Edmonton, Alberta
- Eventually elbow oneself into Kelowna General Hospital



FAVORITE QUOTE

"Don't worry, Tyler. Our expectations of you couldn't possibly be any lower."

– Dr. Nimmo, July 2012

HIGHLIGHTS OF RESIDENCY

- Thursday afternoon runs
- That one time when Dr. Schaeffer smiled
- Taco bowls and Burrito Grandes
- North Shore hikes and Aconcagua climb

HEMATOPATHOLOGY GRADUATES

PROGRAM DIRECTOR: DR. SUZANNE VERCAUTEREN



DR. EMAN A KHAN

EDUCATION

- Graduated from medical school with MBBS in 2009
- Residency in Hematological Pathology, UBC, 2011-2016

FUTURE PLANS

- Fellowship in CBS, 2016-2017
- Future training in Flowcytometry



DR. SHADHIYA AL KHAN

EDUCATION

- Residency in Hematological Pathology, UBC, 2012-2016

FUTURE PLANS

- Transfusion Medicine Fellowship



CONGRATULATIONS
Graduating
Residents & Fellows

NEUROPATHOLOGY GRADUATES



DR. VERONICA HIRSCH-REINSHAGEN

- MD: Chile, 2002
- PhD: UBC, 2007
- Neuropathology residency: UBC, 2016
- Mom: Vancouver, 2011 and 2014
- Clinician-scientist: CIP up next
- Obstinate existentialist: always



A toast to everyone I met and worked with during residency: If you only knew how much your teaching, help, patience, companionship and dedication mattered to me. Thank you

<< CONGRATULATIONS! >>

I'm very excited to have been accepted to the Clinical Investigator Program (CIP) here at UBC. Under the supervision of Dr. Ian Mackenzie, VGH staff Neuropathologist and leading expert in frontotemporal lobar degeneration, I will evaluate the pathological correlate of psychotic symptoms in patients who suffered from frontotemporal dementia. This is a form of dementia that is less frequent than Alzheimer Disease, has prominent behavioral manifestations and can present with early psychotic symptoms such as delusions and hallucinations. The opportunity to study this large and very well characterized cohort of cases of this specific entity is truly unique, and I am looking forward to the next two years here.

FELLOWSHIP GRADUATES

DR. NICK SUNDERLAND

EDUCATION

- BSc in Biochemistry, Queen's
- MD University of Western Ontario, London
- General pathology residency, UBC
- Hematopathology fellowship, UBC

FUTURE PLANS

- Exact work plans to be determined (very soon!)
- France this summer



DR. MEHDI AGOUMI

EDUCATION

- MD, Mohamed V University, Rabat, Morocco
- Residency in Anatomic Pathology at the University of Montreal
- Breast and Cytopathology fellowship 2015-2016

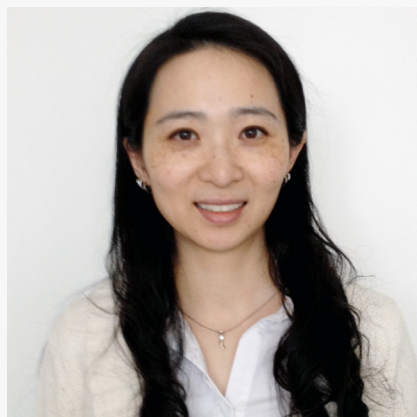
DR. JOYCE LEO

EDUCATION

- BSc Neuroscience, UC Riverside
- MSc Neuroscience, UBC
- MD, UBC
- Anatomical pathology residency
- Breast pathology fellowship

FUTURE PLANS

- TBA



The following members were recognized by the residents & fellows for their contributions to resident education during the 2015-16:

1.

PAST PROGRAM DIRECTOR AWARDS

Dr. Patrick W. Doyle (Medical Microbiology)

Dr. Andre Mattman (Medical Biochemistry)



2.

DR. ROBERTA MILLER RESIDENT TEACHING AWARDS

Dr. Tom Thomson (Anatomical Pathology)



3.

DR. MELVYN BERNSTEIN RESIDENT TEACHING AWARDS

Dr. Sylvie Champagne (Medical Microbiology)



ANATOMIC PATHOLOGY

PROGRAM DIRECTOR: DR. DIANA IONESCU

PGY 1



Sammy Au

PGY 1



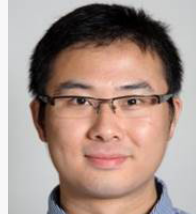
Jenny Chu

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Mike Steel

PGY 1



Raymond Yip

PGY 2



Deidre Ongaro

PGY 2



Jennifer Pors

PGY 2



Alisa Abozina

PGY 2



Ellen Cai

PGY 2



Yi Ariel Liu

PGY 2



Fatemeh Derakhshan

PGY 3



Jessica Saunders

PGY 3



Kenrry Chiu

PGY 3



Basile Tessier-Cloutier

PGY 3



Nissreen Mohammad

PGY 3



Daniel Owen

PGY 3



Kyra Berg



Introducing **Jasnah Alexandra Van Oyen**, born June 11 at 9:04pm, 9 lb 2 oz, and 52 cm. She's a big girl (takes after her dad) but we managed and we're all doing well now.

<< CONGRATULATIONS BASILE! >>

This year, I began a research fellowship in Molecular Pathology at the Centre for Translational and Applied Genomics (CTAG) under the supervision of Dr. David Huntsman.

My primary project is identifying specific markers to help resolve clinical conundrums, mostly in the fields of Gynecological and Gastrointestinal Pathology. First, through a collaborative approach we are able to characterize the different proteins present in tumor cells of formalin fixed paraffin embedded tissue. Consequently, by comparing the protein profiles between different cancers, this technique allows us to identify potential immunohistochemical biomarkers.

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Emilija Todorovic

PGY 4



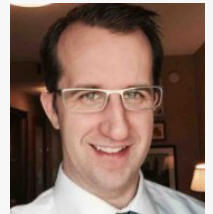
Catalin Taraboanta

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Yazeed Al Welaie

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Tyler Hickey

PGY 5



Maziar Riaz

PGY 5



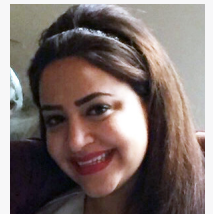
Eric Bol

PGY 5



Lawrence Lee

PGY 5



Noorah Al Madani

HEMATOPATHOLOGY

PROGRAM DIRECTOR: DR. SUZANNE VERCAUTEREN

PGY 1



Hannah
Nazaroff

PGY 2



Hamish
Nicolson

PGY 3



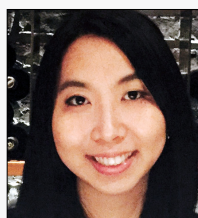
Maryam
Al Bakri

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Krista
Marcon

PGY 5



Audi
Setiadi

PGY 5



Habib
Moshref Razavi

PGY 5



Natalia
Blaszczyk



"Double the trouble, double the fun - our life with twins has just begun! Twenty fingers, twenty toes, plenty of work, heaven knows. Four little arms to hold tight, four little cheeks to kiss goodnight!"

Dr. Krista Marcon, Hematopathology Resident, and her husband Travis Gibson are excited to announce the arrival of their twin boys **Oscar Daniel** and **Sullivan Charles** on June 13, 2016.



PATHOLOGY RESIDENTS 2016 - 2017

GENERAL PATHOLOGY

PROGRAM DIRECTOR: DR. MICHAEL NIMMO

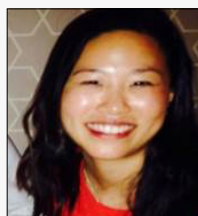
MEDICAL BIOCHEMISTRY

PROGRAM DIRECTOR: SOPHIA WONG & ASSOCIATE
PROGRAM DIRECTOR: MARI DEMARCO

MEDICAL MICROBIOLOGY

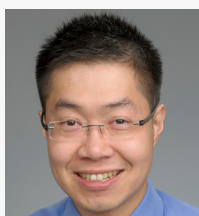
PROGRAM DIRECTOR: DR. CHRIS LOWE

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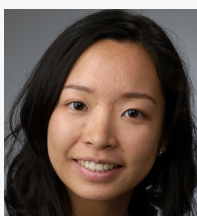
Lynne Li

PGY 2



Victor
Tsun Ho Yuen

PGY 3



Lisa Marina Li

PGY 4



Sarah
Cherian

PGY 5



Shazia
Masud

PGY 5

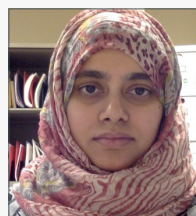


Inna
Sekirov

TRANSFUSION MEDICINE

PROGRAM DIRECTOR: DR. TANYA PETRASZKO

PGY 5



Shadhiya
Al Khan

PGY 5



Eman
Khan

NEUROPATHOLOGY

PROGRAM DIRECTOR: DR. IAN MACKENZIE

PGY 1



Adrian Levine