JOIN THE HOLIDAY FESTIVITIES

* **Holiday Breakfast** on Thursday, December 5, 7:30-9:00 a.m.
* **Unit Parties**, Wednesday, December 11, 11:30-1:00 p.m.

CANCER BIOLOGY & PHARMACOLOGY

PRESENTATIONS

- **Dr. Krishna Veeravalli** gave an invited talk entitled “Post-stroke brain damage: Role of MMP-12” at Loyola University Chicago on November 12, 2019.

PUBLICATIONS

- **Dr. Eleonora Zakharian** published an article in *Nature Structural and Molecular Biology*. The article entitled “Structural basis of temperature sensation by the TRP channel TRPV3” is a collaborative effort with the team of Dr. Alexander Sobolevsky at Columbia University.
- The article highlights the structure-function relationship of a temperature-sensitive TRPV3 channel. This study in the first to master a direct structural approach in elucidating temperature-induced activation of a channel, along with a thermodynamic characterization of its function.
- [https://www.nature.com/articles/s41594-019-0318-7](https://www.nature.com/articles/s41594-019-0318-7)

EMPLOYEE NEWS

- **Dr. Ken-ichiro Fukuchi** Laboratory welcomes a new employee, Dr. Di Hu.
- Before I joined our department, I was a lecturer in College of pharmacy, Harbin University of Commerce in China. My research focused on quality control, pharmacokinetics and metabolism of Traditional Chinese Medicine, especially Fructus schizandrae, which has the anti-Alzheimer effect. I received my bachelor’s degree in Traditional Chinese Medicine at Heilongjiang University of Chinese Medicine in 2004, and my Master’s and Doctor’s degree in Pharmacognosy at Shenyang Pharmaceutical University in 2008 and 2012, respectively. I was a postdoctoral research associate in the pharmacy college of University of Illinois at Chicago from 2013 to 2015, mainly completed the studies on preclinical pharmacokinetics and metabolism for development of antiviral and anticancer agents. I am excited to be joining Dr. Fukuchi’s lab researching Alzheimer’s disease. When I am not working, I enjoy travelling and spending time with my sons (Isaac and Noah) and my husband (Qi).
Before the holiday madness consumes you, grab a book off the shelf to have on hand to read during some downtime. Check these titles out!

**Beautiful Affliction: A Memoir** by Lene Fogelberg. (New Book Shelf WG220 F655b 2015)

**Counting Backwards: A Doctor’s Notes on Anesthesia** by Henry Jay Przybylo, MD. (New Book Shelf WO221 P973c 2018)

**There Is Something About Edgefield: Shining a Light on the Black Community through History, Genealogy & Genetic DNA** by Edna Gail Bush and Natonne Elaine Kemp. (New Book Shelf F277.E2 B978t 2017)

**The Neuroscientist Who Lost Her Mind: My Tale of Madness and Recovery** by Barbara K. Lipska with Elaine McArdle. (New Book Shelf WZ100 L767n 2018)

**The Devil Wear Scrubs** by Freida McFadden. (New Book Shelf W20 M143d 2013)
**HUMAN RESOURCES**

Please welcome our new employees:

Aaron Walton, Medical Assistant (certified), Pediatrics

No photo: Brooke Simmons, Medical Assistant (certified), Pediatrics

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**Sharing....Giving**

Reminder: The Shared Pool was established to provide assistance to (eligible) employees who have exhausted all accumulated sick leave and, if applicable, vacation leave with the opportunity to receive additional leave days when a disability claim is pending before the State Universities Retirement System (SURS). Please review the details in NESSIE; if you wish to donate a day(s) you must process in NESSIE:

[https://www.hr.uillinois.edu/leave/sharedbenefits/](https://www.hr.uillinois.edu/leave/sharedbenefits/)

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**THE UNIVERSITY HOLIDAY SCHEDULE MAY BE FOUND AT:**

[https://www.hr.uillinois.edu/leave/holidays/](https://www.hr.uillinois.edu/leave/holidays/) (click on Chicago Holiday Schedule on right side)

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**The 2020 Payroll Schedules are available online:** [http://peoria.medicine.uic.edu/hr/](http://peoria.medicine.uic.edu/hr/) (click the ‘pay’ tab)

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**Please Note** for the bi-weekly payroll: the bi-weekly timesheet deadline for BW1 (12/15/19-12/28/19) will be before 12:00 noon on January 2 (for the January 8 pay date). If you are not available to enter your timesheet for BW1 on December 20 or the week of December 23, you can enter before noon on January 2.

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**December Birthdays**

- Eileen Doherty
- Chris Johnson
- Elizabeth Majjaty
- Cheryl Perry
- Joellyn Doty
- Diana Warneke
- Nicole Bohnker
- Tanisha Lewis
- Richard Tapping
- Barb Staggs
- Stephanie Hornbuckle
- Stephanie Sampson
- Marti Sokolowski
- Mary Jean Dzurisin
- Tracy McCormick
- Ginger Light
- Jan Fiscus
- Andrew Darr
- Diana Farrar
- Elizabeth Majjaty
- Tanisha Lewis
- Richard Tapping
- Barb Staggs
- Stephanie Hornbuckle
- Stephanie Sampson
- Marti Sokolowski
- Mary Jean Dzurisin
- Tracy McCormick
- Ginger Light
- Jan Fiscus
- Andrew Darr
- Diana Farrar

If your birthday is not listed, and you wish to have it added, please contact Shannon Doerr.

The deadline for submission of information for the January issue is January 2 – send to Shannon at: [sdoerr@uic.edu](mailto:sdoerr@uic.edu)
When the Weather Outside is Frightful...

With winter weather, comes additional safety concerns. We encourage all students, staff and faculty to be extra careful on snowy days! Please take a moment to review the Winter Safety Tips listed below.

**WINTER SAFETY TIPS**

2. Wear appropriate footwear. Wear shoes or boots with rough (waffled, ridged or heavily textured) soles to work and change into dress shoes once there.
3. Be particularly careful of slippery conditions in the morning and early evening when melt water may be frozen. Be aware that black ice can look like wet pavement.
4. Be especially cautious when new snow may have hidden icy patches beneath it.
5. When getting out of your vehicle, look down at the surface. If it's coated with ice you may want to park in a different place. Test potentially slick areas by tapping your foot on them. Step down - not out of vehicles.
6. Use your vehicle for support. Where practicable, brace yourself with the vehicle door and seat back before standing. This will give you some stability.
7. Although your hands might be cold, don't put them in your pockets when you are navigating wintry stretches. If you slip, you will need your arms to restore balance.
8. Don't carry large loads while walking on snow or ice. If you begin to fall, toss your load so that you can break your fall with your arms. Protect yourself instead of the objects being carried.
9. Place your full attention on walking. Digging in your backpack or purse or using a cell phone while walking is dangerous. Concentrate on the path ahead.
10. Do the penguin shuffle – take small, slow, careful steps. Use handrails where provided.
11. To the extent possible, avoid climbing over snow banks and look for an alternate route.
12. Clean your shoes when you go inside. Caked snow and ice on shoe soles can be treacherous and make for slippery floors indoors.
13. If you do slip, try to roll with the fall if you begin to fall forward or sit down if you begin to fall backward. When a falling person relaxes, an injury is less severe than when he/she tenses. Fighting a fall on the ice can cause twisting or bending which may be worse than the bump produced by the fall.

Should you experience a fall on campus please notify your supervisor and seek medical attention if necessary. Please make sure to complete page 1 of the First Report of Injury Form and forward it the Human Resources within 24 hours. The form may be found at https://www.treasury.uillinois.edu/UserFiles/Servers/Server_338/File/riskWorkersComp/FirstReportInjuryIllness.pdf

Supervisors must notify Human Resources of all falls and complete pages 2 and 3 of the First Report of Injury Form within 24 hours.

Please remember that prevention is the best way to stop slips and falls during the winter on icy conditions! Be safe out there!
CSEC Updates

Bowling League: We are working on plans for a CSEC-Sponsored bowling league this coming January – February. Let your CSEC Rep or one of the officers know of your interest!

Who Is Your CSEC Rep? Look to the bottom left hand corner of this page and see the highlighted (in yellow) information.

BOOK CLUB

Hi Everyone,

Thanks again for your interest in the CSEC Book Club. As a reminder, we are offering two book club opportunities, one evening (offsite unless attendees make changes) and one lunch hour (onsite). You do not have to participate every month, but if you accept the invitation to attend a session and find you cannot attend, please change your “accept” to “decline” by 2 hours prior to start time.

Meeting invites for each meeting will follow shortly. The books for this month are as follows:

- **2nd Tuesdays Evening Chapter:** *Killers of the Flower Moon* by David Grann (appetizers, 5:30 @ Kellehers), dfarrar@uic.edu
- **Lunch book club:** *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens (lunch offered $5 – confirm by email)

Contact Michelle, desutter@uic.edu, with questions or book recommendations.

If you would like to sign up for CSEC Book Club, please use the following link. 
https://uic.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bNneLowwhTzirXv  
Happy reading! See you soon.

THANK YOU

Dear CSEC Community Chest,

Thank you for helping my family pay our rent recently. You came to our aid after my husband lost his job and we found ourselves in a financial struggle. This assistance made a difference for us and we are extremely grateful for it. The words “thank you” are not enough, but thank you for your generosity!
WHO’S WHO IN THE CSEC
Meet Stacey Webb

Hello and Happy Holidays! I am an Office Manager in the Department of Medicine. I have worked at the University for 13 years. My family is very important to me.

This is my second year on the CSEC Committee. This year I am web manager. My favorite CSEC sponsored activity is the Santa Shoppers. I enjoy dressing up and encouraging little shoppers purchase gifts for their loved ones. Giving to others brings wealth to my spirit. I encourage others to volunteer for something. It is such a rewarding experience.

Class Act Nominations

Who has gone “above and beyond” to help you with a work project or has done something that made your day? Recognize that special co-worker’s contribution with a statement of appreciation published in the newsletter and a certificate that will be sent to them on your behalf. Nominate your special co-worker by sending the details about why they are a “Class Act” to Stephanie Hull at shull@uic.edu.

Thank You ....

Thank you to all who purchased Turkey Grams for your fantastic co-workers! Together, we raised $379 for the Community Chest.

Community Chest

The Community Chest is a fund that supports civil service staff members facing hardship. You may nominate yourself or a co-worker by sending an email request to Stephanie shull@uic.edu. We can help pay your electric bill or buy the tire that blew because all your money has gone to medical bills, for example.

NOTE: CSEC is making plans for next year’s Staff Appreciation Week.

If you have an idea(s) for a theme and/or suggestions, please email them to CSEC@uic.edu. We welcome and appreciate your ideas.

Check out the CSEC Webpage: Stop by the Civil Service Employee Council (CSEC) Webpages to see who your CSEC Representatives are, and to learn about CSEC activities at http://peoria.medicine.uic.edu/csec/
Thank you to our UICOMP family who attended and volunteered at **HOPE FOR KIDS 2019** to benefit Pediatric Resource Center, providing outstanding, evidence based and child-centered medical care to suspected child abuse & neglect victims.

**HOPE For Kids**

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**Happy Holidays**

“This is my wish for you: peace of mind, prosperity through the year, happiness that multiplies, health for you and yours, fun around every corner, energy to chase your dreams, joy to fill your holidays!” ~D.M. Dellinger

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**Think Green!**

*Only Print When Necessary.*