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## EVENTS

### INFECTION & IMMUNITY SEMINAR SERIES

**Dr. Sylvain Moineau**, Professor at the Department of Biochemistry, Microbiology and Bioinformatics at the Université Laval, will be presenting a seminar on CRISPR-Cas systems: The revenge of the phages on **November 14 2019, 11:00-12:00** in the Amphitheatre, Duff Building.

For more information on the seminars, click [here](#).

## PUBLICATIONS

[Zhang H, Carnevale G, Polese B, Simard M, Thurairajah B, Khan N, Gentile ME, Fontes G, Vinh DC, Pouliot R and King IL. CD109 restrains activation of cutaneous IL-17 producing gd T cells by commensal microbiota. \*Cell Reports\*. 2019 Oct 8;29\(2\):391-405.](#)

## MIGSA





### MIGSA's Corner:

Hey everyone! Keep an eye out for ticket sales to our annual holiday party, which will be starting soon. We're mixing things up this year with a change of format and venue, since we will be hosting the party at 3 Brasseurs McGill (732 Saint-Catherine St. W) on December 6<sup>th</sup>, starting at 6pm. Hope to see you there!

### Lab Feature – Ward Lab (Hilary Hendin and Kaitlin Winter)

#### **What is the main focus of Dr. Ward's Lab?**

Our lab focuses on investigating the mechanisms of current vaccines and the development of novel vaccines targeting various viruses, bacteria, and parasites.

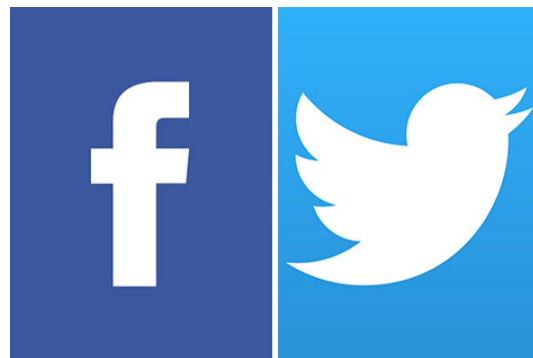
#### **What is the main focus of your project?**

**Hilary:** I am investigating the immune mechanisms underlying the immunogenicity of plant-derived virus-like particle vaccines for influenza and developing modified

### GREEN SPACE @ DUFF

There is a new garden space on the 5th floor at the Duff building.

Created by the MIMM technicians team, Aghdas Zamani, Shan Hong Zhang, Rathna Raju and Lee Ann Monaghan, the space can be used by members of the Duff to enjoy some quiet time, study or take a breathe. Students, staff and faculty members are all welcome!



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vaccines that aim to improve vaccine immunogenicity.

**Kaitlin:** I am developing a novel vaccine that uses an attenuated Salmonella Typhimurium as a vector for Clostridium difficile.

**What is your favourite hobby or pastime (outside of science!)?**

**Hilary:** Although I'm not very good at it, I really enjoy rock climbing.

**Kaitlin:** I have been volunteering with Girl Guides of Canada for the last 8 years (if you are looking for girl guide cookies give me a call!)



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