



### CHAIR'S CORNER



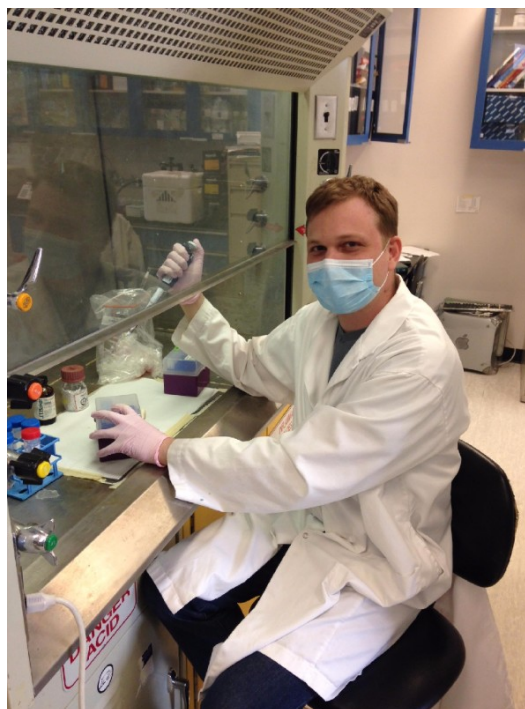
#### A word from the MIMM Chair

Dear MIMMers,

Welcome back everybody! Can you believe it? Yes, Summer is already over and the Fall term will begin shortly. I hope you all had a wonderful vacation break and took the time to enjoy the nice weather and spend some relaxing time with family and friends.

Please join me in welcoming the new cohort of incoming undergraduate and graduate students to our Department. They come from different horizons and

### ACHIEVEMENTS



#### Postdoctoral Fellowship 2017-2018

Dr. Robert Scarborough (Supervisor: Dr. Gagnon), postdoctoral fellow, was awarded an Internal Postdoctoral fellowship from the Faculty of Medicine for the September 2017 - August 2018 school year.

bring with them a wonderful breath of fresh air. We are extremely happy and honored that they chose the MIMM Department at McGill to continue their academic training and we wish them great success.

Here is a list of three MIMM events not be missed in September:

- The first MIMM Departmental meeting of the Fall term will be held on Tuesday September 12<sup>th</sup> 9:00 at the Sheldon Conference room.
- The MIMM Undergraduate and Graduate Teaching retreat will be held on Thursday September 28<sup>th</sup> at *La Citadelle*, located at 410 Sherbrooke West Street.
- The Fall 2017 MIMM Welcome back BBQs will be held on:

- Friday September 15<sup>th</sup> at Mont Royal for Undergraduate Students, organized by MISA.
- Friday September 29<sup>th</sup> for MIMM Graduate Students, Post Docs, Faculty and Associate members, Research Assistants, Technicians and Administrative team members. To make sure we follow the ongoing tradition, I will be at the grill cooking hot dogs and burgers for all.

Finally, I would like to wish one and all a very successful 2017-2018 academic year.

All the best, take care,

Ben

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Seminar Series

**Dr. Andreas Baumler**

Professor & Vice Chair of Research,

## PhD Fellowship

Christian Dove, our new PhD student, was awarded The Friends of McGill Fellowship. Congratulations!

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## Internal Studentship Awards

Congratulations to the following students for receiving the Faculty of Medicine Internal Studentship Award:

- **Anshul Sinha** - Alexander McFee Fellowship
- **Caitlin Schneider** - Max E. Binz Fellowship
- **Kaitlin Winter** - Elizabeth Steffen Memorial Fellowship

## CFI grants is boosting 23 McGill research projects- of which 2 are from the MIMM department!

Congratulations to:

**Dr. Jacques Archambault** for his Single-cell analysis of host factors involved in human papillomavirus genome replication project and to

**Dr. Donald Sheppard** for his project on Microbial Glycomics.

[Read full article](#)

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## Awards winners - Graduate Students Research Day

A warm thank you is extended to Alex Meli, graduate students, for organizing this successful event.  
Graduate Student Research Day

University of California, Davis School of Medicine

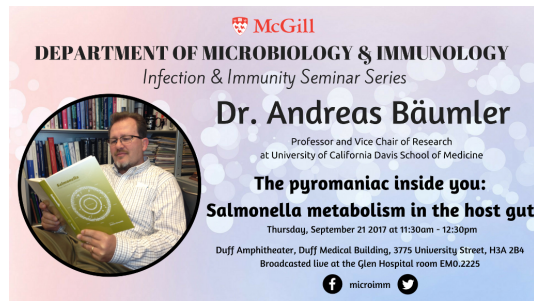
*The pyromaniac inside you: Salmonella metabolism in the host gut*

**September 21 2017**

**11:30-12:30**

**Amphitheatre, Duff Building**

Hosts: Dr. Samantha Gruenheid & Dr. Hervé Le Moual



took place on June 8 2017. MIMM Graduate Students were given the opportunity to present their posters to faculty members, visiting professors and guest speakers.

MSc Poster 1st place: **Logan Smith**

MSc Poster 2nd place: **Marwan Ghanem**

Phd Poster 1st place: **Roman Istomine**

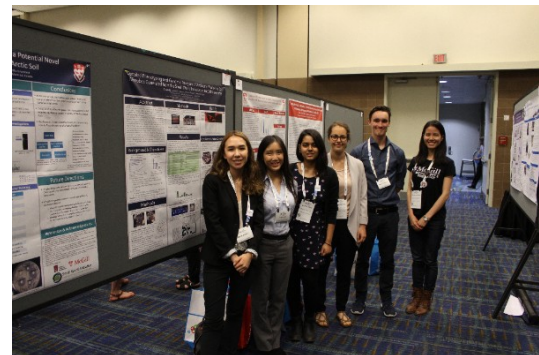
Phd Poster 2nd place: **Sahar Bagherzadeh**

Oral 1st place: **Tyler Cannon**

Oral 2nd place: **Ryan Pardy**

Oral 3rd place: **Jasmin Chahal**

Congratulations to all the outstanding individuals.



**Awards won in New Orleans - Small World Initiative**

## SAVE THE DATE

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The challenge of emerging complex and  
resistant infections: celebrating a hero

*In memory of Dr. Mark Wainberg*

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### STUDENT ASSOCIATION UPDATES

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### MISA's Corner

Hello everyone!

We all hope you have had an excellent summer!

First things first, let's all extend a warm welcome to the new students joining our awesome program at McGill! We've got a lot in store for you all this year! Make sure you guys stay up to date on our events via the [Facebook page](#).

Secondly, we need to finalize council for this year! Council will be conducting interviews for Ureps on the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> of September, with decisions being sent out on the 14<sup>th</sup>.

In June 2017, a team of Microbiology & Immunology (MIMM) students attended the annual Small World Initiative (SWI) Symposium of the American Society for Microbiology (ASM) Microbe 2017 in New Orleans, Louisiana. Owen Dunkley (U1), Alicia Jia (U1), Emma Hignett (U2), Jennifer Hitti (U2) and Bushra Khan (U3) presented their SWI lab's research progress on antibiotic resistance. Notably, Jennifer Hitti received honorable mention for her poster presentation and Emma Hignett won Best-in-Session Student Poster Award.

Tzu-Wei (Joy) Tseng, on behalf of the Microbial Crafts Team, delivered 16 microbial craft packages and 101 cross-stitched keychains to the Symposium guests to raise awareness on antibiotic resistance. SWI awarded Joy the Excellence in Leadership Award in recognition of her dedicated efforts and ability to inspire others to further SWI's mission. Joy began her involvement with the Microbial Crafts project since "The Do Something About Antibiotics Challenge" in November 2016 and has also coordinated the New Orleans trip.

The team also accepted SWI's Joseph P. Caruso Award for Excellence in Mentorship on behalf of Dr. Samantha Gruenheid. SWI wanted to recognize her outstanding passion for teaching and mentoring



Finally, our first social event will be on September 15<sup>th</sup>, with the MIMM BBQ on Mont Royal! It'll be a great time to catch up with each other and enjoy the outdoors before the Montreal winter rolls through!

As a reminder, your MISA council this year consists of:

Harry Kim: President

Caroline Chu: VP External

Jackson Burke: VP Internal

Jorge Luis Flores: VP Academic

Shannon Hewgill: VP Finance

Nevena Veljanovic: VP Social

We are all looking forward to getting this year started! See you all at the BBQ!

-MISA Council 2017-2018

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### **MIGSA's Corner**

The executive council for this year,

*Alexandre Meli, VP Academic & Graduate Committee*

*Mariia Taguer, VP Social*

*Anshul Sinha, VP Internal & Core Facilities Committee*

*Adam Hassan, VP External*

*Roman Istome, VP Finance & Glen Site Representative*

*Felix LaRoche-Johnston, MIGSA Whip*

*Sophie Cousineau, Events Coordinator*

*Kavita Raniga, Events Coordinator*

*Ryan Pardy, Seminar Committee*

*Saina Beitari, Safety Committee & LDI Representative*

*Barbara Mindt, Bellini Representative*

students in the SWI's discovery-based science curriculum.

In addition to attending the Symposium, the MIMM team was excited to explore the many new cutting-edge scientific advancements, career opportunities and research paths that were showcased at the Conference. The team hopes that this project will continue to prosper for the 2017-2018 academic year and more MIMM students become interested in sharing their SWI lab research findings at ASM Microbe 2018 SWI Symposium, which will take place in Atlanta, Georgia.

### **The Microbial Crafts Team**

#### **Combating Antibiotic Resistance**

- Organizer: Tzu-Wei (Joy) Tseng, outgoing MISA VP Finance, with the support of all MISA members
- ASM Microbe 2017 Attendees: Bushra Khan (U3), Emma Hignett (U2), Jennifer Hitti (U2), Owen Dunkley (U1), Alicia Jia (U1)
- Knitters: Judith Kashul (Dr. Coulton's wife), HyeRim Han (U3), Maryam Ghazi (U3), Shannon Hewgill (U2), Jennifer Hitti (U2), Kailee Wark (U1) and Catherine Caldwell (Idea Initiator)
- Cross-stitcher: Ashley Campbell (U3), Laura Thompson (Alumni), Bushra

*Jasmin Chahal, Lyman-Duff*

*Representative*

*Patrick Lypaczewski, President*

thanks everyone in attendance at the end of summer BBQ held on August 17<sup>th</sup> and invites all new and returning students and postdocs to our Fall Orientation Pub Night to be held on September 8<sup>th</sup> at Thomson-House, 6pm.

MIGSA will also be holding its first ever weekend camping retreat at the end of the month, make sure to check your emails for more information.

On behalf of the council, have a good fall semester.

-MIGSA Council 2017-2018

[MIGSA Facebook page](#)



### [Jobs Available!](#)

Still looking for a job? Visit the postings available [online](#) or have a look at the job binder located in Room 511 of the [Duff Medical Building](#).

Khan (U3) and Jennifer Hitti (U2)

- Button, sticker and card cover designer: Elena Lin (U3)
- Card content contributors: Michelle Chen (U1), Mario Corrado (U3) and Reginold Sivarajan (U3)
- Writer: Paul-Enguerrand “Pablo” Fady (U2)

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## SERVICES

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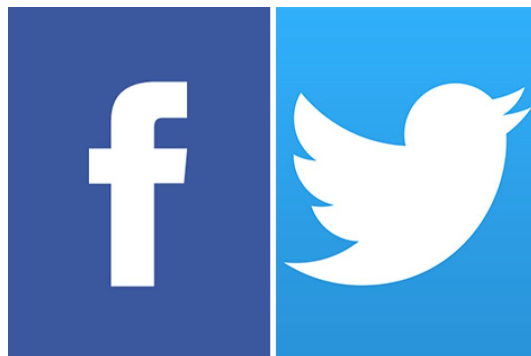
The Biobar stocks useful lab supplies including Kleenex, bleach, gloves, and paper towels at competitive prices.

Operating hours:

Monday to Friday

8:00 -12:00 & 1:00 -3:30.

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