

# 2022 NEWS

## November 2022

Congratulations to the PHAR 562 recipients of the top three video presentations. The event was held on Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup>2022 during the PHAR 562 poster and video presentations.

The recipients are:

- Janik Felcarek-Hope and Paula Sanchez
- Isabelle Benoit and Anne-Marie Caouette
- Isabella Pecora and Maryam Moussa



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## August 2022

- **The Graduate Certificate in Translational Biomedical Science Research:** New certificate program brings grad students and clinicians together. [Read more...](#)
  - [Overcome SYNGAP1, Wandoan Campdraft for a Cure & SynGAP Research Fund announce CAD \\$150,000 grant for small molecule translational research](#) to **Prof. Derek Bowie** of McGill University in Canada. [Read more...](#)
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## May 2022

- Congratulations to Ylauna Penalva! Ylauna has won the 3<sup>rd</sup> place at the [2022 Finale national de Acfas MT180](#). Ylauna is a PhD student in the Integrated Program in Neuroscience, supervised by Prof. Lisa Munter. Ylauna also won the first place in the MT180 for their talk: *La Maladie d'Alzheimer: Avant d'oublier* at the McGill-wide Three Minute Thesis (3MT) and [Ma thèse en 180 secondes \(MT180\)](#) competition held on April 06, 2022.
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## April 2022

- Congratulations: Prof. Bernard Robaire and team Prof. Robaire's article, "Phthalates and alternative plasticizers differentially affect phenotypic parameters in gonadal somatic and germ cell lines" was selected by the Editorial Team as the "Editor's Choice" article for the March issue of Biology of Reproduction.
  - Congratulations: Vicky Wang – Prof. Robaire and Prof. Hales' Lab. Part of one of Vicky Wang's figures made the cover of the April 2022 issue of the journal Toxicological Sciences
  - Congratulations: Joshua Emmerson – Prof. Claudio Cuello Lab. Josh has been distinguished at the 2022 Alzheimer's disease/Parkinson's disease Meeting (Barcelona) with "Junior Faculty Award" for his presentation on the Tau compensatory effects at the early AD-like amyloid pathology.
  - Congratulations: Aileen Yan - Aileen's OPEs mixture limb bud paper [Effects of an Environmentally Relevant Mixture of Organophosphate Esters Derived From House Dust on Endochondral Ossification in Murine Limb Bud Cultures](#) won this year's third place award from the Society of Toxicology Reproductive and Developmental Toxicology Speciality Section for best paper in Reproductive/Developmental Toxicology in Toxicological Sciences. Three cheers for Aileen as this is her third win in a row!!!
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## March 2022

- McGill24 – WIN4Science fundraising event was a success. We've raised 80% of the total fund goal \$15,000.00: More information can be found under this link <https://crowdfunding.mcgill.ca/ui/main/p/win4science>
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## January 2022

- McGill research team, led by biology professor Alanna Watt and Prof. Anne McKinney, made a surprising discovery and the results published in [Frontiers in Cellular Neuroscience: More info](#)

- Prof. Daniel Bernard published in two high-impact journals: [eLife](#) and [ScienceAdvances](#)

## October 2021

**Dr. Jacquetta Trasler** – Dr. Trasler was selected as the recipient of the *2022 Distinguished Andrologist Award*. Significantly, this is the first time both the supervisor and former trainee have won the same award. The Distinguished Andrologist Award is the highest award of the American Society of Andrology, bestowed annually to an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to the progress of Andrology. **Congratulations on this most deserving recognition!**

## May 2021

**Tina Tremblay** – Ms. Tremblay was selected as the recipient of the *Award for Excellence in Service to Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies for 2021*. The Selection Committee was impressed with the extraordinary dedication Tina has shown to the graduate students in Pharmacology and Therapeutics over her 20 years of service. **Congratulations on this achievement!**

## April 2021

**Dr. Lisa-Marie Munter** – **Congratulations!** Dr. Munter was named by the Faculty Honour List Selection Committee to the *Faculty Honour List for Educational Excellence 2021-2022* in recognition of her exceptional contributions to education in the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences.

**Dr. Jean-François Trempe** – **Best wishes!** Dr. Trempe's nomination for the *2021 Carrie M. Derick Award for Graduate Supervision and Teaching* was recognized by the Selection Committee for the extraordinary impact on students. In light of the excellent supervisory practices outlined in the nomination package, Dr. Trempe was profiled on the [Supervision Snapshots webpage](#) alongside this year's nominees and winner.

## **March 2021**

The following students receive Awards from the MedStar Award for their publications in recognition of the excellent research carried out in the Faculty of Medicine at McGill University. The submitted papers demonstrates the breadth and excellence of research being accomplished by the graduate student, postdoctoral and resident trainees. The winning papers were selected to demonstrate excellence at all levels and to represent all disciplines of the training programs in the Faculty of Medicine:

- **Jennifer Chen** received the McGill MedStar Award for her publication entitled “*Spt5 phosphorylation and the Rtf1 Plus3 domain promote Rtf1 function through distinct mechanisms*“, Congratulations Jennifer!
- **Jace Jones-Tabah** received the McGill MedStar Award for his publication entitled “*Dopamine D1 receptor signalling in dyskinetic Parkinsonian rats revealed by fiber photometry using FRET-based biosensors*“. Congratulations Jace!

**Vicky Wang**, PhD trainee in Drs. Hales and Robaire labs, received the first place graduate student award for her poster presentation on “Benchmark Concentration (BMC) Analyses of the Effects of Organophosphate Esters (OPEs) on the Phenotype and Function of KGN Human Granulosa Cells”. Congratulations Vicky!

**Aileen Yan** won the second place prize for her paper in Toxicological Sciences entitled “Exposure to tert-Butylphenyl Diphenyl Phosphate, an Organophosphate Ester Flame Retardant and Plasticizer, Alters Hedgehog Signaling in Murine Limb Bud Cultures” (Toxicol Sci. 2020; 178:251-263. doi: 10.1093/toxsci/kfaa145). This is two years in a row for Aileen since she received the first prize last year for her 2019 paper. Congratulations Ail