

# the Pathobiologist

## Happy Retirement!

**John Prescott's**, who will retire on May 1<sup>st</sup>, gave his last lecture to veterinary students on Mon. Feb. 10. Thanks to Dorothee Bienzle who organized a cake for all to enjoy. John gave the students some words of wisdom! *OVC Bulletin Article* —Prescott delivers last lecture: <http://bulletin.ovc.uoguelph.ca/post/77088835100/prescott-delivers-last-lecture>



ABOVE PHOTO LEFT to RIGHT: Brandon Lillie, Dorothee Bienzle, Eva Nagy, Vivian Nicholson, John Lumsden, John Prescott and Darren Wood.



**Vivian Nicholson** RT MSc (Guelph, 1993), who has just retired, has worked in Pathobiology and its predecessor for 31 years. John Prescott says that "Vivian is the archetype of the ideal technician; she notices things in the lab, manages issues that need managing, asks for input when needed, is forthcoming with numerous constructive suggestions and ideas, and doesn't spare any time or effort to get and things running smoothly. She has played a key role in the success of many graduate and undergraduate students. She provided sound advice for the new building. Her positive attitude

and dedication toward the wellbeing of everybody in the laboratory and in the department is exemplary, in particular with regards to working conditions and health and safety. She is not shy to step in to help and change things when she sees unresolved issues or unsatisfactory situations. Vivian has been active in numerous department committees and at the root of many department social activities. The DVM bacteriology teaching laboratories that she supported were impeccable since she is concerned that they run smoothly and well. Vivian became an expert in the difficult area of isolation of *Leptospira* and made significant contributions to understanding leptospirosis in Ontario. She has contributed to research on molecular aspects of *Rhodococcus equi* infection, making advances that are a tribute to her organizational skills, determination, and refusal to be rushed. She has co-authored over 20 papers but is probably proudest of her 3 children and 3 (soon to be 4) grandchildren". (submitted by John Prescott)



In this photo, Professor Emeritus **Carlton Gyles** and members of the Guelph Black Heritage Society accept the heritage designation plaque for their building, the former British Methodist Episcopal church. The building, which was built in 1880 by fugitive slaves who arrived through the Underground Railroad, has architectural, as well as historical and cultural, significance. More information about the building and the Guelph Black Heritage Society can be found on their website, [guelphblackheritage.ca](http://guelphblackheritage.ca).



## 3 Minute Seminars

This year's 3 minute seminars consisted of 3 categories: DVSc, MSc and PhD. Individuals were marked based on appropriate language for a general audience, engaging presentation and creativity. Prizes includes 1st place (\$100) and 2nd place (\$50) for each category.

- DVSc** 1<sup>st</sup> Russell Fraser, 2<sup>nd</sup> Karlyn Bland  
**MSc** 1<sup>st</sup> Alexandra Rasiuk, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jacqueline Gallienne  
**PhD** 1<sup>st</sup> Lisa Santry, 2<sup>nd</sup> Laurence Tessier

ABOVE PHOTO LEFT to RIGHT: Alexandra Rasiuk, Lisa Santry, Russell Fraser, Laurence Tessier, Karlyn Bland and Jacqueline Gallienne

## Note from the Chair

Dear Colleagues,

A message of thanks.

Thanks for your time and effort spent with the faculty candidates and those to come in the next two weeks! I very much appreciate it. Personal interaction is perhaps the most useful way to judge the overall suitability of a candidate and this does take time.

Thanks also to those who have taken the time to point out things that need to be done or have suggested ways to improve what or how we do things.

Thanks to Eva Nagy who will be Acting Chair from March 17th until April 7th. I will have email contact, but please feel free to send Cathy or Elizabeth anything you feel is urgent.

Cheers  
**John S. Lumsden**



**Sebastian** has moved to Belgian Nursery after being an ambassador at the college since 2005. <http://bulletin.ovc.uoguelph.ca/post/77078798633/farewell-party-for-sebastian-on-feb-27>

## Pathobiology Seminar Series Fridays @ 11:00 am, Room 1810

**Fri. Mar. 7, Douglas Jones**, Veterinary Pathology, College of Veterinary Medicine, Iowa State University, "Leishmania amazonensis: Premunition and a role for antibodies in controlling an intracellular parasite".

**Fri. Mar. 14, Matthew Frieman**, University of Maryland School of Medicine, Department of Microbiology and Immunology, "Pathogenesis and Therapeutic Development for the SARS and MERS Coronaviruses".

**Fri. Mar. 21, Paul Sandstrom**, Director, National HIV and Retrovirology Laboratories, PHAC; Title TBA.

**Fri. Mar. 28, Chris Pinelli**, PhD Candidate, "Prostate inflammation as a driver of castration-resistant prostate cancer."

## Avian Health and Disease Faculty Candidate Seminars

**Dr. Leonardo Susta**, Research Seminar Mon. Mar. 3, 2:00-3:00 pm, Room 1810; Teaching Seminar, Tues. Mar. 4, 2:00-3:00 pm, Room 1812.

**Dr. Ravi Kulkarni**, Research Seminar Fri. Mar. 14, 2:00-3:00 pm, Room 1810; Teaching Seminar, Thurs. Mar. 13, 2:00-3:00 pm, Room 1812.

## OVC Events

**Wed. Mar. 26, The Campbell Centre for the Study of Animal Welfare, Sandra Olsen** of the University of Kansas Biodiversity Institute, "The Evolution of the Horse-human Relationship through Time", 7 pm, Room 1714 of the OVC Lifetime Learning Centre.

## University Events

**College Royal Open House Weekend, Mar. 15 from 9-5, Mar. 16 from 10-4**, for a list of detailed events please go to: <http://www.collegeroyalsociety.com/college-royal-openhouse-booklet.html>.

### NOTICE

Annual Campus Electrical Shutdown  
**Saturday, April 26, 2014**  
from 7:00 am until 7:00 pm

Inquiries should be directed to either:  
Justin Selby, Ext. 56918, Email: [justin@pr.uoguelph.ca](mailto:justin@pr.uoguelph.ca), or Doug Doel, Ext. 53459, Email: [douglas@pr.uoguelph.ca](mailto:douglas@pr.uoguelph.ca)

## RETIREMENT CELEBRATION

**Fri. Mar. 7, Vivian Nicholson's Retirement Party**, 3pm, Room 1800 for coffee and cake.

**Dissertation Boot Camp** is a one-week intensive program (**Monday, April 21 – Friday, April 25, 2014 from 8:45am - 4pm**) designed to help graduate students accomplish their writing goals and accelerate their time to completion. The Council of Graduate Schools recommends dissertation boot camps because these programs have proven to help reduce attrition rates and assist in shortening time-to-degree.

### APPLY NOW:

1. Complete attached application form (or download the .pdf application from the website)
2. Email to Dr. Jodie Salter at Writing Services: [jsalter@uoquelp.ca](mailto:jsalter@uoquelp.ca)



\*DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION: Monday, March 4, 2014

For more information, check out the DBC Website at: [http://www.lib.uoguelph.ca/assistance/writing\\_services/services/dissertation\\_boot\\_camp.cfm](http://www.lib.uoguelph.ca/assistance/writing_services/services/dissertation_boot_camp.cfm)

Application Form: [http://www.lib.uoguelph.ca/assistance/writing\\_services/services/components/documents/dbc\\_application.pdf](http://www.lib.uoguelph.ca/assistance/writing_services/services/components/documents/dbc_application.pdf)

## Did You Know?

That you can book some of the university resources through Zimbra Calendar?

1. In Zimbra Calendar – create a new appointment
2. Click on Show Resources (right of Location box)
3. Type in Resources box 'OVC Multihead Microscope'
4. Click on Scheduler **Show** link to see availability
5. Select your start and end dates and times to see availability
6. Selected dates appear in scheduler with a green line (start time) and red line (end time)
7. Click on SEND to finalize your booking

*NOTE your booking will be declined if there is a conflict in the schedule - otherwise it will automatically be scheduled and confirmed by email if your booking is removed/deleted from the scheduler for any reason, the scheduler will automatically notify you by email.*

## Defenses, Oral Qualifying Exams

**Graduate Seminar**  
**Mon. Mar. 10, Doran Kirkbright**, "Characterization and Comparison of Epitheliocystis in several species of fish", 11:00 am, room 1810.

## Reminders

**Mar. 3–24 Course Selection period for Summer**; Registration is two parts: **Part I**: Register into your courses UNIV\*7500-Research and Writing & UNIV\*7510- Full-time Student or UNIV\*7520 Part-time Student; **Part II**: Graduate Settlement.

**Fri. Mar. 7, Last day to drop** a one semester course.

- Pick up your mail every week;
- If your address/phone # has changed, please make sure that you keep the Donna Kangas informed and the Office of Graduate Studies;
- The University of Guelph is **scent free environment**, please refrain from wearing perfume or scents;
- The clocks spring ahead on **Saturday March 8**.

## Welcome Ahmed



Khaled and her husband welcomed Ahmed on September 3rd, 2013. His big sister Arwa, 4.5 yrs old, who is in JK at Gateway School (born in Egypt) is seen above carefully watching over her little brother.



**IT'S A BOY!** Congratulations to Melanie Ammersbach and Hugues Beaufre who welcomed Armand on Mon, Feb 17th

## HEALTH & SAFETY CORNER

**Lab coats** aren't useful unless you close them, remember to button up your coat.

**Lab gloves** are not tolerated outside of laboratories, except when transferring materials from one lab to another, in which case the "single gloved hand rule" applies.

