From the Chair…

Welcome to the fourth edition of “Kines Grad Connection.” This issue is coming out a bit late as I was spending winter and spring 2008 in San Diego on sabbatical at the University of California, San Diego. We have a lot of good news to share with you, including the introduction of Eileen Brussolo, our new Kinesiology Graduate Program Coordinator. Carrie Braun, the former Graduate Program Coordinator, has moved on to a new position at the UM Medical School. We wish her continued success in her new position. As usual, you will also find information about graduate student awards and presentations. Thanks for reading!

Sincerely,

Dan Ferris

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Kinesiology Graduate Students present their research at scientific conferences in many different specialties. Here is a listing of some recent presentations.

**Abbey Thomas, Ph.D. Pre-Candidate**
Name of conference: ACL Retreat  
Location: Greensboro, NC  
Date: April 3-5, 2008  
Title of presentation: “Isolated quadriceps and hamstrings fatigue alters hip and knee mechanics”

**Beth Smith, Ph.D. Candidate**
Name of the conference: American Physical Therapy Association Combined Sections Meeting  
Location: Nashville, TN  
Date: February 6-8, 2008  
Title of presentation: “Stabilizing strategies for stepping over an obstacle: Adults with Down syndrome”

**Melissa Wright, Ph.D. Pre-Candidate**
Name of conference: International Conference on Aging, Disability, and Independence  
Location: St. Petersburg, FL  
Date: February 21-23, 2008  
Title of presentation: “Adapted computer environment for online art collaboration”

**Sean Newsom, Ph.D. Pre-Candidate**
Name of Conference: Experimental Biology  
Location: San Diego, CA  
Date: April 5-9, 2008  
Title of presentation: “Fat oxidation tracks with fatty acid availability at low but not high plasma fatty acid concentrations”

**Phil Esposito, Ph.D. Pre-Candidate**
Name of conference: AAHPERD National Convention  
Location: Fort Worth, Texas  
Date: April 8-10, 2008  
Title of presentations: “Motor development and perceived competence of children in Head Start,” “Facilitating course delivery via classroom performance system (CPS) technology,” and “An activity-based intervention’s impact on student health fitness parameters”


Publications


Graduate Student Awards

Antoinette Domingo received the 2008 Stan Kemp Award for demonstrating high character, integrity, and idealism. Great Job Antoinette!

Beth Smith received the 2008 Paul A. Hunsicker Memorial Award for superior scholarship and professional zeal and promise. She also received a 2008-2009 Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan Foundation Student Grant Award. Additionally, she received the Lucile Swift Honor Award for superior scholarship and promise. Congratulations Beth!
**Summer Dissertation Defenses**

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**2008 Degrees Conferred**

**Winter and Summer**

**Winter 2008**
Christopher Wayne Herman  PhD
Meghann Lloyd  PhD

Marcus Richard Bach-Armas  MA
Taekyeong Jung  MA
Ki Moon Lee  MA
Brian Mills  MA
Erin Webster  MA
Christopher Joseph  MS

**Summer 2008**
Johnny Mathis  MA
Stephanie Marie Rose  MA
Stacey Beth Schwartz  MA
Michelle Anne Pereny  MS
Lauren Lissette Royes-Baccus  MS
Alumni Updates

In 2006, Steven Segal, PhD, class of 1984, moved to the University of Missouri-Columbia School of Medicine to be a professor in the Department of Medical Pharmacology and Physiology. He also serves as an Adjunct Professor of Internal Medicine and Biomedical Sciences, and is an investigator for the Dalton Cardiovascular Research Center. His primary area of research is focused on understanding the control of blood flow in response to exercise and metabolic demand. Steve was recently appointed President of the Microcirculatory Society. Congratulations to Steve!

Steve and his wife, Catharine A. Mouton, reside in Columbia, MO, where Steve enjoys the many biking trails for fun and exercise.

Meghann Lloyd, PhD, class of 2008, is working in Ottawa as a Research Associate in the Healthy Active Living and Obesity Research Group (HALO) within the Children’s Hospital of Eastern Ontario Research Institute.

In this picture, Meghann is sitting on the Charles Bridge in Prague with Prague Castle in the background. Meghann states, “I went to Prague to visit a good friend after I defended my dissertation to celebrate!”

Erin Webster, MA, class of 2008, works for Google as an Ad Words Account Executive. She resides in Ann Arbor.

Dan Goble, PhD, class of 2007, and Kate Malley (kinesiology graduate) were engaged in Paris on August 8, 2008. Dan is currently a post-doctoral research fellow at Katholieke Universiteit Leuven in Belgium. He recently finished data collection on his first major project. He is doing aging research using MRI technology to look at brain activation patterns during hand movements.

Chris Herman, PhD, class of 2008, is currently an Assistant Professor in the Department of Exercise Science at Eastern Michigan University. He will also be working as a lecturer for the Division of Kinesiology at the University of Michigan this fall. Chris recently purchase a home in Royal Oak and is currently training for his first half-marathon in Detroit in October.

Julia Looper, PhD, class of 2008, (seen at right holding son Jake and daughter Audrey) accepted a position as an Assistant Professor at Puget Sound University in Washington this summer. She will be teaching pediatrics, statistics, and physical therapy in addition to engaging in numerous research activities this fall. Congratulations, Julia!!
Anna Willard, a Division of Kinesiology master’s student, won the women's 3,000-meter steeplechase at the US. Olympic Team Trials in American-record time and spent two weeks getting a taste of the European track circuit.

Willard began her college career at Brown University in Providence, R.I., and nearly finished it at the Ivy League school. When she graduated from Brown, Willard had not exhausted her athletic eligibility. She still had one season of outdoor track available because of an injury she had suffered. A phone call from Brown’s coach to Michigan women's associate head track coach Mike McGuire helped lead Willard to Michigan for graduate school and the 2007 outdoor season.

Training with a talented cadre of runners in Ann Arbor, Willard won Big Ten titles in three races in 2007. It was in the steeplechase that she would find her greatest success, however. That was something that didn’t surprise McGuire. He thought Willard and the event - in which athletes have to jump over 30-inch barriers and deal with water jumps - would make a perfect match.

Willard went on to place 10th in Beijing in the 3000m Steeplechase final. Although Willard was somewhat disappointed with her finish, she is looking forward the London Olympics in 2012.

Eileen Brussolo, MA, our new Graduate Program Coordinator, lives in Ann Arbor with her husband, John. Eileen comes to us from the Office of Financial Aid where she spent 14 years as their Senior Financial Aid Officer responsible for handling over 2 million dollars of merit-based scholarship support. Eileen has a son, Alan, a first-year dental student at Harvard School of Dental Medicine, and a step-daughter, Maia, a senior at Pioneer High School. Please stop by Eileen’s office to say HI.
Brian Mills and his girlfriend, Caitlin Orsini, reminiscing about the summer and looking forward to the pressure-packed academic year ahead of them. Caitlin is a doctoral student in Biopsychology.

Sanjoy Khan and his faculty mentor, Pete Bodary, enjoy their first Kinesiology Picnic.

Sasha Voloshina and Naveen Das, two new graduate students, introduce themselves to their new colleagues.

Vince Jeong (mostly hidden), Katherine Jackson (front left), Annie Hildebrand (middle), and Janet Hauck (far right) relaxing at the picnic after a wonderful orientation.

What a beautiful day it was, 80 degrees and sunny!
In the background, Marcy Marzec (orange shirt) and George Schweitzer standing next to her. In the foreground (front left) Jessica Deneweth, Antoinette Domingo, Ann Simon (taking a drink) and Meagan MacDonald (front right with sunglasses on her head).

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