

# Pathology and Microbiology

## Graduate Student Research Seminar Series

Presents awards and Recognition to

Graduate Students

2016 – 2017



# Acknowledgements



We thank Dr. Steven Hinrichs for his continuous support and visions for the graduate program.



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Special thanks to the Immunology, Pathology & Infectious Disease (IPID) Graduate Committee Members for their support and work for the graduate Program.

Rakesh Singh, Ph.D. (Chair)  
Lee Mosley, Ph.D. (Co-Chair)  
Paul Fey, Ph.D.  
Kai Fu, M.D., Ph.D.  
Tammy Kielian, Ph.D.  
Kaihong Su, Ph.D.  
Geoffrey Thiele, Ph.D.



# Graduated Students



## Summer & Fall Semester 2016

Bei Jiang, Ph.D.

K. Jacob Fischer, M.S.

Chao Wang, Ph.D. (M.D./Ph.D. Physician Scientist Training Program)

Tyler Scherr, Ph.D.

Cortney Halsey, Ph.D.

Bushra Bakhsh, M.S.

## Spring Semester 2017

Dianne Wellems, M.S.

# Congratulations!



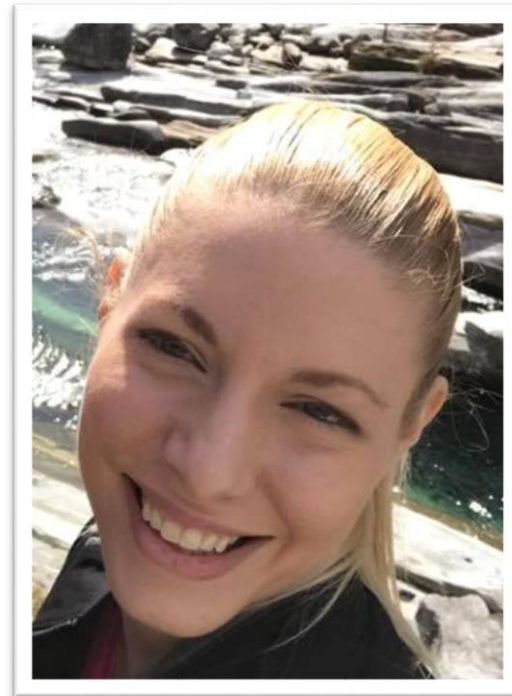
**Pathology and Microbiology  
Outstanding Graduate Student  
Educator Award, 2016-2017**

**Vinai  
Chittezhham Thomas**



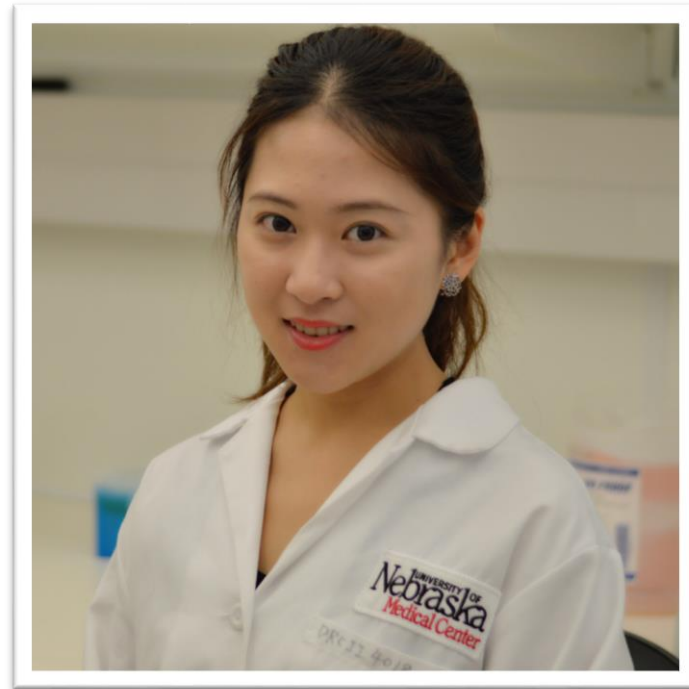
**2nd Place – Best presentation  
at the Graduate Student  
Research Seminar 2016-2017**

**Julia Sommer**



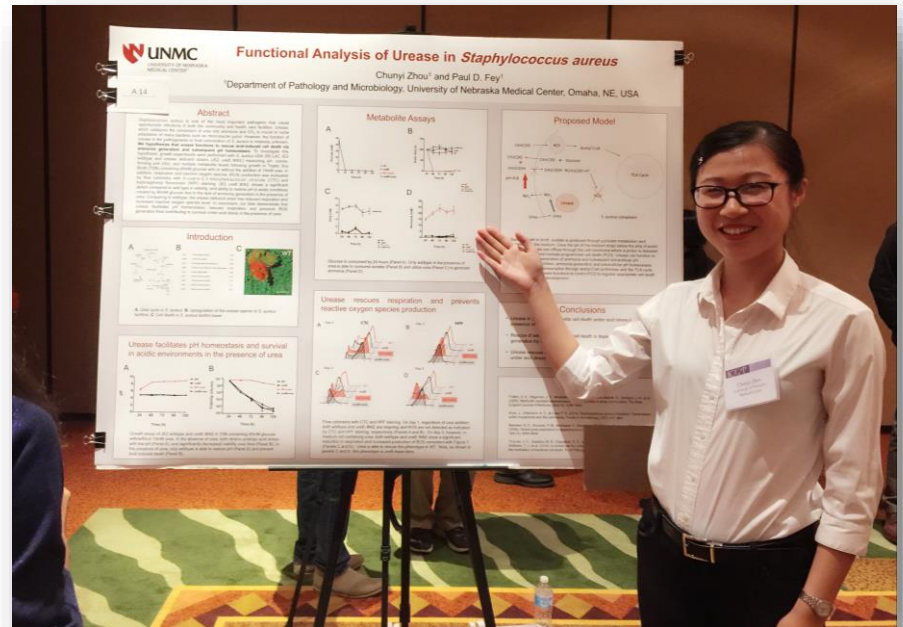
# 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Best presentation at the Graduate Student Research Seminar 2016-2017

**Jiuli Zhou**



# “Pathology and Microbiology Cash Award for Excellence” demonstrated at the Midwest Student Biomedical Research Forum (MSBRF) 2017

Chunyi Zhou





# Graduate Studies Assistantships/Fellowships 2016-2017

Navatha Shree Polavaram  
Paroma Roy  
Julia Sommer  
Seth Stauffer  
Jiayu Yu

## **Chancellor's award recipients:**

Maggie Bartlett  
Stephen Luebker  
Anna Staudacher

Assistantship/Fellowship applications:

[UNMC › Graduate Studies › Funding Opportunities › Assistantship-Fellowship Information](#)



# Maggie Bartlett

Invited speaker:

- TEDx talk at UNO titled "Parasitic Mind Control: Who's Really in Command?"  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n2AuQkVpxV0>.
- Guest lecturer at UNO: "*Bacillus anthracis*", "*Francisella Tularensis* and *Staphylococcus Aureus*", "Intro to Viruses and Pandemic Disease", and "The Next Pandemic."



# Tra-My Hoang

Thank you for your service as a  
Student Representative 2016 -2017!



## Travel awards:

- 17th International Symposium on Staphylococci and Staphylococcal Infections. Seoul, South Korea.
- 3rd International Conference Pathophysiology of Staphylococci. Tuebingen, Germany



# Jennifer Endres

## Travel award:

- 17th International Symposium on Staphylococci and Staphylococcal Infections. Seoul, South Korea.



## Poster:

“Use of the Nebraska Transposon Mutant Library to identify *S. aureus* cell wall-associated proteins important for pathogenesis in a murine skin abscess model of infection”



# Joel Frandsen



- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Poster Presentation at the Midwest Regional American Physician Scientist Association Meeting (APSA), Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, November 2016
- New invention notification “Compounds and methods for inhibiting MenA in gram-positive organisms”, June 2016



# Julia Sommer

- ORISE postdoctoral fellowship  
(Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education)



# Kathryn Woods

- Invited to speak to graduate students at her alma mater, GA Campus - Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine.

Kathryn spoke about her experiences as a Ph.D. student at UNMC, her research, future goals and potential opportunities that the students may have in the medical/healthcare field. November 2016

- Third Place Award in Poster Presentation at the Midwest Student Biomedical Research Forum, 2017
- Elected President of the UNMC student organization, GRADS (Graduates & Professionals Representing Achievement Diversity and Service)



**GRADS works to connect, encourage, mentor, and sustain minority students, as they matriculate through their various health professions degree programs at UNMC.**



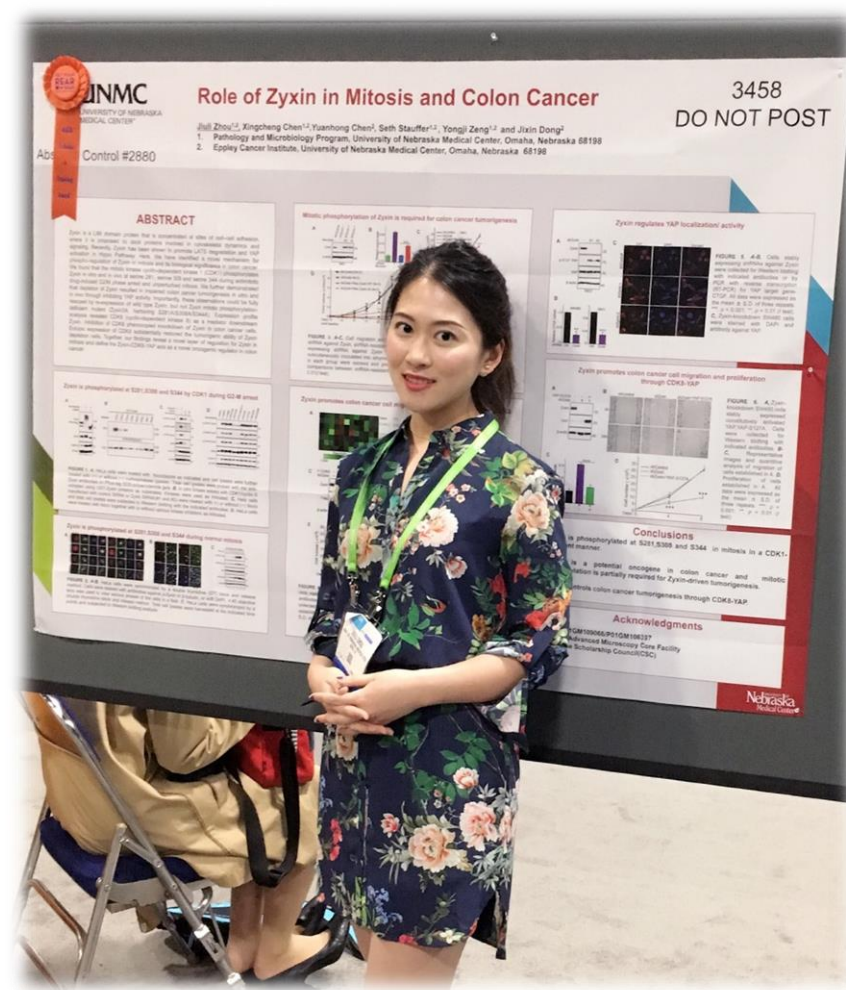
From IPID: Thandiwe Jere, Allan Olwenyi and Kathryn Woods





# Jiuli Zhou

- Received American Association for Cancer Research AACR-GYRIG Scholar-In-Training Award, Washington DC, April 2017



“Role of zyxin in mitosis and colon cancer”



# Publications

Congratulations to all students who have published their research!



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