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GRADUATE SCHOOL NEWS AND EVENTS

UAB STUDENT CHOSEN TO MEET NOBEL LAUREATES



The University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) is pleased to announce that William "Bill" Marion, a graduate student in the Department of Biochemistry, has been selected as one of approximately 40 scholars from the United States to attend the 52nd Meeting of the Nobel Laureates, to be held in July 2002 in Lindau, Germany.

Marion, a native of Melbourne, Florida, works in the laboratory of Peter Prevelige, Ph.D., at UAB, where the focus of the work is on viral assembly. Their laboratory work seeks to find ways to prevent viruses from becoming actively destructive in the human body.

After graduating from high school in Melbourne in 1987, Marion attended the University of Alabama and then enlisted with the Marines, where he stayed for five years. He resumed his undergraduate studies at Southeastern Louisiana University in Hammond, LA. In 1998, he completed his Bachelor of Science in biochemistry at Florida State University in Tallahassee. Marion came to UAB to seek his Ph.D. in 1999, and he hopes to receive that degree in 2005.

The U.S. Department of Energy and Oak Ridge Associated Universities sponsor this event annually, where students can meet the Nobel Laureates, as well as interact with young, fellow researchers from around the world. Lindau, site of this year's meeting, is located at the common border of Austria, Germany, and Switzerland. A medieval city, it is a repository of central European culture. For more on the meeting, visit the web site (www.orau.gov/orise/edu/lindau2002).



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SUMMER 2002

Graduate School Calendar: May-August

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Summer Offerings:
Professional Development Program

May Term

707-VT: **Presenting Effectively.** Tue., May 21, 9 am-5 pm. Lunch provided, CH 205. (1 hr)

711-VT: **Special Topics: Word Processing for Theses & Dissertations.** Wed., May 8 & May 15, 1-5 pm, LHL G40. (1 hr)

717-MC: **Principles of Scientific Integrity.** M-F, 2:00-4:40 pm, BBRB 263. (3 hr; questions to Dr. Kincaid 934-4805)

Summer "A" Session

702-6Q: **Writing Up Research** (native English speakers). Thu., 5:30-9:40 pm, U 127. (3 hr)

703-2S: **Style and Grammar for Writers** (non-native English speakers). Sat., 9:40 am-1:50 pm, Bell 211. (3 hr)

704: **Specialized Instruction,** By appointment (12 wk & Summer A)

705-6N: **Teaching at the College Level and Beyond.** Tue., 5:30-9:40 pm, Room TBA. (2 or 3 hr)

722-6P: **Discovering Language Through Culture** (non-native English speakers). Wed., 5:30-9:40 pm, U 122. (3 hr)

Summer 12-week Session

704: **Specialized Instruction,** By appointment (12 wk & Summer A)

For more details, see the UAB Class Schedule, visit the GRD web site (www.uab.edu/profdev), or contact Julia Austin at 975-6539 or jaustin@uab.edu

Graduate School Deadlines to Graduate in Summer 2002

MPH, MSPH, DrPH, and MSN students: Check with your Graduate Program Directors for other deadlines, which differ from those of the Graduate School.

May 6: Deadline to Change Residency

May 6: Admission to Candidacy due (Doctoral students require 2 semesters)

June 14: Application for Degree due

Plan I

July 12: Last day for public defense

July 22: Approval version due in Graduate School

Plan II

August 9: Last day for receipt of final papers

General Deadlines, Summer

Summer 12-Week Session

Classes Begin May 6~Finals Aug. 1 - 7

Summer May Session

Classes Begin May 6~Finals May 24

Summer 9-Week Session 2002

Classes Begin May 28~Finals Aug. 1 - 7

Summer A Session 2002

Classes Begin May 28~Finals June 27

Summer B Session 2002

GSA Increases Travel Awards

The Graduate Student Association (GSA) is pleased to announce that, as of February 2002, each UAB graduate student* is eligible for one GSA Travel Award of up to \$150 each year if the student is presenting at the conference. If the student is only attending the conference, the student* is eligible for \$100 each year. Students in SHRP are also now eligible for these same award amounts.

The awards are intended to cover registration, travel, and/or hotel expenses. The deadline for travel within the spring semester is March 22nd. Please check the web site for additional deadlines and information.

Applications for the Travel Awards and interlibrary loans can be obtained from the Graduate School Office (HUC 511) or from the GSA web site (www.uab.edu/gsa). For any further questions, please feel free to email Kim Gerecke at kgerecke@uab.edu

*Note: Students in the School of Public Health are not eligible for these benefits.

Thesis and Dissertation News:

In response to continuing student interest, the Professional Development Program will begin offering a two-day workshop on word processing for theses and dissertations. The workshop will focus on using Microsoft Word, with limited hints and tips for users of WordPerfect. Enrolled students will work on a mock dissertation that includes many of the elements that commonly complicate the process of preparing a book-length publication.

Kudos for Career Day

The Graduate Student Experience

~by Matthew Bender
Microbiology Ph.D. candidate

As a graduate student who worked as a session monitor for Career Day 2002, I was excited and delighted at the alacrity and helpfulness of the speakers. As my friends could tell you, I have been pessimistic about the amount of assistance that Career Day was going to produce. I have done my part in trying to suggest some ideas, but for the most part I stayed a silent distance away. As it turned out, I was helped immensely by the structure and the information that was provided. I was truly impressed, and I hope that other students got as much out of it as I did. I hope that wherever I go to do my postdoctoral work, committees like the one that organized Career Day 2002 can be constructed there so that more students around the country can gain such valuable knowledge and assistance.

The Postdoctoral Viewpoint

~ by Fiona Pringle
Microbiology postdoctoral fellow

The Career Workshop presented by the Industry Roundtable was excellent. Many and diverse topics were covered by a range of top-quality speakers. The panel discussion sessions really encouraged the audience to get involved. Some of the panelists were either UAB Ph.D. graduates or past postdocs, and it was interesting to see where they worked now. For postdocs, one of the major take-home messages from both industry and academia was that a good academic postdoc is very desirable. Dr Matalon's talk on funding for postdocs included tips on how to write that all-important grant application as well as what to look for in a prospective employer. The panelists for the session on job searches both suggested starting early when looking for a job, and they told the audience what they look for in prospective employees. Career Day 2002 was informative, entertaining and stimulating. Long may it continue!

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