

**\*Required use of UMDNJ email address:\***

As all announcements to GSBS at RWJMS students use the student listed umdnj.edu account, it is critical to check your email. This includes many messages on registration and other time sensitive issues. You can arrange email forwarding for private account via webmail (<https://mail.umdj.edu/uwc/auth>), under the Options tab, Mail subheading, and then choose Settings.

**\*NEW GSBS at RWJMS web site:\***

The GSBS at RWJMS, with terrific support the the Web Group at RWJMS, have launched a new web site:

<http://rwjms.umdj.edu/education/gpbs/>

Please note there is some new information, more information on fellowships, and all new forms. Please note we will no longer accept the old forms. Also feel free to send Fran any new images or suggestions.

**\*SPRING 2009 Registration:\***

Registrations is coming up for Spring 2009. It will occur on line in November. Currently the GSBS at RWJMS is reviewing all PhD students, and if a student has NOT had a committee meeting in the past year they will be unable to register. The GSBS at RWJMS will be providing the Graduate Programs with updates on students who have not had a meeting or oral qualifying examination in the past 12 months.

**\*Mandatory ethics class.\***

Ethics training is required of all graduate students in order to graduate. This is a required course, for which the options are slightly different in some programs. For most students it is , however in BME it is a different course. Please review your transcript on line at myumdnj and confirm you have taken this course as it is only offered in the spring. The GSBS at RWJMS is also tracking this requirement for all students.

**\*FREE Research Ethics Forum \***

The NYU Post Graduate Medical School and the Institutional Review Board at NYU Langone Medical Center are co-sponsoring an all day symposium on research ethics (see attached announcement and list of speakers below), on Wednesday, October 22, 2008. The organizers of the program have generously offered to waive the registration fee for all graduate students and postdoctoral fellows in the New York City area. I would appreciate if you would circulate this information to your students and postdoctoral fellow.

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## KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Arthur Caplan, PhD - Professor of Bioethics, University of Pennsylvania  
Shabnam Kazmi - VP, Business Development, Sanofi-Aventis US, Inc.

## Faculty

Mark Barnes, JD - Counsel, Ropes and Gray

William Borkowsky, MD - Professor of Pediatrics, NYU School of Medicine  
Susan Delano, CIP - Deputy Managing Director, Research Foundation for Dental Hygiene

Kimberly Irvine, CIP, CIM - Vice President of Operations, Biomedical Research Alliance of New York

Annette Johnson, JD -- Senior Vice President and Vice Dean, General Counsel, NYU Langone Medical Center

Keisha Lightbourne, JD - Legal and Regulatory Affairs, NYU Langone Medical Center

Gigi McMillan - Director and Founder, We Can

Frederick More, DDS - Professor of Epidemiology and Health Promotion, NYU College of Dentistry

Pearl O'Rourke - Director of Human Research Affairs, Partners Healthcare Systems

Anthony Vernillo, DDS, PhD, MBE - Professor, Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology, Radiology and Medicine, NYU College of Dentistry

Steven Walker - The Abigail Alliance

CME Credits: Maximum of 6.5 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™

Description: The 2008 Research Ethics Symposium will focus on the ethical challenges of research in the 21st century. The goal is to promote discussion on ethical issues emerging from new research. The symposium will promote discourse on where we are now, where we are going, is human subjects protection broken? Are we really protecting anyone? How can we fix the current system? Does it need fixing? These questions will be addressed by two different perspectives-- the academic view and the pharmaceutical/private sector view.

For more information and to register, please click on the image to the left or visit [www.med.nyu.edu/courses/cme/ethics](http://www.med.nyu.edu/courses/cme/ethics) <<http://www.med.nyu.edu/courses/cme/ethics>> .

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### **\*Science alliance \***

The Science Alliance is run the NYAS for graduate students and postdocs, predominantly in the Greater NY area. All UMDNJ postdocs and graduate students are eligible for free membership because UMDNJ is an Institutional Member of the Science Alliance. This membership entitles you to attend events at NYAS at no cost! This is a great opportunity for networking. (Note if your primary affiliation is RU you can still join NYAS at an individual member for \$35/yr see( [www.nyas.org](http://www.nyas.org).) <http://www.nyas.org/programs/sciencealliance.asp>

The next Science Alliance Event is 10/7 in NY from 1-4 on Biotechnology and Pharma: Evolution and Adaptation  
<http://www.nyas.org/events/eventDetail.asp?eventID=12811&date=10/7/2008%201:00:00%20PM> This should be of interest to many of you and is a good opportunity to meet potential future employers and other contacts.

The NYAS is located about 100 yds from the PATH station at World Trade Center, so it is easy to get to from here (take NJ Transit to Newark, and the PATH to WTC)

### **\*CHANGES TO NJCCR SEED GRANT AND FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMS, ESPECIALLY DEADLINES\***

Traditionally, the NJCCR releases its Notice of Grant Availability and Request for Applications for its pilot grants and Postdoctoral/Predocorol Fellowships in early September. Because of a new cancer research funding initiative included in the FY 2009 state budget, the NJCCR will be making some changes to these programs in the coming cycle that will affect the application process.

As required by State Law, notification of these changes will be published in the October 6, 2009 New Jersey Register. On that date, we will also provide updated Requests for Applications on our website at [www.njccr.com](http://www.njccr.com). Please be aware that the most significant changes involve application deadlines, the funding levels of awards, broadened research priorities that will include new and innovative translational studies, principal investigator salaries, stipend levels for postdoctoral candidates and discretionary funds for fellows. NJCCR applications and policies will continue to be similar to those used in previous years. If you have been preparing applications early, this change should not unduly affect your work to date, but you will need to make minor updates and adjustments to some sections.

Unfortunately, delays in the release of this funding and Legislatively required reporting have forced us to shortened the response period between notification dates and application deadlines. While we apologize for this situation, please be aware that all applications will have new deadlines that are earlier than in past years. Late applications will not be accepted so please keep informed of these changes.

Due to legal requirements, the NJCCR is unable to provide any other specific details about these programs, or other new initiatives that are being planned until after October 6th. We will do our very best to keep you informed as things progress.

**\*TRAVEL AWARDS:\***

Attached is information on the Special Conference Scholar-in-Training Awards

Sponsor: American Association for Cancer Research

SYNOPSIS: The sponsor provides travel awards that enhance the education and training of early career scientists by providing financial support for their attendance at the sponsor's meetings.