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**ROBERT WOOD JOHNSON  
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*University of Medicine & Dentistry of New Jersey*

*UMDNJ-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School / Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey / Princeton University MD/PhD Program*

## MD/PhD colloquia meetings

Room C-207

Tuesdays at 5pm

- Aug. 26
- Sept. 30
- Oct. 21
- Nov. 25
- Jan. 27 \*\*4pm\*\*
- Feb. 24 \*\*4pm\*\*
- March 24
- April 21
- May 26
- June 23
- July 30

## Annual MD/PhD Symposium

### FUTURE DATES

2008/09 Recruitment days!

Thurs PM and Fri

- Oct. 30-31, 2008
- Nov. 20-21, 2008
- Dec. 18-19, 2008
- Jan. 8-9, 2009

## Welcome to our new students

We would like to welcome our five new students to the MD/PhD program.

**Christopher Kimes** graduated from Case Western Reserve University in 2008 and did his first rotation before matriculation in the Murphy lab at Princeton.

**Eileen Hwang** graduated from Princeton University in 2005. She entered the program after completing her first two years at RWJMS. She is pursuing her PhD in Brodsky Lab at RWJMS.

**Adrianna Martin** graduated from Bloomfield College in 2008.

**Lincoln Smith** graduated from Wabash College in 2008 and did his first rotation before matriculation in the Storey lab at Princeton.

**Jennifer Stundon** graduated from Bryn Mawr College in 2005 and did her first rotation before matriculation in the Broach lab at Princeton.

We look forward to your contributions to our program!



From right to left Eileen Hwang, Adrianna Martin, Jennifer Stundon, Lincoln Smith and Christopher Kimes

## MD/PhD Symposium at Princeton University

UMDNJ-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School held its fourth annual MD/PhD program symposium July 31, 2008 at the Carl Icahn Laboratory, Princeton University. James Broach, PhD Associate Director, Lewis-Sigler Institute for Integrative Genomics, Princeton University and Professor and Associate Chair, Department of Molecular Biology, Princeton University opened the symposium along with Terri Goss Kinzy, PhD, Assistant Dean for Medical Scientist Training and MD/PhD pro-

gram director. Both Peter S. Amenta, MD, PhD, interim dean of Robert Wood Johnson Medical School and Elizabeth Gavis MD, PhD, Princeton liaison to the UMDNJ-RWJMS MD/PhD program added the the program. Leon Rosenberg, MD Professor, Department of Molecular Biology, Princeton University and Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs gave the keynote address on "Questions a Physician-Scientist Asks About Life". Erin, Sean, Jean, Nilay and

Richard did a great job organizing the event, which ended with a great reception and lots of opportunity to interact.

The symposium provided 12 MD/PhD candidates the opportunity to present their research findings to their peers, faculty advisors, administrators and invited guests. Pictures of the events are on page 2..

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*The MD/PhD program logo at the right, designed by M2 student Jean-Paul Abbond, reflects the many aspects of our MD/PhD program and the physician scientist. Today's health care and health sciences environment provides a compelling argument for combining a medical degree with a PhD. The logo reflects a few of the many scientific options available to our students, while also highlighting the integration of the physician role. These many facets of science and medicine center around a representative of the patient and society, as a symbol of service provided by the integration of the two disciplines. Graduates of the MD/PhD program are uniquely prepared to become leaders in biomedical research and academic medicine. The MD/PhD program at UMDNJ Robert Wood Johnson Medical School offers the opportunity for longitudinal integrated studies and interdisciplinary PhD training at any one of the three cooperating institutions: RWJMS, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey or Princeton University.*



## MD/PhD Symposium

James Broach talks with Dean Amenta and program director Terri Kinzy at the reception.



Dakim Gaines, an undergraduate participating in our pilot pre MD PhD program at RWJMS this summer talks with his mentor Brian and Dean Amenta.



Bekah, Christiaan and Eric hanging out.

## Perry's Pearls:

DID YOU KNOW?

All MD/PhD students who have successfully completed their first two years of their medical school curriculum and have taken or are scheduled to take the USMLE Step I examination, must submit a letter to the Robert Wood Johnson Medical School Associate Dean of Student Affairs. This letter must provide notification of the student's intention of leaving their MD curriculum to enter the PhD phase of their combined dual degree program. While we inform the Student Affairs also, make sure to stay in touch with the medical school. We know you will be going back.



-Perry Dominguez