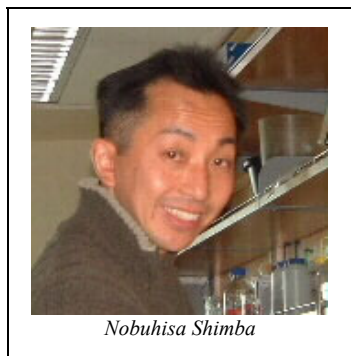


School of Pharmacy

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Nobuhisa Shimba

Who is.... Nobuhisa Shimba?

Nobuhisa Shimba is a visiting scientist working in Charles Craik's pharmaceutical chemistry lab at Mission Bay. Each of the three School of Pharmacy departments welcome visiting scholars from industry or other educational institutions

for varying lengths of time. Nobu comes to us from the

Ajinomoto Company, Kawasaki, Japan. He grew up in Shizuoka, located between Tokyo and Osaka, the home of Mt. Fuji.

After receiving a PhD in pharmaceutical chemistry from the University of Tokyo in 1998, Nobu went to work for Ajinomoto as a scientist. He was a visiting associate professor at the Japan Advanced Institute of Science and Technology (JAIST) in Ishikawa for a little more than a year, 2001-2002. Nobu has been a visiting postdoctoral scholar at UCSF since March 2002 and will be here until February of next year. *(continued page 4)*



Cindy Williams, Lorie Rice, associate dean for external affairs, Lloyd Young, chair, clinical pharmacy

REEL Good Time Staff Appreciation Event

Cindy Williams, the actress well-known for her starring roles in the movie *American Graffiti* and TV sitcom *Laverne and Shirley*, surprised staff by her guest appearance at the School's May 20 Staff Appreciation Event held in Cole Hall.

As it happens, Cindy and Lorie Rice, associate dean for external affairs, are good friends and high school buddies from the San Fernando Valley.

Staff members were treated to Cindy's personal backstage commentary on the making of *American Graffiti*, drive-in food, and a "where were you in '62" costume contest, followed by a showing of the movie.



Polly Chew, clinical pharmacy, Kim Bivens, dean's office, Sarah Magee, dean's office, Sera Beak, dean's office and Christie Dal Corobbo, clinical pharmacy

Mary Anne Koda-Kimble presented Distinguished Service awards and gifts to:

10 years: Jennifer Chow, Kristina Clarke, Smiley Hom, Susan Kim, Moira McAlister, Susana Szeto and Vicky Victorio.

15 years: Gregory Couch, Claire Lee, Brian Mertz, Thomas Sands, Steve Snyder, Candy Stoner and Steve Webb.

20 years: Kim Bivens, Claudia Johnson, Susan Mailhot, Mai Thanh and Shirley Yee.

25 years: Valerie Starling and Emilie Swenson.

30 years: John Bouchard and Raymond Welch.

Hot Topics in Pharmacy

Center for Consumer Self Care Lectures

School of Pharmacy faculty members enlightened state public policy professionals, consumer advocates and health care providers on issues related to “self care” during a lecture series in the state capitol held during the past year. The series was sponsored by the State of California Department of Consumer Affairs, the California State Board of Pharmacy and the School’s own Center for Consumer Self Care. Center director and associate dean for external affairs, **Lorie Rice**, spearheaded planning. Program topics and faculty presenters were: *Inappropriate antibiotic use and the risk of bacterial infection*, **Joseph Guglielmo**; *Consumers and the dietary supplement marketplace*, **Candy Tsourounis**; *What everyone needs to know about managing pain effectively*, **Robert Miller**; *Direct-to-consumer advertising of prescription medications*, **Lisa Bero**; *Current issues in tobacco cessation*, **Lisa Kroon** and **Karen Hudmon**; and *Deciding on hormonal options for menopause*, **Cathi Dennehy**.

AWARDS

Betty-ann Hoener Receives New Longs Distinguished Educator Award

Betty-ann Hoener, biopharmaceutical sciences, was honored as the first recipient of the new *Longs Foundation Prize for Excellence in Teaching* at the June 21 PharmD graduation ceremony held at Masonic Auditorium. The award recognizes teachers who have received the Long Award three or more times. Congratulations Betty-ann!

Julie Lee '03 Receives Bowl of Hygeia

The exceptional graduating PharmD students nominated to receive the Bowl of Hygeia, the School’s highest honor, were: **Roslind Bowens**, **Shawn Houghtaling**, **Julie Lee** and **Ulana Rey**. While all demonstrate the best in pharmacy, **Julie Lee** was chosen to receive the bowl. Julie began her first day at UCSF as a pronounced leader and an ardent representative of her fellow students. Her consistently supportive and enthusiastic style won their respect and admiration and that of the faculty as well. During her year as president of the Associated Students of the School of Pharmacy, she worked tirelessly on behalf of the student body and through insight and persistence, greatly expanded that organization’s scope of activities. Congratulations to Julie on the award and to Roslind, Shawn and Ulana on their nominations.

Val Louie Award Recipients Named

Every year, three awards are given to Enterprise pharmacy staff members for service excellence. The School and the family of Val Louie, an exemplary employee who died unexpectedly at a young age, established the Frances



Steve Batiloro, James Burton and Jocelyn Tom

Valerie Louie Awards for Service Excellence. This year’s recipients are:

Pharmacist: Jocelyn Tom

Pharmacy Technician: James Burton

Pharmacy Support: Steven Batiloro

Tack Kuntz Honored with Volwiler Award

Irwin (Tack) Kuntz, Jr., pharmaceutical chemistry, was honored July 22 at the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy’s (AACP) annual meeting awards banquet in Minneapolis, Minnesota, as the recipient of its 2003 AACP Volwiler Research Achievement Award. The AACP board of directors selected Tack for the Association’s premier research award, given since 1977, to recognize outstanding research conducted by a pharmaceutical scientist/educator. “Tack’s 37 years in academic medicinal chemistry have been distinguished and marked by ongoing contributions at the leading edge of structure-based drug design,” notes Dr. Svein Oie, one of those submitting letters of support for Tack’s nomination. Congratulations, Tack, on this distinguished, national award.

Student Awards Ceremony

Many awards and scholarships were bestowed this year to PharmD students at a comprehensive awards ceremony held May 20 in the Millberry Union Conference Center, including:

Dean’s Award for Academic Excellence: **Michael Gee**, ‘03; **Elena Lee**, ‘03; **Veronica Siu**, ‘03 and **Cindy Yen**, ‘03.

Pfizer U.S. Pharmaceuticals Outstanding Leader Award: **Allison Tauman**, ‘03.

Frank M. Goyan Award [for excellence in physical chemistry]: **Marisela Kang**, ‘06 and **Ross Tesoro**, ‘06.

APhA-ASP Mortar & Pestle Professionalism Award: **Roslind Bowens**, ‘03.

ASHP Student Leadership Award and Scholarship: **Jennifer Cheng**, ‘04.

Facts & Comparisons Award of Excellence in Clinical Communication: **Robert Chang**, ‘03.

GlaxoSmithKline Patient Care Award: **Kristen Nicita**, ‘03.

J. M. Long Foundation Scholarships: **Linda Bui**, ‘05; **Sheryl Doung**, ‘05; **Jared Garcia**, ‘05; **Michael**

Gonzales, '05; **Brian Henzig**, '05; **Jenny Hui**, '06; **Aaron Huwe**, '05; **Jennifer Itano**, '06; **Bryan McGee**, '06; **Kathy Pang**, '05; **Nina Shah**, '05; **Forrest Shirkey**, '06; **Uerica Wang**, '06 and **Priscilla Woo**, '05.

Albertson's, Inc. Scholarships: **Sakat Batra**, '05, **Jennifer**

Cheng, '04, **Mary Ho**, '04, **Amy Kong**, '04, **Dmitri Lerner**, '04; **Dao Lieu**, '04 and **Thomas Slowik**, '04.

Wal-Mart Pharmacy Scholarship: **Adara Louis**, '04.

Julian Weiss Scholarships:

Susan Hoang, '03; **Jane Lee**, '03; **Mike Lu**, '03 and **Allison Tauman**, '03.

Lily Achievement Award: **Julie Lee**, '03.

Mylan Pharmaceutical Excellence in Pharmacy Award: **Julie Lee**, '03.

Natural Medicines Comprehensive Database Recognition Award: **Sally Ngo**, '03.

Minnie Levens Award for Excellence in Patient Care: **Karla Killgore**, '03.

Hugh O'Connor Prize: **Adara Louis**, '04.

Daniels Medallists – Leadership Award: **Pauline Beitkanoun**, '03 and **Roslind Bowens**, '03.

Perrigo Award of Excellence in Non-prescription Medication Studies: **Melanie Galace**, '06.

Pfizer Consumer Healthcare Non-prescription Drug Therapy Award: **Veronica Siu**, '03.

Roche Pharmacy Communications Award: **Van Nguyen**, '03.

School of Pharmacy Endowed Scholarships: **Jennifer Chin**, '05; **Vivian Chow**, '05; **Marian Chu**, '04; **Julie Du**, '05; **Cava Hadikusumo**, '05; **Hansheng Liou**, '04; **Tram Ngo**, '05; **Thi-Uyen Tran**, '06; **Erika Utterberg**, '05 and **Thuy Vu**, '05.

Regents Scholars: **Chaline Brown**, '04; **Frank Chu**, '05; **Gabriela Collaco**, '05; **Brett Heintz**, '05; **Reni Thomas**, '05.

More News and Notes

Hsun-Lun (Aaron) Huang, '04, received a summer scholarship through the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AACP) 2003-2004 Merck Company Foundation Research Scholar Program. This program was developed to encourage pharmacy students to enter graduate programs in the pharmaceutical sciences. Aaron will participate in a research experience for a full calendar year, beginning with the 2003 summer term. He will be working on *Sensitization of Gliomas to Temozolomide by Gleevec*.

Lisa Tong, clinical pharmacy, **Steven Kayser**, clinical pharmacy, and **Julie Hambleton**, medicine, presented a poster, *Anticoagulants Used in Patients with Antiphospholipid Antibody Syndrome and Possible*

Heparin-Induced Thrombocytopenia - Dilemmas in Therapy at the 7th National Conference of Anticoagulation Therapy on May 8-10, 2003 in San Francisco.

David Quan, clinical pharmacy, presented the following poster at the 9th Annual International Liver Transplantation Society Meeting in Barcelona, Spain: *Factor VIIa in Liver Transplantation B Visser, Quan D, Niemann C, Hirose R*.

Karen Hudmon, Robin Corelli, and **Lisa Kroon**, clinical pharmacy, presented *Equipping Health Professionals with Tobacco Cessation Counseling Skills* for the UC Cancer Center - Center for Tobacco Control Research and Education on March 25.

Kathryn Ivanetich, pharmaceutical chemistry, received the following grant awards:

National Institutes of Health NCCR Shared Instrumentation Grant, March 2003, for *Instrumentation for Peptide Synthesis Facility* and the California State Grant, April 2003, for *Development of Assays for differentiation of host sources of water pollution*.

Karen Hudmon chaired an NIH grant review session for the Scientific Review Group for Risk, Prevention & Health Behavior in Bethesda, Maryland on March 21.

Staff Employees of the Month

Staff employees who perform exceptional service for their departments are honored with this award from the dean.

Jeff Beck, clinical pharmacy

Susan Blossom, dean's office

Elsie (Kris) Casler, pharmaceutical chemistry

Christie Dal Corobbo, clinical pharmacy

Lucy Gondai, clinical pharmacy

Michael Grafton, dean's office

Melissa Malone, pharmaceutical chemistry

Robin Parsons, pharmaceutical chemistry

Lita San Juan, clinical pharmacy

Rebecca Soinski, pharmaceutical chemistry

Nicole Takesono, pharmaceutical chemistry

Pharmacy Fact

What is informatics?

It is a general term that refers to the collection and organization of information using computers and statistical methods. Bioinformatics involves the analysis and management of information about human and other animal genes and related biological structures and processes. Medical informatics refers to the analysis and management of information about diseases, patients, drug use, and drug interactions.

Nobu Shimba *(continued from page 1)*

“My specialty is ‘structural biology’, especially working with nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR). I’m now working on Kaposi’s Sarcoma-associated Herpes virus Protease (KSHVpr). KSHV is the sexually transmitted, etiological agent for Kaposi’s Sarcoma and KSHVpr is essential to the propagation of KSHV. In other words, KSHVpr is a candidate as a drug target. We are now studying the structural aspect, and making inhibitors to learn its detailed function and to kill its activity,” said Nobu. “I’m very happy to work in the Craik lab. I really appreciate Charly and

Ajinomoto for giving me a chance to study here. Basically, I want to contribute to the world, and my role might be in science. I like UCSF and our department. Especially, the people! They are great friends and collaborators.”

When asked what he enjoys doing away from the lab, Nobu responded, “I love sports. But since I married, I prefer to spend my time with my family. Now, instead of playing, I like watching sports, especially baseball. My wife has become a big Giants fan!”

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