



**October 2015 Newsletter **\*\*Update\*\*****  
**University of Pittsburgh Chapter of Sigma Xi**  
**The Scientific Research Society**

**Pitt Sigma Xi Announces Election Results for Chapter Officers**

The new Pitt Sigma Xi Officers, taking office in January, 2016 for 18 months are President: Peter Koehler, Professor Emeritus and Academic Assistant to the Dean, Pitt Honors College; Vice-President: Lisa Bell-Loncella, Chair, Department of Chemistry, University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown; and Secretary/Treasurer: Judith Yanowitz, Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology and Reproductive Sciences, Pitt School of Medicine.

**Pitt Sigma Xi Announces Science 2015 Poster Award Winners**

Pitt Sigma Xi Interdisciplinary Graduate Student Poster Award Winner: Zachary D. Swan, Macrophage accumulation in gut mucosa differentiates AIDS from chronic SIV infection in rhesus macaques; Poster Authors: Zachary D. Swan, MS; Elizabeth R. Wonderlich, PhD; Simon M. Barratt-Boyes, BVSc, PhD, DACVIM.

Pitt Sigma Xi Interdisciplinary Graduate Student Award Winner: Timothy N. Bachman, Right ventricular failure in patients with left ventricular assist devices associates with downregulated chemokine receptors and altered right ventricular pressure waveforms; Poster Authors: Aditi Nayak, MD; Timothy N. Bachman, MS; Karen Hanley-Yanez, BS; Charles McTiernan, PhD; Dennis McNamara, MD, MS; Robert L. Kormos, MD; Oriana Hunter, PhD; Ana Inashvili, MD; Luigi Lagazzi, MD; Jeffrey Teuteberg, MD; Marc A. Simon, MD, MS.

Pitt Sigma Xi Interdisciplinary Undergraduate Student Poster Award Winner: Nathan Kendsersky, The Role of Small Molecule Hsp70 Agonists in Neurodegenerative Diseases; Poster Authors: Nathan Kendsersky; Peter Wipf, PhD; and Jeffrey L. Brodsky, PhD.

Each Student Award winner will receive nomination and membership in Sigma Xi (paid for one year) and a contribution toward their studies.

Pitt Innovation Institute Poster Award Winner: Sarah Casne, The Ugly Side of Nano: Toward Understanding Nanoparticle Toxicity; Poster Authors: Sarah Casne, Julie Hartz, Sharlee Mahoney, Thomas Richardson, Ipsita Banerjee, PhD, Goetz Vesper, PhD.

**Pitt Sigma Xi Fall Fellowship Happy Hour and Meeting**

Join us Tuesday October 20 from 4:30-6:30 pm at the Fraternity Grill, University Club to meet the new officers and congratulate the Poster Award winners and their mentors.