

Announcements & Updates

- **Congratulations are in order....**
[Lisa Lansdon](#) - (Manak Lab, Biology) - who passed successfully defended her thesis last week!
- **Special Topics in Genetics Seminar Series: The Genetics of Aging**
 - April 23, 2018 (Monday) at 4pm in 101 BBE “Stem cells, aging, and proteostasis: identifying interventions to extend life span” - [Heinrich Jasper, PhD](#), Staff Scientist, Immunology Discovery, Genentech, Inc.; Professor, Buck Institute for Research on Aging
 - April 30, 2018 (Monday) at 4pm in 101 BBE “Buying time: Adventures in Suspended Animation” - [Mark Roth, PhD](#), Principal Investigator, Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center
- **Graduate Women in Science (GWIS)**
 End of the semester professional development event with Dr. Rana Dajani, an Iowa alumna and current Visiting Professor at Harvard University, will present on her experiences as a female, Muslim, and Arab scientist. In her home country of Jordan, she is an authority on genetics and is focusing on genome-wide association studies concerning diabetes and cancer. Dr. Dajani is being honored with the UI Carver College of Medicine Distinguished Alumni Award for Achievement and Service on Friday, April 27. She is also writing a book on her experiences as a female, Muslim, Arab scientist. ALL ARE WELCOME!
 - April 27, 2018 (Friday) at 3pm in IMU Room 335 (Divine Nine Room—Nebraska Room)
- **Department of Biology Seminar Series** Spring seminar schedule can be found [here](#)
- **Student Seminar** dates are as follows. Lunch will be provided. Read [abstracts](#).
 - May 14, 2018 (Monday) at 11:00am - 12:00pm, 1117 MERF: [Emily Fox](#) & [Matt Cring](#)
 - June 4, 2018 (Monday) at 11:30am - 12:30pm, 106 BBE: [Melissa Marchal](#) & [Kim Bekas](#)
 - June 18, 2018 (Monday) at 11:30am - 12:30pm, 106 BBE: [Karen Clark](#) & [Adam Hefel](#)
 - July 9, 2018 (Monday) at 11:30am - 12:30pm, 106 BBE: [Tanner Koomar](#) & [James Mrkvicka](#)
 - July 23, 2018 (Monday) at 11:30am - 12:30pm, 106 BBE: [Ethan Bahl](#) & [Alex Greiner](#)
 - August 6, 2018 (Monday) at 11:30am - 12:30pm, 106 BBE: [Kyle Gonsalves](#) & [Jill Hauer](#)
 - August 20, 2018 (Monday) at 11:30am - 12:30pm, 106 BBE: [Ashley Parker](#) & [Jake Schillo](#)
- **SAVE THE DATE**
 - May 14, 2018 (3-5pm) in 106 BBE: Genetics Program, 1st Year Rotation Talks (attendance expected and tracked of all GENE students)
 - May 23, 2018 (1-3pm) in 1117 MERF: Genetics 2018 Annual Business Meeting (students and faculty welcome)