

MBI IN THE NEWS!

Morehouse School of Medicine

Winter 2015

Targeting the Obesity- Pancreatic Cancer Stem Cell Link

Ruben R. Gonzalez-Perez, Ph.D., in the Department of Microbiology, Biochemistry, & Immunology was awarded a Developmental Research Program Award

in the amount of \$25,000, to support his pilot project, "Targeting the obesity-pancreatic cancer stem cell link."

Morehouse School of Medicine Tuskegee University University of Alabama at Birmingham Comprehensive Cancer Center

Ruben R. Gonzalez-Perez, Ph.D., in the Department of Microbiology, Biochemistry, & Immunology was awarded a grant from the Morehouse School of Medicine/Tuskegee University/University at Birmingham Comprehensive Cancer Center U54 Grant Partnership. The grant is a Pilot Proposal entitled "Leptin-Notch axis in pancreatic cancer." The grant has a direct cost of \$224,000 for two years plus indirect costs. The notice of award was received last week.

Dr. Julian Menter Publishes Manuscript

JM Menter, AA Etemadi, AM Patta, N. Scheinfeld (2015) "Topical AC-11 Abates While Applied Actinic Keratoses and Early Squamous Cell Cancers in Hairless Mice Exposed to Ultraviolet A (UVA) Radiation" *Journal of Dermatology* 1: 102 1 – 7. <http://dx.doi.org/10.11437/AJD> – 1-102.

Health Disparities Research Training Award Program (HDRTP) Scholar

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Dr. Adriana Harbuzariu, Postdoctoral Fellow for Dr. Ruben Gonzalez, was selected as a (HDRTP) scholar for 2 years! (Only awarded this year from MSM). In the second year, she will receive \$10,000 for research upon completion of the first year of training.

Student Awards

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Danielle McKeithen, Clark Atlanta University, Student of Dr. He, received following awards:

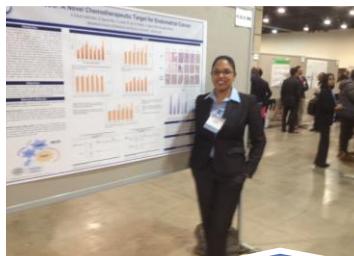
1. Keystone Symposia NIH Underrepresented Trainee Scholarship (International Meeting) July 2014
2. Georgia Academic Biomedical Sciences Outstanding Graduate Oral Presentation (Local Meeting) March 2014
3. Student Travel Award Recipient: American Society for Microbiology 113th General Meeting (National Meeting) May 2013

2014 Young Investigator Award

Congratulations Carmen Dickinson Copeland for your award:

The American Society for Topical Medicine and Hygiene (ASTMH) and the Young Investigator Award Committee has chosen Carmen M. Dickinson-Copeland, Ph.D. candidate, as one of five recipients for the Society's 2014 Young Investigator Award for research presented at the annual meeting held on November 2 through 6, 2014, in New Orleans, La.

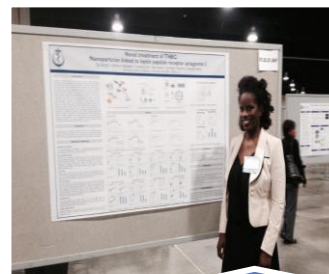
National Institute on Minority Health & Health Disparities (NIMHHD) Conference Poster Presenters, December 2014



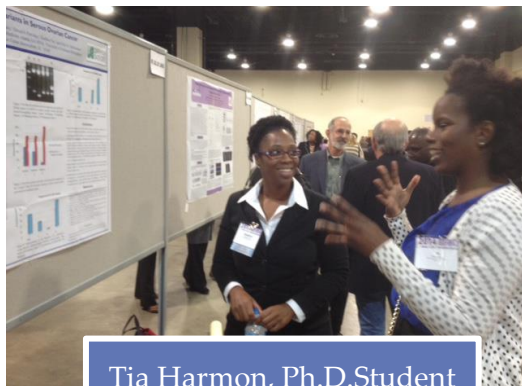
Danielle Daley-Brown,
Ph.D. Student



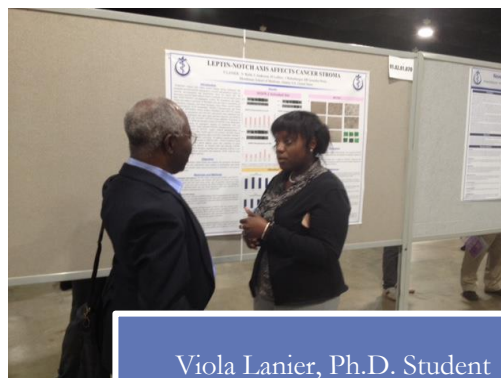
Dr. Adriana Harbuzariu,
Postdoctoral Fellow



Tia Harmon, Ph.D. Student



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Viola Lanier, Ph.D. Student



The Merry Gonzalez Group



MSM booth at the National Institute on Minority Health & Health Disparities (NIMHHD) Conference Washington DC
December, 2014

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