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Grants & Contracts

Thomas A. Blanpied, PhD



[Thomas A. Blanpied, PhD](#), assistant professor, Department of Physiology, received a one-year \$500,000 National Institutes of Health Shared Instrumentation Grant entitled "A Zeiss Duo Confocal Microscope for Shared Imaging Facility."

Lashauna C. Evans, BS

Lashauna C. Evans, BS, graduate student, Department of Physiology, received a three-year \$85,7465 F31 National Institutes of Health Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award for Individual Predoctoral Fellowship to Promote Diversity in Health-Related Research entitled "Intrauterine Hypoxia Induces Cytokine Gene Expression in Fetal Cardiac Ventricles."

Honors & Awards

Liang Fang, GS-V

Liang Fang, fifth-year graduate student, Department of Physiology, won the Pfizer Predoctoral Excellence in Renal Research Award at the American Physiological Society's Experimental Biology 2008 meeting in San Diego in April 2008.

Andrea L. Meredith, PhD



[Andrea L. Meredith, PhD](#), assistant professor, Department of Physiology, has received the 2008 Outstanding Young Scientist (OYS) Award from the Maryland Science Center. The OYS award recognizes the extraordinary scientific contributions of Maryland residents under the age of 35. Dr. Meredith focuses on the research of ion channel physiology. Her ultimate goal is to fully understand the contribution of individual ion channels to information encoded at the cellular, circuit and systems levels. She uses a variety of multi-disciplinary techniques, ranging from molecular biology and electrophysiology to whole animal studies, in her pursuit to understand how the brain imparts time to downstream systems on behaviors.