

## **Pigmentation and Diversity**

**14<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the PanAmerican Society for Pigment Cell Research**

**Chicago, Illinois**

**September 13 – 16, 2007**

### **Keynote Speakers**

Great keynote speakers will address the major questions about pigmentation and diversity at our 2007 PASPCR conference.

**Nina G. Jablonski, Ph.D.**, Professor and Head, Department of Anthropology, The Pennsylvania State University. Dr. Jablonski's research interests touch on the evolution of human skin coloration. Visit one of Dr Jablonski's web pages at:

[www.calacademy.org/research/anthropology/jablonski/](http://www.calacademy.org/research/anthropology/jablonski/)

**Barbara Gilchrest, M.D.**, Professor and Chair of the Department of Dermatology at Boston University School of Medicine and Boston Medical Center (BMC). She is also the founding Director of the BMC Laser Center. For more information, visit

[www.bumc.bu.edu/Dept/Content.aspx?DepartmentID=57&PageID=5951](http://www.bumc.bu.edu/Dept/Content.aspx?DepartmentID=57&PageID=5951)

**Carole LaBonne, Ph.D.**, Assistant Professor of Molecular Biology, Biochemistry and Cell Biology at Northwestern University in Chicago. Dr. LaBonne is interested in the formation, migration and derivation of neural crest cells. For more information, visit

[www.biochem.northwestern.edu/ibis/faculty/labonne.htm](http://www.biochem.northwestern.edu/ibis/faculty/labonne.htm)

**Alan Houghton, M.D.**, Chief of the Clinical Immunology Service, Head of the Melanoma Disease Management Team, and Chairman of the Immunology Program at Sloan Kettering Institute in New York City. Dr. Houghton is actively developing vaccine strategies to treat melanoma. Visit a webpage at [www.mskcc.org/mskcc/html/11014.cfm](http://www.mskcc.org/mskcc/html/11014.cfm)

**Victoria Holloway Barbosa, M.D.**, Director of L'Oreal's Institute For Ethnic Hair & Skin Research in Chicago. Dr Holloway Barbosa has organized several meetings on the topic of ethnic hair and skin. For more information visit

[www.acfnewsourc.org/science/ozone\\_trees.html](http://www.acfnewsourc.org/science/ozone_trees.html)

**Mary Hendrix, Ph.D.**, President and Scientific Director for the Children's Memorial Research Center and the Medical Research Institute Council Professor, Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine. Dr Hendrix researches structure/function relationships contributing to cell motility and cancer metastasis. Visit a page at

[www.cancer.northwestern.edu/Leadership/leadership\\_hendrix.cfm](http://www.cancer.northwestern.edu/Leadership/leadership_hendrix.cfm)

**Beatrice Mintz, Ph.D.**, Senior Member of the basic research division of Fox Chase Cancer Center in Philadelphia, PA. Research in her lab is devoted to understanding gene expression by malignant melanoma cells as it compares to normal melanocytes. Dr. Mintz is well known for the development of a mouse model of spontaneous melanoma formation. For more, visit [www.fccc.edu/research/pid/mintz/](http://www.fccc.edu/research/pid/mintz/)

**Rick Kittles, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor of Medicine at the University of Chicago. Dr. Kittles' research interests are focused on the relationships between skin color, genetic ancestry and susceptibility to disease. Visit a recent webpage at [medicine.uchicago.edu/faculty\\_profile/faculty\\_profile.asp?empl\\_id=9960](http://medicine.uchicago.edu/faculty_profile/faculty_profile.asp?empl_id=9960)

**Mitchell Denning, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor of Pathology and member of the Cutaneous Oncology research program at Loyola University Chicago. Dr. Denning is investigating the signaling pathways that affect skin tissue homeostasis and skin cancer, with a special emphasis on protein kinase C. Visit Dr. Denning's webpage at [www.luhs.org/depts/molbio/denning.htm](http://www.luhs.org/depts/molbio/denning.htm)

**Heinz Arnheiter, M.D.**, Senior Investigator, NINDS. Dr. Arnheiter's laboratory is investigating molecular mechanisms of neural crest development and patterning of the neuroepithelium in the eye and neural tube. More information on Dr. Arnheiter can be found at [neuroscience.nih.gov/Lab.asp?Org\\_ID=21](http://neuroscience.nih.gov/Lab.asp?Org_ID=21)