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NEWSLETTER
MARCH 2026

Save the Dates!

**March 26:
MD/PhD Appreciation + Grand
Rounds**

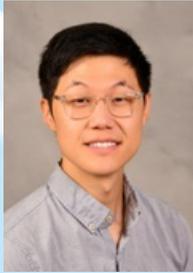
**April 9:
Visit Days + Grand Rounds**

**April 23:
Town Hall + Grand Rounds**

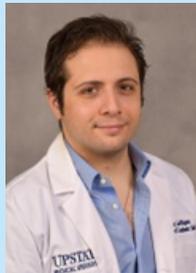
Publications



Radical-induced lipid oxidation produces a torrent of leukotriene-like agonists in severe asthma



Molecular Mechanisms of RNA Polymerase I Transcription in Health and Disease: An Overview



Retinal Cx36 gap junctions in the inner and outer plexiform layers differentially control visual thresholds

Student Research Day

Charles R. Ross
Memorial

Featuring the
Research of
Upstate Students



Keynote Speaker: Paula E. Cohen, PhD

Professor of Genetics, Associate Dean for Research & Graduate Education,
College of Veterinary Medicine

Director, Cornell Reproductive Sciences Center (CoRe),
Department of Biomedical Sciences, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY

*Uncovering the Mysteries of Meiosis: Harnessing Germ Cell
Development for Development of Novel Contraceptive Strategies*

Student Speakers:



Farzana Khan
College of Graduate Studies



Supaporn Kulthinee
College of Health Professions



Benjamin Coffey
Norton College of Medicine



Avipsha Datta
College of Graduate Studies



Liz Kurtz
College of Graduate Studies



Leondra Tyler
College of Health Professions



Zachary Williams
Norton College of Medicine



Laura Haney
College of Graduate Studies



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Wednesday, March 4, 2026

Oral Presentations: WH 1159, 1 - 3pm, Keynote: 3-4pm

Poster Session: NAB A/B/C, 4-6:30pm



March Defense



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3/2 | 10:00AM | WH 103

Grand Rounds

2025/6 GRAND ROUNDS : Thursday's in Setnor 3509/10 at 5PM

Date	Presenter
Mar. 5	Josh- Capstone
Mar. 12	Jessica- Clinical Trial
Mar. 19	COM spring break- NO GR
Mar. 26	Jaelyn- Clinical Trial
Apr. 2	Sam G.- Paradigm Shifting Research Paper
Apr. 9	Celine- Clinical Trial (MD/PhD Visit Day)
Apr. 16	Dasha- Paradigm Shifting Research Paper
Apr. 23	Town Hall
	TBD or optional/additional seminar/event
	Dedicated: optional for MS2's
	Attendance HIGHLY important w/ social hour to follow