CANCAS News Notes – January 2010
Happy New Year! I hope your holidays were joyful and relaxing. The NCAS Annual Meeting is right around the corner.

UPCOMING EVENTS

* CANCAS/NCAS Annual Meeting will be held at Guilford College in Greensboro, NC March 26-27, 2010

- For more information please check our website: http://www.ncacadsci.org/cancas/News/UpcomingEvents.htm
- Abstract submissions for CANCAS/NCAS Annual Meeting is February 28, 2010
- Send in your titles and/or abstracts for the annual meeting as soon as possible. You do not want to miss this event. Please note that full abstracts are due by this date, not just titles.

Here are the three majors speakers:

**Keynote speaker:** Dr. Rob Knight, Assistant Professor, Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, University of Colorado, Boulder. Ph.D. Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, Princeton University, 2001. Awards: Howard Hughes Medical Institute Early Career Scientist. Dr. Knight is integrating concepts from evolutionary biology and ecology with high-throughput sequencing to study molecular diversity. He is especially interested in understanding how the human microbiome develops and how variation in the microbiome affects health and disease.

**Forensic Science Symposium:** Dr. Caroline Wilkinson, Center for Anatomy and Human Identification, University of Dundee, Scotland. Senior lecturer in Forensic Anthropology. Developed a computerized facial reconstruction system employing virtual sculpture, which has been used within the UK for forensic identification and internationally for archaeological investigation.

**Diversity Symposium and Concert:** Bill Miller. A Mohican Indian from northern Wisconsin, Bill Miller has long been one of the most admired figures in the Native American music arena and beyond. As an award-winning recording artist, performer, songwriter, activist, and painter, he's been a voice for the voiceless, a link between two great and clashing civilizations. Bill Miller is also and award-winning recording artist, performer, songwriter, activist, painter, and world-class accomplished flute player, won five Nammys at the Native American Music Awards including Artist of the Year, Album of the Year, Songwriter of the Year, and Song of the Year in 2000. Over the past four years, Miller has produced two incredible albums, received a Grammy Award and led Wisconsin’s La Crosse Symphony Orchestra.
The deadline for registration and abstract submission will be by the end of February, so please have your students working on these abstracts as soon as they come back for the spring semester.

*Faculty Judges Needed for the Annual Meeting*
We are in need of judges and moderators/chairs for undergraduate research presentations that are being considered for Derieux Awards for Research Excellence. If you are willing to judge or moderate, please contact Dr. Yuko Miyamoto at ymiyamoto@elon.edu.

*CANCAS Officers for 2010-2011*
Advisors: please nominate one of your good students to be a CANCAS officer. It is a great opportunity to develop leadership skills and to get involved in a worthwhile organization. If you are a student considering running for office, ask your advisor to submit your name. Nominations should be received prior to the annual meeting in April. Contact Dr. Yuko Miyamoto for more information about responsibilities or go to: www.cancas.org.

*Yarbrough & Bryden Awards*
The call for Yabrough and Bryden Awards were sent out at the end of 2009. For more details about these awards, please go to www.ncadsci.org.
Note: This year, we are offering two $1,000.00 awards for the Bryden Awards

*Derieux Research Awards*
To be eligible for the award the presenter MUST be a member of CANCAS and one presenter per presentation. Memberships must be up to date by the end of Feb. Awards will be given to both poster and oral presentations at the awards ceremony.

MEMBERSHIP
Membership forms are available online www.cancas.org. Membership for AY 2010-2011 was due on November 15, 2009. Please send your forms in as soon as possible since they are past due. I need up-to-date contact information so that I can keep you, the membership, informed. If I have missed your institution below, please let me know so I can correct my list. Thanks!

Each month in the News Notes, I will send you an update on membership. Here is the latest:

Members for 2010-2011 Academic Year

Alphabetical List of Current Group Members: (updated Jan 13, 2010)
Campbell University
Elon University
Wake Forest University
FUTURE EVENTS

* CANCAS Fall Undergraduate Workshop for Fall 2010
  Stay tuned for the location for the 2010 workshop. If you are interested in hosting the 2011 workshop, please let me know as soon as possible.

*REMEMBER
  If you are an advisor receiving announcements and news through the CANCAS email list, please pass this information on to your students and to other faculty in your department. Also, let others in your group know about the email list. I can send emails directly to anyone that requests this.

FINAL NOTES

* Suggestions & Comments can be directed to Dr. Yuko Miyamoto ymiyamoto@elon.edu or Dr. Erin Lindquist erinlind@meredith.edu. Let me know if you have any news that you would like included in the monthly News Notes or suggestions to improve the series. If you notice errors in any of the news, please let me know so that I can send out a correction or fix it for the next month. Thanks!

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