

New Faculty Members



James Angelastro
Assistant professor,
Molecular Bio-
sciences

Education
PhD (chemistry/
biochemistry),
UC Santa Barbara,
1991

BS chemistry,
California Poly-
technic State
University, 1981

Experience
Assistant profes-
sor of clinical
pathology, Colum-
bia University, NY,
2003–04
Associate research
scientist, Colum-
bia University,
1998–2003

Staff associate
researcher,
Columbia Univer-
sity, 1995–97
Postdoctoral fel-
low, Columbia
University,
1991–95

Specialty
Molecular phar-
macology/toxi-
cology

Cecilia Giulivi
Associate professor,
Molecular Bio-
sciences

Education
PhD, Institute for
Toxicology, USC,
1989

MS, School of
Pharmacy & Bio-
chemistry, Univer-
sity of Buenos
Aires, Argentina,
1985

Experience
Associate profes-
sor, Depts. Chem-
istry & Biochem-
istry/Molecular
Biology, University
of Minnesota,
Duluth,
1998–2004

Assistant profes-
sor, Dept. Molecu-
lar Pharmacology
& Toxicology,
USC, 1993–98
Postdoctoral fel-
low, Institute for
Toxicology, USC,
1989–1993

Specialty
Biochemistry,
metabolic regula-
tion



Amy Kapatkin
Associate professor,
Surgical & Radio-
logical Sciences,
VMTH Small
Animal Surgery
Service

Education
DVM, Gregorio
Araneta University
Foundation,
Philippines, 1981
BS, Animal Sci-
ence, Purdue Uni-
versity, 1978

Experience
Diplomate, Ameri-
can College of
Veterinary Sur-
geons (ACVS),
1997

Associate profes-
sor of surgery,
University of
Pennsylvania,
2004

Assistant profes-
sor of surgery,
University of
Pennsylvania,
1990–96

Associate staff
surgeon, Animal
Medical Center,
NY, 1990–96

Residency
(surgery), Animal
Medical Center,
NY, 1990

Private practice,
1981–87

Specialty
Orthopedic dis-
eases of small
animals



Bruno Pypendop
Assistant professor,
Surgical & Radio-
logical Sciences,
VMTH Small Ani-
mal Anesthesia
Service

Education
DrVetSci, University
of Liege,
Belgium, 1999
DVM, University
of Liege, Belgium,
1992

Experience
Diplomate, Ameri-
can College of
Veterinary Anes-
thesiology

Lecturer in anes-
thesiology, UC
Davis, 2002–04

Residency (anes-
thesia & critical
care), UC Davis,
2002

Small animal
anesthesiologist,
School of Veteri-
nary Medicine,
University of
Liege, 1992–99

Specialty
Small animal
anesthesiology



Robert Poppenga
Professor of clini-
cal diagnostic toxi-
cology, Molecular
Biosciences, Cali-
fornia Animal
Health & Food
Safety Laboratory
System

Education
PhD, University of
Illinois, 1987
DVM, University
of Illinois, 1978

Experience
Diplomate, Ameri-
can Board of Vet-
erinary Toxicology
(ABVT), 1988

Residency (com-
bined with PhD
program), 1985

Professor of toxi-
cology, Pennsylva-
nia Animal Dis-
ease Laboratory
System, New
Bolton Center,
1997–2004

Veterinary consul-
tant, Poison Con-
trol Center, Chil-
dren's Hospital of
Philadelphia

Adjunct veteri-
nary toxicologist,
Cornell University
Assistant profes-
sor of toxicology,
University of
Pennsylvania,
1993–1997

Assistant profes-
sor, Department of
Pharmacology &
Toxicology, Michi-
gan State Univer-
sity, 1987–91

Assistant profes-
sor, Animal
Health Diagnostic
Laboratory, Michi-
gan State Univer-
sity, 1991–93

Specialty
Livestock, wildlife
and environmen-
tal toxicology



Michael Kent
Assistant professor,
Surgical & Radio-
logical Sciences,
VMTH Oncology
Service

Education
DVM, UC Davis,
1997

Experience
Diplomate Ameri-
can College of
Veterinary Inter-
nal Medicine
(ACVIM), 2001

Lecturer (medical
oncology), UC
Davis, 2001–04
Residency (oncol-
ogy), UC Davis,
2001

Associate veteri-
narian, Gwynedd
Veterinary Hospi-
tal, 1998–99

Internship (small
animal medicine
& surgery), Uni-
versity of Pennsyl-
vania, 1998

Specialty
Small animal
oncology