

**THE
TRIANGLE
CYTOSKELETON
MEETING**

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SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER 12TH @ HAW RIVER BALLROOM

1711 Saxapahaw-Bethlehem Church Rd
Saxapahaw, NC 27340

8:00 Breakfast/Registration

9:00 Cytoskeleton in
Development and Disease 1

10:00 Poster Session 1

11:00 Cytoskeleton in
Development and Disease 2

11:40 Lunch

Lunch is provided by The Eddy Pub

12:40 Quantitative and Modeling
Approaches in Studying the
Cytoskeleton 1

1:20 Poster Session 2

2:20 Quantitative and Modeling
Approaches in Studying the
Cytoskeleton 2

3:10 Poster Session 3

4:10 Quantitative and Modeling
Approaches in Studying the
Cytoskeleton 3

5:00 Happy Hour

Local brews, wine and snacks will
be provided by The Eddy Pub

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CYTOSKELETON IN DEVELOPMENT AND DISEASE 1

Opening remarks

Centrosome Activity Relies on Structural Rearrangement of Pericentrin

Karen Plevock Haase - UNC-Chapel Hill

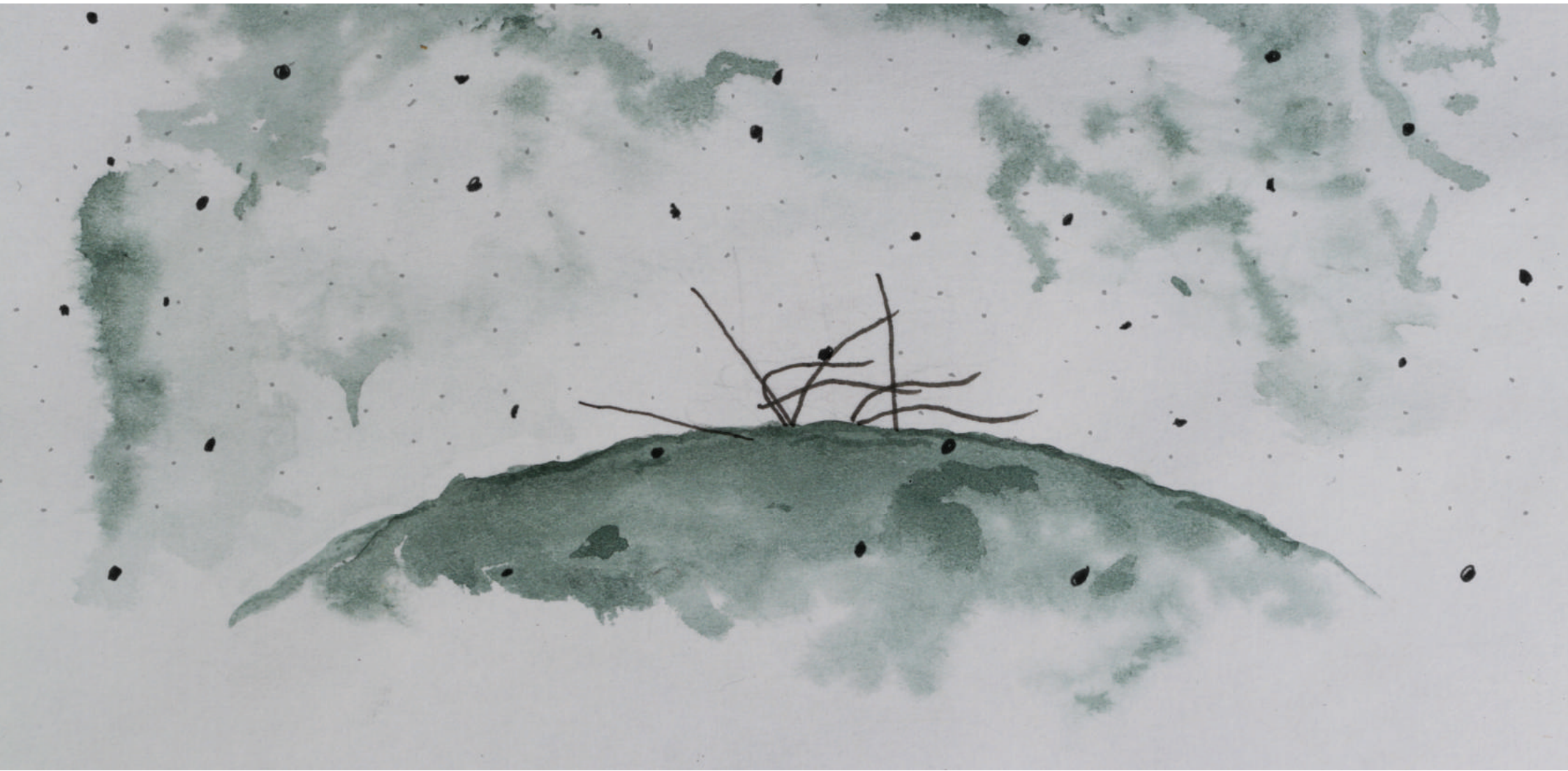
The Role of O-linked β -N-acetylglucosamine in Vimentin Functionactin bundling

Heather Tarbet - Duke University

Qualitative, Semi-quantitative, and Quantitative Analysis of Medioapical

Actomyosin Arrays: a Driving Force for Development

Regan Moore - Duke University



POSTER SESSION 1

Anti-inflammatory effects of an improved pyrrole-based microtubule-depolymerizing compound on RAW264.7 macrophages

Elizabeth Li, Anna Gonye, Samuel P. Gilmore, John T. Gupton & Krista Fischer-Stenger - University of Richmond

A pyrrole-based microtubule-depolymerizing compound reduces pro-inflammatory signaling in RAW264.7 macrophages

Anna Gonye, Samuel P. Gilmore, Santiago Espinosa de los Reyes, Elizabeth Li, John T. Gupton, Omar Quintero & Krista Fischer-Stenger - University of Richmond

Identify the myosin superfamily and contractile tissues in sponges

Eric Chang, Hill M. & Omar Quintero - University of Richmond

Using Imaging approaches to identify mitochondria-related phenotypes in MYO19 knockdown cells

Jamar Washington, Flores E., Wong C. & Omar Quintero - University of Richmond

Characterization of MYO19 knockdown phenotypes in cultured neurons

Amy Li, Fujita B, Jenci L. Hawthorne, Stephanie Gupton & Omar Quintero - University of Richmond

Engineering Biological Nanostructures

Rachel Andorfer & Joshua Alper - Clemson University

The C-terminal region of Troponin T is an important regulatory element for muscle contraction

Dylan Johnson, William C. Angus & Joseph M. Chalovich - ECU Brody School of Medicine

The role of endothelial MerTK in leukocyte transendothelial migration and the inflammatory response

Yitong Li & Keith Burridge - UNC-Chapel Hill

The nucleus is dispensable for 2-D cell migration and mechanosensing and is important for regulating whole-cell contractility

David M. Graham, Katheryn Rothenberg, Gunes Uzer, Thomas Andersen, Martial Balland, Janet Rubin, Brenton D. Hoffman, James E. Bear & Keith Burridge - UNC-Chapel Hill

Human CLASP2 γ suppresses microtubule catastrophe and promotes microtubule rescue in vitro

Beth Lawrence, Kaverina I. & Marija Zanic - Vanderbilt University

Quantification of centromeric protein dynamics during early embryogenesis of *C. elegans*.

Lydia Smith, Cole Barnhardt & Paul Maddox - UNC-Chapel Hill

Arp2/3 complex disruption in macrophages compromises integrin-dependent processes and leads to hyper-polarization

Jeremy D. Rotty, Hailey E. Brighton, Sreeja B. Asokan, Ning Cheng, Jenny P. Ting & James E. Bear - UNC-Chapel Hill

How is apical constriction triggered? A possible role for afadin.

Mark M. Slabodnick, Sophie Tintori & Bob Goldstein - UNC-Chapel Hill

Role of metavinculin in actin reorganization and force transmission

Hyunna T. Lee, Laura Kim, Peter M. Thompson, Gregory M. Alushin, Keith Burridge & Sharon L. Campbell - UNC-Chapel Hill

Proteomic Study of DC-SIGN Identifies NPC1 as a potential Dengue Virus Entry Factor

Laurie Betts, Laura Herring, Pratik Patel, Rajendra Raut, Aravinda de Silva, Ken Jacobson & Nancy Thompson - UNC-Chapel Hill

A variation in the cellular mechanics of spermatogenesis supports the evolution of skewed sex ratios

Ethan S. Winter & Diane C. Shakes - College of William & Mary

TRIM9-dependent ubiquitination of DCC constrains kinase signaling, exocytosis and axon branching

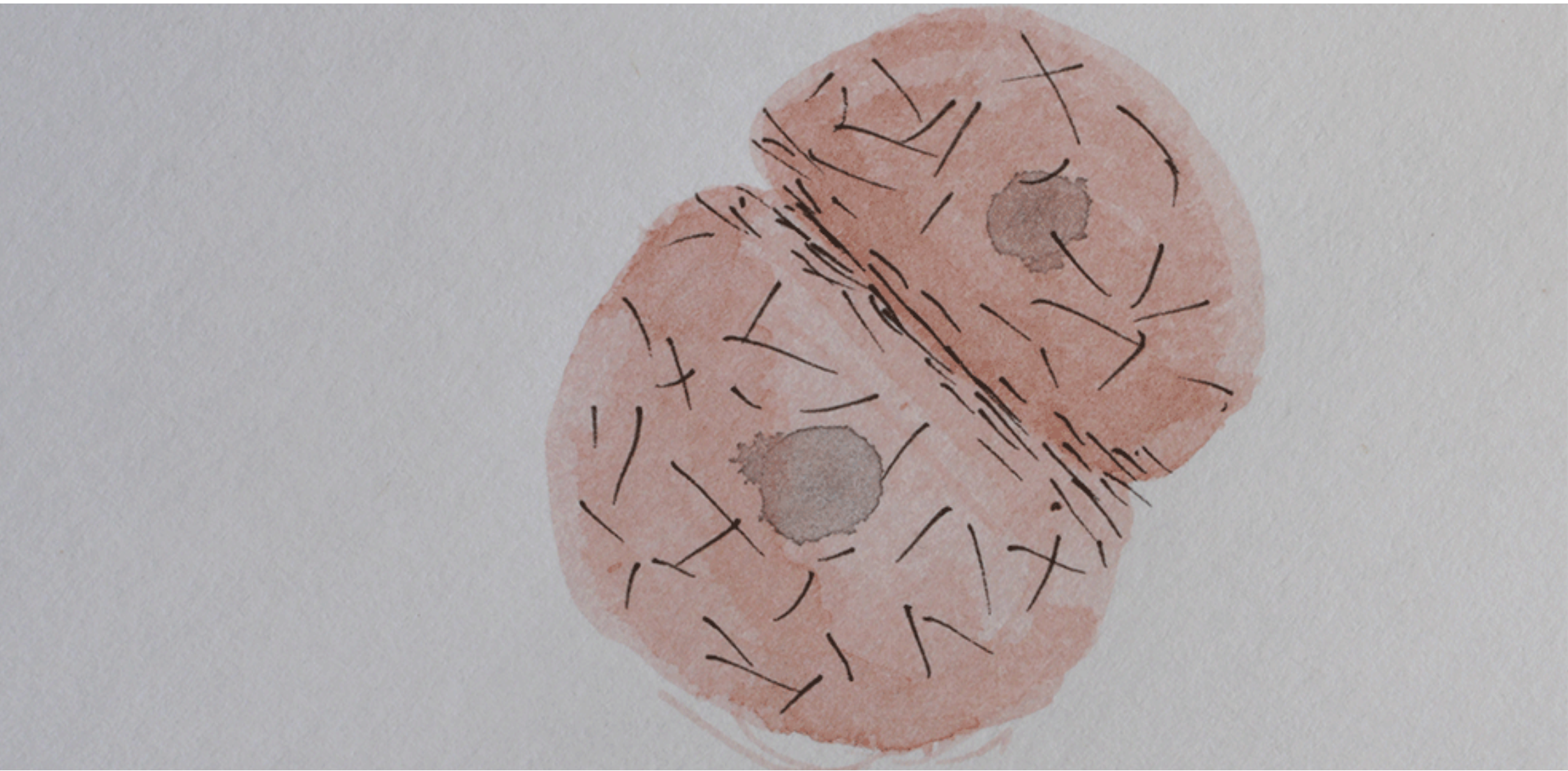
Cortney Winkle, Shalini Menon, Melissa Plooster, Fabio Urbina, Caroline Monkiewicz, Carey Hanlin & Stephanie Gupton - UNC-Chapel Hill

Mutations in the *C. elegans* Kelch-like gene *spe-26* disrupt the coordination of nuclear and cytoplasmic events during spermatogenesis.

Stephen A. Gurley, Sindhura M. Kolachana, Elena C. Parcell & Diane C. Shakes - College of William & Mary

Validation of SpectraMax M2 multimode plate reader for estimating population size in cultures of *Tetrahymena pyriformis*

Sarah Hagans & Jerilyn Swann - Maryville College



CYTOSKELETON IN DEVELOPMENT AND DISEASE 2

Intestinal Crypt Morphogenesis

Kaelyn Sumigray, PhD - Duke University

How Cells Sense their Shape Using Septins

INVITED SPEAKER: Amy Gladfelter, PhD - UNC-Chapel Hill

Lunch

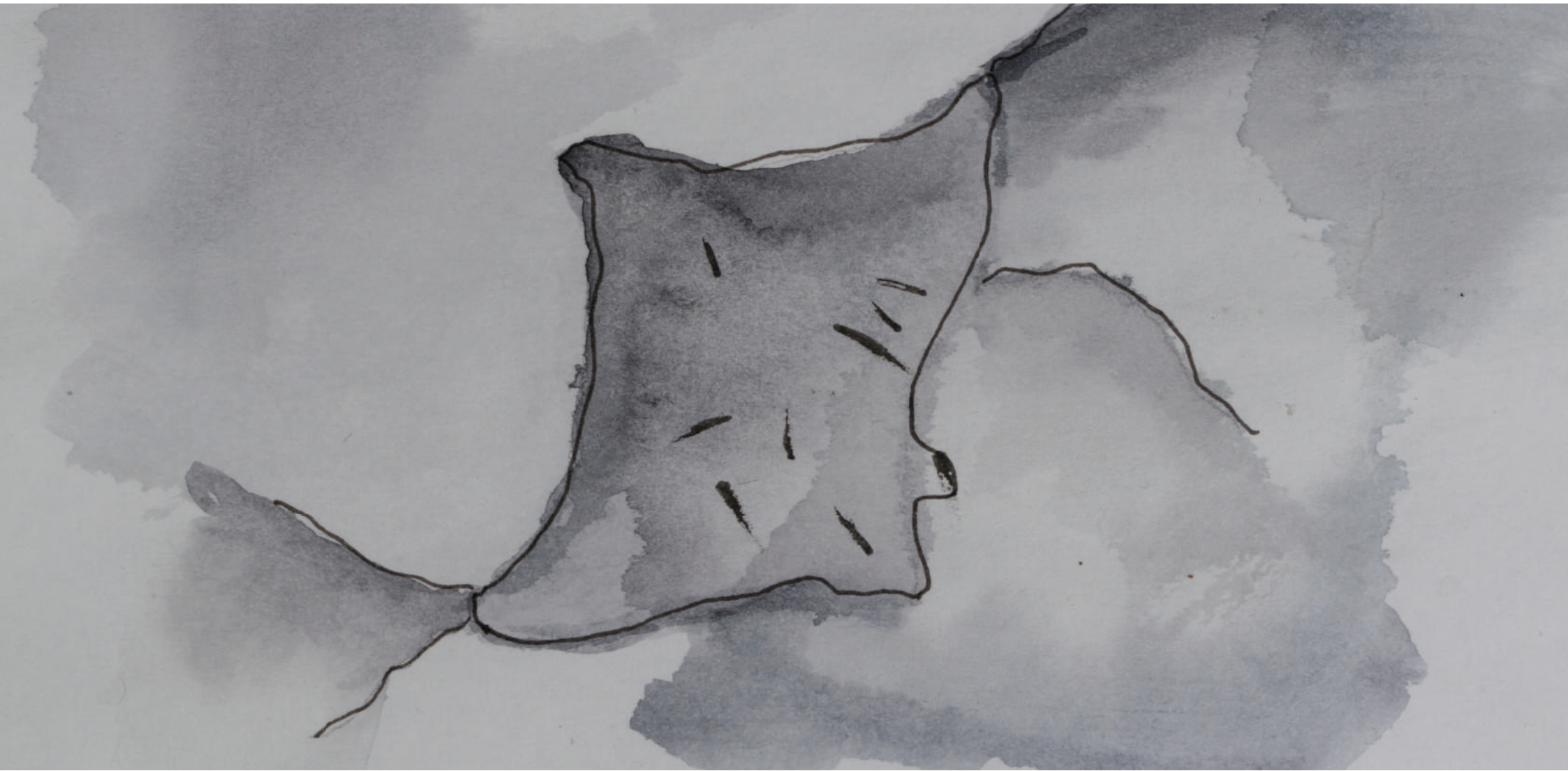
QUANTITATIVE AND MODELING APPROACHES IN STUDYING THE CYTOSKELETON 1

**An Optogenetic Approach Reveals an Integrin Mediated Feedback Loop
Necessary for Efficient Rac Based Protrusion and Directed Migration**

Seth Zimmermann - UNC-Chapel Hill

**Visualizing the Effects of Molecular Forces Across Specific Proteins in Living
Cells**

INVITED SPEAKER: Brenton Hoffman, PhD - Duke University



POSTER SESSION 2

Fluorescent Microscopic Visualization of Phagocytosis in *Tetrahymena pyriformis*

Shelby Lanz & Jerilyn Swann - Maryville College

Afadin serves dual roles in spindle orientation and cell-cell adhesion in epithelial morphogenesis

Kendall J. Lough, Kevin Byrd, Michelle Mac, Danielle Spitzer & Scott E. Williams - UNC-Chapel Hill

Design, Construction and Application of an Ezrin Tension Sensor

Matthew Berginski & Andrew LaCroix - Duke University

Sperm production in the nematode *Rhabditis* sp. SB347 includes spermatogonia-like spermatocyte precursors

Caitlin McCaig, Xiaoxue Lin, Dr. Diane Shakes - College of William & Mary

Characterization of the Ndc80 Complex in Human Cells

Sarah K. Long, Aussie Suzuki & E. D. Salmon - UNC-Chapel Hill

Using optical tweezers to study dynein-microtubule affinity and motility

Subash Godar, Lin Li, Emil Alexov & Joshua Alper - Clemson University

Metalloproteases from scorpion venoms cleave SNARE Proteins

[Paul L. Fletcher Jr.](#), Maryann D. Fletcher, Brian M. Martin & Keith R. Wening - ECU Brody School of Medicine

Defining Canoe/Afadin's Role in Apical-Basal Polarity Establishment in Early Drosophila Development

[Kia Z. Perez-Vale](#), Teresa T. Bonello & Mark A. Peifer - UNC-Chapel Hill

TRIM9 and TRIM67: master regulators of developing and adult-born neurons

[Shalini Menon](#), Emily Cousins, Ben Major & Stephanie Gupton - UNC-Chapel Hill

A proteomic evaluation of desmosomes identifies novel components essential for regulating epidermal integrity

[Kwabena Badu-Nkansah](#), Julie Underwood & Terry Lechler - Duke University

The scaffold protein Canoe and ZO1 protein Polychaetoid help link cell adhesion and the actomyosin cytoskeleton during tissue formation

[Lathiena Manning](#), Mycah Sewell & Mark Peifer - UNC-Chapel Hill

A Genetically-Encoded N-Cadherin Tension Sensor Reveals Localized Tension Associated with Synapse Maturation

[Karen A. Newell-Litwa*](#), Aarti Urs*, Rick Horwitz & Brenton Hoffman - East Carolina University

Meiotic chromosome cohesion promotes germline immortality

[Katherine Kretoovich Billmyre](#), Anna-Lisa Doebley, Stephane Flibotte, Matt Simon, Don Moerman & Shawn Ahmed - UNC-Chapel Hill

Reprogrammed Patient Fibroblasts as Novel Tools to Address Rare Diseases Linked to the Intermediate Filament gene family

[Rachel A. Battaglia](#), Raluca Dumitru & Natasha T. Snider - UNC-Chapel Hill

Combined AFM and Vertical Light-Sheet Sideways Microscopy for Living Cell Studies

[Kellie N. Beicker](#), Evan F. Nelsen, E. T. O'Brien, Mike Falvo & Richard Superfine - UNC-Chapel Hill

Kinesin-5 fine-tunes (mitotic) tension at the kinetochore

[Katelynn M. Granger](#), Aussie Suzuki, Benjamin L. Badger, Edward D. Salmon & Kerry Bloom - UNC-Chapel Hill

Exploring Centromeric Epigenetic Regulation in C. elegans

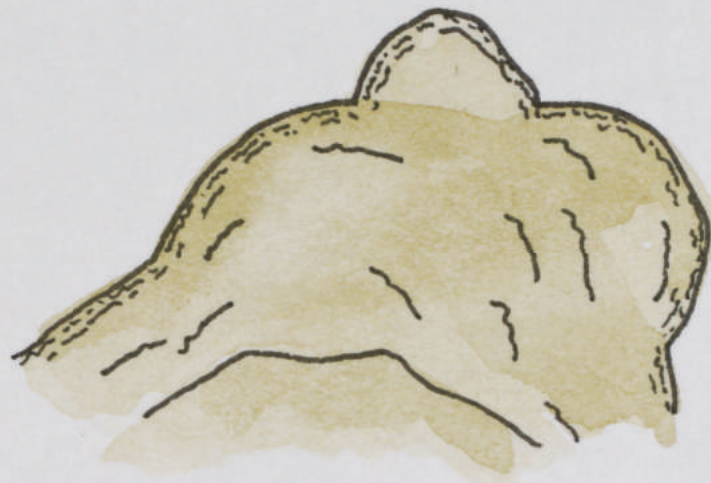
[Cole Barnhardt](#), Ethan Hughes & Lydia Smith - UNC-Chapel Hill

Targeting of a novel phosphorylation site prevents disease mutation-associated aggregation of glial fibrillary acidic protein (GFAP)

[Parijat Kabiraj](#), Kathryn P. Trogden & Natasha T. Snider - UNC-Chapel Hill

Defining the network of proteins driving apical-basal polarity establishment in early Drosophila development

[Teresa Bonello](#) & Mark Peifer - UNC-Chapel Hill



QUANTITATIVE AND MODELING APPROACHES IN STUDYING THE CYTOSKELETON 2

Unraveling PAR Polarity Protein Interactions with Single-Cell Biochemistry

Daniel Dickinson, PhD - UNC Chapel Hill

Cell Mechanics, Motility and Shape Determination

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Julie Theriot, PhD - Stanford University

POSTER SESSION 3

Expression of the Microtubule Binding Domain of Dynein for Characterization using Single Molecule Experiments

Matheu Spencer, [Jared Eller](#) & Joshua Alper - Clemson University

Waves of Cdk1 Activity in S-phase Synchronize the Cell Cycle in Drosophila Embryos

[Victoria E. Deneke](#), Anna Melbinger, Massimo Vergassola & Stefano Di Talia - Duke University

Quantitative analysis of histone locus body dynamics and its regulations in the developing Drosophila embryo

[Woonjung Hur](#), Victoria E. Deneke, Robert J. Duronio & Stefano Di Talia - Duke University

Novel Actin Related Protein ACTL7B is Required for Spermatid Morphogenesis, Association of the Cytoskeletal Acroplaxome with the Nuclear Surface, and Male Fertility

[Tracy Clement](#), Chris Geyer, William Willis, Eugenia Goulding & Mitch Eddy - UNC-Chapel Hill

Modeling nucleosomal DNA in living yeast: Investigating how dynamic DNA loops impose constraints on chromosome conformation

[Caitlin Hult](#), David Adalsteinsson, Paula Vasquez, Josh Lawrimore, M. Gregory Forest & Kerry Bloom - UNC-Chapel Hill

The nucleoskeletal protein NuMA regulates 53BP1 dynamics and function in DNA repair

[Pierre-Alexandre Vidi](#), Jing Liu, Naïke Salvador-Moreno, Matt Gray, Laurie Parker, Joseph Irudayaraj & Sophie Lelièvre - Wake Forest University School of Medicine

TACC3, a microtubule plus-end tracking protein (+TIP), promotes cell motility during embryonic development

[Elizabeth Bearce](#), Erin Rutherford, Andrew Francl, Leslie Carandang, Claire Stauffer, Matt Evans, Joey Volk & Laura Anne Lowery - Boston College

A Sterile 20 family kinase regulates oogenesis by tuning contractile ring proteins on germline intercellular bridges

[Kathryn N Rehan](#), Andrew Love, Michael E. Werner, Ian MacLeod, John Yates III & Amy S. Maddox - UNC-Chapel Hill

A model for how multiprotein regulatory complexes regulate morphogenesis: Abelson tyrosine kinase, Crk, and embryonic development

[Andrew J. Spracklen](#), Alison N. Bonner & Mark Peifer - UNC-Chapel Hill

Electrostatics involvement in dyneins' binding and stepping on microtubule

[Lin Li](#), Joshua Alper & Emil Alexov - Clemson University

The Role of O-linked N-acetylglucosamine on Vimentin Function

[Heather Tarbet](#), Tim Smith, Alex Broussard & Michael Boyce - Duke University

MAPs regulate MT dynamics using structurally diverse tubulin-binding domains

[Amy E. Byrnes](#) & Kevin C. Slep - UNC-Chapel Hill

The role of vinculin force-activated dynamics in cell migration

[Katheryn E. Rothenberg](#), David W. Scott & Brenton D. Hoffman - Duke University

Cellular and Organismal Function of Myosin-X

[Ernest G. Heimsath Jr.](#), Yang-in Yim, Mirna Mustapha, John Hammer & Richard Cheney - UNC-Chapel Hill

Mechanical and dynamic properties of nonmuscle myosin-2 filaments

Luca Melli, Yasuharu Takagi, Neil Billington & [James R. Sellers](#) - NHLBI

Serial intravital imaging of endogenous melanoma reveals plasticity of tumor resistance to trametinib

[Hailey E. Brighton](#), Stephen Angus, Tao Bo, David Darr, Norman E. Sharpless, Gary L. Johnson & James E. Bear - UNC-Chapel Hill

Exploring the Molecular Events that Trigger Cell Shape Change in vivo

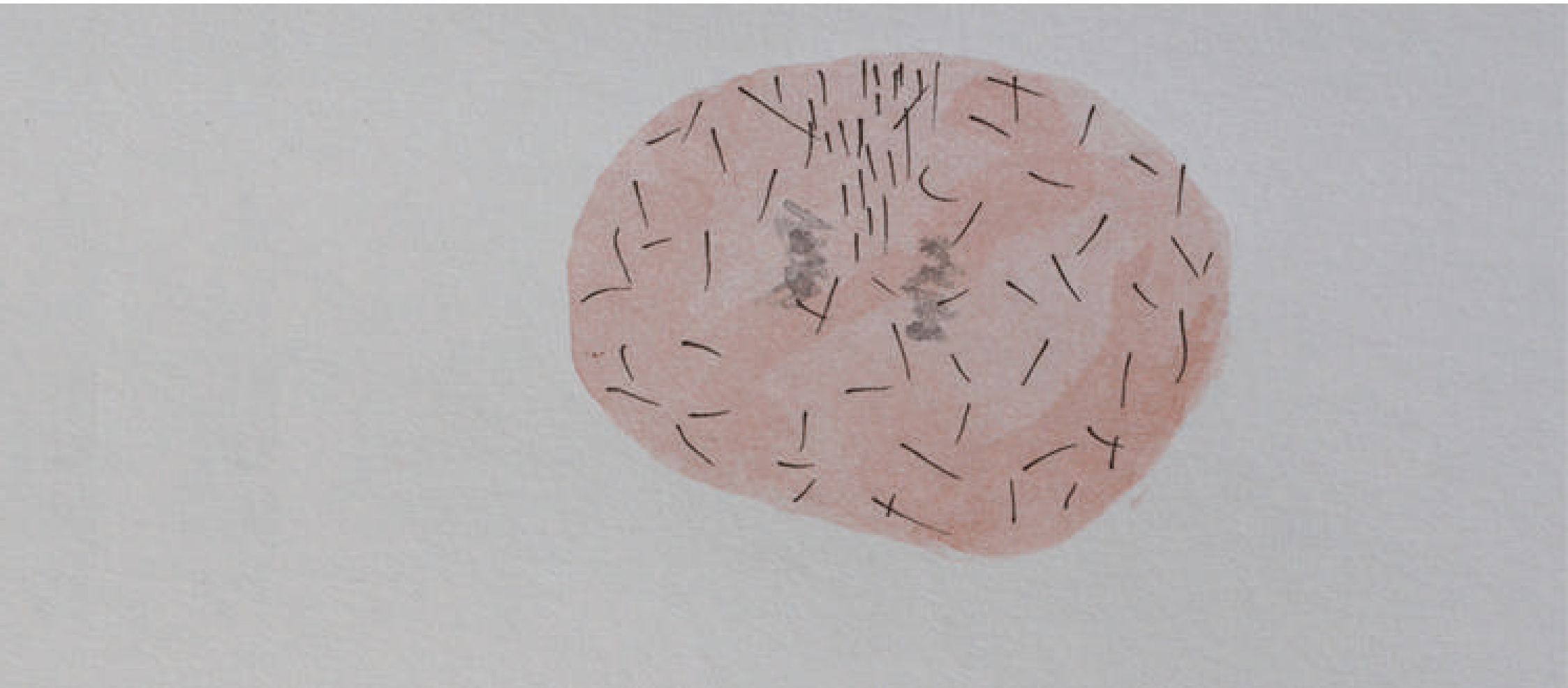
[Tim Cupp](#) & Bob Goldstein - UNC-Chapel Hill

A monomeric myosin V in fission yeast crosslinks and produces relative sliding of tropomyosin-decorated actin filaments.

Tang Q., [Billington N.](#), Kremntsova E.B., Bookwalter C.S., Lord M., Sellers J.R. & Trybus K.M. - NIH

The E3 Ubiquitin Ligase TRIM67 Regulates Cytoskeletal Response to Netrin-1

[Nicholas P. Boyer](#), Shalini Menon & Stephanie L. Gupton - UNC-Chapel Hill



QUANTITATIVE AND MODELING APPROACHES IN STUDYING THE CYTOSKELETON 3

**Permeabilization Activated Reduction in Fluorescence: A Novel Method to
Measure Kinetics of Protein Interactions with Intracellular Structures**

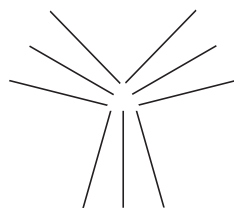
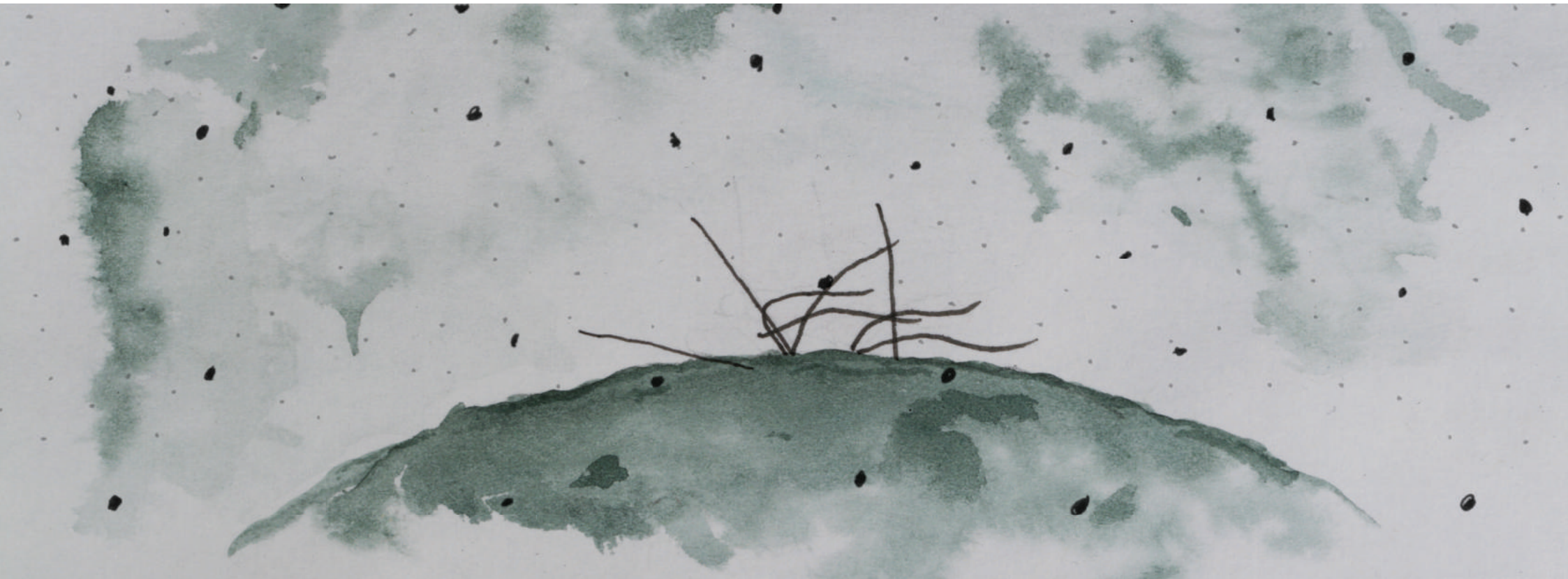
Jenci Hawthorne - University of Richmond

**Processive Motility of Multi-Motor Kinesin-14 Teams Underlies Regulation
of Microtubule Minus-End Dynamics**

Stephen Norris, PhD - Vanderbilt University

Closing remarks + Travel award announcements

Happy hour



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