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TRIANGLE  
CYTOSKELETON  
MEETING**



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# SCHEDULE

## SEPTEMBER 23<sup>RD</sup> @ IMBIBE (PRE-MEETING SESSION)

108 Henderson St.  
Chapel Hill, NC 27514

6:00PM Registration

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6:30PM Mary Elting - NCSU

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7:00PM Unsupervised mingling

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7:30PM Sarah Cohen - UNC Chapel Hill

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8:00PM Unsupervised mingling

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Local brews and wine  
provided by Imbibe

## SEPTEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup> @ HAW RIVER BALLROOM

1711 Saxapahaw-Bethlehem Church Rd  
Saxapahaw, NC 27340

8:00AM Breakfast/Registration

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9:00 Cytoskeleton in  
Development and Disease 1

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10:00 Poster Session 1

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11:00 Mechanics and Structure  
of Cytoskeletal Complexes 1

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11:40 Lunch

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Breakfast and Lunch  
catered by The Eddy Pub

12:40 Quantitative and Modeling  
Approaches in Studying the  
Cytoskeleton

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1:20 Poster Session 2

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2:20 Mechanics and Structure  
of Cytoskeletal Complexes 2

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3:10 Poster Session 3

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4:10 Cytoskeleton in  
Development and Disease 2

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5:00 Happy Hour

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Beer, wine, and snacks  
provided by The Eddy Pub

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# PRE-MEETING SESSION

## PUB-TECH

### Registration

#### **Probing the mechanics of spindle microtubule bundles via laser ablation.**

INVITED SPEAKER: [Mary Elting](#) - NC State University

#### **Applying systems-level spectral imaging and analysis to reveal the organelle interactome.**

INVITED SPEAKER: [Sarah Cohen](#) - UNC-Chapel Hill

### Unsupervised mingling

# CYTOSKELETON IN DEVELOPMENT AND DISEASE 1

## Opening remarks

**Functional crosstalk between phosphorylation and caspase proteolysis underlie aberrant processing of GFAP in Alexander Disease and reveal CK2 as a novel disease target.**

Rachel Battaglia, P. Kabiraj, K. Kinghorn, L. Herring, and N. Snider - UNC-Chapel Hill

**Pericentriolar Material Restriction to the Proximal End of Centrioles is Regulated by Transcription and is Essential for Spermiogenesis.**

Brian J. Galletta, J.M. Ortega, C.J. Fagerstrom, and N.M. Rusan - NIH/NHLBI

**Ciliary signaling in human disease: From neurodegeneration to cancer.**

INVITED SPEAKER: Sarah Goetz - Duke University

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# POSTER SESSION 1

**Finding a mate: how yeast cells track pheromone gradients.**

Katherine Jacobs, S. Ramirez, T. Elston, D. Lew - Duke University

**Effects of Microenvironment Stiffness on the DNA Damage Response in Breast Epithelial Cells.**

Amanda M. Smelser, H. Rashid, P. Vidi - Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center

**Role of metavinculin in actin reorganization and force.**

Hyunna T. Lee, M. Sarker, M. Lu, L. Sharek, T. O'Brien, R. Superfine, K. Burridge, and S.L. Campbell - UNC-Chapel Hill

**How is apical constriction triggered? Zyxin and the search for the master regulator.**

Mark Slabodnick, S. Tintori, T. Cupp, A. Chen, B. Goldstein - UNC Chapel Hill

**PPP1R2 has a role in regulating centrosome structure and function within ARPE cells.**

Alan-Michael Bresch, R. Wang, A.O. Sperry - East Carolina University

**Single Molecule Study Of Axonemal Dynein To Understand Unique Flagellar Bend Propagation In Trypanosoma.**

Subash Godar, J. Oristian, A. McKamy, J. Alper - Clemson University

**Timecourse of Synapse Development in Human iPSC-derived Neurons.**

Adrienne Orbita, B. Kirk, K. Litwa - East Carolina University

**Investigation of Force-Induced Nuclear Deformation with AFM and Light Sheet Imaging.**

Chad Hobson, E. Nelsen, J. Hsiao, A. Stephens, T. O'Brien, M. Falvo, R. Superfine - UNC-Chapel Hill

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**dTAT microtubule acetylation mediates cell stiffness.**

Megan Kern, M. Falvo, T. O'Brien, R. Superfine, C. Yan, F. Wang, Y. Peng, C.R. Williams, B. Jenkins, J. Wildonger, J.C. Tuthill, Y. Xiang, S.L. Rogers, J.Z. Parrish - UNC-Chapel Hill

**VASP ubiquitination regulates actin dynamics and neuronal morphogenesis.**

Laura E. McCormick, N.G. Brown, S.L. Gupton - UNC-Chapel Hill

**Probing the constriction mechanism of the actomyosin ring in Schizosaccharomyces pombe using laser ablation to relate tension force production of the constricting ring to the molecular organization of proteins within the contractile ring.**

Mohamed Moshtohry, C. Laplante, M.W. Elting - North Carolina State University

**Elucidating the Role of Securin in Regulating Separase during Cortical Granule Exocytosis.**

Christopher Turpin, M. LaForest, L. Uehlein-Klebanow, Q. Caylor, D. Mitchell, J. Bembenek - University of Tennessee-Knoxville

**Computational investigation of myosin-XIX structure-function.**

Justin Airas, E. Modeste, Y. Ali, O.A. Quintero, C. Parish - University of Richmond

**Dynamics of the k-fiber through high-resolution single-molecule speckle fluorescence imaging and mechanical perturbation from laser ablation.**

Elizabeth Mae Davis, M.A. Begley, M.W. Elting - North Carolina State University

**MYO19 interacts with Miro-family GTPases on the mitochondrial outer membrane.**

J.L. Bocanegra, Barbara Fujita, N.R. Melton, J.M. Cowan, E.L. Schinski, T.Y. Tamir, M.B. Major, O.A. Quintero - University of Richmond

**Nopo encodes a DNA damage response protein that associates with mitotic spindles and functions in axon guidance.**

Ryan S. O'Neill, C.J. Fagerstrom, N.M. Rusan - NIH/NHLBI

**Dye-based biosensors for imaging protein activity in living cells.**

Nicholas Pinkin, J. Smith, M.J. Kim, K. Hahn - UNC-Chapel Hill

**Cytoskeletal Regulation of Neurodevelopment in an iPSC-derived Autism Model.**

Taylor Rudisill, B. Kirk, C. Johnson, A. Orbita, P. Pakala, H. Dar, S. Davis, R. Horwitz, M. McConnell, Karen Litwa - East Carolina University

**The Anillin homolog Mid1p is dispensable for cytokinetic node assembly and composition in fission yeast.**

Kimberly Bellingham-Johnstun, E. Anders, C. Laplante - North Carolina State University

**PP2A-SUR6/B55 regulates centrosome positioning during pronuclear migration by mediating Dynein motoring activity.**

V. Boudreau, R. Chen, Alan Edwards, M. Sulaiman, P.S. Maddox - UNC-Chapel Hill

**HA Regulation of Synapse Development.**

Emily Wilson - East Carolina University

**Forward Modeling of the Inner Kinetochore.**

Ayush Doshi - UNC-Chapel Hill

**Transcriptomic analysis of CAD cell differentiation.**

C. Cevallos, D. Posfai, Anna Leigh White, J. Feng, A.L. Hill, J.M. Warrick, O.A. Quintero - University of Richmond

**Crk adaptor protein containing multiprotein signaling complexes regulate actomyosin-dependent developmental processes.**

Andrew J. Spracklen, A.N. Bonner, E. Thornton-Kolbe, M. Peifer - UNC-Chapel Hill





# MECHANICS AND STRUCTURE OF CYTOSKELETAL COMPLEXES 1

## **Influence of Cortical Microtubules on Cotton Fiber Elongation and Tip Diameter.**

Benjamin P. Graham, M.R. Stiff, E.T. Pierce, and C.H. Haigler -  
North Carolina State University

## **Canoe feel it? Adherens Junction proteins, tension, and epidermal architecture.**

INVITED SPEAKER: Scott Williams - UNC-Chapel Hill

**Lunch**

# QUANTITATIVE AND MODELING APPROACHES IN STUDYING THE CYTOSKELETON

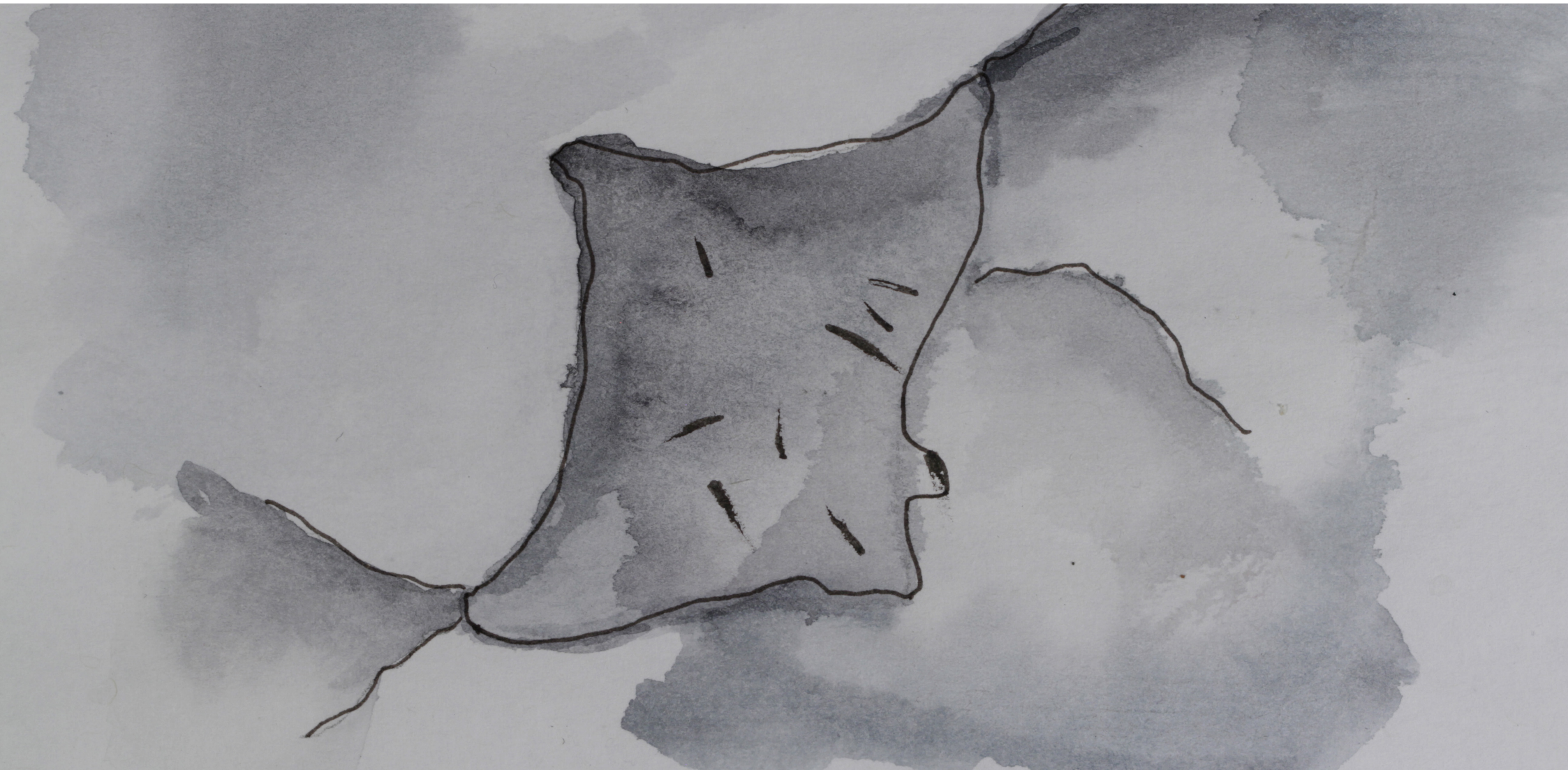
**An amphipathic helix enables septins to sense micron-scale membrane curvature.**

Kevin Cannon, B. Woods, J. Crutchely, and A. Gladfelter - UNC-Chapel Hill

**Modeling directional treadmilling of bacterial cell division protein FtsZ.**

Lauren Corbin and H. Erickson - Duke University







# POSTER SESSION 2

**Integrative Model Predicts Myosin Mechanically Disrupts Positive Feedback Between Adhesions and F-Actin at Leading Edge of Migrating Cells.**

Ankit Chandra, J. Haugh - North Carolina State University

**A Unifying Theory of Cytoskeleton Contraction.**

Julio M Belmonte, M. Leptin, F. Nédélec - North Carolina State University

**Site-specific glycosylation regulates the form and function of the intermediate filament cytoskeleton.**

Brett M Condon, H.J. Tarbet, L. Dolat, T.J. Smith, E.T. O'Brien III, R.H. Valdivia, M. Boyce - Duke University

**The Bardet–Biedl syndrome protein complex is an adapter expanding the cargo range of intraflagellar transport trains for ciliary export.**

Peiwei Liu, K.F. Lehtreck - University of Georgia

**Force spectroscopy of phagocytosis with 6D light sheet imaging.**

Evan Nelsen, C. Hobson, J. Hsiao, M. Falvo, E.T. O'Brien III, K. Hahn, S. Grinstein and R. Superfine - UNC-Chapel Hill

**Dynamics of the k-fiber through high-resolution single-molecule speckle fluorescence imaging and mechanical perturbation from laser ablation.**

Elizabeth Mae Davis, Marcus A Begley, M.W. Elting - North Carolina State University

**Probing mitotic spindle mechanics in *S. pombe* via perturbation of microtubule crosslinkers and targeted laser ablation.**

Parsa Zareiesfandabadi, Ana Sofia Uzsoy, M.W. Elting - North Carolina State University

**Proteomic and functional analysis of presynaptic actin regulation during synaptic transmission.**

Shataakshi Dube, T. Bradshaw, A. Uezu, E. Soderblom, B. Rácz, S.H. Soderling - Duke University

**Investigating the role of the GTP hydrolysis rate in regulation of microtubule stability.**

Veronica Farmer, G. Arpag, S. Wang, A. Rahman, M. Zanic - Vanderbilt University

**Feedback Loops at the Level of Lipid Metabolism Enhance Sensitivity and Robustness in Models of Chemotactic Gradient Sensing.**

Jamie Nosbisch, K. Mohan, T. Elston, J. Bear, J. Haugh - North Carolina State University

**Cdc42 GEF, Gef1 coordinates actomyosin ring constriction and septum ingression during cytokinesis.**

Udo Onwubiko, B. Wei, P. Mlynarczyk, J. Habiyaremye, A. Clack, S. Abel, M. Das - University of Tennessee-Knoxville

**Rap1 acts via multiple mechanisms to position Canoe/Afadin and adherens junctions and mediate apical-basal polarity establishment.**

Kia Z. Perez-Vale, T.T. Bonello, M. Peifer - UNC-Chapel Hill

**Determining the localization and function of schizophrenia-linked tSNARE1.**

Melissa Plooster, G. Rossi, M. Farrell, P. Sullivan, S. Gupton, P. Brennwald - UNC-Chapel Hill

**Dynamics and regulation of microtubule minus ends.**

Claire Strothman, M. Podolski, N. Rodgers, V. Farmer, G. Arpag, S. Wang, M. Zanic - Vanderbilt University

**Modeling cytoskeletal actin by data-driven finite elements.**

Brian Adam, S. Mitran - UNC-Chapel Hill

**Dynamics of Fat2, Lar, and Sema-5c in a planar signaling system that coordinates migration across an epithelium.**

Audrey Williams, S. Horne-Badovinac - University of Chicago

**Using Cross-Species Evolutionary Analysis to Identify and Characterize Novel Centrosome Gene Duplications.**

Frances C. Welsh, R.S. O'Neill, B.J. Galletta, N.M. Rusan - NIH

**Cone myoid elongation involves unidirectional microtubule movement mediated by dynein-1.**

Tylor Lewis, M. Zareba, B. Link, J. Besharse - Duke University

**Genetic identification of separase regulators in C. elegans.**

Michael Melesse, A. Peden, J. Bembenek - University of Tennessee-Knoxville

**Aurora B is required for programmed variations of cytokinesis during morphogenesis in the C. elegans embryo.**

Xiaofei Bai, P. Lee, C. Chen, J.R. Simmons, B. Nebenfuehr, D. Mitchell, L.R. Klebanow, N. Mattson, C.G.S. Turpin, B. Chen, E. Betzig, Joshua N. Bembenek - University of Tennessee-Knoxville

**Molecular genetic analysis of sup-13, an extragenic suppressor of the unc-78 actin-interacting protein 1 gene in C. elegans.**

Kanako Ono, S. Iwase, Z. Qin, D. Baillie, and Shoichiro Ono - Emory University

**Examination of actomyosin contractile activity in sponges.**

Jared Dyke, C. Cotter, A. Hill, M. Hill, O.A. Quintero - University of Richmond

**An investigation into the mechanism by which a wave of F-actin propagates through mitochondria.**

Jamar Washington, S. Coscia, A.S. Moore, O.A. Quintero, E. Holzbaur - University of Richmond

**Defining the network of proteins driving apical-basal polarity establishment.**

Teresa Bonello, M. Peifer - UNC-Chapel Hill



# MECHANICS AND STRUCTURE OF CYTOSKELETAL COMPLEXES 2

**Muscle specific stress fibers give rise to sarcomeres and are mechanistically distinct from stress fibers in non-muscle cells.**

Aidan Fenix, M.R. Visetsouk, N. Taneja, A.C. Neiningger, R.J. Garde, B. Liu, B.R. Nixon, A.E. Manalo, J.R. Becker, S.W. Crawley, D.M. Bader, M.J. Tyska, Q. Liu, J.H. Gutzman, and D.T. Burnett - Vanderbilt University

**Molecular Mechanisms of Microtubule-based Intracellular Transport.**

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Samara Reck-Peterson - UC San Diego & HHMI



# POSTER SESSION 3

**O-GlcNAcylation of gigaxonin is a candidate regulator of intermediate filament stability.**

Po-Han Chen, T. Smith, J. Chi, M. Boyce - Duke University

**The Cdc42 GEFs regulate each other to orchestrate Cdc42 activity during cytokinesis and polarized growth.**

Brian Hercyk, J. Rich, M. Das - University of Tennessee-Knoxville

**FIP Modulates PRC-1/FEO to Ensure Proper Cytokinesis and Ploidy.**

Rachel K. Ng, Z.T. Swider, R. Varadarajan, N.M. Rusan - NIH/NHLBI

**mRNA transport and local translation regulates radial glial cell branching during brain development.**

Louis-Jan Pilaz, K. Joshi, Y. Tsunekawa, P. Vanderhaeghen, F. Polleux, D.L. Silver - Duke University

**Dynamic post-transcriptional regulation of centrosome-associated RNA.**

Pearl V. Ryder, D.A. Lerit - Emory University

**Ndel1 promotes keratin assembly at desmosomes.**

Yong-Bae Kim, J. Maycock, Daniel Hlavaty, T. Lechler - Duke University

**Actin-myosin Interaction is Regulated by the C-terminus of human cardiac Troponin T.**

Dylan Johnson, W. Angus, L. Zhu, J. Chalovich - East Carolina University

**Morphogenesis and compartmentalization of the mammalian intestine.**

Kaelyn Sumigray, M. Terwilliger, T. Lechler - Duke University

**How does the cell cycle control polarization in *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*?**

[Kyle Moran](#), H. Kang, A. Araujo, T. Zyla, D. Tsygankov, D. Lew - Duke University

**Uncovering the spindle-orienting function of AGS3 in epidermal morphogenesis.**

[Carlos Patiño Descovich](#), K.J. Lough, D.C. Spitzer, J. Yom, S.E. Williams - UNC-Chapel Hill

**Towards Uncovering N-Cadherin Force Dependent Protein-Protein Interactions.**

[Ishaan Puranam](#), B.D. Hoffman - Duke University

**Examining Vinculin Load-Dependent Protein Localization to Focal Adhesions.**

[Arnold Tao](#), A.S. LaCroix, B.D. Hoffman - Duke University

**Developmental Dynamics of Cardiac Pacemaker Cell Cytoarchitecture.**

[Kandace Thomas](#), M. Bressan - UNC-Chapel Hill

**The tumor suppressor SETD2 functions as a dual regulator of microtubule and kinetochore assembly during mitosis.**

[Frank M. Mason](#), Stephen R. Norris, I.Y. Park, C.L. Walker, R. Ohi, W.K. Rathmell - Vanderbilt University Medical Center

**Non-canonical roles of the Exon Junction Complex component Eif4a3 during neuronal differentiation**

[Fernando C. Alsina](#), B. Lupan, E. Miller, D.L. Silver - Duke University

**Mitotic cues ensure that Cdc42-mediated polarized growth at the onset of interphase initiates after completion of cell separation**

[Julie Rich](#), A. Russell, E. Mancini, M. Das - University of Tennessee-Knoxville

**Stochastic simulation of dynamic Rho-GTPase clustering.**

[Samuel A. Ramirez](#), M. Pablo, T.C. Elston - UNC-Chapel Hill

**Connection between Electrostatic Interactions and Binding Affinity of Dynein and Microtubules.**

[Hailey Lovelace](#), M. Spencer, J. Eller, H. Sanabria, J. Alper - Clemson University

**Constructing Neural Circuits: An Integrated Optical Tweezer Microelectrode Array System for Directing the Axonal Cytoskeleton and Modulating Synaptic Strength.**

[Bradley Scammon](#), E. Carman, R. Eiman, M. Judge, K. O'Brien, L. Phemister, J. Alper - Clemson University

**Control of Kinetochore Assembly by the Chromosomal Passenger Complex.**

[Mary Kate Bonner](#), J. Haase, H. Halas, J. Swinderman, L. Jenkins, A.E. Kelly - NIH

**Agent-based modeling of myosin motor ensembles in dynamic contractile rings.**

[Daniel Cortes](#), F. Nédélec, A.S. Maddox - UNC-Chapel Hill

**A novel, Afadin-dependent rescue mechanism corrects oblique anaphase division orientation in the embryonic epidermis.**

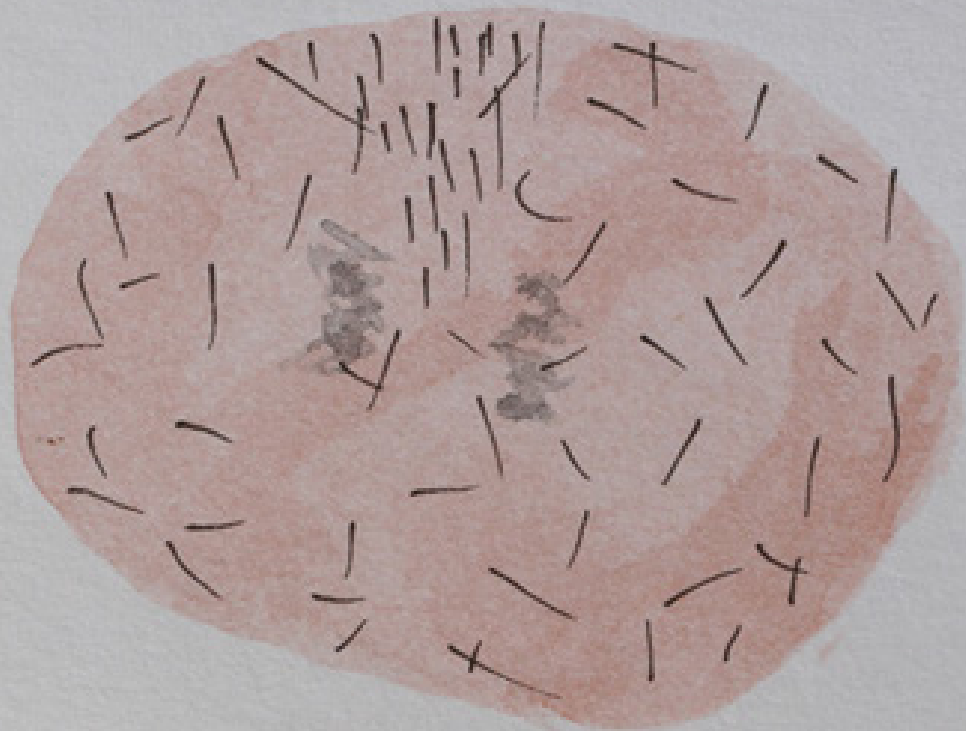
[Kendall Lough](#), K.M. Byrd, C. Patino-Descovich, D.C. Spitzer, A.J. Bergman, S.E. Williams - UNC Chapel Hill

**TRIM9 and TRIM67: How do they regulate neuronal morphology?**

[Shalini Menon](#), D. Goldfarb, B. Major, S. Gupton - UNC-Chapel Hill

**Investigating the Biochemical and Structural Basis of Centrosome Maturation**

[Samantha L. Smith](#), B.J. Galletta, K.M. Plevock, R. Varadarajan, A.E. Kelly, N.M. Rusan - NIH/NHLBI



# CYTOSKELETON IN DEVELOPMENT AND DISEASE 2

## **Regulation of Epidermal Development and Morphogenesis by Cytoskeleton in Differentiated Cells**

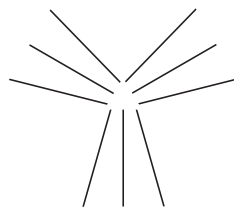
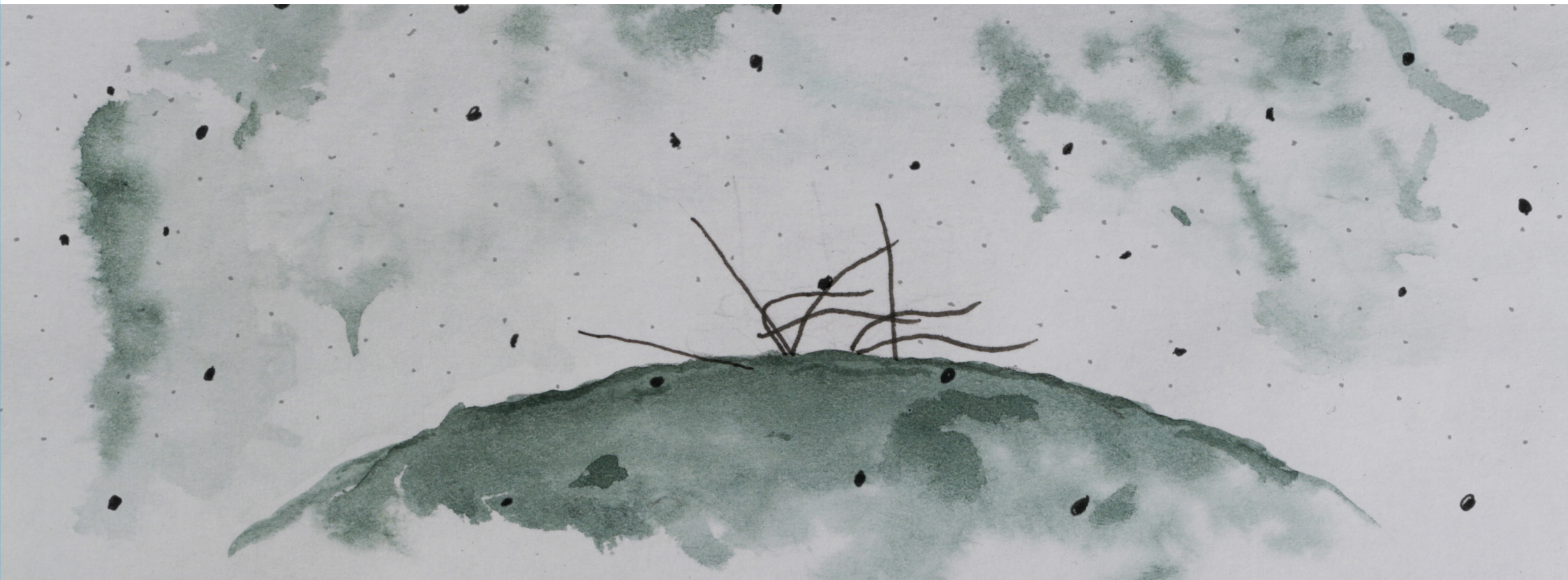
Wenxiu Ning and T. Lechler - Duke University

## **Spatio-temporal regulation of tissue growth in zebrafish scale regeneration.**

Alessandro De Simone, L. Hayden, M. Evanitsky, B. D. Cox, J. Wang, Z.  
Weishampel, A. Chao, K. D. Poss, and S. Di Talia. - Duke University

**Happy Hour**





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