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Announcements

And then there were four. With MoMA reopening its Manhattan building next month, several of the sculptures that have been on loan to the university and displayed along the marble walkway between the Bronx building and Caspary Hall for the past few years are being returned. Four pieces, however, will remain until further notice: Ettore Colla's *Continuity*, Herbert Ferber's *Homage to Piranesi*, Brian Hunt's *Big Twist* and Eduardo Paolozzi's *Lotus*.

Fitness and dance classes available. Stress reduction classes (with stretching and fitness exercises for all shapes, sizes and levels) and ballroom/swing dance classes are now underway. Fitness classes cost \$15 each or \$60 for six and are held in the Founder's gym from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. or 12 to 1 p.m. Dance classes (beginning swing, intermediate swing or ballroom/Latin) are held Monday nights on the 38th floor of Scholar's Residence and cost \$140 for seven weeks. For more information, contact Margaret Batiuchok at (212) 598-0154 or marg@nyc.rr.com.

Sphinx concert December 8. The Sphinx Organization, founded by Aaron Dworkin to foster the participation of young African-American and Latinos in classical music, will present its inaugural gala concert at Carnegie Hall on December 8 at 8 p.m. Free tickets are available by presenting a Rockefeller ID at the box office the evening of the performance. Featured will be a chamber orchestra made up of top alumni of the Sphinx Competition, conducted by Anthony Elliott and Kay George Roberts. Further information about Sphinx and the concert is at www.sphinxmusic.org.

New RU brochure available. A new Rockefeller University brochure, which provides an overview of the university and is targeted to the lay public, is now available and has been distributed to faculty, staff and students by campus mail. For additional copies, visit the literature rack outside Caspary Auditorium or call the Office of Communications and Public Affairs at x7900.

Stress and communication classes at EAPC. The Employee Assistance Program Consortium, which offers short-term counseling and referrals to Rockefeller employees and dependents, is offering stress management and communication skills classes in November and December. Classes are free and meet during lunch hours at NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital. Reservations are required; call (212) 746-5890.

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SCIENCE

New Monday Lecture Series launches

Weekly series to feature informal talks by Rockefeller faculty

BY BETSY HANSON

In more than 10 years as a head of laboratory at Rockefeller, Ulrike Gaul has only once delivered a campus-wide lecture. For a university that prides itself on incubating collaborations between laboratories — and that attracts some of the world's most respected scientists to its Friday lecture series — it's odd that there's no forum for homegrown talent to share ideas and results.

Until now. On November 1, Gaul will deliver the first in a new series of Monday Lectures that will feature Rockefeller heads of laboratories.

"It's a very good idea to have this lecture series," says Gaul, who is an associate professor and head of the Laboratory of Developmental Neurogenetics. "We regularly give full-length lectures elsewhere, but here this happens only on special occasions. There is a need on campus to foster this kind of scientific exchange."

Gaul's research focuses in part on understanding the gene network that generates the segmented body pattern of fruit fly embryos as they develop into larvae. For segmentation to occur, certain genes must be switched on or off in specific parts of the embryo at the correct times. An important key to understanding development in fruit flies as well as other organisms is figuring out how the cell controls how DNA is transcribed into RNA as these genes are expressed.

Gaul has collaborated for several years with Eric Siggia, head of the Laboratory of Theoretical Condensed Matter Physics, to combine her experimental research with his computational expertise. The Siggia lab has developed a computer algorithm called "Ahab" that, using the DNA code in the published fruit fly genome, can identify the regions in the DNA that bind factors regulating transcription. Gaul can then test and further analyze these predictions in the lab.

Recently this approach yielded 15 new, validated examples of such regulatory elements — an increase of 50 percent over what was previously known. The new techniques also allowed Gaul to



Homegrown talent. Ulrike Gaul, head of the Laboratory of Developmental Neurogenetics, at the Welch Hall podium she'll use to deliver the inaugural Monday Lecture on November 1.

PHOTO: ZACH VEILLEUX

systematically evaluate which factors bind to a given regulatory element, and thus to better understand how the genes in the segmentation gene network interact. Gaul's lecture will focus on this research, which was published in *PLoS Biology* in September.

The new lecture series primarily is a result of graduate students and postdocs wanting to be better informed about Rockefeller research. Earlier this year Elaine Fuchs, head of the Laboratory of Mammalian Cell Biology and Development and chair of the Friday Lecture committee, sent a questionnaire to university scientists to evaluate that series. Rockefeller faculty occasionally speak in the Friday series, but the survey revealed a desire for more frequent campus talks by Rockefeller scientists.

"The new series will provide a means for building scientific ties within the Rockefeller community," says President Paul Nurse. "We

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From Paul Nurse... Housing subsidies for postdocs

As most of you know, there has been considerable discussion lately about the compensation that postdoctoral fellows at Rockefeller receive — and specifically concerning the 15 percent discount postdocs receive on the rent they are charged for university housing.

As the situation has changed rapidly over the last several weeks, and there has been some concern about the matter, I want to explain my position in some

detail here so that everyone understands what has now been done.

When I first looked into this question of ending the enhanced housing subsidy for postdoctoral fellows, it seemed like a straightforward plan. As you know, the university is facing a substantial deficit in our operating budget that we cannot ignore. By eliminating the subsidy we give to postdocs who live in university apartments, which comes out of the oper-

ating budget, and increasing postdoc salaries, which typically come from grants and other external sources of funding, we estimated we would be able to save about \$1 million a year for the university — without disadvantaging postdocs.

After the original decision was made, however, I became aware of several complications that would make this arrangement difficult to implement over the time

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Surviving Ivan: Security guards organize drive for hurricane victims

When Joseph Cummings, a Rockefeller security guard, went home to Grenada in September to attend his mother's funeral, he wasn't expecting 140 mile per hour winds like those that soon descended on the tiny Caribbean island. When Hurricane Ivan made landfall on September 7, Cummings spent the night huddled in a basement bathroom with eight other people as the roof of his sister's home was torn away. Afterwards, he and his relatives and neighbors lived without drinking water or electricity and with very little food. They drank water from coconuts to stay hydrated.

"The island was just flattened," Cummings says. "I thought I wasn't going to make it back."

Now, Cummings and Sergeant Freddy Garcia — who has been organizing clothing and food drives for needy people in the U.S., Santa Domingo, Puerto Rico and Cuba for the past two and half years — have teamed up with a shipping company to send badly needed food, clothing, shoes, hardware, flashlights and batteries to hurricane victims who are still struggling in the Caribbean and Florida. Relying on word of mouth and a few posters, they have collected over two tons of donations from Rockefeller, Sloane-Kettering and Weill-Cornell employees.

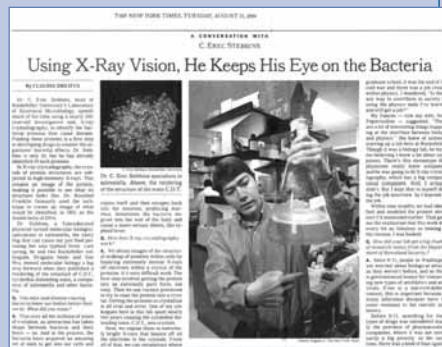
Cummings (left) and Garcia, pictured here in the Flexner Hall storeroom they are using as temporary storage, will be continuing the collections for the next few weeks — and are still looking for donations, especially non-perishable food. Goods can be left at the collection box in the lobby of Founder's Hall.



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Rockefeller in the News

An interview with **C. Erec Stebbins** appeared in *The New York Times Science Times* section on August 31, under the headline "Using X-Ray Vision, He Keeps His Eye on the Bacteria." "Over all the millions of years of evolution, an interaction has taken place between bacteria and their hosts — us," Stebbins says in the story. "In the process, the bacteria have acquired an amazing set of tools to get into our cells and use our proteins for their own needs."



Joel Cohen, head of the Laboratory of Populations, and **Jesse Ausubel**, director of the Program for the Human Environment, were mentioned in an August 29 *New York Times* article on people and pollution.

Cover stories in the August 23 issue of *Newsweek* and the August *National Geographic* highlighted **Jeffrey Friedman's** research on leptin.



A *Newsday* article on September 3 focused on **Elaine Fuchs'** recent success inducing mouse skin stem cells to produce skin, hair and oil glands. "The next step," reported *Newsday*, "is to isolate the same kinds of hair-making stem cells from [adult] humans." Dozens of other newspapers and magazines also covered the story, including a September 13 *U.S. News & World Report* piece that called Fuchs' research "a great day for follicularly challenged rodents."

Media outlets around the world picked up **Leslie Vosshall's** discovery of an insect gene that may provide a key to new mosquito repellents. Says Vosshall. "I especially like the South African newspaper headline, 'US boffins hope to give mozzies the chop.'"

Some people thrive under pressure while others get sick. These responses to stress were the subject of articles in *The New York Times* on September 5 and 10 that quoted **Bruce McEwen**.

Rockefeller's campus — the work of landscape architects Dan Kiley and Thomas Balsley — was featured in the June issue of *Landscape Architecture*. "Rockefeller University is only one of two substantial green spaces on Manhattan's Upper East Side," the author notes. "The 100-year-old campus is the product of multiple interactions — interactions among contemporaries and between generations and among patron, scientists, university presidents, plant operations heads, horticulturalists and designers."



FACULTY

Gaasterland to leave Rockefeller

BY ZACH VEILLEUX

Terry Gaasterland, who six years ago established Rockefeller's Laboratory of Computational Genomics, announced in September that she will leave the university to become the director of the new Scripps Genome Center at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography at the University of California at San Diego.

Gaasterland's lab at Rockefeller uses software to study genes and gene products. Her projects while at the university have focused on computational methods for identifying sites within genes where transcription of the DNA code begins and ends and for interpreting gene expression data in an effort to understand under what conditions individual genes are turned on and off.

"Through collaborations with Rockefeller faculty members, Terry has furthered analyses of how genes in cells and organisms respond in experimental settings," says President Paul Nurse.

At Scripps, Gaasterland will take this research a step further, expanding beyond experimental settings. Her research program at UCSD will consist of three branches: comparative genomics, in which model organisms are used to understand the evolution of protein diversity; environmental genomics, in which DNA from a range of organisms within an environment — a "metagenome" — is isolated and analyzed collectively; and marine genomics, in which researchers seek to understand more about embryonic development and evolution by studying genes of the diverse range of organisms that live in the world's oceans.

Scripps, like Rockefeller, is heavily focused on research, and its approximately 90 faculty members also are loosely organized without departments. The major draw for Gaasterland was the diverse blend of faculty. In addition to biologists, chemists and physicists, Scripps is home to geologists, and marine scientists operating a fleet of four ships.

To minimize the impact of the move on

on-going graduate and postdoctoral research, Gaasterland will start the move by cloning her core computer infrastructure in San Diego between now and December and then move machines from New York during the first months of 2005. The laboratory will close in June after convocation.

"Moving to Scripps is allowing me to take something that's lab based and put it into an environmental context," Gaasterland says. "I see this as an opportunity to bring questions about the human genome together with questions about evolution and biodiversity, an area in which I have a long-standing interest. This is a unique opportunity to study the human genome systematically in a global evolutionary context."

"This is a great opportunity for Terry to expand her interests into the environment and biodiversity," says Nurse. "We all wish her every success in her exciting new venture."

After studying computer science, Russian and chemistry as an undergrad at Duke, Gaasterland received her Ph.D. in computer science from the University of Maryland, and did postdoctoral work in computational biology at the Argonne National Laboratory in Illinois. She came to Rockefeller as assistant professor and head of laboratory in 1998.

"My collaborations at Rockefeller have been a constant source of new questions and new problems, and I'm eager to maintain them after my departure," says Gaasterland. "Being at Rockefeller has taught me how to prioritize research problems based on impact — to pick questions that are not only interesting but that have a high potential for practical benefit if they are answered."

"Over the past six years, I have learned how biologists approach research. Thanks to Rockefeller, I have become equipped to approach science both mathematically and experimentally. I am prepared to take on this new position because of my experience here."

Paul Nurse continued

period originally envisaged. In the last few weeks, I have had several productive meetings with representatives from the postdoctoral association and the university administration, to discuss these issues. Postdoc leaders were extremely helpful during these discussions, as were members of the administration who worked to clarify many of the financial issues involved.

In the end, it became clear that the original plan resulted in some postdocs receiving less overall compensation — which was not the aim — and it emerged that the plan would be complex to implement for those post-docs already in posts. I was also persuaded by the postdoc community's feeling that the terms on which they had been recruited should be sustained for the duration of their time at Rockefeller.

For these reasons, I have decided that the plan to eliminate all postdoctoral housing subsidies over a one-year period is not practicable.

Under the revised plan, which I presented to the postdocs in late September, all current postdocs — those with appointments starting prior to September 1 — will keep their full 15 percent rent subsidies for as long as they remain postdocs at the university. New postdocs who have joined the university since September 1 will not receive the rent subsidy but will get a one-month rent credit at the time of lease signing, to offset relocation costs.

As far as compensation is concerned, I think it's only fair that the new guidelines that we announced in July of this year be applied to all postdocs, regardless of appointment date. These salaries exceed the current guidelines put out by the National Institutes of Health, particularly in the first two years, and they will allow the university to continue to be very competitive in attracting the best postdocs to Rockefeller.

At the present time, the largest increases will be seen in the salaries for first- and second-year postdocs, where they are most needed, while third- to fifth-year postdocs receive somewhat smaller increases. The plans we have put in place will still result in a necessary recovery in costs to the university — we will save \$1 million over a number of years, rather than over the short period originally envisaged.

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PROMOTIONS, AWARDS AND PERSONNEL NEWS

Hilary North, research assistant, Greengard Laboratory.

Margarita Oks, research assistant, Steinman Laboratory.

Kim Osterberger, administrative secretary, Hospital Clinical Research Office.

Omar Padial, call center computer support specialist, Information Technology.

Meihui Pan, research associate, Breslow Laboratory.

Eben Pariser, research assistant, Hatten Laboratory.

Elizabeth Paul, animal technician 1, LARC.

Yi Pei, postdoctoral associate, Tuschl Laboratory.

Adam John Pelzek, research assistant, Fischetti Laboratory.

Robert Pergolizzi, member of the adjunct faculty, Fischetti Laboratory.

Lisa Postow, postdoctoral fellow, Funabiki Laboratory.

Matthew Pratt, postdoctoral associate, Muir Laboratory.

Petr Protiva, member of the adjunct faculty, Breslow Laboratory.

Mary Ann Quinn, assistant archivist, Archive Center.

Ryan Raam, research assistant, Gotschlich Laboratory.

Leenaishwar Ramnauth, safety officer, Laboratory Safety and Environmental Health.

Yaniv Ravee, research assistant, Steinman Laboratory.

Amanda Rice, research assistant, Tuschl Laboratory.

Kathleen Rider, training coordinator, LARC.

Thomas Risler, postdoctoral associate, Hudspeth Laboratory.

Sean Rooney, postdoctoral fellow, de Lange Laboratory.

Eugene Rudensky, skilled laboratory helper, Tarakhovsky Laboratory.

Anne Schaefer, postdoctoral associate, Greengard Laboratory.

Eran Segal, fellow in physics and biology, Feigenbaum Laboratory.

Barry Shea, visiting fellow, Fischetti Laboratory.

Patrick Shea, project archivist, Archive Center.

David Shechter, postdoctoral associate, Allis Laboratory.

Lijian Shen, postdoctoral fellow, Konarska Laboratory.

Irina Shimeliovich, research assistant, Steinman Laboratory.

Tushit Shukla, senior systems administrator, Information Technology.

Amanda Shurgin, production and traffic coordinator, Communications and Public Affairs.

Juan Simon, receiving clerk, Purchasing.

Anna Skrzypiec, research support assistant, Transgenic Services.

Anna Stickney, animal technician 2, Greengard Laboratory.

Nicole Stokes, research assistant, Fuchs Laboratory.

Adisetyantari Suprpto, technology manager, Technology Transfer.

Akamol Eddie Suvarnapunya, postdoctoral fellow, McKinney Laboratory.

Matthew Swift, research assistant, Kreek Laboratory.

Ameet Talwalkar, research assistant, Greengard Laboratory.

Ashby Thomas, research assistant, Robert Darnell Laboratory.

Victor Thompson, incinerator operator, LARC.

Valeri Thomson, visiting scientist, McKinney Laboratory.

Alexander Torres, animal attendant, LARC.

Garvin Tyson, mechanic 3, Plant Operations Power House.

Nicoline Van Kan, animal technician 1, LARC.

Heather Van Epps, associate news editor, Rockefeller University Press.

Kirsten Vannice, research assistant, Voss Hall Laboratory.

Lucas Velloso, postdoctoral associate, Stebbins Laboratory.

Janelle Villiers, research assistant, Hudspeth Laboratory.

Doris Viteri-Donohoe, assistant teacher, Child and Family Center.

Thomas von Hahn, postdoctoral associate, Rice Laboratory.

Heike Barbara Wagner, skilled laboratory helper, Voss Hall Laboratory.

Dejun Wan, website builder and designer, Information Technology.

Cindy J. Wang, research assistant, Greengard Laboratory.

Xiujie Wang, postdoctoral associate, Gaasterland Laboratory.

Xuan Wang, postdoctoral associate, Fuchs Laboratory.

James B. Washington, assistant, Archive Center.

Elizabeth Waters, postdoctoral fellow, McEwen Laboratory.

Sandra Wellington, research assistant, Hemmati Brivanlou Laboratory.

Lars Westberg, postdoctoral fellow, Pfaff Laboratory.

John K. Wickiser, postdoctoral associate, Robert Darnell Laboratory.

Jonathan Widom, visiting professor, Siggia Laboratory.

Chaowei Wu, postdoctoral associate, Werner Laboratory.

Pei-Yun Jenny Wu, postdoctoral associate, Nurse Laboratory.

Hanpeng Xu, postdoctoral associate, Gotschlich Laboratory.

Arash Yaghoobian, visiting fellow, Steinman Laboratory.

Qi-Heng Yang, postdoctoral fellow, Roeder Laboratory.

Seong Wook Yang, postdoctoral fellow, Chua Laboratory.

Mingzhu Ye, animal attendant, LARC.

Shixin Ye, postdoctoral fellow, Sakmar Laboratory.

Rui Yi, postdoctoral associate, Fuchs Laboratory.

Motonobu Yoshida, visiting professor, Chua Laboratory.

Sherry Zakhary, research assistant, Greengard Laboratory.

Qi Zhao, research assistant, Fuchs Laboratory.

Monday lecture series continued

have the opportunity to hear outside talks on Friday afternoons, and to socialize over tea. Now everybody can find out what their colleagues are doing in the lab."

In contrast to the Friday lectures, the Monday talks will be informal — a chance to share new data and discuss research in progress. In this spirit, the lectures will be held in the library reading room on the second floor of Welch Hall. The selection of cookies and tea will also reflect the more relaxed atmosphere, according to Food Services.

"We're encouraging presenters to be creative — some presentations, for example, will be by two people who have collaborated," says Bruce McEwen, chair of the committee planning the lecture series. "We need a forum for scientists here to learn about the full range of research being carried out at the university. In addition to helping people stay better informed, we are hoping the new series will encourage interaction between research areas and stimulate collaborations."

The Monday series will also offer a venue for talks by visiting faculty who spend an extended period of time at the university, as well as outside scientists whom the university is considering for recruitment. "With a regular scheduled time for these talks, we anticipate that more people will attend, and there can be wider participation in forming an opinion about candidates," says Michael Young, vice president for academic affairs.

Instead of tea, a wine and cheese reception will precede Gaul's inaugural talk on November 1. Information about upcoming speakers will be listed in the printed Rockefeller University calendar of events. Contact Permi Gill, x7179, with questions.

Schedule

All lectures are held at 3:45 p.m. in the Welch Hall Second Floor Reading Room.

NOVEMBER 1

Ulrike Gaul

Associate Professor, head of the Laboratory of Developmental Neurogenetics
Reparsing Segmentation: Transcriptional Control of Early Body Patterning in Drosophila

NOVEMBER 8

Hermann Steller

Investigator, Howard Hughes Medical Institute, Strang Professor, head of the Laboratory of Apoptosis and Cancer Biology
Death by Design: Mechanism and Regulation of Apoptosis

NOVEMBER 15

Vincent A. Fischetti

Professor, head of the Laboratory of Bacterial Pathogenesis and Immunology
Controlling Pathogenic Bacteria Like Never Before

NOVEMBER 22

Mary E. Hatten

Frederick P. Rose Professor, head of the Laboratory of Developmental Neurobiology
Par6 Controls CNS Glial Guided Migration

NOVEMBER 29

Marcelo O. Magnasco

Professor, head of the Laboratory of Mathematical Physics
Instantaneous Time: From the Neural Coding of Sound to Time-frequency Analysis (and Back?)

DECEMBER 6

David Ho

Irene Diamond Professor, Scientific Director of the Aaron Diamond AIDS Research Center
Title TBA

milestones

PROMOTIONS, AWARDS AND PERSONNEL NEWS

Retired:

Marie Callahan, secretary, Rockefeller Archive Center, after 17 years.
Philemon Downer, security guard, after 24 years.
Juan Vasquez, custodian, after 22 years.

Obituaries:

Henry N. Wood, emeritus associate professor, died on July 24, 2004 at his home in Harper's Ferry, West Virginia. He was 79. Wood served in the U.S. Navy from 1943 to 1946, before beginning undergraduate work at Wagner College in New York City. He came to Rockefeller in 1955, the year he completed his Ph.D. at Purdue University. From 1959 to 1982 Wood did research on plant tumors in the laboratory of Armin C. Braun. In 1982 he was granted tenure and became head of a new Laboratory of Plant Biochemistry, where he continued studies of the crown gall tumor disease in plants to understand the substances and mechanisms involved in regulating cell growth. Among other achievements, he discovered a class of regulators in higher plants, and isolated six cell-division-promoting factors from crown gall tumor cells. Wood became emeritus professor in 1990. He was a member of the American Society of Biological Chemists and The Harvey Society.

Published:

Creating a Tradition of Biomedical Research: Contributions to the History of The Rockefeller University, edited by **Darwin H. Stapleton**, by The Rockefeller University Press. A collection of articles by 15 authors based on research in the university's archives, this volume is the result of a conference held at Rockefeller in November 2000 in celebration of the university's centennial. Stapleton is executive director of the Rockefeller Archive Center.



Named:

Paul Greengard and **Charlie Rice**, fellows of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the world's largest general scientific society. Greengard is head of the Laboratory of Molecular and Cellular Neuroscience; Rice is head of the Laboratory of Virology and Infectious Disease.

Awarded:

C. Erec Stebbins, the 2004 Interscience Conference on Antimicrobial Agency and Chemotherapy Young Investigator Award, which recognizes early career scientists for research

excellence and potential in microbiology and infectious diseases. Stebbins was honored for his work in biochemistry and structural biology that has made contributions to our knowledge of the key virulence factors of some of the most dangerous pathogens. Stebbins, head of the Laboratory of Structural Microbiology, was nominated by Vincent Fischetti.

Ralph Steinman, the 2004 Mayor's Award for Science and Technology for biological and medical sciences; and **John McKinney**, the Mayor's "Young Investigator" Award for Science and Technology. The awards, which are administered by the New York Academy of Sciences, were presented October 13. Steinman is head of the Laboratory of Cellular Physiology and Immunology; McKinney is head of the Laboratory of Infection Biology.

Promoted:

Thomas Huber, from postdoctoral associate to research associate, Sakmar Laboratory.

Hired:

Johannes Adomako-Mensah, research assistant, Kreek Laboratory.

Julia Allen, research assistant, Kreek Laboratory.

Vincent Archambault, postdoctoral associate, Fred Cross Laboratory (formerly a student).

Devi Banerjee, postdoctoral fellow, Steinman Laboratory.

Denis Barenholts, research assistant, Greengard Laboratory.

Limor Baum, research assistant, Shaham Laboratory.

Julie Boyer, member of the adjunct faculty, Fischetti Laboratory.

Alexandra Budny, development assistant, Development.

Sujata Bupp, research assistant, Heintz Laboratory.

Karen-Sue Barker Carlson, postdoctoral associate, Strickland Laboratory.

Edgar Charles, instructor in clinical investigation, Rice Laboratory.

Charu Chaudhry, postdoctoral associate, MacKinnon Laboratory.

Jiaben Chen, postdoctoral associate, Gilbert Laboratory.

Maria Chiuchiolo, visiting fellow, Fischetti Laboratory.

Winston Chung, research assistant, Young Laboratory.

Dean Cisluycis, watch engineer, Plant Operations Power House.

Victor Cisneros, computer support specialist, Information Technology.

Maggie Cocca, research assistant, Mombaerts Laboratory.

Cameron Coffran, systems programmer, Information Technology.

Megan Cooney, secretary, Gadsby Laboratory.

Felix Cosme, security guard, Security.

Roxana Cubias, animal technician 1, Transgenic Services.

Pauline Curtis, laboratory helper, Allis Laboratory.

Monica Dandapani, research assistant, Gaul Laboratory.

Anu Daniel, postdoctoral associate, Fischetti Laboratory.

Tina Dardac, clinical research nurse, Hospital Nursing Inpatient.

Kah Hong Day, animal attendant, LARC.

Jonathan De Jesus, animal attendant, LARC.

Eros Denchi, postdoctoral fellow, de Lange Laboratory.

Elena Dhima, animal attendant, LARC.

Emily Diaz, teachers aide, Child and Family Center.

Ephraim Dickinson, research assistant, Tarakhovsky Laboratory.

Lana Dinic, research assistant, Tuschl Laboratory.

Jacqueline Dinzey, research assistant, Hatten Laboratory.

Jocelyn Friedman, animal health technician I, LARC.

Jacqueline Froatz, human resources assistant, Human Resources.

Jessica Gillard, copy editor, Rockefeller University Press.

Baldiserra Giovani, postdoctoral associate, Muir Laboratory.

Lisa Giuli, research intern, Krueger Laboratory.

Lauren Golden, instructor in clinical investigation, Breslow Laboratory.

Maya Goldmit, postdoctoral associate, Shaham Laboratory.

Katrina Gray, animal attendant, LARC.

Nadia Gurvich, postdoctoral associate, Kapoor Laboratory.

Neil Hackett, member of the adjunct faculty, Fischetti Laboratory.

Reneell Hagans, animal attendant, LARC.

Travis Hartman, research assistant, Gilbert Laboratory.

Rashida Henry, research assistant, Auerbach Laboratory.

Scott Herrick, research assistant, McEwen Laboratory.

Aaron Hinkle, animal health technician 1, Hatten Laboratory.

Matthew Hogan, research assistant, Friedman Laboratory.

Amy Iwamaye, research assistant, Rice Laboratory.

Rajul Jain, postdoctoral associate, MacKinnon Laboratory.

Fei Ji, postdoctoral associate, Ott Laboratory.

Tara Jones, research assistant, Roeder Laboratory.

Ronald Joscher, carpenter, Plant Operations Carpenter Shop.

Jesse Jun, postdoctoral associate, Tarakhovsky Laboratory.

Clarisse Kayembe, animal attendant, LARC.
Shahrazad Kemal, research assistant, Simon Laboratory.

Takatoshi Kiba, postdoctoral fellow, Chua Laboratory.

Amie Kim, research assistant, Greengard Laboratory.

Sadic King, animal attendant, LARC.

Megan King, postdoctoral associate, Blobel Laboratory.

Kelly Kirchoff, study coordinator, Dhodapkar Laboratory.

Mira Lynn Kistler, research assistant, Heintz Laboratory.

Florence Koeppel, postdoctoral associate, Simon Laboratory.

Steve Kovalenko, mechanic 3, Plant Operations Power House.

Anja Krause, member of the adjunct faculty, Fischetti Laboratory.

Xander Lago, call center computer support specialist, Information Technology.

Pablo Sven Landgraf, postdoctoral associate, Tuschl Laboratory.

Kang Liu, postdoctoral associate, Nussenzweig Laboratory (formerly a student).

Shengxi Liu, research assistant, Dhodapkar Laboratory.

Carlos Loren, security guard, Security.

Zhe Lu, visiting professor, MacKinnon Laboratory.

Karsta Luetlich, visiting fellow, Fischetti Laboratory.

Lalitha Mantha, clinical research nurse, Hospital Nursing Inpatient.

Glen Maxwell, security guard, Security.

Sean McAuley, watch engineer, Plant Operations Power House.

Maria Jose Metcalfe Arancibia, research assistant, Greengard Laboratory.

Ana Milosevic, research assistant professor, Hatten Laboratory.

Hui Min Tseng, postdoctoral associate, Blobel Laboratory.

Olga Mizenina, senior research associate, Steinman Laboratory.

Fabricio Munoz, animal attendant, LARC.

Godwin Nchinda, postdoctoral associate, Steinman Laboratory.

Mor Mboup Ndiaye, animal attendant, LARC.

Esther Ndungo, research assistant, Stoffel Laboratory.

Frank Nestle, visiting associate professor, Steinman Laboratory.

Kimberly Newton, visiting fellow, Rice Laboratory.

Scott Noggle, postdoctoral associate, Hemmati-Brivanlou Laboratory.

Erin Norris, postdoctoral associate, Strickland Laboratory.

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Mary Raffloer named head of custodial

After 11 years in housing, Mary Raffloer has been named manager of custodial services, overseeing the staff of 58 that keeps the university clean and well stocked. Raffloer replaces Germaine Meilach, who retired this summer after 9 years at Rockefeller.

"In housing I worked closely with superintendents to prepare all apartments for move-ins, and I worked with the tenants to schedule painting and other projects," says Raffloer. "I also managed a lot of projects from outside, such as redoing the kitchens and installing blinds in Faculty House."

"Mary is very service-oriented and has great experience in managing people and coordinating projects," says Alex Kogan, associate vice president for plant operations, and Raffloer's supervisor. "She's extremely dedicated to her job."

Adds Raffloer, "In housing, my daily routine was to act as a liaison with tenants. Now instead of taking care of their apartments, I'll take care of their laboratories."

What custodians do all day

In fiscal year 2004, the university's 58 custodians fulfilled 11,700 work orders on a budget of \$3.7 million. They also:



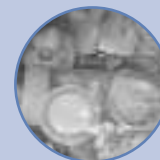
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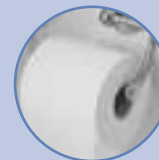
Eliminated 156 tons of obsolete lab equipment



Recycled 2080 cubic yards of paper, cans and bottles



Removed 832 tons of other waste



Supplied 193 restrooms with 11 million linear feet of toilet paper



Replenished 4.8 million sheets of paper towels



Set up (and broke down) furniture for 535 events



Processed 58,500 pieces of laundry



Used 22 tons of ice melt



Delivered 2800 nitrogen and other gas tanks to labs