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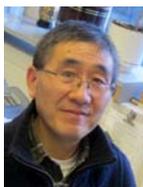
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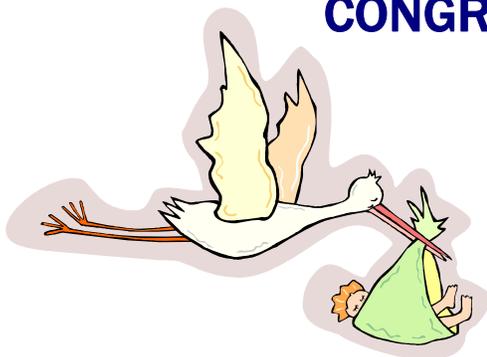
We hope you had an enjoyable holiday with friends and/or family. If you have missed Previous publications of the Grad-Pharmer's Almanac, you can download archived copies from our department website: www.pharmtox.utoronto.ca/programs/grad/almanac.htm

Our New Graduate Assistant Yi Yang



We are very pleased to introduce Mr. Yi Yang as our new Graduate Assistant who will be taking over the duties of Ms. Diana Clark. Yi joins us from the School of Graduate Studies, where he provided IT systems support and advised graduate administrators on issues regarding registration processes and web resources. Welcome aboard Yi!

CONGRATULATIONS!



TO ANA ANDREAZZA ON THE ARRIVAL OF
ISABELA ANDREAZZA PIERLOT
BORN NOVEMBER 25, 2014

AND TO MICHELLE ARNOT
ON THE BIRTH OF
EMERSYN INGRID ARNOT
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IMPORTANT DATES IN JANUARY 2015



- January 5:** January session classes begin. Full-year classes resume.
 - January 9:** Final date to register for Winter session; Late registration fee assessed after today.
 - January 9:** Coursework completed and grades submitted for Fall session courses.
 - January 14:** Fall session grades available for student viewing on SWS.
 - January 15:** Final date to submit Ph.D. theses to avoid fee payment for Winter session.
 - January 19:** Final date to add Winter session courses.
 - January 23:** Final date for receipt of degree recommendations and submission of theses for **March** or **June** graduation for MSc students who wish to avoid being charged fees for Winter session.
 - January 23:** Final date for M.Sc. students to request their degrees be conferred *in absentia* in March.
 - January 23:** Final date to submit final Ph.D. thesis for March Convocation *in absentia*.
 - January 23:** Masters Tuition Fee Bursary applications due at SGS for Fall 2014 competition.
- See: <http://www.sgs.utoronto.ca/currentstudents/Pages/Completion-Grants-Emergency-Funding.aspx>



Passing the Graduate Assistant Torch from Diana to Yi

Our Department Christmas lunch was marked by the special occasion of the retirement of our Graduate Assistant Diana Clark.



Our current Chair Dr. Ruth Ross and our former Chair Dr. Denis Grant thanked Diana for her 26 years of dedicated service. In their poems, Dr. David Riddick and Dr. Peter McPherson expressed their gratitude, highlighting the exemplary way she managed the graduate programs.

As someone who just came to the department, what could I say, and indeed, what do I know, about Diana?

Pharmacology. Graduate Assistant. Diana Clark. Diana... This is how I started to know Diana, primarily through graduate faculty appointments while I was with SGS. Many a time, there is a sense of uneasiness, if not apprehension, at SGS when checklists come from the

Faculty of Medicine because of the unique nature of medical faculty appointments. However, when it came to checklists from Diana and Elaine, I did not have to worry about possible issues about these appointments because I knew that everything had been put in place. There were no need to check *InfoType This* and *InfoType That* in the system. It had been a great pleasure to work with Diana, and it is more so after I came to meet her in person.

As I write, she still offers her help and advice to many of the questions that we receive from both our current and prospective students. She truly stands out, and is a great pleasure to work with. It is a Christmas that is not like any other!

