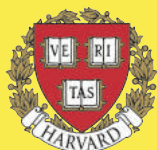


COLLABORATIVE INTERNATIONAL UNDERGRADUATE WORKSHOP 2016

AUGUST 1ST – 6TH



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Harvard University



Steven Ban

Hello! I am a rising junior at Harvard studying Chemical Physical Biology (I basically couldn't pick a major) and working in a lab to develop tools for neuroscience. I am from Logan, Utah, a tiny pixel just below the Utah-Idaho border. In my non-academic life, I am an older brother, a skier, a potato, and a dancer.



Lauren Keshberg

Hi! My name is Lauren Kershberg. I am originally from Southern California and I attended Pomona College for my undergraduate education. Now, I am a second year graduate student in the PhD Program in Neuroscience at Harvard University. I am interested in understanding how proteins help to organize and regulate neurotransmitter vesicle release. When I'm not in the lab, I love to read, eat, and most importantly, find the best coffee shops all around Boston!



Melody Tong

Hi everyone! I am a student at Harvard University studying Neurobiology. I hail from Dallas, Texas, and also spent part of my childhood in Beijing. My hobbies include tennis, violin, reading, and daydreaming.

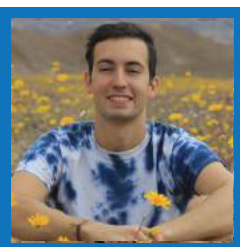


Chloe Warriner

I'm a California native, but I've spent the last four years in Cambridge studying neurobiology at Harvard. I graduated this past May, and I'm excited to stay in Cambridge and continue researching the effects of microRNAs on synaptic development at the Van Vactor lab. In my spare time I enjoy playing tennis and scuba diving.



Pomona College



Salvatore Daddario

Hey! I'm Sal, a third-year pre-med/neuroscience student studying at Pomona College. I'm originally from near Cleveland, Ohio - I'm especially excited to be in Okinawa because I have never been outside of North America before! I love being outdoors, doing anything from hiking to kayaking to camping. Last summer, I camped/road-tripped across the United States back to school! Academically, I am most interested in behavioral neuroscience and neuropsychology, but have conducted research in a few diverse labs. In fact, I spent last summer conducting animal behavior research with honey bees. I'm excited to meet you all!



Audrey DePaepe

Hello from the Pacific-Northwest! I am a third year student from Pomona College in California, but originally I am from Portland, Oregon; other than spending a week in Japan, this summer I will be up in Seattle, Washington, making the full west coast sweep! In terms of neuroscience research, I very much enjoy structural, developmental, and behavioral studies; I am also fascinated in clinical neuroscience because it complements my interests in the medical field. I have never been to Japan and am excited to spend a week meeting people from across Japan and the US over topics in neuroscience and maybe even over some authentic Japanese sushi. In my free time, I enjoy hiking, playing soccer and basketball, and painting. Looking forward to meeting all of you!



Julia Foote

Hi! I am from the sunny Caribbean island of Jamaica, and am a rising junior at Pomona College. I'm so excited to be participating in this workshop. I love the beach, eating churros, and I shamelessly enjoy watching just about any TV show! A little fun fact about me: after seeing my fish leap out of its tank when I was five, I'm terrified of goldfish.



German Rojas

Hey! I'm from Los Angeles, California and I love dogs! As of now I am very interested in studying the cellular mechanisms behind neurological illnesses, specifically Schizophrenia, but who knows that could change! I like to keep my mind open. Fun fact: my nickname in high school was Cookie. I love the outdoors, baseball, star-gazing, and dogs of course.



Stanford University



Michael Chen

Hi there! I come from Boulder, Colorado and am excited to have the opportunity to meet and learn from professors and students from a wide range of backgrounds at OIST. I am interested in studying how neuronal activity is integrated to generate behavior. In my spare time, I like to swim with the Stanford Club Swim Team and dance with Kayumanggi, Stanford's Filipino dance troupe.



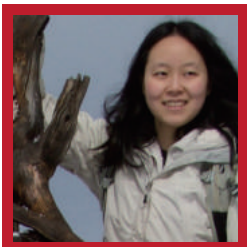
Bora Erden

I'm a French-Turkish student at Stanford University, studying neuroscience. I'm interested in art, politics and philosophy.



Sam Wood

Rising senior at Stanford University majoring in philosophy and pursuing a master's degree in computational neuroscience.
Soccer, hiking, listening to music, late-night conversations.



Helen Yang

My name is Helen Yang, and I'm a graduate student in Tom Clandinin's lab. I study how neurons in the fruit fly visual system perform computations. Outside of lab, I enjoy karate and hiking.



Takahiro Kashiwagi

Hi, I'm Takahiro Kashiwagi. I now live in Yokohama, and study in Tokyo Institute of Technology. I major in biotechnology, and my research is about the olfactory system, how the stem cells differentiate into Class I or Class II olfactory sensory neurons.

I lived in Austin, Texas, U.S.A. for 3 years when I was in elementary school. I also lived in Switzerland for 1 year when I was in high school, so I speak a bit German. I really like studying foreign languages and traveling. I'm looking forward to seeing you all, and having a great time in this workshop.



Hinata Kawamura

Hi! I'm Hinata from Tokyo Institute of Technology.

This is my second time to visit OIST and first time to visit Okinawa in summer! I'm so excited to see beautiful beach.

My hobby is playing sports, including running and swimming. So please tell me if you want to run or swim on a beach. Let's train the body together!

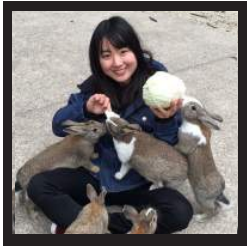


Takuma Kobayashi

Hello. I'm Takuma from Tokyo Institute of Technology.

My major research topics is Antibiotic-resistant bacteria, not related to the neuroscience.

However, I want to enjoy neuroscience this time.

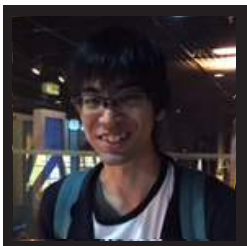


Yukiko Kurosawa

I like taking a walk.

2 weeks ago, I walked Yamanoteline Line roundly from Shibuya St. to Shibuya St.

It took 13 hours and a half and I took 70000 steps walk.



Keigo Okazaki

My home town is Chiba. My research topic is membrane lipid remodeling at nitrogen deficiency plant.

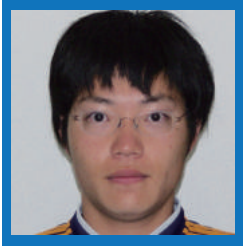
My hobby is watching sports.



Riho Takahashi

I like Okinawa very much. The blue sea in Okinawa is beautiful!!

I want to live in Okinawa only in winter, because too hot in summer of Okinawa.



Bin Hirota

I grew up in Osaka. My hobby is jogging and collecting insects. I am studying about endosymbionts and parthenogenesis of insects.



Yoshie Hori

Hello! I am in the 2nd year at ICU, and am interested in animal behavior and ecology of marine creatures. I love Irish music, snorkeling, animals, nature, and milk tea. I am very grateful to have such an opportunity to take part in this WS and get to know you all!



Hirotaka Kudo

Hello! I'm a senior student of International Christian University. I belong Laboratory of Aquatic Biology and study sexual behavior of goldfish. My hobbies are cooking, cycling and fencing. I'm looking forward to talking with many participants through this workshop!



Shogo Mori

Hello! I was born in California but moved to Tokyo when I was 11. I am a rising senior at the International Christian University and my thesis topic is on oxidative stress in the bacteria *Thermus thermophilus*. I am very excited to meet and work with everyone at this workshop. I love watching soccer and any outdoor activities such as hiking and snorkeling.



Yuko Murayama

Hello. I am a senior student of International Christian University. I have grown up in Tokyo. I belong to a cheerleading club and now we practice hard for the national competition. I like both watching and playing sports, which is one trigger to be interested in Biology. I'm glad to participate in this workshop.



Kotaro Yamada

I am now working on my graduation research, deals with mutually-beneficial symbiosis between plant and bacterium. I like diving and two-wheel vehicles.

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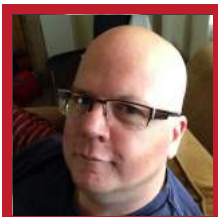


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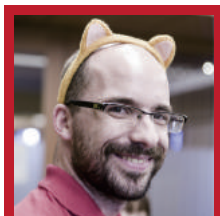


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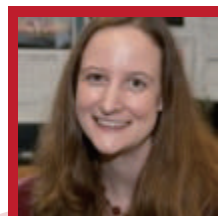


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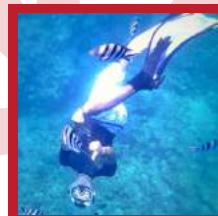
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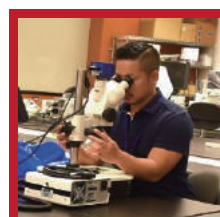
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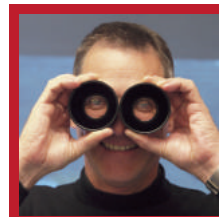
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