# **Montana Laboratory News**

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ASCLS-MT Spring Meeting Program 2017

The Clinical Laboratory - Bringing the Pieces Together

Thursday, April 6th 2017– Registration opens at 7am. Light breakfast items. 8:00-8:15am Welcoming Remarks 8:15-9:30am

**Keynote:** 

## Donate Life Montana presented by Xtant Medical

9:30-10:00am Networking Break 10:00am-12:00pm MMLSP

#### Student poster presentations

11:30am-1:30pm Lunch with exhibitors 1:30-2:30pm

Walter Kelley Emerging Blood Pathogens

> AVAILABLE 2:30-2:45pm Networking Break 2:45-3:45pm

Heather Devries Lupus anti-coagulant

Seth Walk C. Diff research

3:45-4:00pm Networking Break 4:00-5:00pm

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# Awards and Scholarships

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#### 5:00-6:30pm

Cash Bar and H'odevours with exhibitors Charity Silent Auction benefiting Children's Miracle Network

6:30-7:00pm

**ASCLS General Membership meeting** 

Friday, April 7th 2017–Registration open at 7am. Light breakfast items 8:00-10:15am

ASCLS Awards ceremony and officer installation Rick Panning-Laboratory Government Affairs Update with open discussion.

> 10:15-10:30am Networking Break 10:30-11:30am

Andrea Marzi-RML Current Virology research

Michelle Nelson Blood Bank

11:30am-1:30pm Lunch with exhibitors 1:30-2:30pm

Dr. Michael Zacharisen Allergens, immune response testing

> Bill-LABSCO Lab auto-verification

2:30-2:45pm Networking Break 2:45-3:45pm

Ellen-Therese Lamm M of the R // Paleohistology

Dr. Jack Hensold Hematology Oncologist

3:45-4:00pm Networking Break 4:00-5:00pm

Kitty Anderson CDC //Multidrug resistance detection

AVAILABLE 6:00-8:30pm

Social: Paint and Sip at Painted Buddha in Bozeman

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# Saturday, April 8th 2017-Registration open at 8am 8:30-9:30am

Selke Mantie Sysmex //LEANING hematology

Sue Schoff Graduate school

9:30-9:45am Networking Break 9:45-10:45am

Mike Long BDH // Dear Labby stories

American Red Cross Blood Banking Case Studies

> 10:45-11:00am Networking Break 11:00am-12:00pm

Tori Rensink
The Laboratories Role in Tissue Banking

**AVAILABLE** 

# Welcome the New Montana Medical Laboratory Science Class



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## Region VIII Director

Holly Weinberg

Andrew Clark

Andrew is a UM

graduate from Dillon

MT. Current

training site

Benefis.

name is
Michael
Hildebrand.

After

graduation I plan to continue working within the St Vincent Healthcare system at the main clinical laboratory as well as at our walk-in and occupational health clinic. My

favorite area of study is Blood Banking. I graduated from Montana State

University - Billings in 2012 with a Bachelors in Biology and originally
planned to pursue dental school. After shadowing a few dental
professionals I found out quickly that that was not what I
wanted to do for the long haul and I bounced around a
few different jobs and landed at St Vincent Healthcare in
the laboratory as an operations technician where I received and

My wife and I just welcomed a beautiful baby boy this past November so we are

enjoying him and I am looking forward to

mailed out patient samples for testing. After experiencing the lab atmosphere I knew I had found my career and looked into the MLS program.

completing the program and getting

into the | lab full time!

Leonardo Michelin

Leo is a UM graduate who came to MT as a high school exchange student he is from Brazil. Currently training at KRMC.

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Shiloh Miller

Plan after graduation: Will be exploring options for a full time position as a generalist at a hospital laboratory.

Favorite area of study: Blood Bank & Micro

Short Personal Introduction: Shiloh is a senior undergraduate student in microbiology on the Medical Laboratory Science track. She came to MSU as a sophomore transfer student from University of Alaska Anchorage. She is doing her clinical work at St. Peter's hospital in Helena. Shiloh is the daughter of a Public Health Service officer who has had many different assignments throughout the U.S. Because of this, Shiloh has lived in some interesting places, including the Navajo Reservation, Northern New Mexico, and Cajun Country in Southern Louisiana. She has lived in Alaska the longest and with a large extended family in the south-central part of the state, she considers Alaska to be her home. In addition to looking at things under a microscope, Shiloh also loves rock climbing, cross country skiing, fishing, and

camping with her family.

Name: Megan Hendon

Plan after graduation:

After gaining some experience at St. Patrick's Hospital as a Medical Laboratory Scientist, I plan on working with an agency that places MLS's in temporary positions around the US so I can see lots of new places. One of the main reason's I chose this degree was the mobility of it. With a little extra work, this degree and my MLS license can be recognized in other countries. I plan on exploring more of my world!

Favorite Study (BB, Heme, etc.): Microbiology

Short personal bio/introduction:

I'm originally from Oregon. I've bounced from place to place since high school trying to find a suitable mix of the right University program, family support, financial stability and community so that I could get my MLS degree. I'm nearly there at long last! Every step of the journey, though certainly not easy, has only affirmed that I chose the right career path for myself. I'm truly excited for my future among such an admirable group of professionals!

Name: Shayna Connell
Plan after graduation: Hopefully
work at one of the hospitals in Billings or
the surrounding area.
Favorite Study: Microbiology

I am 24 years old, grew up in Wolf Point, MT before moving to Billings to continue my education. I am currently working as a phlebotomist (PBT) at Billings Clinic

while completing my MLS internship. My hobbies include spending time with my 2 dogs, reading book series, Netflix, and Taco Tuesday. Once I start making a solid income I plan on renovating my small fixer upper.

Short personal bio/introduction:

Joseph Azzolino

Joe is an MSU graduate originally from California.
Currently training at St. Vincent Hospital.

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Logyn Bloms

Logyn is an MSU student origianlly form North Dakota.

Currently training at Benefis.

Name: MyLinda Lovell

Plan after graduation: Find an entry level MLS position (undecided location)

Favorite Study (BB, Heme,etc.):
Urinalysis/Heme

Short personal bio/introduction:

I was born in Montana and
raised on a family farm
in Hardin. Currently, I
reside in Billings with

reside in Billings will my life partner and our vivacious 7 yr old son Keldon. We enjoy traveling, kayaking, snowboarding and playing games. In my spare time I enjoy wood working and pretending I can DIY everything.

Marjori Shinn

Marj is a MSU
student from Livingston
MT. Current training
site is Bozeman
Health.

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kyla Ward and I plan
to stay in Bozeman and
work at Bozeman deaconess
hospital when I am done. My
favorite study has been microbiology
with all the fun bacteria! I was born and
raised in Bozeman and in my free time I
like to garden, camp, and hike in the
summers and ski in the winters. I really
enjoy taking care of plants and have a variety
of orchids that live in my windowsills. I also
enjoy spending time with my husband, dog, and
two cats. Anything else you want to know just
ask. Thanks!

My name is

Name: Meghann

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Plans after graduation: I will begin working as a generalist at the VA Montana Health Care System at Fort Harrison, Montana.

Favorite Study: My favorite area is tied between Micro and Heme. I think it's because of the microscope work, I love looking into that tiny world in and around us!

Bio/Introduction: Growing up in Minnesota, I enjoyed camping, fishing, and hunting with my family, and dabbled with knitting in my free time. After obtaining my Bachelors of Science in Biology, I found my way to Wyoming where I worked as a wildlife biologist and met the man who is now my husband. While he began a graduate program at MSU-Bozeman, I took the opportunity to go back and get my certification in MLS. I like to think of my career path as going from macrobiology to microbiology and I look forward toward to being a part of the MLS

community.

## Name: Cameron Tryhus

Plan after graduation:
I plan on working in the
Kalispell/Whitefish area
following graduation.

Favorite Study (BB, Heme,etc.):
So far I'd have to say my favorite
has been Microbiology with
Hematology at a close second.
Though, I've yet to start my Molecular
rotation in-which I'm very excited
about!

## Short personal bio/introduction:

I have lived in Montana for the past 15 years.
Growing up in Montana has fostered a love for the outdoors. I enjoy skiing, hiking, camping, hockey, and much more! I previously worked in the timber and forestry conservation industry for roughly 4 years. I began my college career at MSU Bozeman and followed with my degree in Medical Technology at the University of Montana. I'm excited to begin a career in a field that I love and have worked so hard for.

### **Jonathan Sholey**

Jonathan is a MSU student from Butte MT. Currenty training at Benefis.



The holidays are behind us and a new year has begun. We are starting this year in uncharted waters with a new administration settling in to our nation's Capital. Jim Flanigan, ASCLS Executive Vice President shared this message on Inauguration Day: "Regardless of your preferences, and while understanding the deeply held feelings all along the spectrum of political thought, I hope you join me in celebrating the peaceful and orderly transition of power in our nation's capital today. The laboratory community will have its challenges at the federal level, but we are in good company as virtually every sector of those impacted by the federal government are dealing with the major changes signaled by the recent elections." No matter what happens in the coming months, our duty remains the same - to ensure that our patients remain number one priority and the work we do is accurate and timely. How do we make sure that we are doing the very best that we can? By remaining professional and true to our values as laboratory scientists. ASCLS provides the tools we need to be the best! Here are some of the opportunities afforded to you as members of ASCLS that help provide those tools:

State, Regional, National educational conferences. Montana's state conference is coming up this spring in Bozeman, April 6-8. Tori Rensink and her planning team are putting together a fabulous meeting with excellent speakers in a wonderful venue. IMSS planning is underway for the 54th annual conference in Jackson Hole September 29-30. The National ASCLS meeting will be in San Diego July 31-August 3. All of these meetings are your opportunity to gather with your peers and hone your skills and knowledge to stay on the cutting edge. These conferences not only provide excellent scientific sessions by nationally renowned speakers, but they also bring in many of our industry partners who take the time to share the latest and greatest in all things laboratory - instrumentation, reagents, test methodologies, research, etc.

ASCLS regional and national **leadership academies**. ASCLS formed the national leadership academy in 2007 with the goal of developing our new leaders from within; building the foundation for leadership to guide us forward. In 2013, Region VIII opened our regional leadership academy and is now in the 4th year (<a href="http://asclsregion8.org/region-viii-leadership-academy/">http://asclsregion8.org/region-viii-leadership-academy/</a>). The Region VIII Leadership Academy is modeled after the national academy and is facilitated by our region's Best! Faculty is made up of past ASCLS Presidents, past Region VIII Directors, past state Presidents, and past leadership academy graduates (national and regional). What an amazing opportunity for our members!

ASCLS has developed many resources for **patient safety** materials. Check out the website under Patient Safety (click on Advocacy on the home page banner, then Patient Safety in drop down menu) and you will find many resources - tools to share with your patients as well as tools to help you quantify and monitor patient safety initiatives.

If you haven't visited **CE organizer** (<a href="http://ceorganizer.ascls.org/login">http://ceorganizer.ascls.org/login</a>) in a while, you'll notice a different look to the site the next time you visit. After several months of effort, the CE Organizer site has been redesigned and the underlying technology. If you have included your BOC number in your CE Organizer profile, your credits will automatically transfer to the BOC.

These are just a few of the many tools ASCLS provides to help us do the best job we can. Take advantage of all of these tools - plan now to attend ASCLS-Montana's meeting, *The Clinical Laboratory, Bringing the Pieces Together* in Bozeman and while you're at it, mark your calendar for IMSS, *Region VIII Roundup - How the Best was Done!* See you there!

Holly Weinberg, Region VIII Director

# **ASCLS UPCOMING EVENTS:**

Montana ASCLS Spring Meeting Info-

-Bozeman, MT April 6th-8th 2017 at Best Western GranTree Inn

2. Medical Laboratory Professionals Week

April 23-29 2017

3. The Annual Meeting July 30 - August 3, 2017 in San Diego, CA

-Held each year in late July. In addition to numerous continuing education sessions, the Clinical Lab Expo provides the opportunity to view laboratory technology advances at hundreds of vendor booths.

4. IMSS, Jackson Hole, WY Sept 31-Oct 2, 2017



ASCLS is rolling out new membership packages created for employer groups (groups of

10+ members) and educational institutions.

This membership package entitles you and your institution to:

1. FREE registration(s) to an ASCLS national meeting - the Annual Meeting and Clinical Lab Expo, Legislative Symposium or the Clinical Laboratory Educators' Conference (CLEC) to use as you wish (number of FREE registrations varies by number of members in the package).

- 2. A reduced Student and/or Professional 1 membership rate(s).
- 3. For one fee, every staff member will have:
- -Electronic access to the award winning Clinical Laboratory Science journal and the ASCLS Today newsletter.
  - -Access to many ASCLS continuing education offerings and programs for FREE and other courses for deep discounts.

## Check out these ideas/inspiration from www.ascls.org:

1. In the fall of 2005, NMLW was changed to National Medical Laboratory Professionals Week (NMLPW) to emphasize the person whose expertise is needed in the performance of laboratory testing. Beginning in 2010 the organizers decided to "brand" the event by using the same theme each year: Laboratory Professionals Get Results. In the summer of 2012 organizers deleted "National" from the title for brevity, and it became Medical Laboratory Professionals Week.

There are approximately 300,000 practitioners of clinical laboratory science in the United States. Since the development of this career group in the 1920s, the clinical laboratory science professional has played an increasingly vital role in the diagnosis and prevention of disease. Today, the clinical laboratorian is a key member of a health care team.

As team members of one of the largest industries in the United States, the dedicated efforts of laboratory professionals often go unnoticed by the general public, as well as by the very institutions employing their services. With the public now demanding the assurance of quality health care and professional accountability, organizations representing practitioners of this critical science have a responsibility to ensure that the public is well informed about clinical laboratory competency.

- 2. Medical Laboratory Professionals Week originated in 1975 as National Medical Laboratory Week, or NMLW, under the auspices of the American Society for Medical Technology, now called the American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science (ASCLS). In subsequent years, other organizations have served as cosponsors and campaign supporters.
- 3. Labs Are Vital
- 4. Lab Tests Online

5.



Do you have news to share? An idea for the MLN? Send your comments and suggestions to subject line "MLN Submission" at cararyanz@gmail.com

# More to come....

- -Stay tuned for coming updates from the ASCLS-MT board
- -Announcement of our newly elected board members
- -Information on the National meeting and more!