



MEDICAL LABORATORY SCIENCES

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THE UPDATE

Official Newsletter of the Undergraduate and Graduate Programs

We're Back!

It's official! We would like to welcome you all to the new Academic Year, especially our new MLS students.



Webinar and Virtual Lab

The Medical Laboratory Science Division is adding more virtual activities for students during the Fall Semester and we are proud to continue with the MLS Webinars!

Our September Webinar will present "The Importance of Laboratory Professionals in Health Care: The Risk of Using Anti-Malaria Medication for COVID-19"

If you are interested in learning more about the profession or know of someone who would be interested, confirm your attendance [here](#).

MLS Webinar will be held Thursday, September 10th at 4 PM.



Virtual Student Panel

Continuing with our virtual activities, The MLS Division will host a Virtual Student Panel, called "Pathways to the MLS Undergraduate Program."

Interested in learning about the MLS application process? Have questions about what to expect during your MLS junior year? Wonder what students who have been through the process would tell you?

If you would like to learn more about the MLS Program from a student's perspective, confirm your attendance [here](#). Virtual Panel will be held Tuesday, September 29th at 3 PM.



Featured Faculty - Becky Buxton

We are thrilled to announce that our very own, Rebecca Buxton (Becky Buxton), has collaborated on a recent publication in the July 27, 2020 issue of *Plos One*.

The complete article, "Point prevalence of asymptomatic Plasmodium infection and the comparison of microscopy, rapid diagnostic test and nested PCR for the diagnosis of asymptomatic malaria among children under 5 years in Ghana", can be found on their [website](#): Plos One.

Becky Buxton received her B.S from Catawba College in Salisbury, North Carolina in 1972. She received her M.S from the University of Washington, Seattle in 1992. She joined the University of Utah as an Assistant Professor (Clinical) in 1998, and was promoted to Associate Professor (Clinical) in 2004. In 2011, she was promoted to Professor (Lecturer).

Professor Buxton has had significant teaching and administration responsibilities during her tenure in the MLS program, and has directed several courses, mostly in the microbiology discipline. She has also worked with student Nurse Practitioners and clinicians in the community, teaching Laboratory Review and Case Presentations. She dedicated many hours to outreach and recruitment to promote the MLS program, and has fostered a wonderful relationship with laboratory professionals in Ghana.



Becky is the consummate MLS educator. She enthusiastically shares her depth of knowledge and passion, not only for her area of expertise (microbiology), but for the profession. She has guided and mentored countless students who have become successful laboratory practitioners. Becky is also the "tour de force" in establishing the MLS Program's global outreach initiative in Ghana. - Professor Karen Brown

Congratulations, Becky! We admire you and are honored to have you among us!

Student Resources

[ASUU Student Child Care Program](#): Drop-in child care program: [Email](#) for more information!

Get the most out of you U Card Benefits: Go to ucard.utah.edu

Upcoming Events

SEPT 10 : MLS Webinar & Virtual Lab

SEPT 29: MLS Student Panel

OCT 1: Statewide Grad School Fair

OCT 16: MLS Open House

Important Reminders

1. Make sure you are checking your Umail account. It is the official means of communication between faculty and students that meets FERPA requirements.

2. Adjust your notifications in Canvas to make sure you are receiving updates and announcements for each of your classes.

3. Deadline to apply for F.A Davis Scholarship is 10/12/20

F.A Davis Scholarship

Applications for [F.A Davis Scholarship Program](#) are now available. The deadline for submissions is October 12, 2020. If you have any questions, contact scholarship@fadavis.com. F.A Davis has 3 awards of \$1000 each.

MLSPC

Join us today! The MLSPC is looking to increase membership! Whether you're pre-MLS, already enrolled in the MLS program, or a biomedical science graduate student, our organization is for you! Increase your network of laboratory professionals, work on your professional and academic development, and participate in service activities with us. Become a member now to be eligible for executive board elections later this fall. [Apply online today](#). Be sure to follow us on social media for details about upcoming events!



Email our faculty advisor for any questions: lacey.murphy@path.utah.edu

Learning Center

Due to the generous donation from the Clark and Christine Ivory Foundation and funding from ASUU, the Learning Center will be offering free tutoring to all University of Utah students starting in Fall 2020. The Learning Center strives to empower University of Utah Students to succeed in their college career and beyond. By offering free tutoring during these challenging times they hope to support our campus community more than before.

Please visit their website <https://learningcenter.utah.edu/> to see the courses they offer tutoring for, view the tutor's individual schedules, and schedule an appointment directly with their tutors.

Feel free to reach out to them for any questions by calling 801-581-5153 or emailing learningcenter@utah.edu.

COVID-19 and The Staff Experience at The University of Utah

Congratulations to Chris Wallace-Carrete, a second student in the Medical Laboratory Science Program! Under the mentorship of Professor Amy Bergerson and Shawn R. Coon, Chris was a co-author on a recent research publication in the Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program.

The complete article, "COVID-19 AND THE STAFF EXPERIENCE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF UTAH", can be found on their [website](#): Office of Undergraduate Research



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