

Graduate Program in Genetics: 2018 Entering Class



Dexter Adams: Dexter graduated with a B.S. in Molecular Biology and Zoology from U Wisconsin-Madison in 2018. As an undergraduate, he investigated the role of Gibberellins in the gravitropic stress response of *Arabidopsis thaliana* in the Gilroy Lab. Dexter is interested in epigenetic control of gene expression and using large scale genomic data to answer questions regarding evolutionary relationships.

Likes: Watching the NBA, playing baseball, working on cars, and his tortoise



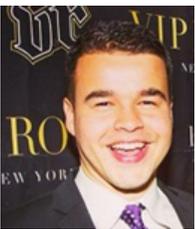
Charlie Chung: Charlie received a B.S in Biology from Stony Brook University and an M.S in Biotechnology from the City College of New York. His previous research interests primarily included molecular techniques, and his recent interests involve *E. coli* genetics as a tool for identifying novel antibiotic targets. He hopes to broaden his knowledge to other microbes and molecular events involved in their virulence.

Likes: Animals, video games, food, reading (working on it)

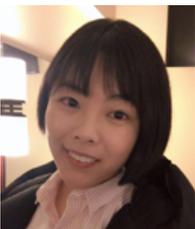


Abhay Kanodia: Abhay completed his undergraduate degree in Biotechnology in 2014 at SRM University, India. He obtained his M.S. degree in Molecular and Cell Biology from Brandeis University in 2016. Subsequently, he worked at Sanofi- Genzyme and then at Dana Farber Cancer Institute as a laboratory technician. His research experience has piqued his interest in understanding the tumor microenvironment and immunotherapy.

Likes: Hiking, swimming, cooking, binging Netflix and traveling.



Cristian Lopez-Cleary: Cristian graduated in 2013 with a B.S. in Biomedical Engineering from Columbia University. He joined Stony Brook's MD/PhD program in 2016 and is pursuing his dissertation research with the Vakoc group at Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory.



Shaobo Qin: Shaobo received a B.S. in Biotechnology from Sichuan University in 2015. She described two new species of *Liuixalus* as an undergraduate. Following her graduation, she worked as a lab technician in State Key Laboratory of Biotherapy (China), where her research focused on hepatocellular carcinoma.



Joshua Steinberg: Josh graduated from Columbia University in 2014 with a B.A. in Biochemistry. Prior to joining the MD/PhD program at Stony Brook University in 2016, he worked as a research assistant in the Tuschl Lab at The Rockefeller University. Josh is currently pursuing his doctoral work in the Martienssen Lab at Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, where he is studying the role of tRNA fragments in gene expression.



Narges Zali: Narges graduated with a B.S. in Zoology from Shahid Beheshti University, Iran, in 2008. She earned an MA in Molecular and Cell Biology from CUNY and an MPH focusing on epidemiology and research methods from Mount Sinai School of Medicine. She then worked as a Research Associate at Mount Sinai. Her research focus has been on rare genetic disorders, infectious diseases, and hereditary colorectal cancer, and she has a strong interest in cancer research.

Likes: Swimming, biking, fashion, reading.