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Still The Second Best Thing About Payday

Apprenticeship Program Honors Graduates Kowal and Cotton

Pamela Barnes Kowal and Eugene Cotton, two Office of Research Services employees who graduated from the NIH Apprenticeship Program last summer, were honored recently at a ceremony and reception held in Bldg. 1. Each received certificates from the U.S. Department of Labor Bureau of Apprenticeship Training, the State of Maryland and NIH acknowledging their completion of 4 years of on-the-job learning and an academic program at Montgomery College.

Cotton, a utility systems repairer operator, came to NIH from private industry in 1989 and had been an iron worker. His strong belief in the importance of family and his desire to better himself influenced his decision to take advantage of the apprenticeship opportunity. He has been described as a "dream employee" who,

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Donna Christensen To Speak at Women's History Month Program

All are invited to attend the 2003 NIH Women's History Month observance, which will be held on Wednesday, Mar. 19 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Wilson Hall, Bldg. 1. The theme of this year's program is "Women Pioneers in Health: Past, Present and Future." The keynote speaker will be the Honorable Donna M. Christensen, delegate, U.S. House of Representatives, U.S. Virgin Islands. In her third term, Christensen is the first female physician in history to serve in the U.S. Congress. For more information, call Rudene Thomas, 402-2932 or Molly Gleeson, 451-9692. Sign language interpretation will be provided. For other reasonable accommodation, call Michael Chew, 402-3681 (voice) or 480-3122 (TTY).

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'Retrench, Rearm, Replenish, Rejoice'

Former Labor Secretary Offers NIH'ers a 'Practical' Survival Guide

By Carla Garnett

As Black History Month, February offers a perfectly appropriate opportunity to wax poetic about pioneers of the past, but according to former Secretary of Labor Alexis Herman, keynote speaker at NIH's 2003 salute to African American history, employees should use the occasion for more than remembering.

"Yes, I want you to reflect," she said. "But more than reflect, I want you to bring four other 'Rs' onto your plate: I want you to retrench, I want you to rearm, I want you to replenish and then I want you to rejoice."

Using the theme "Reflections from Our Past, Building for Our Future," the annual observance held on Feb. 25 featured flashbacks—a small contingent of



Alexis Herman keynotes NIH's Black History Month program.

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Greenwood To Give Gorgas Lecture, Apr. 2

By Anne Oplinger

Dr. Brian Greenwood, a distinguished leader in malaria research for more than three decades, will give this year's Gorgas Memorial Leon Jacobs lecture at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Apr. 2, in Wilson Hall, Bldg 1. Titled "Antimalarials and the Prevention of Malaria in the Resident Population of Africa—Getting the Schedule Right," Greenwood's lecture will draw on his extensive laboratory and field research experiences in Nigeria, The Gambia and elsewhere in Africa.

Now the Manson professor of clinical tropical medicine, London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine, Greenwood's first African post was at the University College Hospital in Ibadan, Nigeria. The UCH was the first teaching hospital in an English-speaking West African country. During Greenwood's time there, between 1965 and 1967, the hospital was the technological equivalent of its counterparts in Europe or the United States, he notes.

Following the Nigerian civil war, Greenwood returned to Nigeria

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besides performing outstanding mechanical work in multiple tasks, can be counted on to jump in to do whatever it takes to keep the business maintenance unit running.

Cotton says the on-the-job training and theory he received during his years in the NIH Apprenticeship Program provided a complete learning experience in all the trades, and at the same time allowed him to

earn a living.

Before coming to NIH, Kowal, an electronic mechanic, worked in heating and air conditioning, served in the Army military police force in Europe and was a security officer with the State Department. In 1998, after transferring to NIH as a police officer, she was selected for the NIH Apprenticeship Program to become an electronic technician.

Kowal graduated from the apprenticeship academic program at Montgomery College with a grade point average of 4.0. She received the Montgomery College Board of Trustees Apprenticeship Scholar Award and a cash award to be applied to future educational purposes of her

choice.

The NIH Apprenticeship Program is in its 24th year. Established in 1978, it has graduated more than 100 apprentices and is the only training program at NIH that is geared to the trades.

The program's minority recruitment has been a point of pride. Diversity nurtures the overall mission of NIH, both by providing equal opportunity gateways to employees and gaining skilled, well-qualified craftspeople for operation and maintenance of research facilities.

For information about the NIH Apprenticeship Program, contact Ron Poole, program director, Center for Career Resources, ORS, at 402-1082. ■

Healthy Volunteers Sought

The Mood & Anxiety Disorders Program, NIMH, is looking for healthy volunteers, not on medication, with no current or history of psychiatric illness, between the ages of 18 and 65, for a multitude of studies. These may include PET scans, MRI, psychological interview, neuropsychological testing, and other procedures depending on the project in which you choose to participate. A stipend is available. Call 1-866-627-6464 for more information. ■



Honored at a recent reception were two NIH Apprenticeship Program graduates, Pamela Barnes Kowal and Eugene Cotton.

Omi To Lecture in NCI Disparity Series

A lecture titled, "Counting in the Dark: Racial Classification, the Census, and the Concept of Race," will be held Thursday, Mar. 27 at 2 p.m. in Masur Auditorium, Bldg. 10. The speaker is Dr. Michael Omi, associate professor of ethnic studies and acting director of the Institute for the Study of Social Change at the University of California, Berkeley. The lecture is the third in a series, sponsored by the NCI Center to Reduce Cancer Health Disparities, exploring issues that relate to health disparities and the unequal burden of disease in American society.

Omi's talk will address the following issue: While "scientific" concepts of race have been generally abandoned, social concepts of race continue to be defined and utilized in research and policy settings. How do we understand the necessity for racial classification, and what meaning does it have for group claims for recognition, the formation of multiracial identities, and social issues such as racial profiling?

The event is free but attendees are asked to register no later than Mar. 20. Sign language interpreters will be provided. For reasonable accommodation or to register contact Tara Grove, (301) 986-1891, ext. 129 or email TGrove@novaresearch.com. ■

Children's Weight-Loss Study

Doctors at NIH are enrolling overweight children, ages 6-17 in two new weight-loss studies. There is no charge for participation. Call 1-800-411-1222 (TTY 1-866-411-1010) or email prpl@cc.nih.gov. ■

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Johnson-Taylor Joins NIDDK Division

Dr. Wendy Johnson-Taylor has joined NIDDK's Division of Nutrition Research Coordination (DNRC) as a public health nutrition and health policy advisor. She is contributing to DNRC's leadership role for the nutrition and overweight focus of Healthy People 2010 and follow-up actions to the Surgeon General's Call to Action to Prevent and Decrease Overweight and Obesity 2001.

Most recently she coordinated the development of an article, "Summary of the 2000 Surgeon General's Listening Session: Toward a National Action Plan



Dr. Johnson-Taylor

on Overweight and Obesity," which complements the Surgeon General's Call to Action. The article was published in the December 2002 issue of *Obesity Research*. She serves on trans-NIH and DHHS work groups that examine issues related to community-based participatory research, health disparities and summary of health measures.

Prior to working at NIH, Johnson-Taylor was an assistant professor at Morgan State University, where she taught courses in health politics, policy, advocacy and ethics. She was also an adjunct member of the nutrition faculty at the University of North Carolina and North Carolina Central University.

From 1991 to 1998, Johnson-Taylor was the coordinator of clinical dietetics at UNC's hospital, where she managed the clinical nutrition services for patients and supervised staff dietitians.

Her major research interests include effectiveness of community-based nutrition initiatives and whether these interventions decrease health disparities.

Johnson-Taylor earned a M.P.H. in nutrition and a Ph.D. in nutrition and health policy administration from UNC. She is a registered and licensed dietitian and a member of the American Public Health Association. ■

Depression Studies Need Vols

There are opportunities to participate in clinical trials exploring the research effects of novel therapeutics compared to placebo for the treatment of depression and bipolar disorder. Several of these trials look at treatment-resistant mood disorders. Volunteers over the age of 18 may be eligible. The studies are conducted at the National Institute of Mental of Health in Bethesda. Atendemos pacientes de habla hispana. Call 496-5645 or 1-866-627-6464 (TTY: 1-866-411-1010). ■

EAO Group Elects New Co-Chairs

The NIH extramural administrative officers (EAO) group met recently to elect two new cochairs for 2003. They are NaDel Griffith, CSR, and Charlotte Wiltshire, NHLBI. The cochairs will serve a 1-year appointment to lead the group in its monthly meetings. Matthew Burr, NEI, will serve as treasurer for the group this year. Outgoing cochairs are Ginger Betson, NIDCR, and Lauren Sikes, FIC.

"I've had the opportunity to work with so many wonderful people during my co-chairmanship of the group," said Betson. "This group has served as a wonderful network of information and knowledge.

The ability to exchange ideas, processes and information among so many talented individuals has afforded us all the opportunity to grow and share the experiences with our own ICs."

The group serves as a resource for communicating the latest administrative issues and developments at NIH. To accomplish this goal, the group meets monthly and holds additional "super sessions" and an annual retreat. Information from the NIH executive officer meetings, as well as other projects that are in development, are major sources of information and agenda topics at each meeting. Additionally, subcommittees on topics such as property, travel, events, technology and procurement provide reports to keep members abreast of developing issues and concerns.

Outgoing cochair Sikes remarked, "What stands out the most for me is the vast array of experience and remarkable willingness of the EAO's to share their experience and provide information. It was truly an exceptional networking experience with a great group of highly professional, imaginative, dynamic individuals." ■

Breast Cancer Prevention Discussed

Dr. JoAnne Zujewski will lecture on "The Prevention of Breast Cancer," on Wednesday, Mar. 26 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Wilson Hall, Bldg. 1. She is medical director, Clinical Research Operations, NCI Center for Cancer Research and head of the breast cancer clinical research section. Her talk will cover the effects of raloxifene in premenopausal women and future directions for research. Attendees are invited to stay afterward for discussion and refreshments. The talk is sponsored by the Office of Research on Women's Health's women's health special interest group. Sign language interpretation will be available. ■



Members of the extramural administrative officers group include (from l) Lauren Sikes, Ginger Betson, Matthew Burr, Charlotte Wiltshire and NaDel Griffith.

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Buffalo Soldiers' ancestors briefly told the audience about several who served in that early all-black regiment (see sidebar)—and forecasts, as the assembly also heard inspiring words from newly appointed NIH deputy director Dr. Raynard Kington.

"This program is an important and powerful reminder of the value NIH places on diversity," he said. "By fostering and recognizing diversity we create a more vital and more complex biomedical research enterprise. We seek out talent wherever it is and realize that we can't afford to squander any of it...Our current pursuit and embrace of diversity is essentially just one point in the continuum: Today—somewhere between the past of systematic exclusion and the future where there is truly a level playing field for all. Today is where we are.

We must never forget our past and where we've come from, nor should we ever take our eye off of our future. But, today is where we make changes for the better."

Leading off the celebration was Dr. Ruth Kirschstein, senior advisor to the NIH director, who never misses a chance to encourage the workforce at special emphasis programs and was greeted with a standing ovation.

NICHD deputy director Dr. Yvonne Maddox (r) introduced Herman as the "Queen of Smooth," a tribute Herman earned for her well-regarded negotiating skills.



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Senior advisor to the NIH director Dr. Ruth Kirschstein (l) and NIH deputy director Dr. Raynard Kington welcome former Labor Secretary Alexis Herman.

"Never has a group who began with so little contributed so much to the building of a nation," Kirschstein said, noting the pre-program slide show highlighting achievements of black scientists. "African American contributions have come in all phases of our society, and I am proud to know more than a few [of those shown in the slides] who have made or are making their contributions right here at NIH."

The observance was planned by a committee with representatives from several NIH institutes, centers and components; Kay Johnson Graham of NIDCD/NINR chaired the group. Music—including such selections as "Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing," "Amazing Grace" and "Precious Lord"—was provided by pianist Wydell Croom and saxophonist Brian Mills.

"Next to family and faith, the most important thing in our lives is the work that we do, because work is not just a source of income, but also a

Who Were the Buffalo Soldiers?

NIH'ers Gain Insight into Unsung U.S. Warriors

NIH's 2003 Black History Month observance shed light on a rarely explored slice of American history—the Buffalo Soldiers, an all African-American military regiment established in 1866, after the Civil War ended. A group of local area descendants of the soldiers—all part of the Washington, D.C., chapter of the 9th and 10th (Horse) Cavalry Association—offered brief glimpses on Feb. 25 of several aspects of the soldiers' lives.

Clad in the make-shift infantry and cavalry uniforms that Buffalo Soldiers wore, the group told fascinating stories

about some of the war heroes, who were given their nickname by American Indians for their curly hair and bravery in battle. Program attendees heard about:

- ◆ The Seminole-Negro Indian scouts, who were

runaway slaves employed—but rarely compensated as promised—by the U.S. cavalry for 44 years for their tracking skills and marksmanship during the Indian wars on the Western frontier;

- ◆ Henry Plummer, a preacher who after stellar service in the black soldiers' unit was recommended in 1884 by Frederick Douglass to be commissioned as the first African American chaplain to serve in the U.S. Army;

- ◆ Cathy Williams, a former slave who masqueraded as a man, "Private William Cathay," for almost 2 years in the infantry and was the only known female to serve as a Buffalo Soldier; and

- ◆ 1st Sgt. Mark Matthews, the 108-year-old last



Donald Greene and Zedore Campbell, descendants of the Buffalo Soldiers, visit NIH.



Campbell portrays a Seminole-Negro Indian scout during the post-Civil War era.

source of dignity," began Herman, who was introduced by NICHD deputy director Dr. Yvonne Maddox as "the Queen of Smooth" in reference to the title Herman acquired throughout her career for her effective—and relatively painless—manner of resolving business disputes.

Acknowledging the nation's economy in recession and the potential impact of plans to restructure the government's workforce, Herman, the first African American to serve as head of the U.S. Labor Department, said she came bearing "practical advice" for employees facing fewer opportunities to advance and possible layoffs or job losses.

"I'm particularly troubled when I see the increasingly high rates of unemployment among African Americans," said Herman, who while serving as Labor Secretary from 1997 to 2001 presided over the country's lowest unemployment rate in 30 years and the lowest rate ever among African Americans and Latinos. "We all know that this economy is powered by knowledge, fueled by technology and transformed by globalization... We also know that with limited economic growth projected for at least the near term, we must be very clear about what we have to do to prepare ourselves for this unique labor market that we find ourselves in."

Retrench, she advised. "Focus on your own individual career path," she said. "Realize that you cannot take the future for granted. The best time to take stock of the future is before something happens. Get clear on your financial and work situa-

tions right now. I know that saving money is hard. Most of us are really only one or two paychecks away from not being able to meet tomorrow's bills. But in times of transition, it is important that you have a financial plan for yourself."

Next, she suggested, employees need to rearm themselves to highlight their value in the workplace. "Be proactive," Herman continued. "Take charge of your own career. Don't wait for the annual performance review to determine how you are progressing in assignments, because by then it could be too late to make necessary improvements. Make your performance an ongoing process."

Cultivate networks, coaches, partnerships and mentors at all times and in all settings, formal as well as informal, she advised.

"We play by the rules more than most," Herman said, urging development of more creative collaborations that often are found outside of the usual, structured teams. "It is informal systems that drive many relationships and opportunities. I encourage you to take advantage of informal relationships."

Thirdly, she added, reach back for others once you find success. "We always need to replenish. You have serious pipeline challenges before you," she said, citing the low numbers of minorities in medicine, science and research positions. "You have to be concerned about organizational regeneration. I can tell you that how well you replenish is going to be a direct correlation to how well you are treating your current workforce."

She cited an annual survey of students enrolled in top colleges and universities that asks them to list the most important criteria in selecting an employer.

"Guess what was new on the list?" Herman prompted. "For first time, respondents said 'diversity.' They said, 'We want to work for organizations that look like us. We want to know that there are opportunities for us to move to the top.'"

Finally, she said attendees should cherish the tremendous progress made by a people who started out with little more than pride.

"Rejoice in the legacy of where we have been," Herman concluded, "how far we have come and what the future holds. We come from a community of heroes and 'sheroes.' Within us there's a rich tradition of values that spoke to courage, values that spoke to resilience, values that emphasized a sense of family and of faith. I want you to leverage some of those values. Times change, but values don't." ■



Herman meets with several of the observance's planners, including (from l) Dr. Marian Johnson-Thompson of NIEHS, Levon Parker of NINDS and Kay Johnson-Graham of NIDCD/NINR.



Isaac Prentiss represents Henry Plummer, the first African American chaplain; Loretta Clarke dresses as Cathy Williams, who posed as a man—"William Cathay"—in order to serve as a Buffalo Soldier.

surviving Buffalo Soldier who enlisted with the unit at age 16 and retired in the late 1940s after nearly 40 years of service.

Besides the Indian wars, the Buffalo Soldiers served in the Spanish-American War, World War I and World War II, and were disbanded in 1949, when the U.S. Army desegregated. To learn more about the soldiers, visit the chapter's web site at <http://www.buffalosoldiers-washington.com/>.

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where, from 1970 until 1979, he taught and conducted research at Ahmadu Bello University in Zaria. This decade witnessed the rise of second-generation West African medical schools such as Ahmadu Bello and its hospital. In the teaching hospitals of earlier years, Greenwood explains, research emphasized patients with unusual conditions who arrived by referral from elsewhere. The

second-generation hospitals, by contrast, served local communities and treated individuals with the most common diseases, including infectious diseases such as malaria. During this period, Greenwood developed an interest in field research and the ways it could be linked to laboratory-based investigations.

In 1980, he became director of the Medical Research Council Laboratories in The Gambia. During his 15 years in the post, Greenwood oversaw a complex organization consisting of a hospital, research laboratories and three field stations. Malaria control through the MRC Laboratories is cross-disciplinary, involving basic lab studies, clinical physiological investigations, treatment trials for severe malaria and studies of malaria control through simple techniques such as insecticide-impregnated bed nets.

This last technique evolved following the observation that Gambians, more so than other West Africans, routinely used bed nets. The nets provided privacy in traditional settings of polygamous marriages. Greenwood and his colleagues were the first to conduct trials of insecticide-impregnated bed nets for preventing malaria. This technique proved effective enough that it is now widely employed in malaria-endemic countries. While in The Gambia, Greenwood also studied meningitis and acute respiratory infections in children and launched a trial of a pneumococcal conjugate vaccine. He continues as a senior scientific advisor on that project.

Greenwood is the author of more than 500 publications on malaria and other infectious diseases prevalent in the developing world. In 1996, he joined the faculty of LSHTM where he created and now directs the school's cross-departmental Malaria Centre. In 2000, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation awarded \$40 million to LSHTM for the support of malaria research. The Gates Malaria Partnership, a result of the grant, is now linking research and training efforts in the United Kingdom, Denmark, Ghana, Malawi, Tanzania and The Gambia; Greenwood directs the partnership.

Greenwood received his education at Cambridge University and the Middlesex Hospital Medical School, London (B.A., 1959, M.A., M.B., B.Chir.,

1962). He was awarded an M.D. from the University of Cambridge and the diploma in tropical medicine and hygiene from the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine in 1968. Greenwood is a fellow of the Royal College of Physicians, the West African College of Physicians and the Royal Society, London, among others. His academic prizes include the McKay Prize from the American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene (1991); the Adesuyi Prize from the West African Health Community (1995); and the Manson Medal from the Royal Society of Tropical Medicine & Hygiene, London (2001).

The Gorgas Lecture is sponsored by NIAID's Laboratory of Malaria and Vector Research. For more information, contact Cynthia Nishikawa Fabry at 496-5717. ■

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Volunteers Needed

Doctors at NIH are seeking individuals being treated with a widely-used anti-depressant agent called welbutrin. Participants will be asked to donate 4 tablespoons of blood for routine screening and evaluation of platelet function. The visit will be no longer than an hour and compensation is provided. If interested or for more information call Donna Jo McCloskey, research nurse, at 496-5150. ■

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Take part in NIH research studies to improve the treatment of pain caused by pinched lumbar nerve. For more information call 1-800-411-1222 or 1-866-411-1010 (TTY). ■



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Former NICHD Scientific Director Sidbury Mourned

Dr. James Sidbury, Jr., 81, died on Feb. 17 in Mount Vernon, Wash., after an extended illness. He was scientific director at NICHD from the mid 1970s until the early 1980s.

"Jim Sidbury was an excellent scientist, a caring pediatrician and a good friend to all of us who knew him," said NICHD director Dr. Duane Alexander. "He will be missed."

Sidbury is most well known for developing a dietary treatment for type I glycogen storage disease, a disorder caused by deficiencies in an enzyme needed for maintaining blood glucose levels. The dietary therapy he developed is now widely used for other glycogen storage diseases, which make up more than 12 inherited disorders caused by abnormalities of the enzymes that regulate glycogen.

Patients suffering from type I glycogen storage disease have extremely low blood sugar levels, which, if untreated, can lead to coma and death. When Sidbury began studying the disease, patients needed to consume the sugar glucose continuously to keep their blood sugar from plummeting to dangerous levels. Sidbury conceived of treating patients with uncooked cornstarch, which is broken down into glucose very slowly. He and colleague Dr. Y.T. Chen tested the treatment on patients in the Clinical Center. Today, uncooked cornstarch is the standard therapy for patients with all forms of glycogen storage diseases.

After retiring from the institute, Sidbury worked closely with Dr. Janice Chou, chief of the section on cellular differentiation at NICHD. The two collaborated to find the cause of type I glycogen storage disease—mutations in the glucose-6-

phosphatase gene. The results of their studies were published in 1993.

Colleague Dr. Anil Mukherjee, head of NICHD's section on developmental genetics, remembers Sidbury as a quiet, unassuming man who would go



Dr. James Sidbury, Jr.

out of his way to help a friend. "He was the pediatrician's pediatrician," Mukherjee said. "The kids just loved him." Sidbury was born in Wilmington, N.C., and graduated from Yale University in 1944. He received his medical degree from Columbia University in 1947. After completing his internship and residency training, he practiced pediatrics in Wilmington, N.C., at the Babies Hospital until joining the staff at Johns Hopkins in 1955. He served in the pediatrics department at Duke University Medical Center from 1961 to 1975, when he joined NICHD. After retiring from his position as scientific director in the early 1980s, he served the institute as scientist emeritus until the early 1990s.

He retired to Deale, Md., on the Chesapeake Bay, to pursue his love of sailing, gardening and music. He spent many years on Maryland's Eastern Shore and his family plans to return his ashes there.

Sidbury was married to Alice Lucas Rayle, of Atlanta, Ga. She died in 1977. He is survived by five children, five grandchildren, two sisters, and seven nephews and nieces.—Robert Bock



Dr. Dana Plude has joined the Center for Scientific Review as a scientific review administrator in the biobehavioral and behavioral processes integrated review group. He will oversee its SSS-R study section, which reviews small business grant applications involving computer-based interventions related to mental health, substance abuse and aging. He earned a Ph.D. in psychology from Syracuse University, studying lifespan development with emphasis on cognition in the elderly. Plude continued his research at the Veterans Administration outpatient clinic in Boston with a grant from the National Institute on Aging. He then moved to the University of Maryland, where he was associate professor and associate chair in the department of psychology before joining CSR.

Dr. Michael Sveda has joined the Center for Scientific Review as the scientific review administrator of the biochemistry study section. He comes to CSR from SAIC-Frederick, Inc., which supports NCI's Frederick Cancer Research and Development Center. He was acting head of its Protein Expression Laboratory. He received a Ph.D. in virology and cell biology from the Albert Einstein College of Medicine in New York City, studying genes that control replication of the Friend leukemia virus. At the University of Utah, he worked to identify t-RNA suppressors in mammalian cells. Sveda then cloned and expressed influenza virus genes in the NIAID Laboratory of Infectious Diseases. He later moved to Organon Teknika Corp. to become the director of its molecular biology department, which cloned antibodies and worked to identify tumor antigens. Before going to SAIC-Frederick, he was the company's director of operations.



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New NIAAA Council Members

The National Advisory Council on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism welcomed four new members at its February meeting. Dr. Gail Jensen is a professor in the Institute of Gerontology and economics department, Wayne State University, Detroit. Her research interests encompass markets for private health insurance in the U.S., employer-sponsored health benefits and managed care. Stacia Murphy is president of the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence in New York City; NCADD is an advocacy group that works to raise awareness of addiction to alcohol or drugs as a disease that is

preventable and treatable. She has extensive experience in the field of alcoholism and other drug addictions as an administrator and educator.

Dr. Stephanie O'Malley is a professor in the

psychiatry department, Yale University, where her research focus is alcoholism treatment. She led one of two teams of investigators that demonstrated the effectiveness of naltrexone, an opiate antagonist, in the treatment of alcoholism. The fourth new council member, Dr. Robert Taylor, is chairman of the pharmacology department and professor of pharmacology and medicine at Howard University College of Medicine. A scientist with expertise in toxicology, pharmacology and clinical research, he directs the university's Collaborative Alcohol Research Center. ■



NIAAA director Dr. T.K. Li (c) welcomes new council members (from l) Dr. Stephanie O'Malley, Stacia Murphy, Dr. Robert Taylor and Dr. Gail Jensen.

Wednesday Afternoon Lectures

The Wednesday Afternoon Lecture series—held on its namesake day at 3 p.m. in Masur Auditorium, Bldg. 10—features Dr. Stanislas Leibler on Mar. 26, speaking on the topic, "Tinkering and Modeling of Genetic Networks." He is professor and head of the laboratory of living matter, Gladys T. Perkin professor and HHMI investigator, Rockefeller University.

For more information or for reasonable accommodation, call Hilda Madine, 594-5595.

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NIAAA director Dr. T.K. Li (r) presents NIH deputy director Dr. Raynard Kington with a proclamation citing Kington's service as acting director of NIAAA for close to a year before Li's appointment as director. The proclamation reads in part, "We, the National Advisory

Council on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, commend Dr. Kington for his exemplary stewardship and outstanding public service as Acting Director of NIAAA." For Kington's service, it continues, "the Council is both grateful and indebted."

Four Join NIGMS Advisory Council

Three new members and one ex officio member were recently appointed to the National Advisory General Medical Sciences Council. They are:

Dr. Theodora E. Joan Robinson, professor of biology and dean of the School of Computer, Mathematical and Natural Sciences at Morgan State University in Baltimore. She is involved in a variety of activities to increase the number of minority students pursuing science careers.



NIGMS acting director Dr. Judith H. Greenberg (c) welcomes new council members (from l) Dr. Theodora E. Joan Robinson, Dr. Yu-li Wang, ex officio member Dr. Robert L. Becker and Dr. Shelagh M. Ferguson-Miller.

Dr. Yu-li Wang, professor in the department of

physiology at the University of Massachusetts Medical School. His research focuses on the mechanisms of cell movement and division.

Dr. Shelagh M. Ferguson-Miller, university distinguished professor and chair in the department of biochemistry and molecular biology at Michigan State University. Her research interests include the study of the structure and function of cytochrome c oxidase, an enzyme critical to the conversion of food and oxygen into energy.

Dr. Robert L. Becker, chief of the division of quantitative pathology at the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology, was named the council's ex officio representative from the Department of Defense. ■