Where are they now?
Sarah Tannehill-Gregg, DVM, PhD, ACVP

Dr. Sarah Tannehill-Gregg graduated from Dr. Rosol’s lab in 2005. She is now a Principal Veterinary Pathologist at Bristol-Myers Squibb Company and project manager representing Drug Safety Evaluation.

How did you get this position? I applied for 7 jobs at the end of my training program at Ohio State, and this was the one that best fit what I was looking for in a job, as well as my family situation. I found it by looking in the ACVP directory for people who worked here, and sending an email detailing my interest.

Did you always want this type of position? If not, what changed your mind? Well, always is a long time! I have always wanted to be a veterinarian, and dabbled briefly in small animal private practice. I decided I did not enjoy working with the public and was bored; I was also freaking out owners and clinic staff by wanting to necropsy everything that died! I realized that I missed pathology, so returned for graduate training. My initial interest in pathology was really piqued by a histology course I took in my undergraduate training.

Do you enjoy what you do? Definitely. Why? I really love my job because it is so intellectually stimulating and provides me with challenges every day. I get to work with other pathologists, toxicologists, chemists, MDs, pharmacologists, and the list goes on. I still get to read slides and interpret clinical pathology data, but I also get to be involved with high level decision making involving progression of compounds through development and early clinical trials, which is fascinating.

Do you have any advice for current students looking for a job similar to yours? Have a well written, but concise, resume/CV (check your spelling!); check the ACVP and STP job boards online; try to attend the ACVP or STP meeting (you can make some great job contacts there); choose your references wisely; be confident and get yourself out there.

How does your graduate training play a part in your everyday work life? That’s a great question! It’s not really the details of my graduate work that are important in my work life (no one has asked me about parathyroid hormone-related protein yet!), Instead, it is the ability to think like a scientist, approach a problem, come up with a hypothesis, design a study, and interpret results that are the most important. I also think the excellent training I received in writing manuscripts and performing literature searches has been very helpful.

What is your favorite memory from being in graduate school? I think probably some of the great friends I made. I still talk to many of my friends from graduate school to this day. I also enjoyed being in an international environment- it was very diverse at Ohio State.

Do you have any funny stories about being a VBS student that you would like to share? Oh my gosh- I could go on and on. The Christmas party skit we did one year (2004?) was so much fun, and we got some real zingers in on some of the faculty.

Would you mind sharing your email so that students can contact you for advice or questions? sarah.tannehill-gregg@osu.edu. You can also call me at 812-429-8078; I am happy to talk to anyone about my career and job opportunities. I also have a rather large family (3 children), and love to talk to people about work-life balance!

GSA Announcements!

• December 12th is the VBS Holiday party:
  We need graduate students to help prepare the entertainment!!!
  Interested? Email werbeck.1@osu.edu

• Want to help organize Career Day?
  Email: Grieves.6@osu.edu

We have November 11, 27 and 28 off this month!

Happy Turkey Day!

At least they will be carving up something else dead for a change.

Have you checked out the new GSA website? http://vet.osu.edu/GSA-homepage.htm
News from the Council of Graduate Studies (CGS):
http://cgs.osu.edu/

CGS is the official branch of student government at OSU

• Serves as an advocate for grad students
• Provides competitive funding programs and "graduate-only" social events
• Supports the personal and professional development of graduate students

Save the date:
CGS Ray Travel Award Winter 08 deadline: January 30, 2009

Want to get involved? Volunteers are still needed for both university and senate committees!
http://cgs.osu.edu/committee/

Want to be a delegate? There are still spots left in CVM for 2008-2009!
Email werbeck.1@osu.edu for more info!

Graduate student tip of the month:

Set a goal: Read one paper a day that is related to your field. If you think about it, that is and extra 30 papers a month, and an extra 365 papers a year!

Extra tip: Reading the paper right before bed may also help with insomnia (2 birds... one stone)

Quality of Life: Looking for something to do this month in Columbus?

• Check out Explore Columbus: http://www.explorecolumbus.com/default.asp
• Wine & Schmooze: An OSU Graduate & Professional Student Wine Tasting & Networking Event
  November 7th, 5-7pm at the Faculty Club (OSU campus - 181 S. Oval Dr.) http://ouab.osu.edu/view_event.aspx?id=324
• Join the Columbus Young Professionals club www.cypclub.com
• Look activities at the Ohio Union page: http://www.ohiounion.osu.edu/default.asp
• Buck-ID Discounts: https://buckid.osu.edu/Default.asp

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