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Join the MARC U*STAR & NIGMS RISE Programs as we welcome

Robert Drummond
M.D., Ph.D., UCLA

C. Rory Goodwin
M.D., Ph.D.,
Johns Hopkins University

Ms. Christine Boone
M.D., Ph.D student,
Johns Hopkins University

Research Seminar
Friday, April 22nd
12:00pm—12:45pm
AHC3 214
Dr. C. Rory Goodwin will be giving a talk, titled “Clinical, Functional and Molecular Outcomes of Metastatic Spinal Tumors: Development of a Neurosurgeon-Scientist”, on his current research in neurosurgery at Johns Hopkins School of Medicine. Abstract found here.

Career Path Talk & Panel Discussion
Friday, April 22nd
2:30pm—4:00pm
RB 130
There will be a talk on career paths for academic medicine and panel discussion with Dr. Rory Goodwin, Dr. Robert Drummond and Ms. Christine Boone about getting into and through MD, PhD and MD/PhD programs, as well as advise on how to succeed in different scientific fields.

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Free and open to all faculty, staff and students!
Robert Drummond, M.D., Ph.D., UCLA

Dr. Drummond is a native of Jacksonville, FL. Although a nationally ranked, state champion wrestler in high school, in 1998 he chose to attend Morehouse College in Atlanta GA on a full academic scholarship. While at Morehouse, he was an active member of the school’s health careers society, President of the school’s Alpha Epsilon Delta premedical honor society, and member of the Beta Kappa Chi scientific honor society. During his tenure at Morehouse, as an ARCS scholar and a member of the MARC/USTAR program, he participated in research opportunities at Morehouse School of Medicine, Yale University School of Medicine (BioSTEP), and the National Heart Lung and Blood Institute (NHLBI). After graduating Magna Cum Laude and Phi Beta Kappa from Morehouse in 2002, Dr. Drummond entered the combined MD/PhD program at The Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. Dr. Drummond’s PhD thesis was entitled “The immune modulating role of Macrophage Scavenger Receptor A during inflammation and sepsis.” During his tenure at Johns Hopkins, Dr. Drummond was twice awarded the David E. Satcher SNMA Research fellowship, named the Henry Strong Denison Research Scholar, awarded the university’s Diversity Leadership Award, the MSTP award for Leadership and Mentoring, and the David E Rogers, MD award for Medical Professionalism and Community service. After graduating from the MST program in 2012, Dr. Drummond completed his Internal Medicine residency at the University of Southern California’s LAC+USC Medical Center. While a resident, Dr. Drummond was awarded the UNCF/MERCK Postdoctoral Fellowship. Dr. Drummond is currently completing a postdoctoral fellowship at the University of California, Los Angeles studying “The use of CRISPR as a novel therapeutic approach to treat Sickle Cell Disease.” After completion of his postdoctoral fellowship, Dr. Drummond plans to complete a clinical fellowship in Hematology. Ultimately, Dr. Drummond would like to create and direct an adult comprehensive sickle cell center in Los Angeles, CA. Dr. Drummond is a proud husband and father of two, and is also a Captain in the US Army, National Guard with hopes to one day become the U.S. Surgeon General.

C. Rory Goodwin, M.D., Ph.D., Johns Hopkins

C. Rory Goodwin is a sixth year Neurosurgery resident at the Johns Hopkins Hospital. Dr. Goodwin was raised in Miami and West Palm Beach and attended the University of Florida where he majored in Neurobiological Sciences and Business Administration with minors in Chemistry and Economics. He served as the 2007-2008 Student National Medical Association National President, which is the nation’s largest and oldest organization focused on future and current underrepresented minority medical students. He also co-founded the Brotherhood Alliance for Science and Education (BASE), which aims to provide positive role models and mentors for minority males, introduce them to college and graduate schools, as well as provide personal and professional development. Dr. Goodwin is a UNCF-Merck Science Initiative Postdoctoral Fellow and has received an award from the Burroughs Wellcome Fund. He served as a Medical Officer for the Food and Drug Administration, Division of Orthopedic Devices in 2015, and is completing the Global Clinical Scholars Research Training Program at Harvard Medical School and an in-folded Complex Spine Fellowship at The Johns Hopkins Hospital. Dr. Goodwin has a research interest in clinical outcomes for patients diagnosed with spinal tumors, biomarkers for patients diagnosed with metastatic cancer to the spinal column and high throughput analysis of post-translational modifications in brain and spinal oncology.

Ms. Christine Boone, M.D., Ph.D student, Johns Hopkins

Christine Boone is currently a 6th year MD/PhD (fourth year PhD student) student at Johns Hopkins School of Medicine. Her thesis research focuses on abnormalities of the hippocampal neural circuit in a mouse model of Fragile X Syndrome. She is also undertaking analogous studies in patients undergoing invasive epilepsy monitoring with the intention of identifying an electrophysiological biomarker of cognitive function. Christine is a 2014 UNCF-Merck Science Initiative fellow. She completed her B.S. in molecular, cellular, and developmental biology at Yale University.