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*News Flash*  
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## Important Links

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## Upcoming Events

### Public Health Faculty Search Candidate

4 pm Monday, 3/12  
Li Ka Shing Center

### Doris Wagner Seminar

Wed. 3/14, noon  
101 Barker Hall

### PMB Student and Postdoc Seminar Series

Monday 3/19, noon  
338 Koshland Hall

### Doe Library Centennial Celebration

3-5:30 pm Wed. 3/21  
Doe Library

All events are free and  
open to the public.

*For a complete listing of  
events at the Department  
of Plant & Microbial  
Biology and the UC  
Berkeley campus please  
visit:*

[pmbcalendar.berkeley.edu](http://pmbcalendar.berkeley.edu)

## Our New Video -- Check it Out!

We just completed a new video showcasing the department of Plant & Microbial Biology. The video was made by a UC Berkeley graduate student with the help of undergrads, faculty and staff. It represents a comprehensive effort to illustrate the depth and breadth of all of the research and amazing opportunities for students in our department.

The video, narrated by Professor John Taylor, was produced by former grad student Kiesha Oliver with contributions from undergrads Sanders Deionne and Cory Maryott. The project was managed by Karyn Houston, PMB Communications, with input and guidance from PMB Chair Bob Fischer.

The video is best viewed on the home page of our web site. Just click and play!

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## Undergrad Research Opportunities



*Undergrad Chihiro Hirai and Principal  
Investigator Mary Wildermuth*

The department of Plant & Microbial Biology has long provided excellent opportunities for undergraduates to perform research in our labs. These research opportunities give undergrads excellent insight into a research career, career choices and close collaborations with faculty at UC Berkeley and other institutions.

Read about Sangita Annamalai and Chihiro Hirai, undergrads working in the labs of Peggy Lemaux and Mary Wildermuth. Their stories are fascinating, and they're helping to research complex questions and puzzles from improving nutrition in Africa to researching plant resistance to disease.

Read their story at: [pmb.berkeley.edu](http://pmb.berkeley.edu)

## Workshops - Computational Genomics Resource Lab

The Computational Genomics Resource Lab, located in Koshland Hall, will host two workshops in the Spring 2012 series on Monday March 12 and Wednesday March 21.

Space is still available but sessions are filling fast. Anyone attending Monday's iPlant workshop will need to get an account as soon as possible.

### **iPlant Workshop**

Monday, March 12, 2012 8:30-4:30

Eric Lyons will lead an all day workshop on a series of tools available from the iPlant Collaborative. There are different sessions for this workshop. Please register only for the sessions that are of interest to you. You are required to register for an [iPlant account](#) right away to gain access to all of iPlant's resources and tools.

### **ChIP Seq Analysis**

Wednesday, March 21, 2012 (9 am - noon)

Tommy Kaplan of the Eisen Lab will lead this workshop. A fair level of comfort using the Unix system and a general awareness of tools available for NGS data is expected. There will also be some hands-on topics covered in the workshops which requires a laptop with a newer Mac or Linux OS. Please read more details and requirements for the workshops at the registration page.

[Register for iPlant on 3/12](#)

[Register for ChIP Seq Analysis on 3/21](#)

Click on "Login or Register" in the upper-right corner.

The [Computational Genomics Resources Lab](#)  
is a core facility of [QB3](#) and is located in 238 Koshland Hall.

## Department Seminar Season 2012 Going Strong

A full slate of seminars is still ahead for the remainder of the Spring 2012 semester, including speakers from UC Davis, Penn State, Stanford and the University of Pennsylvania.

In addition, the Plant Gene Expression Center is hosting a number of seminars. Graduate students and postdocs also hold Monday seminars featuring their ongoing work in PMB labs.

Our web site also portrays seminars at a number of neighboring departments and institutes, including the Energy Bioscience Institute and Public Health department in the new Li Ka Shing building on campus. PMB and other seminars are featured on the home page of our web site at [pmb.berkeley.edu](http://pmb.berkeley.edu)

Visit [pmb.berkeley.edu](http://pmb.berkeley.edu) for an updated list of seminars for the Spring 2012 semester. The site also contains information for seminars at other departments on campus.

Visit [pgec.usda.gov](http://pgec.usda.gov) for a list of seminars at the Plant Gene Expression Center in nearby Albany.



*Doris Wagner of the  
University of  
Pennsylvania will give a  
seminar on March 14*

## Grad Student, Researcher and Postdoc Listings Online



Grad Student Devin  
Coleman-Derr

Graduate Students, Postdocs and Researchers now have their own pages on the department's new, drupal-driven PMB web site. The site now features more than 100 postdocs and researchers, and 88 grad students.

Check out these pages for some great examples of our postdoc, grad student and researcher web pages:

Grad Student [Gagandeep Renuka Kumar](#)

Postdoc [Nicholas George](#)

If you are a postdoc, researcher or grad student at PMB and would like training about how to build your page on our website, please contact webmaster Karyn Houston at [karyn@berkeley.edu](mailto:karyn@berkeley.edu), 643-7614 or stop by 111 Koshland Hall.

See all the postdocs and researchers  
at: [pmb.berkeley.edu/people/postdoc-directory](http://pmb.berkeley.edu/people/postdoc-directory)

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Feedback is w elcome!

Please email New sletter Editor [Karyn Houston](#), call 643-7614 or stop by 111 Koshland Hall if you have new s or items of interest to the department that you w ould like to submit.

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