

# Announcements<sup>1</sup>

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## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

*Postdoctoral Research Fellows.*—Positions for postdoctoral research fellows are available starting in April 2004 (through September 2004) at the Department of Dermatology at Columbia University. The laboratory is highly international and has broad interests in skin and hair-follicle biology, as well as translational research aimed at therapies for genetic skin diseases. The successful applicants will be involved in one of two main projects in the group. The first one is aimed at the genetic mapping of mouse and human disease genes for both Mendelian and complex disorders involving skin and/or hair phenotypes. The individual should have experience in statistical genetics for linkage analysis, molecular biology techniques, cytogenetics, FISH, genotyping, in situ hybridization, RT-PCR, proficiency with genomic databases, etc. Good communication skills are also an asset in dealing with genetic counselors and clinical colleagues. Another position is available to work in the area of stem-cell biology. This laboratory's main interest is the study of epidermal and hair-follicle stem cells. Specific areas of knowledge that are a plus include cell, developmental, and molecular biology, as well as previous work with in vitro and in vivo mouse models. Good written and oral communication skills are desirable. Interested candidates should send a curriculum vitae and two or three references to Dr. Angela M. Christiano, Departments of Dermatology and Genetics & Development, Columbia University, College of Physicians and Surgeons, 630 West 168th Street VC15-204,

New York, NY 10032; telephone: (212) 305-9565; fax: (212) 305-7391; e-mail: amc65@columbia.edu

*Cytogenetics Director.*—Laboratory Corporation (LabCorp) of America's Department of Diagnostic Genetics is seeking applicants for the position of Cytogenetics Director. Candidates should have a Ph.D. degree and/or an M.D. degree and should be certified by the American Board of Medical Genetics in clinical cytogenetics. The laboratory processes an extensive cross section of cytogenetics, molecular cytogenetics, and adjunctive molecular tests. The Center performs ancillary tests, including immunocytometry, immunohistochemistry, identity testing, biochemical genetics, and molecular genetics, in contiguous laboratories. Duties will include preparing and reviewing cytogenetics case reports, test protocol development and refinement, and training of sales specialists. Excellent communication skills are required. Salary is commensurate with experience. LabCorp is a national clinical laboratory servicing private doctors, hospitals, and managed-care organizations. The laboratory is located in the Center for Molecular Biology and Pathology in Research Triangle Park, NC. Its size affords a very comprehensive benefits package. The laboratory is in an excellent location amid numerous university research corporations that participate in substantial technological development and medical advancement. Please send a curriculum vitae and a list of three references to Susan Perez in Human Resources; telephone: (919) 572-7495 or (800) 533-0567, ext. 7142; e-mail: perezs@labcorp.com. EOE/M/F/D/V.

1. Announcements are published free of charge for members of The American Society of Human Genetics (ASHG). Please mail announcements to The American Journal of Human Genetics, Department of Human Genetics, Emory University School of Medicine, 615 Michael Street, Room 301, Atlanta, GA 30322-3050; fax them to (404) 712-9984; or send via E-mail to ajhg@emory.edu. Submission must be received at least 7 weeks before the month of issue in which publication is requested. They must be double spaced with a 1½-inch margin on all sides. The maximum length is 250 words, excluding the address for correspondence. Please include a cover letter indicating the name of the sponsoring ASHG member.

*Pre- and Postdoctoral Positions in Statistical Genetic Analysis and Genetic Epidemiology.*—The Genetics of Complex Disorders (GCD) training program in the Department of Psychiatry at Columbia University provides pre- and postdoctoral training in the genetic epidemiology and statistical genetic analysis of complex diseases, including psychiatric disorders. Our mission is to train scientists who will be aware of all aspects of genetic studies, including study design, clinical aspects, pheno-

type definition, molecular laboratory issues, and statistical analysis. Training includes both didactic components (coursework and lab rotations) and research. We seek applicants with training in statistics, epidemiology, and/or genetics and with demonstrated interest in pursuing a career in the genetic analysis of complex disorders. Applicants for postdoctoral positions must have a Ph.D., M.D., or the equivalent; predoctoral applicants need a master's degree. Further information can be obtained from our Web site (<http://cpmcnet.columbia.edu/dept/sph/epi/gcd/>) or from the following mailing address: Susan E. Hodge, D.Sc., NYSPI, Unit 24, 1051 Riverside Drive, New York, NY 10032. Columbia University is an affirmative action/equal opportunity employer. Applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent resident aliens.

*Clinical Geneticist.*—The Harvey Institute for Human Genetics of the Greater Baltimore Medical Center (GBMC) has an immediate opening for a clinical geneticist with expertise in adult-onset diseases to join a rapidly expanding multidisciplinary genetics service. Interest and experience in neurologic disorders are definite assets. Candidates must be certified (or eligible for certification) in internal medicine, certified (or eligible for certification) by the American Board of Medical Genetics (ABMG) in clinical genetics, and eligible for licensure in Maryland. GBMC is a 314-bed medical center, located on a beautiful suburban campus 20 min from downtown Baltimore, that serves a diverse population in the metropolitan area. GBMC provides comprehensive health care to >22,000 inpatients, >44,000 outpatients, and >50,000 emergency-room patients annually. The hospital has independent and Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions-affiliated residency training programs in internal medicine, obstetrics and gynecology, otolaryngology, and ophthalmology. The staff of the Harvey Institute for Human Genetics currently consists of three ABMG-certified practitioners (obstetrics and gynecology, pediatrics, and medical genetics) and four ABGC-certified genetic counselors. The Institute houses a full-service cytogenetics laboratory, and it also serves as a clinical training site for three ABGC-accredited genetic counseling programs. This position calls for dynamic leadership in establishing and developing an adult genetics practice that complements existing activities, as well as active participation in a group of in-house genetics specialty clinics. The successful candidate should have a proven record of accomplishments in clinical service and teaching. Salary is commensurate with qualifications and experience. Send a curriculum vitae and the names of three references to Maimon M. Cohen, Ph.D., Harvey Institute for Human Genetics, 6701

North Charles Street, Suite 2315, Baltimore, MD 21204. GBMC is an equal opportunity employer.

*Faculty Positions in Human Genetics.*—The Department of Human Genetics at Emory University School of Medicine is currently seeking physician scientists for tenure-track appointments at the assistant or associate professor level. Applicants must be certified (or eligible for certification) by the American Board of Medical Genetics (ABMG) and must possess an M.D. or an M.D./Ph.D. Successful candidates will join a rapidly expanding research program in human genetics and genomics under the leadership of Steve Warren, Ph.D., as well as a fully reorganized and vibrant clinical division under the leadership of David Ledbetter, Ph.D., Division Director, and Paul Fernhoff, M.D., Medical Director. The Division of Medical Genetics within the Department of Human Genetics is fully accredited by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) for genetic residencies and by the ABMG for training in all subspecialties. The successful applicant would have at least 75% of his/her time devoted to research and teaching, with the remainder of time devoted to patient care. Any area of contemporary human genetics research is acceptable, with primary consideration being given to evidence of future research success and innovation. Generous start-up packages and competitive salaries are available. Candidates should send (preferably by e-mail) a curriculum vitae, as well as descriptions of research and clinical experience and future research plans, to Faculty Search Committee, Department of Human Genetics, Emory University School of Medicine, 615 Michael Street, Suite 301, Atlanta, GA 30322; e-mail: [facsearch@genetics.emory.edu](mailto:facsearch@genetics.emory.edu). Letters of reference will be requested at a later date. Emory University is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer.

*Postdoctoral Positions in Human Genetics.*—Five laboratories in the Department of Human Genetics at Emory University School of Medicine in Atlanta, GA, are currently seeking postdoctoral candidates. Successful candidates will join laboratories in a vibrant and rapidly expanding department that includes both basic science and clinical activities in human genetics and genomics. Current faculty seeking postdoctoral candidates are (1) Andrew Escayg ([aescayg@genetics.emory.edu](mailto:aescayg@genetics.emory.edu)), whose research utilizes human and mouse genetics to identify novel genes and pathways that underlie a variety of inherited human neurological disorders, including epilepsy, ataxia, and migraine; (2) Judy Fridovich-Keil ([jfridov@emory.edu](mailto:jfridov@emory.edu)), whose laboratory has two positions currently open, one involving studies of the metabolic disorders transferase-deficiency and epimerase-

deficiency galactosemia, using yeast and mammalian cell systems, and the other involving studies of the yeast multiple KH-domain RNA-binding protein Scp160p; (3) David Ledbetter (dledbetter@genetics.emory.edu), whose focus is on molecular cytogenetics, including mechanisms and consequences of human chromosome abnormalities, telomeres, centromeres, and genomewide assessment of gene-dosage imbalance by arrayCGH; (4) Xiao-Jiang Li (xiaoli@genetics.emory.edu), who investigates the molecular mechanisms of Huntington and polyglutamine neurodegenerative diseases; and (5) Steve Warren (swarren@genetics.emory.edu), whose research includes clinical, biochemical, and genetic studies of fragile X and fragile X tremor/ataxia syndromes, as well as microRNAs in human disease. Candidates should e-mail a curriculum vitae, including the names and contact information of at least three references, directly to the principal investigator of the laboratory in which they are interested. Emory University is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer.

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#### CONFERENCE

*The Tenth Annual International Meeting of the Velo-Cardio-Facial Syndrome Educational Foundation, Inc., and the Fourth International Conference for 22q11.2 Deletions.*—The Tenth Annual International Meeting of the Velo-Cardio-Facial Syndrome (VCFS) Educational Foundation, Inc., and the Fourth International Conference for 22q11.2 Deletions will be held July 23–25, 2004, in Atlanta, GA. The purpose of this conference is to join VCFS researchers, practitioners, and families from around the world to educate one another on the latest discoveries and innovative treatments, to share experiences, and to provide management and support strategies. The multidisciplinary agenda includes traditional lectures, panels, and guided discussion groups. The international faculty, recognized as leaders in VCFS research, will represent the areas of speech and language, cardiology, immunology, feeding and development, surgery, clinical genetics, psychiatry, brain imaging, neurology, epidemiology, molecular genetics, endocrinology, education, and other fields. For more information and a call for abstracts, visit the VCFS Educational Foundation Web site (<http://www.vcfsef.org>) or the Children's Healthcare of Atlanta Web site (<http://www.choa.org/professionals/cme.shtml>); e-mail: [continuing.ed@choa.org](mailto:continuing.ed@choa.org)

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*Molecular Biology of Hearing and Deafness Conference.*—A fifth meeting on the applications of molecular biology to the investigation of the auditory system will

be held from September 30 to October 3, 2004, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Bethesda, MD. For more information, please visit the conference Web site (<http://cme.ucsd.edu/heardeaf/>) or contact the University of California, San Diego, Office of Continuing Medical Education, La Jolla, CA 92093-0617; telephone: (888) 229-6263 or (858) 534-3940; fax: (858) 534-7672; e-mail: [ocme@ucsd.edu](mailto:ocme@ucsd.edu)

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#### COURSE

*Statistical Genetics Short Course Featuring Mendel and SimWalk.*—An intensive course workshop on state-of-the-art statistical genetics methods for detection of genetic loci for complex traits, both qualitative and quantitative, will be held August 23–27, 2004, at the University of California–Los Angeles. Each day will include hands-on computer exercises using the computer programs Mendel and SimWalk. We will cover the general theory behind the methods, emphasizing the practical aspects needed to give the best chances of success. Topics will include study design and other data issues, mistyping detection, haplotyping, mapping markers, and analysis of qualitative and quantitative traits using parametric, nonparametric, and association tests. For more information, please visit the course Web site (<http://www.genetics.ucla.edu/courses/statgene/>).

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#### ABGC DIPLOMATES

*Diplomates Certified in 2002–2003.*—The American Board of Genetic Counseling is proud to acknowledge the individuals who achieved certification in 2002–2003: Abrams, Debra J.; Adams, Sara Anne; Akin, Kelly K.; Amemiya, Anne Rae; Antonelli, Jenna; Aram, Jessica R.; Armstrong, Cary M.; Arnold, Angela G.; Ash, Erin M.; Augustine, Kristin M.; Augustyn, Ann Marie; Australie, Karlene; Axell, Lisen H.; Axilbund, Jennifer E.; Azcona, Carolina; Babu, Deepti; Badura, Mary E.; Baker-Lange, Katherine M.; Bar-Lev, Adi; Barber, Melissa Jane; Barnes, Kathleen; Basham, Matthew; Bassett, Rebecca T.; Batra Nazareth, Shivani; Beaverson, Katherine L.; Beck, Robin D.; Bennett, Melissa K.; Bergner, Amanda Laura; Berkheim-Jolly, Laurel K.; Beyer, Betsy J.; Binns, Victoria C.; Blasko, Jessica M.; Blazejewski, Lisa M.; Blihovde, Sonja J.; Bloch, Katarzyna J.; Boomer, Theresa A.; Borman, Krista Suzanne; Bower, Matthew A.; Brady, April N.; Brennan, Allison M.; Brewer, Karen; Brierley, Karina L.; Brown, Dana D.; Brown, Heather Hope; Brown, Jennifer L.; Brown, Lisa A.; Brown, Tamsen; Brucker, Jerri L.; Bryant, Stephanie L.; Buckley, M. Kath-

leen; Burner, Erica L.; Burnett, Brittany L.; Cantwell, Maureen E.; Carriles, Claudia M.; Castro, Sonia M.; Cataldi, Daniel P.; Chenevert, Saleen M.; Cheng, Linda L.; Chiu, Sui Mei Linda; Christensen, Celanie K.; Cilli, Kate E.; Clark, Sarah Hutchings; Clark-Gay, Mary; Coffeen, Christin M.; Collins, Kelly A.; Collins, Melanie; Cooper, Sara; Cordell, Johanna Marie; Corey, Barbara A.; Corley, Amy L.; Cottrell, Margaret J.; Couchon, Elizabeth J.; Coughlin II, Curtis R.; Cox, Elana Jeanne; Creighton, Mary Anne; Crissman, Blythe G.; Dalton, Joline C.; Dalton, Kristin L.; DeLany, Shannan M.; Dellefave, Lisa M.; Dempsey, Elizabeth C.; Demsky, Marcy A.; Desai, Damini; Deubler, Debra Ann; Devine, Jeanne A.; DiNonno, Wendy O.; Doheny, Dana O.; Dorrani, Naghmeh; Duffer, Shelby M.; Dugan, Stefanie B.; duSouich, Iris Christele; Dvorak, Christopher; Dwyer, Mary A.; Eckstein, Zipora; Ellingwood, Sara A.; Elston Trivino, Leigh; Enciso, Victoria B.; Endres, Susan; English, Jennifer L.; Erlichman, Julie; Everest, Amy R.; Everett, Jessica; Facio, Flavia; Fairley, Cecilia F.; Farengo-Clark, Dana; Fasaye, Grace-Ann O.; Fauchaux, Julie Catherine; Fehlen, Peggy Ann; Feist, Cori DeLinn; Ferguson, Marcia Ann; Finch, Amy; Finney, Kathryn; Fisher, Amy K.; Fleck, Barbara J.; Flora, Christina; Flynn, Maureen A.; Fox, Angela C.; Freivogel, Mary E.; Frezzo, Theresa; Gamm, Jennifer Lynn; Gardner, Kara Lynn; Gardner, Lara; Gaudette, Mara; Gershkowitz, Jennifer; Gibb, Constance B.; Gibby, Tamra; Gibbons, Avis L.; Giordano Shealy, Amy; Giummo, Christine A.; Glogowski, Emily Ann Cherry; Goldin, Barbara; Goldman, Jill S.; Goldstein, Jennifer L.; Gordon, Erynn S.; Graham, Tracy; Grant, Abby Lynne; Grantner, Shannon J.; Greeson, Carrie; Griffin, Sarah Louise; Guzman Ortiz, Edwin; Haas, Bruce R.; Haas, Kerry; Habermann, Kristina; Hafen, L. 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M.; Sellers, Christina M.; Settler, Christina; Shaner, Rachel; Shanmugham, Anita; Shapiro, Marcie Lewis; Shappell, Heather L.; Sheth, Hetal R.; Shulman, Lyudmila; Sigler, Emily Elise; Simi, Eve Marie; Simon, Mariella; Slack, Carolyn; Sluyters, Mary Allison; Smith, Ashley L.; Smith, Kara M.; Smith-Baelz, Serenedy; Sniderman, Lisa C.; Snyder, Cara Liane; Solomon, Elizabeth; Sopko, Melissa Lynn; Stanley, Amie Pannier; Steele, Patricia Porter; Steenblock, Kelle; Stein, Jennifer L.; Stein, Quinn P.; Stern, Sandra J.; Stewart, Nicola; Strassberg, Melissa B.; Strecker, Michelle N.; Strickland, Corinne D.; Strmen, Veronika; Sturm, Amy Curry; Sudanagunta, Sharmila; Sumargo, Rinesty V.; Susswein, Lisa R.; Swaminathan, Laura Marie; Swenerton, Anne

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