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Education

- Ph.D., Genetics and Molecular Biology *March 2001*
University of Rome “La Sapienza,” Center for Evolutionary Genetics
Dissertation title: Cellular mechanisms of aneuploidy induction in mammalian cells:
role of mitotic spindle and mitotic checkpoint
Advisor: Dr. Francesca Degrossi
- Specialty degree (Highest honors), Applied Genetics *October 1997*
University of Rome “La Sapienza”
Thesis title: Study of chromosome malsegregation mechanisms by means of *in situ*
hybridization on anaphases and binucleate cells
Advisors: Prof. Caterina Tanzarella and Dr. Francesca Degrossi
- Degree (Laurea, Highest honors) in Biology *November 1993*
University of Rome “La Sapienza”
Thesis title: Use of CREST staining and *in situ* hybridization for the analysis of
micronuclei induced by 5-azacytidine in human fibroblast cultures
Advisors: Prof. Caterina Tanzarella and Dr. Francesca Degrossi

Positions

- Virginia Tech, Dept. of Biological Sciences
Professor, *Jul 2017 – Present*
- Virginia Tech, Biocomplexity Institute
Biology Fellow, *Nov 2013 – Present*
- Virginia Tech, Health Sciences
Faculty of Health Sciences, *Nov 2013 – Present*
- University Roma Tre (Rome, Italy)
Visiting Faculty, *Jun 3-22, 2013*
- Virginia Tech, Dept. of Biological Sciences
Associate Professor, *Jul 2012 – Jun 2017*
- Virginia Tech, Dept. of Biological Sciences
Assistant Professor, *Dec 2005 – Jun 2012*
- University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Department of Biology
Postdoctoral Fellow (Advisor Dr. E.D. Salmon), *May 2002 – Dec 2005*
Visiting Researcher, *Jan 2000 – Apr 2001*
- Center for Evolutionary Genetics (Italian National Research Council), Rome, Italy
Research Fellow, Italian Federation for Cancer Research (FIRC), *Jan – Dec 2001*
- Center for Evolutionary Genetics (Italian National Research Council), Rome, Italy
Graduate Research Assistant, *Nov 1997 – Oct 2000*
- Center for Evolutionary Genetics (Italian National Research Council), Rome, Italy
Research Associate, *Jul 1997 – Apr 1998*

Institute for Research in Molecular Biology (IRBM), Pomezia, Italy
Research Fellow, Dec 1996 – Jul 1997

Center for Evolutionary Genetics (Italian National Research Council), Rome, Italy
Research Fellow, Dec 1994 – Nov 1996

Center for Evolutionary Genetics (C.N.R.) / Italian Superior Institute of Health, Rome, Italy
Collaborator/Consultant, Jan 1995 – Dec 1996

University of Rome “La Sapienza,” Dept. of Genetics and Mol. Biol., Rome, Italy
Trainee, Jan 1992 – Dec 1994

Memberships

American Society for Cellular and Computational Toxicology (ASCCT) since 2016

International Chromosome and Genome Society (ICGS) June 2009 – May 2010

Sigma Xi since 2006

American Society for Cell Biology (ASCB) since 2000

Publications

(Google Scholar: *h-index* = 33; *i10-index* = 46; total citations = 5,003).

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Primary research articles

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3. Coluzzi E., Buonsante R.^M, Leone S., Asmar A.J.^U, Miller K.L.^U, **Cimini D.***, and Sgura A.* (2017). Transient ALT activation protects human primary cells from chromosome instability induced by low chronic oxidative stress. *Scientific Reports*, 7: 43309.
4. Cojoc G.[^], Roscioli E.^{P^}, Zhang L., García-Ulloa A., Shah J.V., Berns M.W., Pavin N., **Cimini D.***, Tolić I.M.*, and Gregan J.* (2016). Laser microsurgery reveals conserved viscoelastic behavior of the kinetochore. *The Journal of Cell Biology*, 212: 767-776. [Highlighted in commentary by Cabello, Gachet, and Tournier published in the same issue] [^]Equal contribution
5. Rutledge S.D.^G, Douglas T.A., Nicholson J.M.^G, Vila-Casadesús M., Kantzler C.L., Wangsa D., Barroso-Vilares M., Kale S.D., Logarinho E., and **Cimini D.*** (2016). Selective advantage of trisomic human cells cultured in non-standard conditions. *Scientific Reports*, 6: 22828.
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9. Saverot S.E., Reese L.M., **Cimini D.**, Vikesland P.J, and Bickford L.R.* (2015). Characterization of conventional one-step sodium thiosulfate facilitated gold nanoparticle synthesis. *Nanoscale Research Letters*, 10: 940.
10. Nicholson J.M.^G, Macedo J.C., Mattingly A.J.^U, Wangsa D., Camps J., Lima V., Gomes A.M., Dória S., Ried T., Logarinho E.* and **Cimini D.*** (2015). Chromosome mis-segregation and cytokinesis failure in trisomic human cells. *eLife*, 4: e05068.
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12. Park S.W., Li W., Viehhauser A., He B.^G, Kim S., Nilsson A.K., Andersson M.X., Kittle J.D., Ambavaram M.M.R., Luan S., Esker A.R., Tholl D., **Cimini D.**, Ellerström M., Coaker G., Mitchell T.K., Pereira A., Dietz K.J., and Lawrence C.B.* (2013). Cyclophilin 20-3 relays a 12-oxo-phytodienoic acid signal during stress responsive regulation of cellular redox homeostasis. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States of America*, 110: 9559-9564.
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14. Wan X., **Cimini D.**, Cameron L.A., and Salmon E.D. (2012). The coupling between sister kinetochore directional instability and oscillations in centromere stretch in metaphase PtK1 cells. *Molecular Biology of the Cell*, 23: 1035-1046.
15. Silkworth W.T.^G, Nardi I.K.^U, Paul R., Mogilner A., and **Cimini D.*** (2012). Timing of centrosome separation is important for accurate chromosome segregation. *Molecular Biology of the Cell*, 23: 401-411.
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34. Pieroni L., Fipaldini C., Monciotti A., **Cimini D.**, Sgura A., Fattori E., Epifano O., Cortese R., Palombo F., and La Monica N.* (1998). Targeted integration of adeno-associated virus-derived plasmids in transfected human cells. *Virology*, 249: 249-259.
35. Carere A.*, Antoccia A., **Cimini D.**, Crebelli R., Degraffi F., Leopardi P., Marcon F., Sgura A., Tanzarella C., and Zijno A. (1998). Genetic effects of petroleum fuels. II. Analysis of chromosome loss and hyperploidy in peripheral lymphocytes of gasoline station attendants by fluorescence in situ hybridization techniques. *Environmental and Molecular Mutagenesis*, 32: 130-138.
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Reviews, commentaries, and book chapters (mostly peer-reviewed#)

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41. Guarguaglini G.* and **Cimini D.*** (2016). The centrosome: a multifaceted cellular weapon against chromosome instability. *Chromosome Research*, 24: 1-4.
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50. #Nicholson J.M.^G and **Cimini D.*** (2011). How mitotic errors contribute to karyotypic diversity in cancer. *Advances in Cancer Research*, 112: 43-75.
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55. #Salmon E.D.* , **Cimini D.**, Cameron L.A., and DeLuca J.G. (2005). Merotelic kinetochores in mammalian tissue cells. *Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society B: Biological Sciences*, 360: 553-568.
56. #Parry J.M.* , Parry E.M., Boumer R., Doherty A., Ellard S., O'Donovan J., Hoebee B., de Stoppelaar J.M., Mohn G.R., Önfelt A., Renglin A., Schiltz N., Soderpalm-Bemdes C., Jensen K.G., Kirsch-Volders M., Elhajouji A., Van Hummelen P., Degrassi F., Antoccia A., **Cimini D.**, Izzo M., Tanzarella C., Adler I.-D., Kliesch U., Scriver-Schwemmer G., Gasser P., Crebelli R., Carere A., Andreoli C. Benigni R., Leopardi P., Marcon F., Zijno A., Natarajan A.T., Boei J.J.W.A., Kappas A., Voutsinas G., Zarani F.E., Patrinely A., Pacchierotti F., Tiveron C., Hess P. (1996). The detection and evaluation of aneugenic chemicals. *Mutation Research – Fundamental and Molecular Mechanisms of Mutagenesis*, 353: 11-46.

Conference Talks and Seminars

Invited departmental seminars

1. Causes and consequences of chromosome mis-segregation and aneuploidy. *Dept. of Pathology & Cell Biology, Columbia University Medical Center.* March 6, **2017**, New York, NY, USA.
2. Causes and consequences of chromosome mis-segregation and aneuploidy. *Dept. of Biology, Roanoke College.* October 26, **2016**, Roanoke, VA, USA.
3. Causes and consequences of chromosome mis-segregation and aneuploidy. *Institute of Molecular Biology and Pathology of the Italian National Research Council.* July 18, **2016**, Rome, Italy.
4. Causes and consequences of chromosome mis-segregation and aneuploidy. *Dept. of Biological Sciences, University of Vermont.* November 23, **2015**, Burlington, VT, USA.
5. Causes and consequences of chromosome mis-segregation. *Dept. of Biology – Center for Genomics and Systems Biology, New York University.* October 26, **2015**, New York, NY, USA.
6. Mechanisms and consequences of chromosome mis-segregation and aneuploidy. *Dept. of Biology, Georgia State University.* April 10, **2015**, Atlanta, GA, USA.
7. Mechanisms and consequences of chromosome mis-segregation and aneuploidy. *School of Biology, Georgia Tech.* April 9, **2015**, Atlanta, GA, USA.
8. Mechanisms and consequences of chromosome mis-segregation and aneuploidy. *Dept. of Science, University Roma Tre.* June 13, **2013**, Rome, Italy.
9. Chromosome segregation, aneuploidy, and disease. *Dept. of Science, University Roma Tre.* June 6, **2013**, Rome, Italy.
10. Mechanisms and consequences of chromosome mis-segregation and aneuploidy. *Biochemistry Dept., Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth.* April 30, **2013**, Hanover, NH, USA.
11. Mechanisms and effects of chromosome mis-segregation and aneuploidy. *NICHD, NIH.* December 7, **2012**, Bethesda, MD, USA.
12. Mechanisms of formation and correction of kinetochore mis-attachment. *Institute for Cell and Molecular Biology, University of Porto.* February 3, **2012**, Porto, Portugal.
13. Mitotic spindle geometry, kinetochore attachment and chromosome segregation. *Dept. of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, Mayo Clinic.* February 15, **2011**, Rochester, MN, USA.
14. Mechanisms of chromosome mis-segregation and aneuploidy. *Dept. of Cell and Dev. Biology, Vanderbilt University Medical School.* October 12, **2009**, Nashville, TN, USA.
15. Mechanisms of chromosome mis-segregation. *Dept. of Biochemistry and Mol. Genetics, University of Virginia.* March 12, **2009**, Charlottesville, VA, USA.
16. Mechanisms of chromosome mis-segregation. *Medical Sciences, Indiana University.* February 9, **2009**, Bloomington, IN, USA.
17. Mechanisms of chromosome mis-segregation. *Dept. of Physiology and Biophysics, Albert Einstein College of Medicine.* March 6, **2008**, Bronx, NY, USA.
18. Mechanisms of chromosome mis-segregation. *Dept. of Pathology and Cell Biology, Columbia University.* March 4, **2008**, New York, NY, USA.
19. Mechanisms of chromosome mis-segregation. *Dept. of Pharmacology and Physiology, University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey.* March 3, **2008**, Newark, NJ, USA.
20. Inducing and preventing chromosome mis-segregation: role of the mitotic spindle and its mechanics. *Istituti via degli Apuli, University of Rome “La Sapienza.”* December 20, **2004**, Rome, Italy.
21. Inducing and preventing chromosome mis-segregation: role of the mitotic spindle and its mechanics. *European Institute of Oncology.* October 4, **2004**, Milano, Italy.

Invited conference talks

1. The fate of newly formed tetraploid cells: evolution of centrosome and chromosome number. *Third conference on “Aneuploidy and cancer: clinical and experimental aspects.”* January 26-29, **2017**, Berkeley, CA, USA.
2. When and how do changes in chromosome number confer a selective advantage? *William Guy Forbeck Research Foundation 32nd Annual Forum on “Chromosomal Instability/Aneuploidy.”*

- November 10-13, **2016**, Hilton Head Island, SC, USA.
3. The fate of newly formed tetraploid cells: evolution of centrosome and chromosome number. *EMBO workshop on "Chromosome segregation and aneuploidy."* June 25-29, **2016**, Galway, Ireland.
 4. Aneuploidy confers selective advantage by promoting karyotypic heterogeneity. *ASCB annual meeting.* December 12-16, **2015**, San Diego, CA, USA.
 5. Dissecting the role of Kif2a in correction of kinetochore mis-attachment and chromosome segregation. *Dynamic Kinetochore EMBO Workshop.* May 18-21, **2015**, Copenhagen, Denmark.
 6. Causes and effects of karyotype alterations. *13th FISV Congress.* September 24-27, **2014**, Pisa, Italy.
 7. Keynote talk: From aneuploidy to the mitotic spindle and back. *The Triangle Cytoskeleton Meeting.* September 12, **2014**, Research Triangle Park, NC, USA.
 8. Mechanisms and consequences of chromosome mis-segregation and aneuploidy. *Virginia Tech High Performance Computing & Bioinformatics Research Day.* April 11, **2014**, Blacksburg, VA, USA.
 9. Mechanisms and effects of chromosome mis-segregation and aneuploidy. *108th Internat. Titisee Conference on "Causes and consequences of aneuploidy."* October 23-27, **2013**, Titisee, Germany.
 10. Mechanisms and effects of karyotype alterations. *Symposium on "Meiosis and chromosome segregation – a mammalian perspective."* August 28-31, **2013**, Stockholm, Sweden.
 11. Defining the kinetochore mechanical properties important for regulation of mitotic chromosome dynamics in PtK1 cells. *International Conference on Computational Cell Biology.* August 14-16, **2013**, Blacksburg, VA, USA.
 12. Effects of aneuploidy on chromosome segregation and cellular phenotype. *SIMA Workshop on "Chromosome Instability: Mechanisms and Health Effects."* July 3-4, **2013**, Padova, Italy.
 13. Aneuploidy as a cause of chromosome mis-segregation. *CNIO Frontiers Meeting (CFM): Chromosome instability and aneuploidy in cancer: from mechanisms to therapeutics.* May 27-29, **2013**, Madrid, Spain.
 14. Investigating the mechanical properties of the kinetochore by combining laser microsurgery and confocal microscopy. *Dynamic Kinetochore Workshop.* May 15-18, **2013**, Porto, Portugal.
 15. The effects of aneuploidy on chromosome segregation. *Special Interest Subgroup meeting on "Aneuploidy: causes and consequences", ASCB Annual Meeting.* December 15, **2012**, San Francisco, CA, USA.
 16. Aneuploidy causes chromosome mis-segregation and karyotype-dependent phenotypes. *FASEB Science Research Conference on "Mitosis: Spindle Assembly and Function."* August 5-10, **2012**, Steamboat Springs, CO, USA.
 17. The role of chromatin bridges in the origin of aneuploidy. *MEXT International Workshop "Mitosis: Cell Proliferation Control."* November 8, **2010**, Tokyo, Japan.
 18. Effects of mitotic spindle geometry on kinetochore attachment and chromosome segregation. *MEXT Priority Research Project "Cell Proliferation Control" International Symposium on Cell Cycle and Cell Differentiation from A to Z.* November 4-6, **2010**, Nagoya city, Japan.
 19. Mechanisms of chromosome mis-segregation in cancer cells. *10th International Conference on Environmental Mutagens.* August 20-25, **2009**, Florence, Italy.
 20. Mechanisms of chromosome mis-segregation and aneuploidy in cancer cells. *17th International Chromosome Conference.* June 23-26, **2009**, Boone, NC, USA.
 21. Chromosome segregation and kinetochore-microtubule alliance. *"Mitosis: Spindle Assembly and Function" FASEB summer research conference.* June 9-14, **2007**, Indian Wells, CA, USA.
 22. Role of mitotic spindle mechanics in preventing mis-segregation of mis-attached chromosomes. *"Chromosome Dynamics" Gordon conference.* July 31-August 5, **2005**, Colby-Sawyer College, New London, NH, USA.
 23. Role of mitotic spindle mechanics in preventing mis-segregation of merotelically-oriented chromosomes. *Special Interest Subgroup Meeting on "Mitotic Spindle Morphogenesis and Chromosome Movement", ASCB Annual Meeting.* December 4, **2004**, Washington, DC, USA.
 24. Merotelic kinetochore orientation and chromosome mis-segregation in mammalian tissue cells. *Special Interest Subgroup meeting on "Mitotic Defects in Cancer Cells", ASCB Annual Meeting.*

December 14, **2002**, San Francisco, CA, USA.

25. Cellular mechanisms of aneuploidy induction in mammalian cells. *Young Scientist Award Lecture, 31st EEMS Meeting*. September 1-5, **2001**, Ghent, Belgium.

Conference talks selected from abstracts (not including talks presented by lab members)

1. Investigating the mechanical properties of the kinetochore by combining laser microsurgery and confocal microscopy. *13th HFSP Awardees Meeting*. July 7-10, **2013**, Strasbourg, France.
2. The countless fates of a chromatin bridge. *EMBO Workshop on Chromosome Segregation and Aneuploidy*. June 19-23, **2010**, Edinburgh, UK.
3. Role of mitotic spindle mechanics in promoting accurate segregation of mis-oriented chromosomes. *6th International Workshop on "Chromosome segregation and aneuploidy."* September 18-22, **2004**, Cortona, Italy.
4. Prolonging metaphase decreases kinetochore merotelic orientations. *5th International Workshop on "Chromosome segregation and aneuploidy."* July 7-11, **2001**, Chartres, France.
5. Merotelic attachment of single kinetochores to microtubules from opposite poles is not detected by the mitotic spindle checkpoint and induces chromosome loss during mitosis. *ASCB Annual Meeting*. December 9-13, **2000**, San Francisco, CA, USA.
6. Induction of aneuploidy in human cells: influence of the mitotic checkpoint. *7th S.I.M.A. Annual Meeting*. October 6-8, **1999**, Cortona, Italy.
7. Chromosome loss occurs in anaphase after release from a mitotic block. *1st F.I.S.V. Meeting*. October 2-6, **1999**, Riva del Garda, Italy.
8. Evaluation of chromosome mis-segregation in anaphases and binucleate cells. *Joint A.G.I.-S.I.M.A. Meeting*. September 23-26, **1997**, Orvieto, Italy.

Honors and Awards

Virginia Tech Scholar of the Week, *October 17-21, 2016*

Recognized through the Virginia Tech National Distinction Program, *2016*

Department of Biological Sciences Outstanding Research Award, *2016*

The Triangle Cytoskeleton Meeting Keynote Speaker, *2014*

Department of Biological Sciences Outstanding Research Award, *2010*

Biography included in "Who's Who in Science and Engineering," *2008*

Cell Dance Festival Award, American Society for Cell Biology, *2005*

Honorable Mention, Olympus BioScapes Digital Imaging Competition, *2005*

Postdoctoral Award for Research Excellence, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, *2003*

Young Scientist Award, European Environmental Mutagen Society, *2001*

Graduate Student Full Scholarship, Univ. of Rome "La Sapienza," *Nov 1997 – Oct 2000*

Best Poster Award, European Environmental Mutagen Society, *1996*

Three-year Full Scholarship for top three Specialty School of Applied Genetics applicants, *Nov 1994*

Declined due to incompatibility with previously awarded fellowship

Grants and Fellowships

Extramural funding

National Science Foundation REU supplement, *June 12 – July 7, 2017*

P.I.: Daniela Cimini. \$1,600

American Society for Cell Biology Grant, *Sept 1 – Dec 31, 2016*

Project title: Cell Division in Health and Disease

P.I.: Daniela Cimini. \$1,000

National Science Foundation Grant, *July 2015 – June 2018*

Project title: Dissecting the interplay between forces and dynamics of the mitotic apparatus and kinetochore attachments.

P.I.: Daniela Cimini. \$577,691

Human Frontier Science Program Grant, *Nov 2010 – Oct 2014*

Project title: Molecular architecture and mechanical properties of the kinetochore: a biophysical approach. \$1,050,000, equally distributed between the Cimini, Gregan (University of Vienna) and Tolic-Norrelykke (Max Plank Institute, Dresden) labs

National Science Foundation Training Grant (IGERT), *July 2010 – June 2017*

Project title: Multi-Scale Transport in Environmental and Physiological Systems (MultiSTEPS)

P.I.: Mark Stremler; Co-P.I.s: Rafael Davalos, Shane Ross, David Schmale (since 2014), Daniela Cimini (since 2014). \$3,000,000

National Science Foundation Grant, *June 2009 – Sept 2013*

Project title: Experimental and computational analysis of merotelic kinetochore formation, dynamics, and correction. P.I.: Daniela Cimini; Co-P.I.: Esma-Gul Civelekoglu-Scholey. \$943,737 (\$852,537 to Cimini lab)

Thomas F. Jeffress and Kate Miller Jeffress Memorial Trust Grant, *Jan 2007 – Dec 2009*

Project title: Live cell analysis of chromosome instability in colorectal cancer cells.

P.I.: Daniela Cimini. \$45,000

Research Fellowship, Italian Federation for Cancer Research, *Jan – Dec 2001*

Project title: Mitotic checkpoint, aneuploidy, and neoplastic transformation

£25,000,000 (~\$12,500)

Research Fellowship, Italian National Research Council, *Dec 1994 – Nov 1996*

Project title: The detection and evaluation of aneugenic chemicals

£32,000,000 (~\$16,000)

Intramural funding

ICTAS Center for Engineered Health Seed Grant, *Dec 2017 – June 2018*

Project title: Extra chromosomes as drivers of tumorigenesis and adaptation to microenvironment perturbations. P.I.: Daniela Cimini; Co-P.I.s: Eva Schmelz and Scott Verbridge. \$15,000

Dean's Discovery Fund, *July 2017 – June 2018*

Project title: Tetraploidy as a driver of tumor evolution. P.I.: Daniela Cimini. \$20,000

ICTAS Center for Engineered Health Seed Grant, *Jan – June 2017*

Project title: Interplay between microenvironment, chromosomal instability, and tumor chemotherapy response. P.I.: Daniela Cimini; Co-P.I.: Scott Verbridge. \$15,000

ICTAS Center for Engineered Health Seed Grant, *Jan – June 2017*

Project title: Microenvironment peritoneal cavity: importance of biomechanics cues. P.I.: Eva Schmelz; Co-P.I.s: Daniela Cimini and Rafael Davalos. \$15,000

Fralin Cancer Biology Focus Group Seed Grant, *Apr – May 2013*

Project title: Mechanisms of micronucleus formation in mouse ovarian surface epithelial (MOSE) cells. P.I.s: Daniela Cimini and Eva Schmelz. \$3,000

Fralin Cancer Biology Focus Group Seed Grant, *Mar – May 2012*

Project title: Lagging chromosomes and micronuclei formation in ovarian cancer progression.

P.I.s: Daniela Cimini and Eva Schmelz. \$5,000

Mentoring and Advising

Graduate Students Mentored

Alyssa Osimani, PhD student, June 2015 – present.

Ellen Garcia, PhD student, May 2015 – present. Awards: Graduate Student Association (GSA) travel award, 2016; Tox21 award from the American Society for Cellular and Computational Toxicology, 2016; best poster award, VT-BI symposium, 2016; Edward Carney Predictive Toxicology Poster Award from the American Society for Cellular and Computational Toxicology, 2017; GSA travel award, 2017.

Nico Baudoin, PhD student, May 2014 – present. Awards: GSA travel award, 2016; ASCB travel award, 2016; GSA travel award, 2017; selected for oral presentation at ASCB annual meeting 2017.

Samuel Rutledge, MS, June 2015.

Joshua Nicholson, PhD, May 2015. Awards: 3rd place poster award at 2012 ILSB (Integrated Life Sciences Building) research symposium; GRDA fellowship (for merit), spring 2013; best poster award in MCB category at 10th departmental research day, 2013; runner-up for round-table “Make a difference” award, 2013; best oral presentation at 11th departmental research day, 2014; COS Outstanding Doctoral Student, 2014. Started publishing company while completing PhD in Biol. Sci. and subsequently joined the company full time.

Bin He, PhD, April 2015. Awards: American Society for Cell Biology “Cell Dance” contest, outreach category winner, 2011; best poster in MCB Biology category at 9th departmental research day, 2012; 1st place poster award at 2012 ILSB (Integrated Life Sciences Building) research symposium; 3rd place poster award at 2013 ILSB research symposium; GRDA fellowship (for merit), spring 2015. Enrolled in Computer Science M.S. program while pursuing PhD in Biological Sciences. Currently working as Software Development Engineer for Zillow.

William Silkworth, PhD, June 2012. Awards: 1st poster prize at 7th departmental research day, 2010; “2010” graduate scholarship (for merit), 2010/11; Robert and Marion Patterson scholarship, 2010/11; Best oral presentation at 8th departmental research day, 2011; College of Science Roundtable award finalist, spring 2011; “2010” graduate scholarship (for merit), fall 2011. Currently, postdoc at UCLA.

Muyao Shen, MS, May 2011.

Graduate Advisory Committees

Temple Douglas, Biomedical Engineering/MultiSTEPS, 2017 – present

Ben Heithoff, Biological Sciences, 2017 – present

Reem Masri, Entomology, 2017 – present

Jeffrey McGuire, Mechanical Engineering, 2016 – present

Daniel Sweeney, Biomedical Engineering/MultiSTEPS, 2016 – present

Anastasia Naumenko, Entomology, 2015 – 2017

Nick Kinney, GBCB, 2013 – 2016

Katherine Prokop, Biomedical Engineering and Sciences, 2013

Kevin Sheets, Biomedical Engineering, 2012 – 2014

Sean Mury, Microbiology/Biological Sciences, 2010 – present

Nimisha Khanduja, CDB/Biological Sciences, 2009 – 2013

Priscilla Krai, Biochemistry, 2009 – 2013

Zhanghan Wu, GBCB, 2009 – 2011

Sihui Zhang, CDB/Biological Sciences, 2008 – 2013

Tracy James, CDB/Biological Sciences, 2008 – 2012

Phillip George, Entomology, 2008 – 2014

Sarah Learman, Biological Sciences, 2008

Undergraduate Students Mentored

Name	Period of research training	Current position (if known)
Danielle Foutz	Spring 2018 – present	
Rameen Hashmi	Fall 2017 – present	
Ulen Batzul ¹¹	Fall 2017 – present	
Lowrey Peyton	Fall 2017	
Kasey Chiuchiolo	Spring 2017 – present	
Annmarie Taheny	Fall 2016 – present	
Joseph Roesch	Summer 2016 – Summer 2017	
Olga Sharakhova	Summer 2016 – Summer 2017	Research Assistant
Adam Smith	Summer 2016 – Summer 2017	
Mary Rose Lunde ¹⁰	Fall 2016 – Spring 2017	
Conor Kelly	Fall 2015 – Summer 2016	
Kimberly Soto ⁹	Spring 2015 – Summer 2016	Research Assistant at WRAIR
Sarah Mount ⁸	Fall 2014 – present	Intern at ATCC
Alex Winemiller	Summer 2014 – Spring 2016	Research Assistant at VTCRI
Heather Bomberger	Fall 2013 – 2016	PhD student at Univ. of Minnesota
Zachary Jenkins	Fall 2013 – Fall 2014	
Stefanie Karangelen	Spring 2013 – Fall 2013	
Samuel Rutledge	Summer 2012 – Fall 2012	Freelance editor
Clay Johnson	Summer 2012 – Fall 2013	Vet school, Virginia Tech
Nisha Gnawali	Fall 2012 – Spring 2013	MHA at VCU (starting fall 2016)
Albert Hinman ⁷	Fall 2011 – June 2015	PhD student at Stanford University
Aaron Mattingly ⁶	Fall 2010 – Spring 2013	PhD student at UCSF
Apoorva Mishra ⁵	Fall 2010 – Spring 2013	PhD student at Univ. of Moscow
Katherine Geroe	Summer 2010 – Spring 2011	MS student at U. Pittsburg
Brooke Wehausen ⁴	Spring 2010 – Spring 2011	Medical student
Natalie Hisdahl ³	Fall 2009 – Spring 2011	
Anthony Asmar	Spring 2009 – Spring 2010	PhD student at ODU
Nicole Robertson	Spring 2008 – Spring 2009	
Lindsey Scholl	Summer 2008	Medical assistant
Isaac Nardi ²	Spring 2008 – Summer 2010	PhD student at UVA
Kelley Miller ¹	Fall 2007 – Spring 2010	PharmD
Derrick Brown	Spring 2007 – Spring 2008	High school science teacher
Anton Dawson	Fall 2006 – Spring 2008	Technology Transfer Liaison for HJF
Jamie Squibbs	Fall 2006 – Spring 2008	

¹Departmental undergraduate research award, fall 2009²Fralin Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship, 2008 and 2009; ACC research fellowship, 2010; departmental outstanding senior researcher award, 2010³Departmental undergraduate research award, fall 2010⁴Fralin Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship, 2010⁵Fralin Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship, 2012⁶Departmental outstanding senior researcher award, 2013⁷Departmental undergraduate research award, spring 2013; Fralin Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship, 2013; Phi Sigma undergraduate research award, fall 2013; IMSD scholar, 2013-15; Arthur Buikema and M. Alison Galway Outstanding Senior Award, 2015⁸Departmental undergraduate research award, spring 2016⁹IMSD scholar, Feb 2015 – Aug 2016; Fralin Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship, 2015¹⁰IMSD scholar, Sept 2016 – Spring 2017¹¹IMSD scholar, Sept 2017 – present**Honors Thesis Committees**

Maureen Farrell, Biological Sciences, 2012

External PhD examiner

Lilian Kabeche, Dartmouth College, *PhD* 2013

Chanelle Case, George Washington University, *PhD* 2012

Postdocs Mentored

Emanuele Roscioli, *May 2011 – October 2014*

Other mentoring activities

Gary Fortenberry. Student from Virginia Tech Bridge to Baccalaureate program, summer 2017.

Tiffany Hunter. High School teacher in RET program on “Biomechanics from molecular to organismal scales,” summer 2017.

Isabel Quintanilla. Visiting scholar (PhD student) from Hospital Clinic, Barcelona, Spain, April – December 2015.

Cynthia Alms. MAOP summer student; summer 2015.

Courtney Kantzler. Volunteer (as post-bac), summer 2014 and (as medical student) summer/fall 2017.

Cedric Revell. MAOP summer student; summer 2014.

Kevin Hughes. VT-PREP student; August 2013 – June 2014. Currently in PhD program at Yale Univ.

Nisha Gnawali. MAOP summer student; summer 2012.

Rossella Buonsante. Visiting scholar (PhD student) from University “Roma Tre”, Rome, Italy, February – August 2012.

Snider Desir. VT-PREP student; August 2011 – July 2012. Currently in PhD program student at Univ. of Minnesota.

Alyssa Osimani. MAOP summer student; summer 2011. Currently in PhD program at Virginia Tech.

Erica Arroyo. VT-PREP student; August 2010 – July 2011. Currently in PhD program at UCLA.

Alyssa Osimani. High school student involved in a research project in the Cimini lab during spring 2010. Participated to the regional science fair and was awarded first prize for her sub-discipline. Currently in PhD program at Virginia Tech.

Judit Pampalona. Visiting scholar (PhD student) from Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Bellaterra, Spain, January – July, 2009.

Teaching

Cancer Biology (BIOL 4874, 3 credits)

Dept. of Biological Sciences, Virginia Tech, *spring 2012* (112 students), *spring 2014* (98 students), *spring 2016* (77 students), *spring 2018* (81 students).

Interdisciplinary Research Engineering-Biology Interface (GRAD 5134)

Virginia Tech, *fall 2013* (7 students)

Cytogenetics (BIOL 4854/5854G, 3 credits)

Dept. of Biological Sciences, Virginia Tech, *spring 2008* (4 students), *fall 2009* (18 students), *every fall 2011 – present* (27, 23, 21, 19, 14, 10, 14 students)

Cell and Molecular Biology (BIOL 2104, 3 credits)

Dept. of Biological Sciences, Virginia Tech, *fall 2006* (121 students), *fall 2007* (110 students), *fall 2008* (128 students), *spring 2010* (52 students)

Fluorescence in Situ Hybridization Workshop (co-instructor and co-organizer)

Graduate Program in Genetics and Mol. Biol., University of Rome “La Sapienza,” Rome, Italy, *June 1998*

Lectures on “Aneuploidy”

Specialty School of Applied Genetics, University of Rome “La Sapienza,” Rome, Italy, 1997

Cytogenetics Laboratory

Undergraduate School of Biology, University “RomaTre,” Rome, Italy, 1996

University Service

College of Science P&T committee, 2017/18

PREP - IMSD program advisory committee, 2017 – present

BIOTRANS graduate program rotation coordinator, 2017/18

Graduate commencement, Marshall with regalia, 2017

Departmental research day oral presentation judge, 2017

Future Faculty Program host, 2017, 2018

Work-in-progress seminar series co-organizer, fall 2016 – present

Departmental leadership taskforce, fall 2016

Microbiome Systems Biology faculty search committee member, 2016/17

Mentor to Biological Sciences junior faculty Silke Hauf (since 2014), Shihoko Kojima (since 2015), and Jing Chen (since 2016)

Department of Biological Sciences Molecular Cell Biology faculty search committee chair, 2012/13 and 2013/14

MultiSTEPS graduate program executive committee member, 2012 – 2015

Department of Biological Sciences graduate review committee member, 2011 – present

Department of Biological Sciences undergraduate curriculum revision committee member, 2011 – 2013

Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship (SURF) application reviewer, 2011, 2015

Department of Biological Sciences CDB seminar series coordinator, every spring 2009 – 2011

Department of Biological Sciences executive/personnel committee member, 2008/09, 2014/15, 2015/16, 2017/18

Virginia Tech Postdoctoral Association faculty advisor, 2008 – 2014

Departmental commencement participant, 2007 – 2014, 2016

Departmental research day poster judge, 2007 – 2010, 2012, 2013, 2015, 2018

Cell and Developmental Biology graduate program university representative, 2007 – 2012

Department of Biological Sciences graduate selection committee member, 2006/07, 2007/08, 2009/10

Department of Biological Sciences curriculum committee member, 2006 – 2012, 2015 – 2016

Professional Service

Leader of “Aneuploidy” Science Discussion Table – ASCB annual meeting, San Diego, CA, December 12-16, 2015.

ASCB annual meeting working group for selection of oral presentations from abstracts submitted in the area of “Cell cycle, cell division, and cell death,” 2015.

Guest editor for a special issue of Chromosome Research on “Centrosomes and Chromosome Stability,” 2015-16.

Co-organizer and co-chair: special interest subgroup meeting on “Mechanics and Dynamics of Mitosis” – ASCB meeting, New Orleans, LA, December 14, 2013.

Outside reviewer for academic promotion cases: February 2014; September 2014; November 2014, August 2016, April 2017, October 2017.

Organizer and chair: special interest subgroup meeting on “Aneuploidy: causes and consequences” – ASCB meeting, San Francisco, CA, December 15, 2012.

Session chair: Commonwealth of Virginia Cancer Research Conference, University of Virginia, Sept 22-23, 2017; Mid-Atlantic Mitosis Meeting (M³) “from Kinetochores to Cancer,” Bethesda, MD, May 1-2, 2017; Third conference on “Aneuploidy and cancer: clinical and experimental aspects,” Berkeley, CA, Jan 26-29, 2017; Forbeck Annual Forum on “Chromosomal Instability and Aneuploidy,” Hilton Head Island, SC, Nov 10-13, 2016; Minisymposia on “Chromosome Segregation” and “Centrosomes and Spindles,” ASCB annual meeting, San Diego, Dec 12-16, 2015; FASEB workshop “Mitosis: Spindle Assembly and Function,” Steamboat Springs, CO, Aug 5-10, 2012; EMBO workshop “Chromosome Segregation and Aneuploidy,” Edinburgh, June 19-23, 2010; MEXT International Workshop “Mitosis: Cell Proliferation Control,” Tokyo, Nov 8, 2010.

Editorial boards: The Journal of Cell Biology, January 2017 – present
 Oncotarget – Chromosome section, April 2015 – present
 PLoS ONE, January 2010 – present

Grant review panels: Internal VT competition for 2018-2019 CHRB Grants; NSF – MCB review panel, 2017; NSF – MCB review panel, 2016; Institute for Critical Technology and Applied Sciences (Virginia Tech) Junior Faculty Collaborative BioMed/Health, 2014; NSF – MCB review panel, 2009

Ad-hoc grant proposal reviewer:

- 2018 KWF Kankerbestrijding (Dutch Cancer Society), 1 proposal
NSF, 1 proposal
- 2017 Wellcome Trust, 1 proposal
UK Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council, 2 proposals
- 2016 Human Frontiers Science Program, 1 proposal
UK Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council, 1 proposal
UK Medical Research Council, 1 proposals
- 2015 The Netherlands Organisation for Health Research and Development (ZonMw), 1 proposal
UK Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council, 1 proposal
- 2014 UK Medical Research Council, 1 proposal
- 2013 Collaborative Research Grants for Children’s National Medical Center, George Washington University, and Virginia Tech Faculty, 2 proposals
- 2012 The Netherlands Organisation for Health Research and Development (ZonMw), 1 proposal
Wittgenstein Award, Austrian Science Fund, 1 nomination
- 2010 NSF Division of Molecular and Cellular Biosciences, 4 proposal
Research Committee of the University of Crete, 2 proposals
Singapore National Medical Research Council, 1 proposal

Ad-hoc manuscript reviewer for: Cell; Cell Reports; Nature; Nature Cell Biology; PNAS; Science; and others, including: Basic & Clinical Pharmacology & Toxicology; BBA-Reviews on Cancer; Biology; Blood; Cancer Research; Cell Cycle; Cellular and Molecular Life Sciences; Cell Motility and the Cytoskeleton; Current Biology; Cytogenetics and Genome Research; Environmental and Molecular Mutagenesis; eLife; Epigenomics; Genes, Chromosomes and Cancer; Human Molecular Genetics; International Journal of Cancer; Molecular Biology of the Cell; Mutation Research; Nature Communications; Oncogene; Oncotarget; PLoS Biology; PLoS ONE; Science Signaling; Scientific Reports; Stress; The Journal of Cell Biology; Toxicological Sciences; Trends in Cell Biology

Public Outreach

Mentoring session on P&T for Neuroscience Assistant Professor School, Spring 2018

Mentoring session on P&T for Biological Sciences junior faculty, Spring 2018

The Cimini Lab set up a permanent exhibit, designed to teach students (grades 1-8) about cell division through the use of microscopes and videos, at the Blacksburg SEEDS Nature Center, Summer 2017.

The Cimini Lab was selected in the CellDance competition of the American Society for Cell Biology to create the video "Cell division: live & up close" (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rd9gMbtnaZ8>), December 2016.

The Cimini Lab presented the "It's a Small World!" exhibit at the Virginia Tech MOSS Art Center for the Virginia Science Festival, September 26, 2015 and at Kids Tech University, February 27, 2016.

Interview for local evening news on WSLS10, July 24, 2015.

Speaker at the International panel of the "Entering mentoring" workshop. Virginia Tech, March 6, 2015.

Developed outreach activity "Cells alive! - How one cell becomes two, four, many" to teach children about cell division using videos and displayed at the SEEDS – Blacksburg Nature Center for the Virginia Science festival. October 4, 2014.

Co-author of poster on "Graduate and Faculty Community: 'Strategies for Effective Interactions' Sessions" presented at the Advancing Diversity at Virginia Tech Workshop, January 14, 2014.

Provided information and images to Dr. Robert Weinberg for second edition of the textbook "The biology of cancer." 2012/13.

Speaker/facilitator for Biology Graduate Student Sessions on "Strategies for effective interaction." December 3 and 10, 2012; November 14, 2014; April 6, 2016; October 23, 2017.

AdvanceVT Graduate Student Lunch Seminar "Tips for Pursuing Postdoctoral Positions." October 17, 2011.

Panel speaker at the "Virginia Tech Future Faculty Program" discussion on "Getting off to a good start." January 12, 2011.

Research mentor for high school student (Alyssa Osimani). Academic year 2009-2010.

Presentation on "Chromosome missegregation and aneuploidy in cancer cells" to representatives of the Virginia Breast Cancer Foundation. October 30, 2009.

Organizer of VTPA seminar series and speaker for seminar on "Making the most out of your postdoc: the steps that will take you from your postdoc to the job market." October 17, 2008.

Panel speaker at the AdvanceVT graduate student seminar on "Your first year as a professor." March 17, 2008.

Contributor for the image and video library of the American Society for Cell Biology, 2006.