The SSP Research Retreat took place at the Terranea Beach Resort in Rancho Palos Verdes, CA on January 4th and 5th. The retreat was attended by SSP faculty and a select group of students representative of programs in the School to discuss “Celebrating our Differences.” Keynote speaker Dr. Shawn Harper, Executive Director from the USC Equity and Race Center, gave an excellent presentation on the challenges of diversity and equity in higher education and how to advance the School’s recruiting efforts to increase diversity both in the student and faculty populations. The retreat also hosted several faculty presentations that exemplified cross-collaborations at the School of Pharmacy. Finally, the retreat included several break-out sessions that addressed “Promoting Diversity and Inclusion in Research and Scholarship” and “Translating Research Discoveries/Innovations into the Health system to benefit patient care.”

SOP Graduate Students defended their PhD dissertations in December of 2017:

Tao Bi (MPFT Program, Dr. Julio Camarero, advisor) defended his doctoral dissertation last month titled, “Using the Cyclotide Scaffold to Target Intracellular Protein-Protein Interaction.” During his doctoral career Dr. Bi published one first-author publication titled, “in-cell production of a genetically-encoded library based on the Theta-def ensing RTD-1 using a bacterial expression system” and he co-authored two additional publications. We congratulate Dr. Tao Bi as he proceeds to the next level of his career as a scientist!

Grant Dagl iyan (BHSC Program, Reg Sci, Dr. Francois Richardson, advisor) defended his doctoral dissertation titled, “Implementation of Good Manufacturing Practice Regulations for Position Emission Tomography Radiopharmaceuticals: Challenges and Opportunities Perceived by Imaging Thought Leaders.” During his graduate career Dr. Dagl iyan was a co-author on five publications. Dr. Dagl iyan is currently Associate Director for the USC Molecular Imaging Center. Congratulations Dr. Dagl iyan!

Dr. Tao Bi

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