

PhD Student Feature

Ohimai Unoje



School of Medicine Biological Chemistry student, Ohimai Unoje, started his PhD program in Fall 2011. Now in his fifth year, Mr. Unoje, or Ohi as he prefers to be called, works in the lab of Dr. Haoping Liu where he studies the effects of biological stresses on the morphology of the fungus *Candida albicans*. He presented his poster at the 13th American Society of Microbiology Candida and Candidiasis Conference in Seattle, Washington held April 16, 2016. The poster is entitled, "A mechanism for stress regulation of hyphal initiation".

Ohi was recently awarded the Svetlana Bershadsky Graduate Student Community Award given to students

involved in improving graduate student life at UCI. His commitment and dedication as a student liaison with the GPS-Biomed Peer Career Groups initiative was recognized. The NIH sponsored GPS-Biomed program at UCI supports programs for students to explore career opportunities post graduate study.

Ohi's work with the UCI School of Medicine Graduate Council is also notable. As one of the initiators of the student led council, he continues to collaborate with fellow students, faculty, and staff to develop programs that address the needs of the SOM graduate students.

Congratulations Ohi!