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NEWS OF INTEREST



Deborah Cory-Slechta, PhD

The ABC News investigative segment, “*Paraquat under probe*” features one of our faculty members, Dr. Deborah Cory-Slechta, as she discusses her research that links exposure to the herbicide Paraquat with Parkinson’s disease. Watch both parts of this fascinating feature.



Sally Thurston, PhD



Marissa Sobolewski Terry, PhD

Major news outlets such as the *US News & World Report*, *ScienceDaily*, and *The Hill* all reported on the major collaborative paper published in *Environmental Health Perspectives* discussing the link between prenatal air pollution exposure and reproductive harm. Dr. Sally Thurnston and Dr. Marissa Sobolewski Terry were among the co-authors listed in the long list of collaborators which also includes other researchers from the University of Rochester, Rutgers University, the University of Washington, Mount Sinai, and the University of Minnesota.

[WATCH DEBORAH'S NEWS SEGMENT](#)

Is sustainability on your mind?

While preparing for all the wonderful winter festivities this year, here are some great green tips from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation to help you have a more sustainable holiday season.

GET SOME GREEN TIPS

UPCOMING SEMINARS

A Developmental Neurotoxicity
"Who Done It": Identifying Culprits
in Real World Mixtures

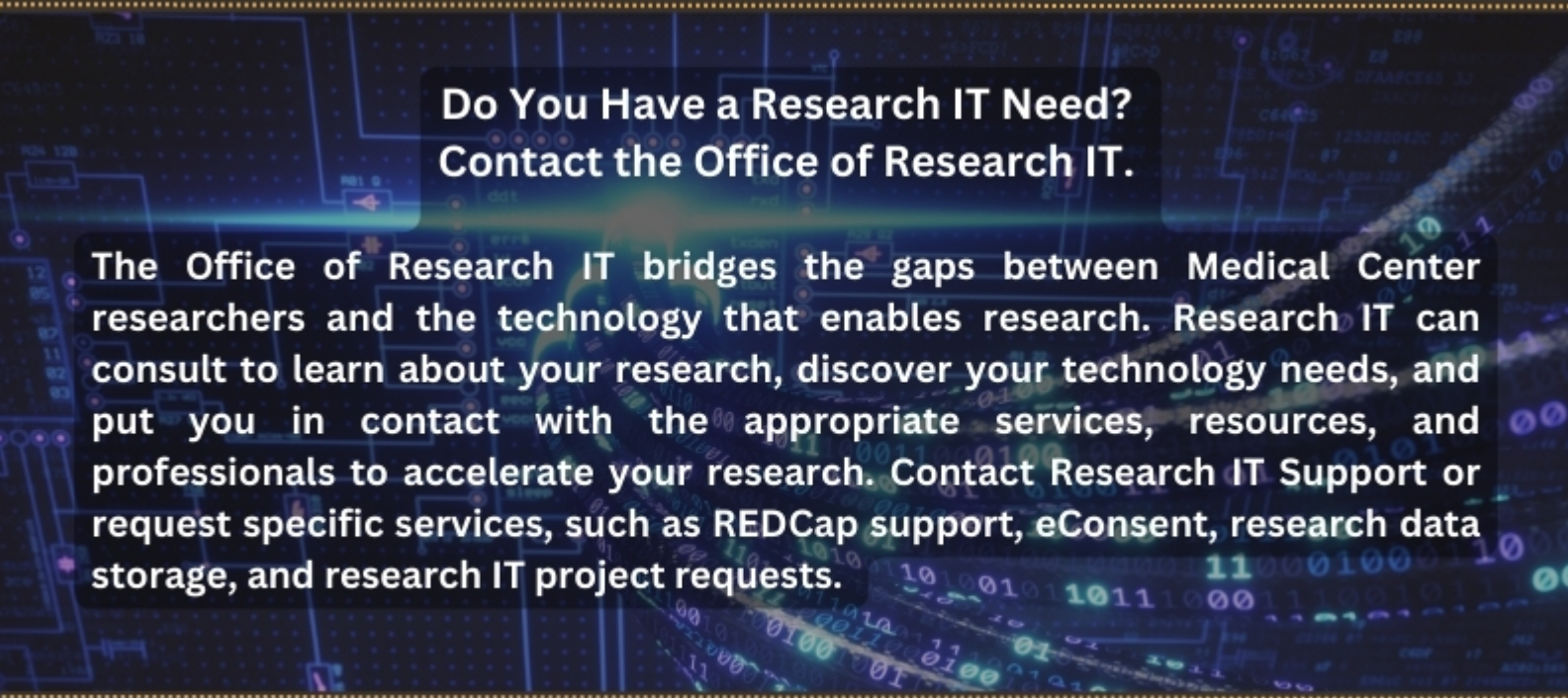
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SPOTLIGHT

CONGRATULATIONS TO ANIA MAJEWSKA AND ELIZABETH PLUNK!



Elizabeth Plunk, a Toxicology student and PhD candidate, and Ania Majewska, a Professor in the Department of Neuroscience, were invited to publish in *Environmental Health Perspectives*.



Invited Perspective: PFAS Effects on Brain Development—Are Microglia the Missing Link?



This article is accompanied
by

EVALUATION OF NEURAL REGULATION AND MICROGLIAL RESPONSES TO BRAIN INJURY IN LARVAL ZEBRAFISH EXPOSED TO PERFLUOROOCTANE SULFONATE.

Authors: Elizabeth C. Plunk and Ania K. Majewska  [AUTHORS INFO & AFFILIATIONS](#)

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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT, AIR QUALITY, AND HEALTH



The Environmental Health Community Advisory Board had its biannual meeting on December 5th, featuring a presentation from Steve Georas, MD, about "Environmental exposures and asthma: lessons from the 2023 Canadian wildfires." He sought feedback from community members on their questions and concerns about how air quality impacts lung health, specifically in vulnerable individuals. Special thanks to the Rochester Museum and Science Center for hosting!

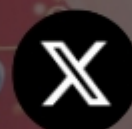
WELL, THAT'S A WRAP!

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