

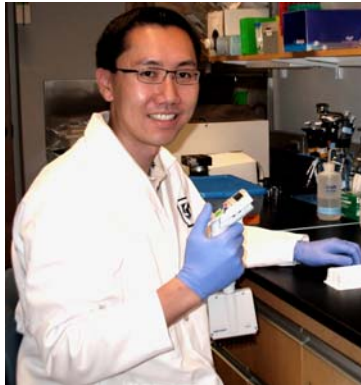
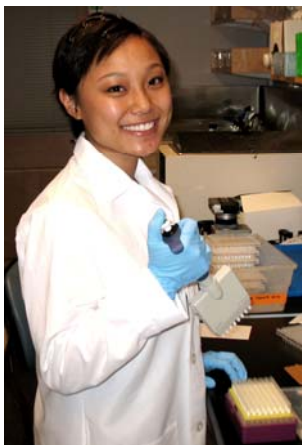


FOCUS on: MARGARET DU AND JASON WONG

PMAGE is excited to welcome two doctoral students, Margaret Du and Jason Wong, who will begin their research this September – or rather, continue it. Jason and Margaret are no strangers to the Program: Jason has been Immaculata DeVivo’s lab manager since 2004, and Margaret received her Masters with us this past June. Read on to discover why we’re so happy they stayed!

Margaret first joined us after completing her BS in Molecular, Cellular and Developmental Biology at the [University of Michigan](#), Ann Arbor in 2007. Here, her research will focus on inflammatory markers and the role of physical activity in the etiology of endometrial cancer.

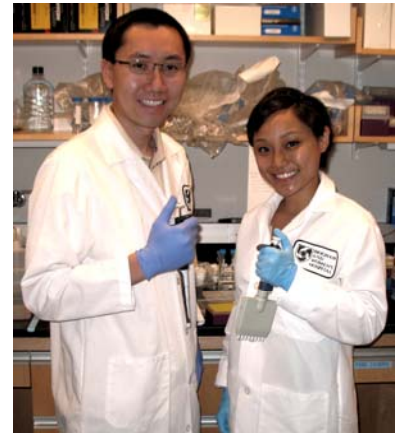
“When I was deciding where to go for my Masters degree, I was looking for a program where I would have an excellent advisor. So Immaculata [De Vivo] was a major driving force behind why I came here. Also, I had heard good things from my professors at the [School of Public Health](#) at U of M. Once I was here, I just loved the Program, faculty, coursework, and interaction with fellow students. I thought it provided a great balance of epidemiological methodology and bench science, so I decided to stay for my doctoral!”



Jason, who is originally from Vancouver, received his BS in Cellular and Molecular Biology from [Simon Fraser University](#) in 2001. He then became a research assistant at the [BC Cancer Agency](#), working on chromosomal translocations in relation to acute myeloid leukemia, before joining the [Immaculata De Vivo molecular epidemiology lab](#) (for which he also designed the website) as its manager in 2004. Since that time he has been investigating genetic susceptibility to endometrial cancer based on SNPs, telomere length and copy number variation.

Jason’s interest in molecular and genetic epidemiology grew from his desire to “merge laboratory work and its translation to help the greater population”. “Everything we do here is very cutting edge. It’s an exciting time, really. We’re only 2 years past the completion of [HapMap](#).

There’s a lot of information there that still needs to be disseminated.”



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