

As many of you may have heard, it is with profound sadness that I share that Dr. Qinglei Li, a faculty member in the VMBS Department of Veterinary Integrative Biosciences, tragically passed away on Monday.

A passionate researcher who trained in the laboratory of Dr. Martin Matzuk, a member of the National Academy of Sciences at Baylor College of Medicine, Dr. Li was a world leader in understanding the role of a protein called Transforming Growth Factor Beta in the development of the male and female reproductive tracts. His studies utilized highly complex, multi-knockout mouse strategies, and his ability to localize proteins to specific cells in reproductive tissues was unsurpassed.

In addition to being an excellent reproductive biologist, Dr. Li was known over the course of his 13 years at the VMBS as an exceptional mentor to graduate students and an invaluable collaborator. His colleagues also have described him as a kind, gracious, collegial, and professional faculty member, and a good friend to many here at Texas A&M University.

He will be greatly missed by all of us in the VMBS.

We are communicating with Dr. Li's family about services and will share more information as it becomes available. As his wife and two children cope with this unthinkable loss, a GoFundMe has been established to support funeral and other upcoming expenses: <https://gofund.me/c607e8af>.

The funeral service for Dr. Li will be Saturday April 13th at 10 am at this address: 4080 Hwy 6, College Station TX, 77845 (Hillier Funeral Homes - College Station).

Sincerely,

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