

Mike Flister, a doctoral candidate at Southern Illinois University School of Medicine in Springfield, has attended the 2010 Lindau Meeting of Nobel Laureates and Students in Lindau, Germany.

The 60-year-old annual conference held from June 27-July 2 featured lectures by the Nobel laureates as well as informal discussions between laureates and students. Flister, a graduate student in medical microbiology, immunology and cell biology, was able to interact with Nobel Prize winners in chemistry, medicine and physics.

Flister was selected for one of 650 spots from a pool of approximately 40,000 international students. This year 75 students were accepted from the U.S.

Flister has been mentored at SIU by Sophia Ran, Ph.D., associate professor of medical microbiology, immunology and cell biology and a member of Simmons Cancer Institute at SIU.

In addition to coauthoring journal articles with Ran, Flister was selected for a competitive three-year predoctoral fellowship funded by the Department of Defense Breast Cancer Research Program. He has won several awards for research including at SIU's Annual Trainee Symposium and the Simmons Cancer Research Symposium. He also was selected to present his work at the American Association for Cancer Research meetings in 2008 and 2009.

Flister will complete his doctorate in August 2010 and will pursue postgraduate work in cardiovascular research at the Medical College of Wisconsin in Milwaukee. He earned his undergraduate degree at Bradley University in Peoria (2005). Flister is the son of Gail Flister and the late John Flister of Antioch.