

**From March 2016 Scholar Spotlight:**

## **ATLANTA SCHOLAR ALUM INVESTIGATING INFECTIOUS RESPIRATORY DISEASES**

Elizabeth Driskell was an ARCS Scholar at the University of Georgia during the 2010-2011 academic year. Dr. Driskell is currently an Assistant Professor in the Department of Pathobiology at the College of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Her research program centers on investigating host-pathogen interactions of infectious respiratory diseases, particularly focusing on host response in influenza virus infections, and applying these findings to improved diagnostic platforms. The respiratory tract responds rapidly with factors that help us fight viral infections. She hopes to better understand these responses and use them to speed up diagnosis. This would help clinicians provide fast, appropriate treatment and aid in prevention of further disease transmission.

She has been awarded USDA Hatch funding multiple years for her work on the development of rapid, field-deployable avian influenza virus subtyping assays with multiplexing capabilities. She is currently the Veterinary Pathology Residency Training Program Coordinator for University of Illinois and is an advisor to the Illinois Student Chapter of the American College of Veterinary Pathologists.

More information on Dr. Driskell's research and publications can be found on her [University of Illinois faculty page](#).



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