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GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

ARL Distinguished Postdoctoral Fellowship

The Army Research Laboratory (ARL) invites exceptional young researchers to apply for an **ARL Distinguished Postdoctoral Fellowship** (www.nas.edu/arl). This fellowship provides recipients the opportunity to pursue independent research while working alongside some of the nation's best scientists and engineers. Read more about eligibility and the fellowship terms and benefits (including an annual stipend of \$100,000) [here](#). **Please note – students must defend their dissertation by May 31 to be eligible to apply.**

UPCOMING EVENTS

Penn Neuroscience Public Lecture Series

Penn Neuroscience graduate students are hosting a public lecture entitled “We can, but should we? Ethical considerations in modern neuroscience,” which will feature three 15-minute TED style talks from Penn neuroscience faculty members Drs. Martha Farah, Anthony Rostain, and Roy Hamilton.

Date & Time: Thursday, April 18th, 6:30pm (Check-in and demos begin at 6pm)

Location: Rubenstein Auditorium, Smilow Center for Translational Research Auditorium, 3400 Civic Center Blvd, Philadelphia, PA, 19104

Check-in and fun neuroscience demonstrations will begin at 6pm, and a reception with snacks and refreshments will follow the talks so that the audience can interact with the scientists. Registration and videos from prior public lectures can be found at <https://upennglia.com/publiclecture>.

THESIS DEFENSES

Apr. 1, 11 AM (Class of '62 Auditorium, John Morgan Building): **Raju Mishra (GCB), “Genetic Insights into Latent Autoimmune Diabetes in Adults.”** Contact [Maureen Kirsch](#).

Apr. 1, 1 PM (Smilow 8-146): **Kim Kridsada (NGG), “Developmental and Signaling Mechanisms of Touch Neurons.”**

Apr. 1, 3 PM (Rubenstein Auditorium, Smilow): **Jessica Grindheim (CAMB), “PRC2 Proteins EZH1 and EZH2 Regulate Timing of Postnatal Hepatocyte Maturation and Fibrosis.”** Contact [Kathy O'Connor-Cooley](#).

Apr. 3, 2 – 3 PM (Austrian Auditorium, CRB): **Michael Peel (CAMB): Identification and Functional Characterization of Novel Determinants of the Somatotrope and Lactotrope Lineages in the Anterior Pituitary.”** Contact [Kathy O'Connor-Cooley](#).

PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENTS

CAMB

Apr. 3, 3 – 4 PM (9-104 Smilow): **CAMB Chair Dan Kessler Office Hours.** Contact [Dan Kessler](#).

Apr. 4, 4:30 – 7:00 PM: **G&E Practice Prelims.** Contact [Kathy O'Connor-Cooley](#).

NGG

- Sign up to volunteer for GLIA's spring outreach events [here](#). Reminder that you must have 2 credits of volunteering per year (if you are not an event leader) in order to maintain GLIA membership.

EVENTS THIS WEEK

4/3/19 8:30am – 5:30pm (Smilow Auditorium): MINS Symposium

CAREER DEVELOPMENT

NEW! Contribute to the BGS Career Development Blog

In an effort to spotlight students' professional accomplishments and career-related science writing, BGS is soliciting content for the Career Development Blog. See, for example, the recent post highlighting [Kevin Alicea Torres' \(CAMB\)](#) participation in the Yale Ciencia Academy (YCA) for Career Development, or this post featuring [Samuel Sander Efron's \(CAMB\)](#) insights on the intersection of science and policy. If you are interested in sharing career-related news, accomplishments, writing, or events, contact [Rebecca Lopez](#).

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Apr. 3, 2 – 4 PM (CURF Fireside Lounge, Arch Building 2nd Floor): **Compete in the Graduate Student Center's Pitch Your PhD Competition.** Co-sponsored by Career Services and the Center for Undergraduate Research and Fellowships (CURF). With only 1 slide and 180 seconds, practice your communication and public presentation skills. Two winners will be chosen to attend an inter-Ivy-League competition and reception in New York City on April 25th hosted at the United Nations, and all costs associated with that trip will be covered! More details and register [here](#).

Apr. 6, 10 AM – 1 PM (Perry World House, 3803 Locust Walk): **PSOM Center for Global Health presents the 4th annual, "Career Pathways in Global Health."** Global health is less about geography and more of a lens through which one approaches health care delivery and outcomes in the larger global context. The career paths in this field are as vast as the topic itself. Come learn about the career trajectories and work lives of our featured speakers regarding local and global public health research and practice. Featuring keynote speaker Joan Bensen, MD, MPH - Executive Director, Public Health Partnerships, Merck Vaccines. [RSVP here](#).

FUTURE EVENTS

Apr. 8, 4:30 – 6 PM (Perelman Quad – ARCH Building, Room 108): **Preparing for your First Year as a Faculty Member or Postdoc.** This program, part of Career Services' Academic Job Search Series, is intended to help anyone pursuing an academic career path to better understand ways to succeed in

their first years on the job. The panel discussion will be followed by a Q&A. Find more info on panelists and register via [Handshake](#).

Apr. 16, 4 – 5 PM (Barchi Library, 140 John Morgan Building): **BGS Professional Skills Series: Informational Interviews**. Co-hosted by PGWISE and EE Just. **Dr. Helen Pho, Associate Director of Penn Career Services**, will discuss the types of questions to ask during an informational interview, as well as how to leave a great impression and ensure a mutually beneficial conversation. See the flyer [here](#). Light refreshments will be served! **RSVP today!**

CALENDAR

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RESOURCES

[BGS Career Development Site](#)

[BGS Career Twitter](#)

[BGS Alumni & Current Students LinkedIn](#)

[Penn Career Services - Ph.D./Postdoc Careers Page](#)

[Handshake](#)

STUDENT GROUPS & SOCIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

BGS Improv for Scientists

Do you want to improve your science communication skills? Do you wish you found it easier to ask questions in crowded seminars and at conferences? Do you want to become a more confident networker?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, then you should attend the free BGS improv workshop in April and May. Improv is not stand-up comedy; it is acting without a script. It's about think on one's feet, solving problems as they come, authentic and effective communication, projecting confidence, facilitating team work, and not worrying about making mistakes.

Quick details:

Tuesdays (April 16th - May 13th) 5:30-7:30PM

Room 425 Van Pelt-Dietrich Library Center

Instructor: Sharon Geller (Improv instructor at the Walnut street Theater)

We have limited capacity. If you are interested, please fill out this application form:

<https://forms.gle/BaPNcF64GqChLry77>

If you have question, please contact Yunshu Fan: yunshuf@pennterapeutics.com

Workshop planning committee: Yunshu Fan, Rebecca Somach, Patti Murphy

The Penn Graduate Consulting Club (PGCC) - 6th Annual Case Competition

The Penn Graduate Consulting Club (PGCC) is hosting its 6th annual case competition on **Friday April 26th** at Jon M. Huntsman Hall of The Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania. The case competition is a great opportunity to use your analytical skills to solve a business problem. [Applications](#) are now open. You must apply as a team with 3-5 members. If you do not have a full team, you may list your information in this [sheet](#) and search for other team members. Once you have successfully formed a team, use the application link to apply. The **deadline for applications is Sunday April 14th 11:59 PM EST**. For more information on the case competition, please see our [website](#), and to stay up to date on PGCC events, please subscribe to our [mailing list](#).

Community Impact Fund (Deadline: Rolling)

The Provost's Office has dedicated funds to support graduate student initiatives and activities that build a community of mutual respect and intercultural understanding on campus. In particular, the fund supports graduate student-driven activities that address racial, cultural, or gender-based bias. For more details and to apply, click [here](#).

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Apr. 2, 4 PM (BRB 1412): **"Exploring Career Options for PhDs,"** presented by Career Services and co-sponsored by **Pharm4GOOD** and **BGSA**. Snacks and drinks provided! Flyer [here](#).

Apr. 2, 5:30 PM (Smilow 09-146AB): **BGSA GA Meeting**.

Apr. 3, 12 – 1 PM (Biomedical Library Relaxation Room): **#WellnessWednesday Workshops at the Biomedical Library: Introduction to Mindfulness & Meditation**. To register, visit bit.ly/intromind.

Apr. 3, 12 – 1 PM (Room 305, Graduate Student Center): **Financial Planning Workshop**. Join the Family Center and Graduate Student Center to learn about financial planning and budgeting from a representative from TIAA. Lunch will be provided. Register [here](#).

FUTURE EVENTS

Apr. 7, 1:30 – 4:30 PM (Café 58 – Irvine Auditorium): **I CARE Student Training – Wellness Week**. I CARE is an interactive training that builds a caring community with the skills and resources to intervene in student stress, distress, and crisis. Register [here](#).

RESOURCES

[BGSA Website](#)

[Calendar of BGSA Events](#)

For information about upcoming events or to advertise in next week's bulletin, contact [Rebecca Lopez](#).