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## **GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Shared Call for T32 Nominations: Developmental Biology; Computational Genomics; Cell and Molecular Biology; and Genetics**

The following training grants are soliciting nominations of graduate students for the 2019-2020 academic year through a BGS-managed web-based system. Training grants fund a significant portion of a student's tuition, fees, and stipend. Appointment to a training grant is recognition of academic promise and distinction and, in some cases, provides additional training opportunities or funds for travel to scientific meetings. To be eligible for consideration, a student must be a US citizen or permanent resident (green card holder) and must have received no more than four years of NRSA funding by the time of appointment. Additional criteria for each grant are specified in the [descriptions available here](#).

**Opportunities for students who will have reached dissertation level - May 1 deadline:**

Developmental Biology  
Computational Genomics

**Opportunities for students who are entering year two (or sometimes three) - June 7 deadline:**

Cell and Molecular Biology  
Genetics

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**RCR Workshops 2019**

The RCR workshops for students in their 2nd through 4th year begin **April 15**. All eligible students should have been notified and placed in one of the appropriate workshops on the [attached schedule](#). If you have not or if there are any issues with your schedule, please contact Colleen Dunn immediately at [dunncoll@penncoll.upenn.edu](mailto:dunncoll@penncoll.upenn.edu) or 215-898-2792.

The website for the training can be found here: <https://www.med.upenn.edu/bgs-rcr-exdes/>

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**Seeking Nominations - Annual Department of Cancer Biology Excellence in Teaching Award**

Student nominations are now being accepted for the Annual Department of Cancer Biology Excellence in Teaching Award.

This award is given in recognition of outstanding achievement in teaching graduate, medical, or undergraduate students. Nominations are encouraged for faculty who have demonstrated excellence in didactic teaching, basic and/or clinical research training or other activities that contribute to our increased understanding of cancer and its treatment.

Please find guidelines for the nomination process [here](#). All faculty members within the Penn community are eligible for the award. **Nominations are due April 30<sup>th</sup>**. Please email all nominations in PDF format to Ashley Hughes at [ashughes@upenn.edu](mailto:ashughes@upenn.edu).

The chosen recipient will be presented with the award at the annual Cancer Biology Retreat Cancer Biology Retreat June 26-28, to be held at the Mohonk Mountain House, New Paltz, NY.

## 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. 15, 1 PM (Reunion Auditorium, John Morgan Building): **Elisabet Bjanes (CAMB)**, “**The mitochondrial protein CARD19 regulates membrane integrity and terminal lysis downstream of caspase activation and gasdermin cleavage.**” Contact [Anna Kline](#).

Apr. 16, 1 PM (Room 516, JMEC): **Lindsey Goodman (NGG)**, “**Factors that Mediate Expression of Unique GGGGCC Repeat Expansions in C9ORF72-Associated ALS/FTD.**”

Apr. 17, 3 PM (Smilow 12-146): **Taylor Hughes (PGG)**, “**TRPV5: Structure, Function and Drug Discovery.**” Contact [Sarah Squire](#).

Apr. 19, 2 PM (Class of '62 Auditorium, John Morgan Building): **Katie Siewert (GCB)**, “**Detecting ancient balancing selection: methods and application to humans.**” Contact [Maureen Kirsch](#).

## **PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **CAMB**

Apr. 16, 2 – 3 PM (9-104 Smilow): **CAMB Chair Dan Kessler Office Hours.** Contact [Dan Kessler](#).

Apr. 17, 3 – 5 PM: **CPM Prelim Practice.** Contact [Kathy O'Connor-Cooley](#).

Apr. 18, 12 – 1 PM: **CB Practice Prelim Session.** Contact [Kathy O'Connor-Cooley](#).

Apr. 19, 3 – 6 PM: **CPM Prelim Practice.** Contact [Kathy O'Connor-Cooley](#).

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### **NGG**

## ANNOUNCEMENT

- 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

4/16/19 9-11am (Off campus): Outreach- ESO at St. Gabriels  
4/16/19 1-2pm (JMEC 518)- Lindsey Goodman Thesis Defense  
4/18/19 6:30-8pm (Rubenstein Auditorium, Smilow): Public Lecture  
Title: We can, but should we? Ethical considerations in modern neuroscience

## FUTURE EVENTS

4/22/19 1-2pm (Class of '62 Auditorium): Jennifer Blackwell Thesis Defense  
4/23/19 4-6pm (Irvine Auditorium): Models of Excellence Award Ceremony and Reception  
4/22, 4/24, 4/25 12-1pm: 3+, 2nd, and 1st year meetings with Josh  
4/25 5:30-6:30pm (Barchi): Chalk talk ft. Solymar Rolon  
4/27 12-4pm (Clark Park): Philly Science Festival

# CAREER DEVELOPMENT

## BGSA & BGS Present, "Beyond the Bench: Alumni Networking Happy Hour"

Are you interested in learning more about how you can apply your Ph.D. training to careers beyond the bench? BGSA and BGS are hosting a mixer event so that you can interact with former BGS trainees who have gone on to be successful in alternate careers! Join us for drinks, food, and great conversation with our alums. RSVP to secure your spot in this event!

**Friday, April 26, 2019, 4:00 – 6:00 PM**  
**Jordan Medical Education Center Lobby**

More details and alumni information [here](#). Please note that registration will be closed at 50 participants. **There are a few spots left - RSVP today!**  
Email [Rebecca Lopez](mailto:Rebecca.Lopez) for more information, or if you are no longer able to attend.

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## EVENTS THIS WEEK

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!**

## **FUTURE EVENTS**

Apr. 22, 4 – 5:30 PM (ARCH 108, 3601 Locust Walk): **From PhD to Admin: Career Diversity for PhDs.** Are you interested in supporting the mission and goals of academia, but not sure that a faculty position is the right path for you? Join the Grad Center to explore how you can leverage your PhD to continue to support the university in a different capacity. Hear from a diverse panel of experts, drawn from administrative offices and centers all around Penn, on how & why they decided to pursue a career in university administration after completing their own PhDs. Panel discussion followed by Q&A, with time to chat with experts over catered snacks at the end. No registration required.

Apr. 25, 1 – 2 PM (BRB 501): **BGS CTL Workshop: Giving and Receiving Constructive Criticism.** In this workshop with [Dr. Stephen DiNardo](#), attendees will engage in activities and lively discussion to develop 'best practices' for giving and receiving constructive criticism. Come and join to build on valuable communication skills that will serve you throughout your scientific career! RSVP [here](#). Contact [Katerina Placek](#) for more information.

May 7, 10 – 11 AM (BRB 501): **BGS CTL Workshop: Communicating your Science with Confidence.** How can BGS students conquer nervousness to confidently present their work to others? [Dr. Nandita Mitra](#) will lead an engaging workshop to help attendees communicate their science with confidence, focusing on 'tips and tricks' to use for preparation, presentation, and managing feedback when publicly communicating your science. RSVP [here](#). Contact [Katerina Placek](#) for more information.

## **CALENDAR**

[Career Development](#)

## **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**

**2019 SACNAS Mid-Atlantic Regional Meeting – Registration Deadline April 22<sup>nd</sup>**

On **Monday, June 10th**, the Penn SACNAS Chapter will host a day-long event of workshops, talks, poster presentations, and community building open to STEM undergraduate student, graduate student, postdoctoral, and faculty members. Their goal is to celebrate the power of diversity in STEM.

#### **SUBMIT AN ABSTRACT:**

Prizes will be given to top three Best Poster winners: 1st place: \$250 gift card, 2nd place: \$150 gift card, 3rd place: \$75 gift card, sponsored by Mahoney Institute for Neurosciences (MINS).

#### **Registration Deadline: April 22nd!**

Register at: <https://forms.gle/6UgN8mokCX3zZMUA7> and more details at: <https://www.med.upenn.edu/sacnas/regionalmeeting.html>

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#### **EVENTS THIS WEEK**

Apr. 19, 1 – 2 PM (Penn Museum, 3260 South Street): **Family Center: Penn Museum Trip**. Join the Family Center at Penn for a trip to Penn Museum where your children can learn about archaeology and museum through hands-on activities. The guided session will start at 1pm sharp so please arrive at the entrance of Penn Museum 15 minutes early. All cost will be covered by the Family Center. Please make sure to bring your Penn card with you, pre-registration is mandatory, space is limited. [Please register in advance](#). Subscribe to the Family Center weekly e-mail [here](#).

#### **FUTURE EVENTS**

Apr. 23, 12 PM (ARCH 108, 3601 Locust Walk): **Women and STEM in the Middle East**. Join **MEC (Middle East Center)** and **PGWISE** for a panel discussion featuring: **Dr. Tahani Amer**, Senior Technologist for NASA; **Dr. Firoozeh Kashani-Sabet**, Professor of History at UPenn; **Dr. Golnaz Vahedi**, Assistant Professor of Genetics at Penn Medicine. See flyer [here](#).

Apr. 23, 5 – 6:30 PM (Ben Franklin Room, Houston Hall): **#AcademiaToo: The Impact of Sexual Harassment in the Academy**. Since the rise of the #MeToo movement, communities across the country have begun acknowledging the incredible impact of systemic sexual harassment and academia is no exception. Join the GAPSA Sexual Harassment Reform Committee for a panel discussion where we explore the consequences of sexual harassment and how it intersects with identity and power at the university. [More info here](#).

Apr. 27, 10:30 AM – 12 PM (Family Center Common Room): **Family Center at Penn: Spring Brunch & Play Date**. Join the Family Center to celebrate Earth Week at the last play date of the Spring Semester with a garden craft and a musical activity lead by [Rhythm Babies!](#) Brunch will be provided. [Please register in advance](#). Subscribe to the Family Center weekly e-mail [here](#).

Apr. 30, 5 PM, followed by Reception (231 S. 34<sup>th</sup> St, Chemistry 102): **Sexual Harassment of Women: Climate, Culture, & Consequences in Academic Sciences, Engineering and Medicine**. Leadership in Science Award Lecture with **Dr. Frazier F. Benveniste**, National Academy of Sciences. [More info here](#).

May 1, 2:30 – 3:30 PM (Biomedical Library Relaxation Room): **#WellnessWednesday: Mindfulness & Meditation for End-of-Semester Stress**. During this session, you will be guided through mindful movements, self-applied massage, and meditation. To register, visit [bit.ly/endofsemesterstress](https://bit.ly/endofsemesterstress).

**RESOURCES**

[BGSA Website](#)

[Calendar of BGSA Events](#)

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