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## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **NEW!** 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@penmedicine.upenn.edu](mailto:dunncoll@penmedicine.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.

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### **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](http://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. 9, 11:15 AM (Reunion Auditorium, John Morgan Building): **Miklos Szantai-Kis (BMB)**, “**Development of Thioamides as Protein Probes.**” Contact [Kelli McKenna](#).

Apr. 12, 10 AM (Reunion Auditorium, John Morgan Building): **Annie Chen (CAMB)**, “**Stress and Survival of *Enterobacteriaceae*: Studies of Dehydration Tolerance and Polymyxin Resistance.**” Contact [Anna Kline](#).

Apr. 12, 1:30 PM (Class of '62 Auditorium, John Morgan Building): **Alex Amlie-Wolf (GCB)**, “**Development and Application of Computational Methods for Inferring the Molecular Mechanisms of Noncoding Genetic Variants.**” Contact [Maureen Kirsch](#).

Apr. 12, 3 PM (10-146 Smilow): **Cheyenne Allenby (PGG)**, “**The Effects of Abstinence from Smoking on Stress Reactivity.**” Contact [Sarah Squire](#).

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](#).

# PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **CAMB**

Apr. 8, 4:30 – 7 PM: **G&E Practice Prelims.** Contact [Kathy O'Connor-Cooley](#).

Apr. 9, 4:30 – 7 PM: **G&E Practice Prelims.** Contact [Kathy O'Connor-Cooley](#).

Apr. 10, 4:30 – 7 PM: **G&E Practice Prelims.** Contact [Kathy O'Connor-Cooley](#).

Apr. 11, 12 – 1 PM: **GTV Trainee Seminar: Colby Maldini (Riley lab) and Lucas Van Gorder (Bennett lab) presenting.** Contact [Anna Kline](#).

Apr. 11, 12 – 1 PM (4054 Colket): **CAMB Vice Chair Craig Bassing Office Hours.** Contact [Craig Bassing](#).

Apr. 11, 4:30 – 7 PM: **G&E Practice Prelims.** Contact [Kathy O'Connor-Cooley](#).

Apr. 12, 12 – 1:30 PM: **DSRB Program Lunch: Erin Doody (Poethig lab) and Isabel Sierra (Anguera lab) presenting.** Contact [Christina Strathearn](#).

Apr. 12, 12:15 – 1:30 PM: **CPM Research in Progress Seminar: Danielle Minichino (Behrens lab) and Folasade Sofela (Sehgal Lab) presenting.** Contact [Kathy O'Connor-Cooley](#).

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## NGG

### ANNOUNCEMENT

- **New!** Help us pick a date for the final GLIA meeting of the year! Please fill out this [doodle poll](#) by Friday, April 12.
- **New! Penn is hosting a networking lunch between the Penn biomedical research community and Philadelphia public high school biology teachers in Barchi Library (140 John Morgan Building) on April 12 from 1 to 1:45 p.m.** Come meet teachers face-to-face and make the personal connections that can grow into lasting relationships. Want to set up a one-time visit to a high school class and talk about your career and your research? Want to wow students with a tour of your lab? Have enrichment activities, curricula, ideas, or lab supplies you might be able to offer? Just passionate about your research and excited to geek out about it with an appreciative audience? We'd be thrilled to have you! Lunch will be provided, but we ask that you [RSVP using this form](#)! Capped at 20 spaces. Contact [hshoen@pennmedicine.upenn.edu](mailto:hshoen@pennmedicine.upenn.edu) if you have any questions
- 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

**4/12/19 1-1:45pm (Barchi):** High school teacher networking  
[RSVP using this form](#)

#### FUTURE EVENTS

**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

## CAREER DEVELOPMENT

### **NEW!** 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 [RSVP here](#) – note that registration will be closed at 50 participants.

Email [Rebecca Lopez](#) for more information, or if you are no longer able to attend.

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### **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](#).

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### **EVENTS THIS WEEK**

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. 12, 1:00 – 1:45 p.m. (140 John Morgan Building, 3620 Hamilton Walk): **Networking lunch with high school biology teachers**. Come meet Philadelphia public school teachers face-to-face and hear how you can bring your skills and passion to help Philadelphia's future scientists. The perfect opportunity to set up classroom visits, lab tours, and other enrichment opportunities. Please [RSVP here](#)— registration will be closed at 20 participants. Email Hannah Shoenhard, [hshoen@penncareerdevelopment.upenn.edu](mailto:hshoen@penncareerdevelopment.upenn.edu), for more information.

### **FUTURE EVENTS**

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**

[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

## 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@pennteam.upenn.edu](mailto:yunshuf@pennteam.upenn.edu)

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

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## The Penn Graduate Consulting Club (PGCC) - 6<sup>th</sup> 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](#).

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### **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. Our 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. 9, 12 PM (BRB 253): **SACNAS General Meeting.** Authentic Hispanic food will be served! Details [here](#).

Apr. 9, 5:30 – 7:30 (Irvine G16): **BGS Film Club Screening: “Annihilation: 2018.”** Snacks and drinks will be provided. Email [parisa.samareh@pennteam.upenn.edu](mailto:parisa.samareh@pennteam.upenn.edu) to be added to the listserv or to recommend movies!

Apr. 10, 3 – 4:30 PM (Education Commons TinkerLab): **Education Commons workshop series, “Hands-on with ADAPT.”** Beginning this week, the EC will offer a series of three workshops in collaboration with members of [Penn ADAPT](#) (Assistive Devices and Prosthetic Technologies), a group of talented, enthusiastic Penn students dedicated to designing and creating assistive and rehabilitative devices for people with disabilities. Over the course of the series, ADAPT members will lead participants through three major steps of designing a medical device, with the ultimate goal of building a portable heart-rate monitor.

Wednesday, 4/10: [Circuit Design](#)

Thursday, 4/18: [Arduino Programming](#)

Tuesday, 4/23: [3D Printing](#)

Apr. 12, 12 – 1 PM (Smilow 09-146AB): **PSPDG & Vox News – Science Communication Workshop.** PSPDG will host a hands-on science communication workshop with Eliza Barclay, Health and Science editor of Vox News. Lunch will be provided! See flyer [here](#) and RSVP [here](#).

## **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](#).**