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## **GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Onsite CAPS Counselor for BGS Students**

**Update: Tiffany will be available from 3-7 PM (in 1-103 Smilow) this Wednesday, 8/21, and throughout the fall semester.**

Reminder: BGS has arranged for a counselor from Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) to be available to meet on site with BGS students on Wednesdays from 3-7 PM in Smilow Conference Room 1-103 (in the hallway south of Rubenstein Auditorium). Tiffany Brown, PhD, is a psychologist at CAPS who will provide confidential services every Wednesday. She will work with BGS students to provide initial consultation, support, brief counseling, and referral services.

In order to set up an appointment with Dr. Brown, you may call CAPS at 215-898-7021 and let them know you would like to meet with Dr. Brown onsite in the PSOM. Alternatively, you may email her directly at [nicoabr@upenn.edu](mailto:nicoabr@upenn.edu) to make an appointment. All of the meetings will be held in Smilow Conference Room 1-103 (in the hallway south of Rubenstein Auditorium). If the door is open, you may walk in and schedule an appointment with Dr. Brown, in person, for the same day or a future date.

We know how busy your schedules are and we hope that having a counselor onsite will be useful. You will still have the option of going to CAPS at 3624 Market Street, and you may call CAPS at any time, 215-898-7021, and talk to a clinician. If you have questions, please contact Judy Jackson at [jajackso@pennteam.upenn.edu](mailto:jajackso@pennteam.upenn.edu)

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### **New GGEB Coordinator: Eli Elliott**

We are pleased to announce that Eli Elliott is our new GGEB coordinator. Eli recently moved to Philadelphia from NYC, where he worked for several years in New York University's Irish Studies department. He has a BA from Sarah Lawrence College, where he studied film and creative writing, and an MS in Media Management from the New School. He loves camping, good books, and bad movies. Please join us in welcoming Eli to GGEB and BGS!

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### **New NIA Pre-doctoral Funding Mechanism for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Year Students**

The National Institute on Aging (NIA) has recently announced a new initiative to support transition of outstanding graduate students, from a wide range of research areas, into aging-related postdoctoral research.

Below are some highlights of the Transition to Aging Research Award for Postdoctoral Students (F99/K00) program: <https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-AG-20-009.html>

- Predoctoral students at their 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> year of PhD, regardless of their research focus, are eligible to apply.
- Visa holders with proper institutional support letter are also eligible to apply for this opportunity; refer to the 'eligibility' section of the announcements for more details.
- The program has two phases: Dissertation (F99, up to 2 years) and aging-related postdoctoral (K00, up to 4 years) phases.

Application Due Date: **October 22, 2019, by 5:00 PM**

If you are interested to know more about this FOA or have any specific question, please contact [Shahrooz.vahedi@nih.gov](mailto:Shahrooz.vahedi@nih.gov).

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## Request a sponsored Membership to the New York Academy of Sciences

To support your professional and career development, the Perelman School of Medicine will sponsor interested students, postdocs, faculty and staff for **complimentary 1-year Membership** to one of the oldest and most prestigious scientific organizations in the United States, the [New York Academy of Sciences](#).

### [TO REQUEST A SPONSORED MEMBERSHIP, SIGN UP HERE](#)

As an Academy Member, you'll benefit from free/discounted access to:

**Cutting Edge Content:** [publications](#), [eBriefings](#), and [webinars](#) featuring the latest research presented at the New York Academy of Sciences

**Career Readiness Training:** online courses, webinars and other [career resources](#) to help you acquire the skills needed to succeed in a STEM-related field

**Networking & Resume Building:** opportunities to [present your research](#), apply for Travel Fellowships, qualify for intensive leadership training, or [request a mentor](#)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### MINS Year of Brain Science Technology Symposium

On behalf of the Mahoney Institute for Neurosciences at the University of Pennsylvania, we would like to invite you to attend our student-led symposium for the **Year of Brain Science Technology**, highlighting innovative approaches to neural and behavioral data acquisition and analysis. This event will feature talks by students and postdocs from the Philadelphia area, poster sessions with prizes, and a reception with food and drinks. **Any and all posters are welcomed and encouraged**, not just those in line with this year's MINS theme.

If you would like to attend, give a talk, or present a poster, please register at the [form here](#).

The event is going to be held on **Friday September 13th from 1-6 pm** in the Rubenstein Auditorium, located in the **Smilow Center for Translational Research** (3400 Civic Center Boulevard, Philadelphia PA, 19104).

**Deadline for registration is September 6th** for general registration, **August 30th** for those presenting posters, and **August 23rd** for those giving talks. See flyer [here](#).

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### CFAR Pizza Lunch: An Overview of the Clinical and Immunology Cores

The Center for AID Research (CFAR) invites BGS students to join them for pizza as the Clinical Core and Immunology Core present an overview of their services. This lunch and information session will

take place **Wednesday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019** from **12-1 PM in 251 BRB II/III**. RSVP to [Amy Onorato](#) to make sure they have enough pizza for all!

## THESIS DEFENSES

Aug. 20, 11 AM – 12 PM (Class of '62 Auditorium, John Morgan Building): **Tirza A. Calderon Boyle (GGEB)**, “**Addressing Disparities in Pertussis Epidemiology.**” Contact Eli Elliot (GGEB Coordinator, 215-573-3881).

Aug. 21, 11 AM (Austrian Auditorium, Clinical Research Building): **Hejia (Henry) Wang (BMB)**, “**Cytosolic delivery of inhibitory antibodies with cationic lipids.**” Contact [Kelli McKenna](#).

Aug. 22, 10-11 AM (Austrian Auditorium, Clinical Research Building): **Ryan Staupe (IGG)**, “**Regulation of effective B cell responses to chronic viral infection.**” Contact [Mary Taylor](#).

Aug. 23, 11 AM-1 PM (140 John Morgan Building): **Seth Madlon-Kay (NGG)**, “**Measuring behavioral phenotypes from complex social interactions in non-human primates.**” Contact [Christine Clay](#).

## PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **CAMB**

Aug. 19, 9:45 AM – 8 PM (The Inn at Swarthmore): **DSRB Retreat**. Contact [Mary Mullins](#).

Aug. 19, 12-1 PM: **CB Orientation Lunch**. Contact [Kathy O'Connor-Cooley](#).

Aug. 20, 12-1 PM: **CPM Orientation Lunch**. Contact [Kathy O'Connor-Cooley](#).

Aug. 20, 1-3 PM: **First-year Mentee Training Session 1**. Contact [Shannon Christensen](#).

Aug. 20, 3:30 – 4:30 PM (9-104 Smilow): **Office Hours: CAMB Chair Dan Kessler**. Contact [Dan Kessler](#).

Aug. 20, 3:30 – 4:30 PM: **Scavenger Hunt**. Contact [Kathy O'Connor-Cooley](#).

Aug. 20, 4:30 – 6 PM: **Post-Scavenger Hunt Happy Hour**. Contact [Kathy O'Connor-Cooley](#).

Aug. 23, 8:15 AM – 6 PM (The Inn at Swarthmore): **MVP Retreat**. Contact [Mike Betts](#).

Aug. 23, 12:30 – 2 PM: **DSRB Orientation Lunch**. Contact [Anna Kline](#).

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## NGG

### ANNOUNCEMENT

- **New!** Please add to your calendar that the SFN Social will be **Monday, October 21 from 9-11pm** (more details to follow soon).
- NGG Student Retreat is **TODAY!** Join us - we'd love to see all of you there!
- We have revamped the GFAP form this year, to hopefully make the purchase/reimbursement request process more straightforward. Please start using this GFAP form from now on when making purchases. If you run into problems using the form, or if something is confusing, please email the executive board at [ngg.glia@gmail.com](mailto:ngg.glia@gmail.com) so we can address your question and improve the form. The link for the new form is [here](#).
- Check out this week's PennNeuroKnow [article](#), written by NGG students!
- Don't forget to pick up your NEW NGG T-SHIRT and THERMO! They are located in Tom's old office.

### EVENTS THIS WEEK

8/19 (Philadelphia Zoo) - NGG Student Retreat

8/23 11am- 1pm (Barchi Library) - Seth Madlon-Kay Thesis Defense

8/23 5pm - 6:30pm (Biopond) - NGG Welcoming Picnic

### FUTURE EVENTS

8/27 10am - 1pm (Barchi Library) - NGG Faculty Research Talks

8/28 9am - 10am (Barchi Library) - NGG Welcome Breakfast

8/30 9:30am - 10:15am (Barchi Library) - NGG First Year Class Journal Club Orientation

### CALENDARS

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[MINS](#)

[BGSA](#)

# CAREER DEVELOPMENT

## **Opportunity for senior graduate students or recent postdocs - OSU Postdoc Recruiting Event:**

Applications are now being accepted for the Ohio State University 2019 Fall **Postdoctoral Recruitment Event**, being held **October 23-25, 2019**. This event will provide an excellent opportunity for outstanding postdocs and PhD students from leading graduate programs to meet research faculty, interview for open postdoctoral positions and discover the exciting and innovative

research taking place at The Ohio State University and the Research Institute at Nationwide Children's Hospital (NCH). Selected candidates will visit the Ohio State campus, network with current OSU and NCH postdocs, present their research, interview with prospective mentors, and learn more about postdoctoral opportunities at Ohio State. Full funding will be provided for travel expenses and candidates may be considered for a variety of opportunities, including fellowships, training grants, and other internal training programs.

Application for this event is open until **September 9<sup>th</sup>** and is available to postdocs or senior graduate students who have completed or expect to complete their PhD between December 2018 and May 2020. Any candidates in the US (visa status does not matter) can apply and we are especially interested in reviewing applications from US Citizens and permanent residents who are training grant-eligible and/or who come from underrepresented backgrounds including African Americans, Hispanics or Latinos, American Indians or Alaskan Natives, Native Hawaiians or other Pacific Islanders, or persons with a disability.

More information can be found on the web page or the application can be accessed directly through the link below.

<http://go.osu.edu/postdocrecruit>  
[http://go.osu.edu/pdre\\_application](http://go.osu.edu/pdre_application)

The event flyer can be found here: [http://go.osu.edu/pdre\\_eventflyer](http://go.osu.edu/pdre_eventflyer).

If you have any questions about this program, please contact [Jeffrey.Mason@osumc.edu](mailto:Jeffrey.Mason@osumc.edu) or call (614-685-9140).

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## EVENTS THIS WEEK

None this week.

## FUTURE EVENTS

Aug. 27, 12 – 2 PM (Biomedical Library, 3610 Hamilton Walk): **Welcome (Back) Lunch at the Biomedical Library**. All health sciences students are welcome to attend! Drop by to share your summer experiences (research projects, courses, internships, etc) with your peers in other health sciences programs and health sciences librarians. This event is a part of the **InterProfessional Student Advisory Gatherings (#IPSAG)**, a networking event series for students interested in working in clinical or other health sciences settings. **Flyer and registration here:** [bit.ly/biomedlunch](http://bit.ly/biomedlunch).

## CALENDAR

[Career Development](#)

## RESOURCES

[BGS Career Development Site](#)

[BGS Career Twitter](#)

[BGS Alumni & Current Students LinkedIn](#)

# STUDENT GROUPS & SOCIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Slack Workspace for BGS students

This Slack workspace was created to help facilitate communication among BGS students. Slack is a group chat software similar to GroupMe, but for professionals, and it serves as a relatively free alternative to Microsoft Teams. There will be different channels, or chat groups, on the BGS Slack workspace for various student led ad-hoc discussions about activities, events, and classes.

All BGS students are invited to join [here](#).

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## EVENTS THIS WEEK

Aug. 23, 5 – 7 PM (Bodek Lounge, Houston Hall): **Fourth Friday @ Five: Philly Edition!** Are you new to Philly and Penn? Want to learn more about your new communities and meet people from across Penn's 12 graduate schools? Come to the Grad Center's first Fourth Friday @ Five of the year! Fourth Friday will be all things Philly this time around, including Quizzo, a ubiquitous Philadelphia trivia game, and Philly themed food. Food and two drink tickets will be provided to graduate students with a Penn ID. [Register here](#).

## FUTURE EVENTS

Sept. 4, 1-2 PM (Biomedical Library Relaxation Room): **#WellnessWednesday Workshop**. Learn how to relax your mind and body with strategies to help manage stress. During this session, you will be guided through mindful movements, self-applied massage, and meditation. To register, visit [bit.ly/mindfulnessatbiomed](https://bit.ly/mindfulnessatbiomed).

Sept. 4, 5 – 7 PM (Goddard Breezeway): **BGSA Welcome Back Happy Hour**. Join the Biomedical Graduate Student Association (BGSA) in celebrating the start of a new year! First year students are especially encouraged to attend! Bring IDs. See flyer [here](#).

## RESOURCES

[BGSA Website](#)

[Calendar of BGSA Events](#)  
[Grad Center at Penn](#)  
[Penn Today Events](#)

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