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GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Office of the Ombuds

Marcia Martinez-Helfman, JD, MSW, Associate Ombuds, will hold office hours in the PSOM starting 1/6 on Mondays, 3:30-6:00pm, in 205 CRB.

The Office of the Ombuds is a confidential, off the record resource for faculty, staff and students. Their purpose is to assist with the management of conflict, resolution of disputes, and problem solving in relation to obstacles to one's full and successful participation as a member of the Penn community. See the full flyer [here](#).

Onsite CAPS Counselor for BGS Students – Jan. 15 through May 27

Tiffany Brown, PhD, psychologist at CAPS, will resume weekly, on-site meetings with BGS students on **Wednesdays from 3-7 PM in Smilow Conference Room 1-103** beginning **January 15, 2020**. Smilow 1-103 is located in the hallway south of Rubenstein Auditorium.

Dr. Brown's services are confidential. 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 or email her directly at nicobr@upenn.edu.

"Let's Talk" Weekly Drop-In Sessions – Resuming Jan. 21

Let's Talk provides opportunities for students to engage in informal consultations with a CAPS clinician, Dr. Yacob Tekie, at different locations on campus, including the Graduate Student Center, ARCH, Greenfield Intercultural Center, the LGBT Center, and Van Pelt Library. Let's Talk **will re-open on Tuesday, Jan 21st**. The Spring Schedule will be announced [here](#).

If you have questions, please email caps@pobox.upenn.edu or call 215-898-7021.

Regeneron Prize for Creative Innovation in Biomedicine

University Nomination Required

Campus Nomination Deadline: 10AM on February 3

Penn is invited to nominate two graduate students for the Regeneron Prize for Creative Innovation, which recognizes excellence in biomedicine, broadly defined. Each year, one graduate student and one postdoctoral fellow are selected to receive the prize, which includes a check for \$50,000 and a \$5,000 donation to their home institution to help support their seminar series. Semi-finalists and finalists receive \$5,000. To be considered for Penn nomination, applicants must submit the [Regeneron Application Form](#) and a [Recommendation Request Form](#) that will, upon completion and submission by the applicant, send a recommendation request to your Penn faculty advisor. Applicants should **not** submit the application directly to Regeneron. If you have questions, please contact Dr. Aaron Olson at CURF, aolson@upenn.edu.

HTRS Student Research Award Applications Now Open

Applications are now open for the **2020 HTRS Student Research Awards (SRA)**, an 8- to 10-week program for medical, PhD, MD/PhD, or PharmD students working on targeted research projects in

hemostasis and thrombosis. Proposed projects may be lab-based, clinical or epidemiologic in design. The program includes a \$5,000 award stipend plus a \$2,000 travel allowance, collaboration with a research mentor, and a presentation at a 2021 professional meeting. Applications are now open. **The application deadline is March 2, 2020.** Up to three fellowships will be awarded. For more details, see the [Request for Applications](#).

To apply, please visit <https://htrs.smapply.org>.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Institute for Regenerative Medicine Retreat 2020

Registration is now open for the Institute for Regenerative Medicine's annual retreat! Join them on **January 30, 2020 at the Franklin Institute** to hear from researchers across Penn and CHOP working on stem cell science, tissue engineering, and regenerative medicine. You will also hear about plans for the IRM's next 5 years and resources to help support your research and outreach efforts.

Trainees are invited to submit abstracts for a poster session and lightning talks. When [registering](#), indicate your interest and send an abstract to yaroshc@pennmedicine.upenn.edu.

This year, the keynote speaker will be [Paul Frenette, MD](#), Director of the Ruth L. and David S. Gottesman Institute for Stem Cell and Regenerative Medicine Research at Albert Einstein Medical College. Dr. Frenette is an expert on hematopoietic stem cell (HSC) biology and the connections between HSCs and cancer and sickle cell disease.

Visit the [retreat website](#) for more information and to register.

THESIS DEFENSES

None this week.

PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENTS

CAMB

Jan. 8, 3 – 4 PM (9-104 Smilow): **Office Hours: CAMB Chair Dan Kessler.** Contact [Dan Kessler](#).

Jan. 9, 12 – 1 PM: **GTV Trainee Seminar: Alex Martino (Wilson lab) and Lucas Van Gorder (Bennett lab) presenting.** Contact [Anna Kline](#).

Jan. 10, 12 – 1:30 PM: **DSRB Program Lunch: Jessica Chotiner (Wang lab), Chris Pai (Heuckeroth lab), and Ana Petracovici (Bonasio lab) presenting.** Contact [Meagan Schofer](#).

Jan. 10, 12:15 – 1:30 PM: **CPM Research in Progress Seminar: Post Rotation Talks.** Contact [Kathy O'Connor-Cooley](#).

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ANNOUNCEMENT

- **New!** First recruitment weekend is coming up - dates are Thur (01/09), Fri (01/10), and Sat (01/11)! Thanks to everyone who is helping out with recruitment! Please see below all events you can socialize with the new applicants.
- **New!** We are accepting nominations for the *Student-Invited Speaker Series*! Take this opportunity to invite and host a MINS speaker of your own choosing. To nominate a speaker [fill out the Google form](#). To join the selection committee for speakers, contact Mike Iannacone (iannm@pennmedicine.upenn.edu).
- Use the new [GFAP form](#) when making purchases and asking for reimbursements.

EVENTS THIS WEEK

01/09 6pm - 7pm (14th Floor BRB) - Recruitment Dinner

01/10 12pm - 1pm (14th Floor BRB) - Recruitment Lunch

01/10 10pm - 01/11 12am (Howl at the Moon Philadelphia, 258 S 15th St) - Recruitment Social

FUTURE EVENTS

01/17 1:30pm - 3pm (John Morgan Reunion Auditorium) - Blake Kimmey Thesis Defense

CAREER DEVELOPMENT

EVENTS THIS WEEK

None this week.

FUTURE EVENTS

Jan. 15, 12 – 1:30PM (JMEC 505EW): **Science in Politics Panel.** More info [here](#).

Jan. 16, 12 – 2 PM (Dental Library Collaborative/Electronic Classroom LL02A): **InterProfessional Student Advisory Gatherings (#IPSAG) – Welcome Back Lunch.** IPSAG is a drop-in networking event series that is open to all students interested in clinical and other health-related careers. Learn more and register at bit.ly/ipsag.

Jan. 21, 10AM – 12PM and 12:30 – 2PM (JMEC 516EW): **Science Communication Workshop 4: Scientific Writing**. More info [here](#).

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](#)

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STUDENT GROUPS & SOCIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Call for Donations – Recycle Styrofoam Boxes for Cat Shelters!

As the winter approaches, many stray cats in West Philly (~400,000) are prone to suffering and even dying from hypothermia. BGS students have partnered with Project Meow to collect styrofoam boxes, to be recycled as winter shelters for Philadelphia's stray cat population. If you have a box in the lab, please email jscoku@gmail.com or lascnm2004@yahoo.com to arrange a timely pick up!

The box should fit about two big cats. Please see [flyer](#) for example.

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None this week.

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Jan. 14, 5:30 PM (Smilow 8-146): **BGSA General Assembly Meeting**.

Jan. 14, 5:30PM (Johnson Foundation Library - 2nd Flr. Anatomy/Chemistry): **Penn Science Policy & Diplomacy Group General Meeting**: Still wondering what you'll do for a career after grad school? Learn about science policy & diplomacy, and find out what you can do to get involved!

Jan. 15, 12 – 1:30PM (JMEC 505EW): **Science in Politics Panel:** In this panel discussion you'll hear from BGS alumni and current students about different avenues to get involved science policy. Please RSVP: <http://bit.ly/SciPolPanel> Lunch is provided.

Jan. 21, 10AM – 12PM and 12:30 – 2PM (JMEC 516EW): **Science Communication Workshop 4: Scientific Writing** - Communicating science is hard. Are you struggling to communicate your scientific goals in your prelim, grant proposal, or maybe your first paper? Join Dr. Judith Swan, renowned scientific writing expert in two related but distinct workshops on how to clarify your cause, and persuade your reader. Refreshments provided. **RSVP Required, space is limited:** <http://bit.ly/SciComm4>

RESOURCES

[Request a sponsored Membership to the New York Academy of Sciences](#)

[Slack for BGS Students](#)

[BGSA Website](#)

[Calendar of BGSA Events](#)

[Grad Center at Penn](#)

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[Ask Isaac: Your Personal IS Guru](#)

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