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GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

CAPS Counselor for BGS Students

Tiffany Brown, PhD, psychologist at CAPS, remains available to meet with BGS students virtually.

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 nicoobr@upenn.edu.

Peer Support Network Recruitment

The Peer Support Network is looking for volunteers! If you are interested in helping your peers with stressful and challenging situations, we invite you to join the Peer Support Network.

As a volunteer, you will have the opportunity to both mentor individual students one-on-one as well as conduct town hall-style group sessions with the administration, CAPS, and other members of the

Peer Support Network. Volunteers will undergo mandatory training by CAPS to help develop the necessary skills.

General volunteer expectations:

- Have a strong willingness to help peers navigate difficult emotional or social situations
- Participate in CAPS training on listening and counseling skills
- Participate in biweekly reflection discussions with fellow volunteers
- Donate 2-3 hours a week to working with Peer Support Network

Sign up to become a volunteer here: <https://forms.gle/7Fr7L4rUK1sB7DG27>

Please email us with any further questions: bgspeernetwork@gmail.com

UPCOMING EVENTS

Chemical Biology Summer Online Symposium – July 24th

The Fellows of the Chemistry-Biology Interface Training Grant would like to invite you to the **2020 Chemistry-Biology Interface Summer Retreat on Friday, July 24th**, which will be held **virtually over zoom**. The symposium will take place from **9:00am – 1:30pm**. They are currently accepting abstract submissions for short (15 min) oral presentations. Talks may cover *any topic* within Chemistry and Biology. There will be no poster session this year due to the virtual event, so please consider giving a 15-minute talk (you will receive a CBI t-shirt if you participate)!

The keynote speakers this year are **Yael David (MSK), Cynthia Wolberger (Johns Hopkins SOM), and Alexis Komor (UCSD)**. *Please see the current schedule [attached](#).*

Please register using the following link: <https://forms.gle/JmXgYnhTVSNEz1ij8>

You can visit the CBI website (<https://www.med.upenn.edu/cbit32/>) for information on past symposia.

Join the PSOM Student Team for the 2020 Virtual Breakthrough Bike Challenge!

Join the PSOM Student Team for the 2020 Virtual Breakthrough Bike Challenge! Raise donations for the Abramson Cancer Center by joining the Perelman School of Medicine Student team here: <https://www.breakthroughbikechallenge.org/team/5050> . **The 2020 Virtual BBC will take place between Saturday, August 15th and Sunday, September 13th, and participants are encouraged to bike, spin, run, or walk their pledged miles this year.**

Penn Campus Recreation Virtual Group Workouts

The new *virtual* group workout schedule is going on now through August 30. Register now at recreation.upenn.edu/sports/2019/9/25/group-exercise.aspx.

THESIS DEFENSES

July 13, 11 AM (<https://bluejeans.com/806993613>): **Lauren M. Paoella (BMB), "CONTROL OF SYSTEMIC LIPID METABOLISM BY ADIPOCYTE MTOR SIGNALING."** Contact [Kelli McKenna](#).

July 14, 11:15 AM (<https://bluejeans.com/626248862>): **Zachary March (BMB), "Therapeutic genetic variation revealed in diverse Hsp104 homologs."** Contact [Kelli McKenna](#).

PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENTS

CAMB

July 15, 12-1 PM: **GTV Journal Club**. Contact [Kylie Konrath](#) for BlueJeans link.

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CAREER DEVELOPMENT

Upcoming Webinar – NIGMS Postdoctoral Research Associate Training Program (PRAT)

The [NIGMS PRAT Program](#) is a competitive three-year postdoctoral fellowship program that provides high quality research training in the basic biomedical sciences in NIH intramural research laboratories, and prepares trainees for leadership positions in biomedical careers. The webinar will be of interest to those with an interest in pursuing postdoctoral research at the NIH, especially graduate students likely to defend in the next year, or recent Ph.D. graduates.

The webinar will be on **Tuesday, July 14, 2:00- 3:00 p.m. Eastern Time**. See the full announcement and webinar access info [here](#).

Penn Libraries Summer Workshops

The Penn Libraries is offering a variety of online workshops to help you make the most of Summer 2020. Miss a workshop? Check online for archived [materials and recordings](#).

Upcoming sessions include:

[Virtual posters: design & presentation](#) | Wednesday, July 22, 1 PM

[You Do What Now? How to talk to nonspecialists about your research](#) | Thursday, July 23, 3 PM

For full details, more upcoming sessions, and to register visit the [Penn Libraries website](#).

New Course from iBiology – July 27

Registration is now open for iBiology's new course, "[Share Your Research: How to Give a Good Talk](#)." This is a free, 5-week course hosted by iBiology staff that begins **July 27th, 2020**. Hear from practicing scientists and professional science communicators about how to give an engaging research talk.

Learn more about the course on the [iBiology blog](#).

LabArchives Electronic Research Notebook Training – July 29

LabArchives will provide the Penn community free online training sessions to help with your use of its electronic research notebook system on **Wednesday, July 29, 2020**. A professional LabArchives trainer will provide orientations and answer questions.

1:00pm – 2:00pm will be an introductory session

2:00pm – 3:00pm will be an advanced session

Find out more and register: <https://researchnotebooks.upenn.edu/labarchives-training-july-2020/>

Pitch Ideas to the Grad Center Blog

Have tips, skills, or experiences to share with graduate and professional students at Penn? Pitch your ideas to the Grad Center Blog! Grad Center staff will help you develop and write an engaging blog post. This is a great way to gain experience writing for a different audience and share your knowledge!

Submit to the Grad Center Blog
<https://gsc.upenn.edu/blog-submit>

Science Corps Fellowship

Science Corps offers fully paid internships to upcoming and recent PhD graduates (up to four years after graduation) to help build science capacity at one of two host locations – a small city on the island of Bohol in the Philippines and a village up in the Indian Himalayas. They are also currently developing new sites in partnership with Pueblo Science. Fellows travel to partner institutions to develop science curriculum, teach in secondary school classrooms, train teachers, and build community-based research projects.

The deadline for the current application round is July 31st. See the full announcement [here](#).

ISCC-PEG Scholars Program

The Inter-Society Coordinating Committee for Practitioner Education in Genomics (ISCC-PEG) is a collaborative group aimed at improving healthcare provider genomics education. The Scholars Program provides exposure to broader genomics community and experts in the field, with opportunities to work on a genetics/genomics-related education projects under the mentorship of an ISCC-PEG member. The appointment is for two years. Each scholar will have their travel funded for the annual ISCC-PEG in-person meeting (typically January or February) for a presentation on their project progress.

See the [full post](#) for additional details and requirements. **Questions?**

Contact ISCCPEGScholars@nih.gov

Applications are due on September 1, 2020. Selected candidates will be notified by mid-October, 2020.

AAAS Science & Technology Policy Fellowship – Applications Now Open!

The AAAS Science & Technology Policy Fellowship application is [now open](#). The deadline to apply is **November 1, 2020**.

Daily Phone “Drop-Ins” with Penn Career Services

In place of walk-ins, Career Services is offering a variety of phone and web appointments, which students can schedule through [Handshake](#). These include the option for same-day, 15-minute appointments with a career adviser. New appointment times open up every day at 9:15 AM ET. To schedule an appointment, sign in to Handshake and click the “Career Center” tab near the top right corner.

Twitter users can also follow [@PennCareerJobs](#), a daily automated feed that highlights new job posts. And be sure you've customized your email settings in Handshake to receive a weekly newsletter featuring jobs and resources tailored to you! Detailed instructions on how to do so are available [here](#).

RESOURCES

[BGS Career Development Site](#)

[BGS Career Twitter](#)

[BGS Alumni & Current Students LinkedIn](#)

[Black Women in Computational Biology Network](#)

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

[Handshake](#)

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STUDENT RESOURCES

[Slack for BGS Students](#)

[Roommate Ads – Google Doc](#)

[BGSA Website](#)

[Grad Center at Penn](#)

[Family Center at Penn](#)

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

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