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## **GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **BGS Looks Forward to Welcoming the 2020 Incoming Class**

[Today's Town Hall for Incoming Students](#) (Monday, 6/29/20, 4-5 PM EDT)

[Letter to incoming students](#)

[University Fall plans](#)

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### **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](mailto:nicoobr@upenn.edu).

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## Sharing Roommate Ads & Slack for BGS Students

BGS students are welcome to post their roommate ads in the following [Google doc](#). There is also a channel within the BGS Slack workspace intended for sharing roommate ads, titled **#attn\_roommate-ads**.

As a reminder, the Slack workspace was created to help facilitate communication among BGS students. There are 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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## 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](mailto:bgspeernetwork@gmail.com)

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## Access to physical collections at Penn Libraries

Please see the following [updates](#) from the Penn Libraries regarding delivery and pick-up of library materials and other available services. Contact [Manuel de la Cruz Gutiérrez](#) with any questions you may have:

### **Manuel de la Cruz Gutiérrez, PhD, MLS**

Director of Data & Innovation Services  
UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA LIBRARIES

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[@MDelaCG](#)  
[orcid.org/0000-0001-8796-941X](https://orcid.org/0000-0001-8796-941X)

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### **New Video Platform: JRNLclub**

JRNLclub is a new video platform allowing scientists to watch videos on new scientific literature. Critical to the success of scientific discovery is the ability for researchers to understand and build upon new discoveries, but with nearly 1 million new biomedical publications annually, this is often a difficult endeavor. By publishing short engaging talks by authors of recent research articles, we facilitate the dissemination of science and help researchers stay up to date on the scientific literature. We have published well over 100 videos from renowned labs around the world (including from the Brian Capell, Virginia Lee, Celeste Simon, Katalin Susztak, and Greg Beatty labs at Penn); and we were recently approved by US National Library of Medicine to put our resource on PubMed such that articles with a corresponding video on JRNLclub will have a direct link to the video. Website: [www.JRNLclub.org](http://www.JRNLclub.org)

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### **Application for PGWISE 2020-2021 Executive Board Positions - Open until July 1**

The Penn Graduate Women in Science and Engineering (PGWISE) is excited to announce that the application for the 2020-2021 Executive Board Positions is now open! You may access the application [here](#). **Applications will be accepted until July 1<sup>st</sup>, and the new e-board will be announced by July 14<sup>th</sup>.**

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### **Penn Medicine BioBank Logo Design Contest**

The Penn Medicine BioBank is in search of a logo and is holding a crowdsourcing contest to find one!

Submissions are open to all Penn community members and the winning design will be used as the official logo for the PMBB's website, communications, social media, print items and more.

#### **Submission Guidelines**

The most important requirement is that the design should represent the unique activities conducted by the Penn Medicine BioBank (PMBB).

PMBB is an institutional resource that recruits and consents participants, obtains and stores biospecimens, generates phenomic and genomic data, and enhances discovery and translational research. You can learn more about the [Penn Medicine BioBank](#) on its website.

The design should be easily reproducible and scalable for large and small formatting. Logos cannot contain copyrighted material.

### **How to Enter**

Please submit all designs in .jpeg .psd or .pdf format to Kimberly Runyan at [krunyan@penncare.upenn.edu](mailto:krunyan@penncare.upenn.edu)

### **Prize**

Contest winner will receive \$100 (via workday)

### **Deadline**

July 3, 2020

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **Restorative Practice Circles**

A new event from the, "*Stopping the Hate and Starting to Heal: Living With and Through the COVID-19 Pandemic*" dialogue series. In these challenging times Pan-Asian Faculty & Staff Association (PAFSA) and Pan-Asian American Community House (PAACH), in partnership with Counseling & Psychological Services (CAPS), Special Services, Restorative Practices @ Penn, and Penn Global have come together to offer a **healing, processing, and community building** space for **Asian/American staff and faculty who have experienced or are concerned about anti-Asian bias or harassment** related to COVID-19.

The **Mandarin Chinese session** will be held on **Tuesday, June 30th from 3:00 PM - 4:15 PM**.  
The **English session** will be held on **Tuesday, July 7th from 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM**.

[Click here to register for your choice of the Mandarin Chinese session or the English session.](#)

**You will receive the meeting link to your session of choice upon registration.**

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### **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.**

You can burn off the pandemic paunch or flex on your classmates while funding breakthrough research. The BBC is launching a Team Fundraising Challenge until Tuesday, June 30th, and each participant who registers will get 1 point when they join a team. The top 3 teams with the most points will be awarded fundraising dollars towards their team goal; 1st place will receive \$1,000, 2nd place will receive \$500, and 3rd place will receive \$250. Participants can track their miles for free on the BBC private Strava clubs, and there will be several fun fundraising and fitness challenges throughout the month. While the BBC will look different this year, the energy and important mission remain very much the same!

## THESIS DEFENSES

July 1, 10 AM (<https://bluejeans.com/892345825>): **Jeffrey Lin (IGG), "Type 1 conventional dendritic cells are systemically dysregulated early in pancreatic carcinogenesis."** Contact [Mary Taylor](#).

July 1, 11 AM (<https://bluejeans.com/184382436>): **Deborah (DJ) Moran (CAMB), "Identifying novel functions of KLF4 in postnatal epidermis and hair follicles."** Contact [Kathy O'Connor-Cooley](#).

## PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **CAMB**

June 29, 12 PM: **DSRB Faculty Meeting.** Contact [Meagan Schofer](#) for the link.

### **NGG**

#### **CALENDARS**

[NGG and GLIA](#)

[MINS](#)

[BGSA](#)

## CAREER DEVELOPMENT

**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](#).

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

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### **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**.

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### **Job Opportunities at Research Square**

Research Square is seeking individuals with a strong editing and research background in neuroscience or clinical sciences:

[Academic Editor \(Neuroscience\)](#)

[Academic Editor \(Clinical Sciences\)](#)

[Developmental Editor \(Clinical Sciences\)](#)

These are full-time work-from-home positions. Michael Paine, PhD, is a NGG alum who has worked at Research Square for the past 5 years and is available to discuss the positions:

**Michael Paine, PhD**

**Editing Services** | Team Manager

[michael.paine@researchsquare.com](mailto:michael.paine@researchsquare.com)

[www.researchsquare.com](http://www.researchsquare.com)

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### **Postdocs at Regeneron**

Regeneron is currently recruiting for two postdoc positions:

[Neuroscience](#)

[Regeneron Genetics Center](#)

As always, [Career Services](#) is happy to assist you in putting together application materials. Feel free to schedule an appointment via Handshake today!

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### **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](#)

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

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