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GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prism & MATLAB Sign-Up Forms

BGS students may obtain one year licenses for Prism and MATLAB free of charge. Sign-up forms for each are below. Note that **FORMS ARE DUE by MARCH 20th**.

1) PRISM LICENSES

These are arranged through BGS. The new license year begins May 1st. **Please note that even if you already have a Prism license you need to sign up again.** You will not need to install the software again but may be prompted to update to the latest Prism version in order to extend your license for another year.

If you are interested in obtaining a Prism license, please complete this Google form: <https://forms.gle/WdXfzCzJzDRevDjM6>

Note that BGS offers Prism particularly for its graphing capabilities. With respect to statistical applications, we remind students of the importance of understanding the fundamental properties of any statistical analyses that they undertake. In addition, principles of reproducible research require all analyses to be carefully documented. This involves storing the data in an accessible form and creating a written record so that another researcher can easily replicate the statistical analyses for a particular set of data.

2) [MATLAB](#) LICENSES

These are arranged through Penn Computer Connection, but they have asked that we collect info. on the number of interested students so that they can prepare enough installation instruction packets. You will receive an email when your installation instructions are ready for pick-up.

If you are interested in obtaining a MATLAB license, please complete this Google form: <https://forms.gle/otKTabbeYTfEdSsj6>

Jane Glick and Michael Nusbaum Faculty Awards

BGS is pleased to announce this year's recipients of the Jane Glick and Michael Nusbaum awards:

This year's recipient of the Michael P. Nusbaum Graduate Student Mentoring Award is Sunny Shin, PhD, Associate Professor of Microbiology. Dr. Shin's dedication to mentoring students and guiding them in reaching their scholarly potential exemplifies the type of scientist and mentor that Mikey Nusbaum represents.

This year's recipient of the Jane M. Glick Graduate Student Teaching Award is Yale Cohen, PhD, Professor of Otorhinolaryngology. Dr. Cohen's commitment to educating and training the next generation of scientists exemplifies the type of scientist and educator that Jane Glick represented.

This year's awards committee members were Drs. Kelly Jordan-Sciutto, Julie Blendy, Terri Laufer, and Amita Sehgal as well as student representative, Katherine Quiroz-Figueroa.

Onsite CAPS Counselor for BGS Students

Tiffany Brown, PhD, psychologist at CAPS, will host weekly, on-site meetings with BGS students on **Wednesdays from 3-7 PM in Smilow Conference Room 1-103**. 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 (CAPS Initiative)

Let's Talk provides opportunities for students to engage in informal consultations with a CAPS clinician at different locations on campus, including the Graduate Student Center, ARCH, Greenfield Intercultural Center, the LGBT Center, and Van Pelt Library (among others). This is a great way for students to gain insight, support, and to explore solutions and resources. For more information, visit <https://caps.wellness.upenn.edu/letstalk/>.

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

Office of the Ombuds – Arrange a Consultation

This is a reminder that a representative of the [Office of the Ombuds](#) is available to meet on site at PSOM. Marcia Martinez-Helfman, JD, MSW, Associate Ombuds, holds office hours on **Mondays, 3:30-6:00pm, in CRB 205**.

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](#).

For walk-ins, drop in at CRB 205 and if she is not working with anyone at the time she will be able to see you;

Call 215.898.8261 and schedule a time to meet at PSOM; or

Call 215.898.8261 and schedule a time to meet at their main campus location, 113 Duhring Wing, 236 S. 34th Street

UPCOMING EVENTS

Weekly Themed Wellness Walks

With support from the Provost's office, Penn Center for Public Health Initiatives (CPHI) and Penn Libraries is launching an exciting new program: Weekly Themed Wellness Walks. Walks will be led by staff, faculty, and students across campus, who will start each walk by briefly talking about a topic of their choice. This is a great opportunity to get outside, learn something, and meet your fellow Penn students, staff, and faculty.

The topic on **Friday, March 13, at 12pm** is, "Healthy Snack Tips," led by Madison Monahan, Nutrition Educator, *Agatston Urban Nutrition Initiative* (AUNI). The walk will begin at the Palestra. See the complete schedule of walks [here](#).

"Human Nature" CRISPR-Cas9 Genome Editing Documentary Screening

Mark your calendars for a screening of *Human Nature*, the new documentary about the discovery, application, and ethical issues surrounding the use of the CRISPR-Cas9 genome editing system. More info. here: <https://www.nature.com/articles/d41586-019-03479-3>

The screening will be held on **Monday, March 16, at 7:00 PM** in the Hall of Flags at Houston Hall, followed by a short talk and a Q&A session led by Penn Vet professor Dr. Michael Atchison about ethical issues involved with genome editing. It is open to all Penn students, faculty, and staff. **Please register on the Facebook event page [here](#)**. This screening is being sponsored by the Penn Graduate Christian Fellowship, the Wharton Christian Fellowship, the Penn Vet Christian Fellowship, the Penn Faculty/Staff Christian Forum, Quakers for Life, the Penn Catholic Newman Community, and CRU.

Penn Violence Prevention Workshop for BGS Students

It is a disturbing fact that many students experience unwanted sexual contact at Penn. Ongoing efforts by the University focus on policies, educational interventions and resources to protect and support our students.

In pursuit of these goals, CAMB has partnered with Penn Violence Prevention to offer a workshop, **"Call It What It Is: Addressing Sexual Harassment in STEM", on March 26th at 4 PM in Austrian Auditorium**. It is open to all BGS students.

Penn Wellness Week + I CARE Training for Students

Wellness Week is coming up! It will be March 30th-April 5th. The student organization, Penn Wellness, will be organizing the week. Details to come on their Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/PennWellness/>).

CAPS is excited to end Wellness Week with an I CARE training for **students!** It will be **Saturday, April 4th from 12-3 PM**.

Please see the attached [flyer](#). Registration is available now at <https://caps.wellness.upenn.edu/icare/>.

THESIS DEFENSES

None this week.

PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENTS

CAMB

Mar. 12, 12 – 1 PM: **GTV Trainee Seminar: Kelly Fagan (Davidson lab) and Kimberly Veliz (Gill lab) presenting.** Contact [Anna Kline](#).

Mar. 12, 1 – 2 PM (4054 Colket): **CAMB Vice Chair Craig Bassing Office Hours.** Contact [Craig Bassing](#).

Mar. 13, 12 – 1:30 PM: **DSRB Program Lunch: Post Rotation Talks.** Contact [Meagan Schofer](#).

Mar. 13, 12:15 – 1:30 PM: **CPM Research in Progress Seminar: Stephen Coscia (Holzbaur lab), Julie Heffler (Prosser lab), and Ioana Soaita (Arany lab) presenting.** Contact [Kathy O'Connor-Cooley](#).

NGG

ANNOUNCEMENT

- **New!** Check out this week's PennNeuroKnow article [A punch in the gut](#) by Carolyn Keating. Parkinson's disease and the GI tract have more in common than you might think...
- Use the new [GFAP form](#) when making purchases and asking for reimbursements.

EVENTS THIS WEEK

03/09 12:00pm – 1:00pm (BRB 253) - GRIPPs (Presenter: Alice Dallstream from the Gold/Platt Lab)
03/11 4:00pm – 5:00pm (Barchi) - MINS Seminar with Thanos Siapas_

FUTURE EVENTS

03/18 4:00pm – 5:00pm (Barchi) - MINS Seminar with Bettina Winckler
03/20 3:30pm – 4:30pm (Barchi) - NGG DESSERT

CAREER DEVELOPMENT

The MBA Fund Startup Pitch Day, April 17

The MBA Fund is thrilled to announce its second annual [Startup Pitch Day](#) in partnership with the investors behind Lyft, DoorDash, AngelList and more. Last year companies received nearly \$1 Million in prizes.

This prize is open to all alumni and current students across any department from The University of Pennsylvania.

Interviews will be conducted on a rolling basis, so apply early!

Submissions are due on March 27th: [Learn more & apply here](#)

Postdoc Preview At University Of Michigan Medical School

The application portal is open until **March 27** for the University of Michigan's next postdoctoral recruitment event, [Postdoc Preview](#), **May 28-29, 2020**.

During a fully-funded two-day-visit, upper-level graduate students interview with two or more prospective mentors, learn about our excellent resources and NIH-funded training programs, tour campus, and network with current postdocs ([tentative schedule here](#)). Applicants are selected from a national pool of candidates who expect to complete their thesis research by December 2020 and must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents or currently enrolled in a U.S. graduate institution. **Please visit our site to [apply](#).**

For any questions, please don't hesitate to connect with the Postdoc Office (postdocoffice@med.umich.edu).

ASCB Biotech Courses

ASCB is offering two week-long courses this summer for PhD students, graduate students, and postdocs in health, science, and medical programs who wish to explore opportunities to implement their expertise in a biomedical business career. **Of 230 attendees in 2014-2018, 66% now have jobs in industry, regulatory affairs, or tech transfer;** the remainder are still in training or in academia. **The course fee is \$875 and scholarships from \$200-\$400 are available,** thanks to support from Biogen. The East Coast course, in partnership with Manning School of Business at University of Massachusetts Lowell, is May 31-June 6. The West Coast course, in partnership with Keck Graduate Institute in Claremont, CA, is July 12-18. Each course can accommodate up to 50 graduate students and postdocs (international and domestic).

The deadline to apply is March 31. The application stipulates that applicants must become an ASCB member once they are accepted. [Click here for more information and to apply.](#)

Please note – BGS can provide up to \$1500 max per BGS lifetime to attend one off-site course. Find more information and access the BGS Course Fund Request Form on the following page, under, "[Travel Funds](#)."

Penn BioConnect Symposium – Register by April 25

Please mark your calendars for the inaugural **Penn BioConnect Symposium**, scheduled for **Tuesday, May 5, 2020, from 11am to 5pm**, in the Smilow Center for Translational Research.

This first-of-its-kind symposium is designed to connect Penn trainees with BioTech companies here in Philadelphia and to provide opportunities for increased integration and alignment between Penn's training programs and industry needs. Faculty keynote by Dan Rader, MD, and faculty-led discussions by Jon Epstein, MD, Emma Meagher, MD, Garret FitzGerald, MD, FRS, and Saar Gill, MD, PhD. Invited guests include leadership from BioTechs in our region.

Please [register](#) by **April 25th** and contact dkacy@penncare.org for any questions.

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Mar. 9, 11:30 AM – 1 PM (Virtual session): **Flagship Pioneering Fellows Program Info Session.** Flagship Pioneering conceives, resources, and builds life-changing bioscience companies that create breakthroughs in health and sustainability. Penn Career Services is hosting an information session on their Fellows Program, which takes place June 1, 2020 – August 21, 2020. Learn more about the Fellows Program [here](#) and join the virtual info session [here](#).

Mar. 11, 12 - 2 PM (Richards Building, Seminar Room B102B): **Walk-in Wednesday with Penn Career Services!** These 15-minute sessions are great for reviews of your application materials (for academic jobs or industry career options), quick questions about networking, job searching, career exploration, or any other career-related question. See flyer [here](#).

FUTURE EVENTS

CALENDAR

[Career Development](#)

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 GROUPS & SOCIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pennsylvania Society for Biomedical Research – Outreach Opportunities

The Pennsylvania Society for Biomedical Research is seeking volunteers for upcoming outreach opportunities, including:

- ENVISION-YOU (3/28/2020)
- Philadelphia Science Festival (4/16/2020 – 4/25/2020)
- Community Nights at the Franklin Institute (once per month throughout the spring)

To see the full announcement and get involved, click [here](#).

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Mar. 10, 5:30 – 7:00 PM (Johnson Foundation Library - 2nd Flr Anat/Chem): **PSPDG General Meeting**.

At this general meeting we will recap the AAAS Annual meeting in Seattle, discuss the upcoming Climate Symposium, and answer any questions about upcoming events. Bring a friend and see how you can get involved! [Add to Google Calendar](#).

Mar. 11, 9 – 10 AM (Biomedical Library Relaxation room): **#WellnessWednesday Yoga Meetup**. On select Wednesdays throughout March and April. More info Available at <http://bit.ly/wellnessbiomed>.

Mar. 14, 10 AM – 2 PM (Franklin Institute): **SACNAS Outreach Opportunity – Pi Day**. Pi, the irrational number 3.14159265359...etc., better known as its symbol π , is defined as the ratio of a circle's circumference to its diameter. On Pi day, we will be running an interactive, hands-on booth using PIE fractions to engage the public with everyday math problems in the Franklin Institute. The event runs from 9:45am-2pm, but volunteers are welcome to sign-up in shifts. Volunteers also get free admission to the museum!

If you would like to join us please sign up to volunteer here:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/11upoa91bNMV9eejZ9FoYN-7FtYstjarK5RzLevyTJV8/edit?usp=sharing>

Feel free to email Kahea (ueharak@pennmedicine.upenn.edu) with any questions, or visit <https://www.fi.edu/event/2020-03-14/pi-day> for more information on the event.

FUTURE EVENTS

Mar. 18, 4:30 PM (Smilow 10-100): **Pharm4GOOD General Body Meeting**. Come and learn about STEM outreach events while enjoying food from Hummus Grill. To learn more visit: <https://www.pharm4good-upenn.com/outreach>.

Mar. 19, 11 – 1 PM (SCTR 12-146AB): **PSPDG Science Communication Workshop 6: Online Writing**. When was the last time you read any sort of news in a paper form? Many scientific journals, magazines and news outlets have shifted their focus to online publications due to easier accessibility.

Scientists interested in discussing their work on a wider platform must understand online writing, especially those scientists interested in the increasingly popular career of Scientific Writing. This workshop will give insights into online writing for scientists. Participants will learn how popular online writing differs from scientific writing, as well as how to use and promote a blog. [Add to Google Calendar](#) Registration link: <http://bit.ly/SciComm6>

Mar. 30, 8AM – 7 PM (JMEC/SCTR): **PSPDG Penn Action Climate Symposium**. This event is designed to foster community engagement with issues of climate change through global and local routes. Come together with students from University City and members of the greater Philadelphia community to participate in this full-day event featuring World Climate Negotiation Simulation, a UN-style simulation of climate agreement negotiations, as well as talks and panels on environmental justice and community-based activism. Registration link: <http://bit.ly/ClimateSimRSVP>.

Mar. 31, 12 – 2 PM (Vet Library, Hill Pavilion Room 132): **IPSAG Mid-Semester Lunch**. All students interested in health-related careers are invited to mingle with Penn Libraries staff and fellow students at InterProfessional Student Advisory Gatherings (IPSAG). Register: bit.ly/vetlunch.

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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[The Community Impact Fund](#)

[Penn Today Events](#)

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

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