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GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Flu Shots available through Student Health Services

The [Student Campus Compact](#) requires all enrolled students to receive a flu shot this year. PSIP and many other insurers cover the flu shot for free. Students can receive a flu shot at [Student Health](#) or your primary care provider.

Reminder: Penn Walking Escorts

The Penn Division of Public Safety provides a [socially-distanced walking escort service](#). Uniformed Allied Universal Public Safety Officers provide walking escorts to all campus locations. This service is available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, between 30th to 43rd Streets and Market Street to Baltimore Avenue.

The walking escort service also extends west to 50th Street, and north/south from Spring Garden to Woodland Avenue, between 10 a.m. and 12 a.m. via the University's partnership with the [University District Ambassador Program](#).

How to Request a Walking Escort:

- Ask any Public Safety Officer on patrol or inside a building
 - Call 215-898-WALK(9255) or 511 (from campus phone)
 - Use one of the many building and blue-light ephones located on and off Penn's Campus.
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Glick and Nusbaum Award Nominations due Nov. 13

Nomination forms for the Jane Glick Graduate Student Teaching Award and Michael Nusbaum Graduate Student Mentoring Award are due to the nominees' primary graduate group by **Friday, November 13, 2020**. The graduate group contacts are on page 2 of the nomination forms.

The nomination forms are available here:

- [Jane Glick Graduate Student Teaching Award](#)
- [Michael Nusbaum Graduate Student Mentoring Award](#)

The lists of previous awardees are available here:

- [Jane Glick Graduate Student Teaching Award](#)
 - [Michael Nusbaum Graduate Student Mentoring Award](#)
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Voting is Open for BGSA Executive Board Nominees until 10/26/2020!

Vote for BGSA Executive board nominees for the 2020-2021 academic year. Want to learn more about the nominees? [Do that here!](#) Then [Vote here!](#)

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 nicobr@upenn.edu.

Project Meow Accepting Donations

Project Meow builds winter shelters for the stray cats of West Philadelphia. More than 500 shelters were constructed last season! They are once again accepting donations of large styrofoam boxes

(Illumina boxes are ideal). See flyer [here](#); contact [Anne Froehling](#) (215)-485-6121 to arrange pick up outside the building.

UPCOMING EVENTS

IRM Symposium on Nov. 4 | Abstract deadline Oct. 28, 5PM

[REGISTER NOW](#) For our cross-cutting exploration of early human development

On November 4, 2020, the Institute for Regenerative Medicine (IRM) will be hosting a special symposium focused on the science and ethics of early human developmental biology. This symposium will feature world leaders in embryo lineage & patterning, synthetic embryology, uterine transplantation, and bioethics discussing how advances in stem cell science are challenging our understanding of the first days of life and testing ethical guidelines from an earlier era of research.

IRM is still accepting lightning talk abstract submissions! If you are interested in being part of this special event, please review [lightning talk information](#) on the website, then indicate your interest during registration.

Questions? Contact Chris Yarosh (yaroshc@penncmedicine.upenn.edu)

Movie Screening | "Picture A Scientist"

Wednesday Oct. 28th 5PM – Friday Oct. 30th 5PM

BGSA, PGWISE, and CAMB have organized a screening of "Picture A Scientist":

Please register to get code for online screening: penn-bgsa.ticketleap.com/picture-a-scientist-online-movie-screening/

The movie can be viewed multiple times on Vimeo between **Wednesday Oct. 28th 5PM – Friday Oct. 30th 5PM.**

Movie Trailer: <https://vimeo.com/405966332>

Virtual discussion of the movie will happen during first week of November, more information to come.

Green Labs Working Group Meeting

Monday, November 2, 2 PM

Green Labs will have their first Working Group Meeting on Monday, November 2 at 2 PM. They will be discussing ways to improve the sustainability of labs at Penn. See flyer [here](#). Zoom link: upenn.zoom.us/j/92893895149

BGS Peer Support Network - Group Session on Uncertainty
Thursday, November 12th, 5:00-6:15pm

New experiments, changing relationships, national unpredictability...How do we healthfully acknowledge the things we can't predict and cope with our emotions and reactions to them? PSN will host a group discussion on ways to approach and negotiate uncertainty in our lives.

RSVP's encouraged: http://bit.ly/PSN_Uncertainty
BlueJeans link <https://bluejeans.com/7690183899>

THESIS DEFENSES

Oct. 30, 3 PM (<https://bluejeans.com/575024962>): **Ronnie Russell (CAMB)**, "CD4 receptor diversity among African primates protects against SIV infection." Contact [Anna Kline](#).

Nov. 3, 11 AM (<https://bluejeans.com/502242900>): **Kerry Roby (CAMB)**, "Response to Stress by the Tumor Microenvironment." Contact [Kathy O'Connor-Cooley](#).

PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENTS

CAMB

Oct. 28, 2 – 4 PM: **CAMB Chair Dan Kessler's Virtual Office Hours**. Sign Up [here](#) for a virtual meeting. Contact [Dan Kessler](#).

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CAREER DEVELOPMENT

Events this Week

- Oct. 27 & 30, 3:30 – 4:30 PM: **Graduate Center Presents, “Public Speaking for Academics.”** *Want to become an impactful speaker? Unsure about how to do that next virtual presentation?* Maximize your potential as an orator and learn to love giving talks. Content will be relevant to both beginners and more experienced speakers. Register at gsc.upenn.edu/events
 - Presentation Basics**
Tuesday, October 27, 3:30-4:30 PM ET
 - Presentation Delivery**
Friday, October 30, 3:30-4:30 PM ET
 - Oct. 29, 2 PM (Zoom ID 971 6949 9206): **Penn SACNAS, “Thesis Committee Meeting Workshop”.** Learn about planning for your committee meetings from Dr. Dan Kessler, Chair of the CAMB program, and a panel of BGS PhD candidates. See flyer [here](#).
 - Oct. 29, 3-4 PM: **Graduate Center Presents, “Online Academic Profiles.”** Learn about different academic profiles and associated networks, and how to use them to track & promote your work. We will discuss academic profiles in the following platforms: ORCID, Google Scholar, Web of Science, Scopus, Dimensions, ResearchGate, Academia.edu, Humanities Commons, Media Commons, and PhilPapers. Register at gsc.upenn.edu/events
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Dolores Zohrab Liebmann Fellowship | November 29 Deadline

Penn is permitted to forward three nominees for the 2021-22 Dolores Zohrab Liebmann Fund fellowship, which pays full tuition plus a stipend of \$18,000 for up to three years. U.S. citizens pursuing a graduate degree in 2021-22 in any recognized field of study in the humanities, social sciences, or natural sciences (including law, medicine, engineering, architecture or other formal professional training) are eligible. The selection committee has a strong preference for supporting scholarly endeavors.

An internal selection process will be coordinated by the **Center for Undergraduate Research & Fellowships**. For the purposes of the internal competition, students should complete the application and submit the requested supporting documentation by **November 29, 2020**.

This internal Penn application requires 1 letter of recommendation from a professor (not a postdoc or lecturer) who has taught or worked closely with you. You will request this through the application process, but please alert your preferred recommender as soon as possible so as to give your recommender ample time to submit letters of recommendation before the Penn Deadline. See the [CURF website](#) for additional application requirements.

Regeneron Postdoctoral Training Program Applications due December 1, 2020

The application period for the Regeneron Postdoctoral Training Program has begun. Learn more [here](#), see flyer [here](#).

Job Openings

- **Laboratory Research Scientist - Enzymetrics Bioscience** – See full announcement [here](#).
- **Entry level medical editor role at imre Health** – See full announcement [here](#).
- **Regeneron & Genentech Postdoctoral Opportunities** - See full announcement [here](#).
- **BS/MS level Position at Bluebird Bio** – See full announcement [here](#).
- **Postdoc Position – UCSF** – See full announcement [here](#).

Request to join the [BGS Alumni and Current Students LinkedIn](#) to stay updated on job opportunities.

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](#)

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STUDENT RESOURCES

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BGSA Gets Out the Vote Event

Enter for a chance to win a 500pc Jiggy Puzzles art piece by signing up on the [google form](#).

JIGGY x I am a [voter](#).® is a special edition [collection of puzzles](#) featuring inspiring art by three emerging female artists, supporting voter registration and turnout for the 2020 election.

50% of proceeds for each sale will be donated to I am a [voter](#).®

25% of proceeds for each sale go the artist herself.

The form will **close** at the end of Election Week - **Friday, November 6th, 2020**. Of the students who sign up, 6 students will be randomly chosen using a computer software to receive one of these puzzles. Open to all BGS students. Winners will be announced after Election Week.

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- Oct. 26, 7-9 PM: **BGSA - Pot It Like It's Hot**. BGSA and SP2 are organizing a DIY succulent planting event! They will be scheduling socially distanced pickups of DIY succulent planting kits from campus and host a Zoom session to put together the kits all together. See flyer [here](#); sign up [here](#).
- Oct. 27, 1:30 – 2:30 PM: **LAGAPSA Virtual Haunted House Tours**. Join LAGAPSA's E-SPOOKY HALLOWEEN of Virtual Haunted House Tours of the Paris Catacombs and Winchester House! Register [here](#) for zoom link info, see flyer [here](#)!
- Oct. 27, 1:00 – 6:00 PM: **PSPDG Climate Action Symposium**. Penn Science Policy and Diplomacy Group is proud to present Penn Climate Action Symposium, an event designed to foster community engagement with issues of climate change through global and local routes. Dr. David N. Pellow, Director of the Global Environmental Justice Project at UC Santa Barbara and prolific author on environmental justice and social change, will deliver the keynote address. Panels will cover "Climate Activism during the Coronavirus Pandemic" and "Environmental and Racial Justice in Local Communities", with local activists and a focus on the impact of climate change on marginalized communities. Read more [here](#). Register for the Symposium [here](#). Email any questions to penn.science.policy@gmail.com
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- Oct. 31, 5-7 PM: **PSPDG Virtual Halloween Party!** PSPDG invites you to come together to celebrate Halloween virtually and enjoy the night full of fun and spooks! We are planning some fun activities such as digital fortune telling and playing Among Us as well as a chill happy hour. Show off your scariest and most unique costumes to win glorious fame and small prizes. Please register here: tinyurl.com/PSPDGSpook

Future Events

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[Peer Support Network \(PSN\)](#)

[Slack for BGS Students](#)

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[BGSA Website](#)

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