



ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW – BGS Weekly Bulletin

In an effort to consolidate information, events, and resources relevant to BGS students, we will be sending out a weekly e-newsletter each Monday. If you have questions about announcements and upcoming events, or if you would like to advertise in next week's bulletin, contact [Rebecca Lopez](#) (Career Development Coordinator).

New GGEB Coordinator – Sarah Hughes

We are pleased to announce that Sarah Hughes will start as the new Coordinator for the Graduate Group in Epidemiology and Biostatistics (GGEB) effective January 7, 2019. Sarah comes to us from the Vet School, where she has worked for the past decade as the Executive Assistant to the Chair of Pathobiology, Dr. Chris Hunter. Previously, she worked as the Executive Assistant to Dr. John Monroe, former Vice Chair of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine in the PSOM and Chair of the Immunology Graduate Group. In these roles, Sarah has organized the Pathobiology Seminar Series and the Immunology Colloquium; handled faculty recruitment, appointments, and promotions; and served as the coordinator of the Parasitology Training Grant. Sarah received her bachelor's degree from Rowan University. Please join us in welcoming Sarah to GGEB and BGS!

Sarah replaces Catherine Vallejo, who has taken a new position as the Executive Assistant to the Director of Biostatistics. We wish Cathy the best of luck in her new role.

CAMB

Dec. 12, 3-4 PM (Smilow 9-104): **CAMB Chair Dan Kessler Office Hours.** Contact [Dan Kessler](#).

Dec. 13, 12-1 PM: **GTV Trainee Seminar** – **Ryan Roark** (Shaw lab) presenting. Contact [Anna Kline](#). (Note: Closed to non-GTV students.)

Dec. 14, 12-1:30 PM: **DSRB Program Lunch – Student Rotation Talks**. Contact [Meagan Schofer](#). (Note: Closed to non-DSRB students.)

Dec. 14, 12:15-1:30 PM: **CPM Post Rotation Talks** – CPM students **Megan Blair, Abdias Diaz-Rosado, Anna Garcia**, and **Corey Holman** presenting. Contact [Kathy O'Connor Cooley](#). (Note: Closed to non-CPM students.)

Dec. 14, 4:30-6:30 PM: **CB Happy Hour**. Contact [Kathy O'Connor Cooley](#). (Note: Closed to non-CB students.)

Thesis Defenses

Dec. 12, 1 PM (Reunion Auditorium, John Morgan Building): **Tori Yamamoto (IGG), “Engineering CD8+ T cells to overcome death signaling in the tumor microenvironment”**

Dec. 14, 2 PM (Smilow 8-146): **Kaitlin Folweiler (NGG), “Synaptic dysregulation of inhibition in the dentate gyrus after traumatic brain surgery”**

Dec. 17, 10 AM (506EW Seminar Room, JMEC): **Iryna Shakhmantsir (CAMB), “Splicing the clock is timeless: from fruit fly behavior to mammalian retinal degeneration.”**

Call for Nominations – Jessica Lok Prize for Cystic Fibrosis Research or Related Research in Infectious Disease, Metabolism, and Growth / Jon Samuel Kanefield Prize for Cystic Fibrosis Research

BGS seeks nominations for the two prizes listed above. Nominations may be made on a rolling basis. If the award money is to be used for travel to a conference, please submit the nomination at least 2 months prior to the date of the conference. BGS faculty members should nominate their students via email to jajackso@penmedicine.upenn.edu.

Call for Nominations – University-Wide Teaching Awards

Nominations for Penn’s University-wide teaching awards are now being accepted by the Office of the Provost. Any member of the University community—past or present—may nominate a teacher for these awards. There are three awards:

- The Lindback Award for Distinguished Teaching
- The Provost’s Award for Distinguished PhD Teaching and Mentoring
- The Provost’s Award for Teaching Excellence by Non-Standing Faculty

The nomination forms are available at the [Teaching Awards website](#). Nominations are due no later than **5PM on December 14, 2018**.

External Fellowship – Eagleton Science and Politics Fellowship Program

The Eagleton Science and Politics Fellowship Program will give four participating New Jersey legislative or executive offices the assistance of doctorate-level scientists and engineers as full-time science aides for one year. Read more about the program [here](#), and apply [here](#) by **January 13, 2019**.

CAREER DEVELOPMENT

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Dec. 14, 9 AM – 3:15 PM (Lynch Room, Chemistry Building): **2018 Chemistry-Biology Interface Symposium**. Lunch will be provided during a poster session in Nobel Hall, from 12 – 2 PM. The symposium will feature three student/postdoc talks given by Sofya Osharovich (Delikatny Lab), Simone Sidoli (Garcia Lab) and Joomyung Vicky Jun (Chenoweth and Petersson Labs). This year's keynote speakers are **Dr. Luke Lavis** (Howard Hughes Medical Institute) and **Dr. Virginia Cornish** (Columbia University). See [here](#) for the full schedule of the CBI Symposium as well as the keynote speakers' research abstracts.

FUTURE EVENTS

Jan. 29, 3:30 – 5 PM (Smilow 8-146AB): **BGS Professional Skills Series, "Effective Use of Social Media in Career Growth"** led by **Casey Greene**, Assistant Professor of Pharmacology.

Feb. 27, 4 – 5:30 PM (Smilow 9-146AB): **BGS Professional Skills Series, "Inclusion: Its Significance to Business"** led by **Laura Roberts**, Teaching Professor of Management, McDonough School of Business, Georgetown University.

CALENDAR

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RESOURCES

[BGS Career Development Site](#)

[BGS Career Twitter](#)

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

[Handshake](#)

STUDENT GROUPS & SOCIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Dec. 1-12 (Various Times/Locations): **12 Days of Play**. During the "12 Days of Play," campus partners will offer free and fun activities for undergraduate, graduate, and professional students - more than 40 opportunities in all! Follow the [Facebook event page](#) for more information.

Dec. 10, 6-8 PM (Raisler Lounge, Towne Building): **Penn Data Science Group, End of the Semester Gathering**. Join PDSG for food, music, and fun! Open to all students & postdocs. See flyer [here](#).

Dec. 11, 12-2 PM (3610 Hamilton Walk): **#IPSAG Lunch Break**. Enjoy hoagies & salads while providing feedback about renovation plans for the Biomedical Library. (More info and register [here](#).)

Dec. 11, 3-4:30 PM (3643 Locust Walk): **Cold Care Workshop**. PWC and Penn Garden are hosting an [introduction to herbal medicine and cold care](#).

Dec. 11, 3-5 PM (Johnson Foundation Library, Anatomy-Chemistry 2nd Floor): **EE Just: Professional development and bioscience career mentoring** of middle school students through Spark. Learn more about Spark [here](#). If you are interested in volunteering, email [Stephen Coscia](#).

Dec. 11 & 12, 1-3 PM (Van Pelt-Dietrich Library, Meyerson Conference Room): **Penn Libraries Dog Days**.

Dec. 11-14, 3-4 PM (Grad Center): **Snack Time & Study Break!** Free on-the-go snacks and seasonal activities.

Dec. 14, (Cook-Wissahickon Elementary School – transportation provided): **EE Just: iPraxis Science Fair Volunteers needed!** Volunteers will help iPraxis run a science fair by acting as judges. To join for either half the day (morning or afternoon) or the whole day, email [Stephen Coscia](#).

Dec. 14, 5:30-8 PM (Houston Hall): **SACNAS Parranda** – traditional food, music, games, and performances! See flyer [here](#).

Dec. 15, 12-1:15 PM (Location TBD, on Penn campus): **EE Just: Volunteers needed for Upward Bound Journal Club**. Each session will focus on a short, fun, popular science article (USA Today, Science Times, etc.) Volunteers will lead a discussion circle of about 6 high school students. If you are interested in volunteering, email [Melanie Schaffler](#).

FUTURE EVENTS

Feb. 20, 5-8 PM (Houston Hall): **I CARE** is an interactive gatekeeper training for students, faculty, and staff that builds a caring community with the skills and resources to intervene with student stress, distress, and crisis. CAPS invites undergraduate, graduate, and professional students to participate in this session.

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