



ANNOUNCEMENTS

CAMB

Dec. 19, 2-4 PM: **CB Chair Sandra Ryeom Office Hours.** Contact [Sandra Ryeom](#).

Dec. 20, 4:30 PM: **CAMB Holiday Party.** Contact [Kathy O'Connor-Cooley](#).

Dec. 21, 4-5 PM: **G&E FFF Happy Hour.** Contact [Meagan Schofer](#).

NGG

- Friendly reminder to fill out your [NeuroNet profile](#) if you haven't already! It's a great way to find people who have experience with the same fellowships, certificates, classes, or journal clubs you're interested in!
- NGG GRiPPs: Sign up to give a 20 min presentation on your current research progress [here](#) (NGG 3rd years and above.)

Thesis Defenses

Dec. 17, 10 AM (JMEC 506EW Seminar Room): **Iryna Shakhmantsir (CAMB), "Splicing the clock is timeless: from fruit fly behavior to mammalian retinal degeneration."** Contact [Meagan Schofer](#).

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@pennterapeutics.com.

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

AAAS Catalyzing Advocacy for Science and Engineering (CASE) Workshop 2019

Penn has been invited to sponsor up to 4 students (across Penn) to attend the CASE Workshop in March. See below for details. The internal Penn deadline for nominations from the schools is in early January.

Interested students (years 3 and up) should complete this [google form](#) no later than **Weds, 12/19 with your name, graduate group, year of training, and reason(s) for wishing to attend this conference**. A few sentences to a paragraph will suffice. If you have any questions, please contact [Rebecca Lopez](#).

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The AAAS Office of Government Relations is excited to announce that the 6th annual *CASE Workshop: Catalyzing Advocacy for Science and Engineering* will take place **March 24-27, 2019** in Washington, D.C.

Created by a coalition of scientific and engineering societies, universities, advocacy and academic organizations, CASE presents an exciting opportunity for upperclassmen and graduate students in science, mathematics and engineering disciplines to learn about science policy and advocacy. For additional details about the **CASE Workshop**, please visit: <http://www.aaas.org/case>

FUTURE EVENTS

Jan. 10, 12-1 PM (Blockley Hall 1311 Seminar Room): BGS students are invited to attend a [Certificate in Law](#) information session on January 10, 2019. The certificate provides an introduction to law and legal principles and is structured to provide a flexibility adaptable to different pursuits. It may be especially attractive to those interested in entrepreneurship, patent law, regulatory affairs, and certain pharmaceutical settings. The session will discuss the various options in taking one or more classes.

As a reminder, students who wish to pursue a certificate program must obtain permission from their graduate groups and BGS as described [here](#).

Lunch will be provided! See flyer [here](#) and RSVP [here](#).

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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STUDENT GROUPS & SOCIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Call for Volunteers – Puentes de Salud

Puentes de Salud is looking for volunteers in the new year! [Puentes de Salud](#) promotes the health and wellness of Philadelphia's rapidly growing Latino immigrant population through health care, education, and community building initiatives. The [Puentes Education](#) branch serves youth ages 3-18 and their families through year-round, out-of-school-time programming.

They are now accepting volunteers for Spring 2019 across all youth programs. For more information about positions, please see our

[Education Volunteer Application](#) and **apply by December 31st.**

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Dec. 17, 9:30 AM (BRB 253): **SACNAS Science Café**. Guest speakers include **Rosa Leon (NGG)** and **Enrique Lin Shiao (BMB)**. This science talk will be moderated by **Dr. Donita Brady**, Presidential Assistant Professor of Cancer Biology. Bagels and café will be provided. See flyer [here](#).

Dec. 19, 12-1 PM (Johnson Pavilion 209): **EE Just Day of Mindfulness**. A CAPS representative will be introducing the concept of mindfulness and attendees will participate in a brief practice session. This might help release some stress from labs, classes, etc.! Lunch from Boston Market will be served! See flyer [here](#).

FUTURE EVENTS

Jan. 17, 12-1:30 PM (Houston Hall Bodek Lounge): **How to Communicate Science to the Public or Die Trying**. This seminar, sponsored by the Penn Center for Public Health Initiatives, will feature **Paul Offit, MD**, Director of the Vaccine Education Center at CHOP. Lunch will be provided. Read Dr. Offit's speaker bio and register for the event [here](#).

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.

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