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GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcing Dr. Stephen DiNardo as New BGS Director for Training Support and Career Development

I am pleased to announce that **Dr. Stephen DiNardo** has agreed to serve as the BGS Director for Training Support Career Development (TSCD) effective July 1, 2019. Steve is a Professor of Cell and Developmental Biology at the Perelman School of Medicine, a member of the Penn Institute for Regenerative Medicine (IRM), and a longstanding member of the Graduate Group in Cell and Molecular Biology (CAMB). Steve served as chair of the CAMB Program in Developmental, Stem Cell and Regenerative Biology from 2012-2018 and has directed and served as an instructor in several CAMB courses. In addition, Steve served as co-chair, with Michael Nusbaum, of this year's Innovative Ideas in PhD Training Committee, which formulated several recommendations for enhancing education in BGS.

As BGS Director for TSCD, Steve will be responsible for overseeing and supporting a) training in the responsible conduct of research (RCR) and scientific rigor and reproducibility (SRR), b) student career exploration and preparation, and c) training grant and fellowship applications.

Steve replaces **Dr. David Manning**, the inaugural BGS Director for TSCD, who served from 2015 to the present and is preparing to retire as Professor of Systems Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics. Under Dave's leadership, BGS has made significant advancements in these areas. Dave substantially revised BGS' RCR training and developed new SRR training. Under his leadership, BGS developed a dedicated [RCR and SRR website](#). He also oversaw development of comprehensive resources for student career development, including a [dedicated website](#) and [career blog](#); a [professional skills development workshop series](#); and enhanced [Individual Development Plans \(IDPs\)](#). Additionally, Dave organized several networking events with BGS students and alumni and oversaw creation of a series of [alumni career videos](#). He also worked to improve [central support for training grant proposals](#). Moreover, Dave has served as an essential member of the BGS leadership team over the past four years, providing thoughtful contributions to various functions of BGS.

Please join me in appreciating Dave's many accomplishments and welcoming Steve to this role. We eagerly look forward to the future of BGS training support and career development under Steve's leadership.

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Kelly L. Jordan-Sciutto, PhD

Associate Dean for Graduate Education

Director of the Biomedical Graduate Studies

Onsite CAPS Counselor for BGS Students - Wednesdays, 12:00pm-4:00pm

Reminder: BGS has arranged for a counselor from [Counseling and Psychological Services \(CAPS\)](#) to be available to meet on site with BGS students on **Wednesdays from noon to 4:00pm Smilow Conference Room 1-103** (in the hallway south of Rubenstein Auditorium). Tiffany Brown, PhD, is a psychologist at CAPS who will provide confidential services every Wednesday afternoon through August 7th. 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 and let them know you would like to meet with Dr. Brown onsite in the PSOM. Alternatively, you may email her directly at nicobr@upenn.edu to make an appointment. All of the meetings will be held in Smilow Conference Room 1-103 (in the hallway south of Rubenstein Auditorium). If the door is open, you may walk in and schedule an appointment with Dr. Brown, in person, for the same day or a future date.

We know how busy your schedules are and we hope that having a counselor onsite will be useful. You will still have the option of going to CAPS at 3624 Market Street, and you may call CAPS at any time, 215-898-7021, and talk to a clinician. If you have questions, please contact Judy Jackson at jajackso@pennmedicine.upenn.edu

RCR Workshops 2019

The RCR workshops for students in their 2nd year begin June 3. All eligible students should have been notified and placed in one of the appropriate workshops on the [attached schedule](#). If you have not or if there are any issues with your schedule, please contact Colleen Dunn immediately at dunncoll@penncoll.upenn.edu or 215-898-2792.

The website for the training can be found here: <https://www.med.upenn.edu/bgs-rcr-exdes/>

Penn Genetics Awards of Excellence

Apply by **June 24, 2019** for the Penn Genetics Awards of Excellence! See flyer [here](#).

The **Kadesch Prize** recognizes graduate excellence in research and citizenship. It is open to senior students or recent graduates from any Biomedical Graduate Studies graduate group.

To apply, submit:

- CV with publications (published or in press only!)
- 350 word summary of research project, emphasizing big picture significance
- 350 word summary of teaching, mentorship, and community service activities undertaken during graduate career
- Letter from thesis advisor

The **Kaushal Award** recognizes predoctoral and postdoctoral scholars for excellence in genetic research as evidenced by publication. It is open to BGS students and PSOM Postdocs. Applicants may nominate one of their publications, on which they are a first author or co-first author, from the current or

prior academic year (after 7/1/18), that is related to any aspect of Genetics.

To apply, submit:

- Full citation for the publication being nominated
- 350-word summary describing, in lay terms, the publication's big picture significance, and the role that the first author played in the work (written by the first author, and signed by both the first author and their mentor)

Email single PDF to sarahjr@upenn.edu with subject line, "Kadesch Prize" or "Kaushal Award."

UPCOMING EVENTS

Institute for Immunology “Year in Review” Symposium: IGG Saul Winegrad Award for Outstanding Dissertation Talk

Caroline Bartman, PhD (Arjun Raj and Gerd Blobel Labs)
“Design Principles of Mammalian Transcription”
Thursday, June 13, 2019
2:00 – 2:30 pm
Smilow Center for Translational Research Auditorium & Lobby

Open to everyone! Learn more and register: <https://www.med.upenn.edu/ifi/yir.html>

HTSC Symposium 2019 Registration

We invite you to join us at a Symposium on High-throughput Screening Technologies at Penn on **Thursday June 27, 2019 in the Gaulton Auditorium, BRB II/III from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM.**, sponsored by the UPenn High-throughput Screening Core, Chemogenomic Discovery Program, and Penn Center for Precision Medicine.

This symposium will highlight screening projects and platforms at PENN and provide education on the possible areas where high-throughput screening can be used in basic and translational medicine.

The symposium will be an exciting day filled with engaging speakers, including a keynote lecture **Dr. Alice Soragni, PhD** from the UCLA, expert Penn faculty highlighting technologies and results of screens done by users of the Penn HTSC, and a workshop on basic principles of turning your laboratory assay into an optimized, miniaturized assay ready for HTS. For a complete list of speakers, please see attached flyer.

This event is open to all faculty, postdocs, graduate students, and lab staff. Pre-registration is required. Click here to register: https://micro.med.upenn.edu/htc_symposium/

THESIS DEFENSES

June 10, 3 PM (Austrian Auditorium, CRB): **Gleb Bazilevsky (CAMB), “Biochemical and Biophysical Insights into the Molecular Mechanism of ATP-Citrate Lyase.”** Contact [Kathy O'Connor-Cooley](mailto:Kathy.O'Connor-Cooley).

June 17, 2 PM (Austrian Auditorium, CRB): **Valeria Reyes Ruiz (CAMB)**, "Investigating the role of the human NAIP/NLRC4 inflammasome in host defense against gram-negative bacterial infection." Contact [Anna Kline](#).

June 18, 1 PM (Reunion Auditorium, John Morgan Building): **Korrie Mack (BMB)**, "Engineering protein disaggregases to counter alpha-synuclein and amyloid-beta neurotoxicity." Contact [Kelli McKenna](#).

PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENTS

CAMB

June 12, 2 – 3 PM (9-104 Smilow): **Office Hours: CAMB Chair Dan Kessler**. Contact [Dan Kessler](#).

June 14, 12 - 1:30 PM: **DSRB Program Lunch: Alex Dimitri, Maya Hale, Joel Rurik, and Kelly Sullivan (Bashaw lab) will be presenting**. Contact [Christina Strathearn](#).

IGG Preliminary Exams

ASHLEY VANDERBECK, "The role of Notch signaling in extrathymic T cell development"
Rotation Lab: Ivan Maillard, MD, PhD
Monday, June 10, 9:00 AM (253 BRB)

NGG

ANNOUNCEMENT

- **New! For GLIA Activity Leaders:** Make sure you submit your reimbursements and POs by June 15th!
- Don't forget to pick up your NEW NGG T-SHIRT. They are located in Tom's old office.

EVENTS THIS WEEK

6/12 5:30pm (Penn Park): NGG End of the Year Party!

6/13 12:00 - 1:00pm (Barchi): Lunch with NGG summer students

CAREER DEVELOPMENT

EVENTS THIS WEEK

June 13, 1:30 – 2:00 PM (Smilow Center for Translational Research Auditorium & Lobby): **Institute for Immunology “Year in Review” Symposium: IGG Alumni Career Panel Discussion.**

- **Danielle Haney, PhD** (Health Science Policy Analyst, National Institute on Neurological Disorders and Stroke)
- **Adeeb Rahman, PhD** (Technology Director of the Human Monitoring Center, Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai)
- **Vicki Seyfert Margolis, PhD** (Founder, MyOwnMed)

Open to everyone! Learn more and register: <https://www.med.upenn.edu/ifi/yir.html>

FUTURE EVENTS

CALENDAR

[Career Development](#)

RESOURCES

[BGS Career Development Site](#)

[BGS Career Twitter](#)

[BGS Alumni & Current Students LinkedIn](#)

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

[Handshake](#)

STUDENT GROUPS & SOCIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

EVENTS THIS WEEK

June 12, 12 PM (JMEC 506): **EE Just Spring Seminar Series. Dr. Fernando Albertorio, Ph.D.**, a trained chemist, entrepreneur, and technology leader who develops products that help those with disabilities navigate the world will present, **“Highway to Innovation – What Science Taught About Building a Business.”** Lunch from Qdoba will be served. See flyer [here](#).

June 13, 12 – 1 PM (Smilow 09-146A): **PSPDG Write-in Fly-by.** Lunch provided! This event is to give people an opportunity to pen their thoughts on a topic of interest, or on something that is important to them in the current climate (political or otherwise) - in the form of post cards, op-eds, letters to

the editor, etc. Feel welcome to drop by, pen a post-card, grab some pizza and head back out or stay and write a letter to the editor. Students are encouraged to bring friends and colleagues and to take pictures of postcards and share them (and tag PSPDG! @UPennSciencePol). See flyer [here](#).

FUTURE EVENTS

RESOURCES

[BGSA Website](#)

[Calendar of BGSA Events](#)

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