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GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jane Glick and Mikey Nusbaum Awards

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

We have two recipients for the Michael P. Nusbaum Graduate Student Mentoring Award: **Terri Laufer, MD, Associate Professor of Medicine** and **Nandita Mitra, PhD, Professor of Biostatistics**.

Dr. Laufer's and Dr. Mitra'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 **Greg Bashaw, PhD, Professor of Neuroscience**. Dr. Bashaw'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, Josh Gold, Meera Sundaram, Erika Holzbaur and student representative, Katherine Quiroz-Figueroa.

UPCOMING EVENTS

MD-PhD 60th Anniversary Symposium

The Penn MD/PhD program is celebrating its 60th Anniversary! This special milestone will take place on Wednesday, March 27, 2019 from 12:00 -7:00 PM in Smilow Auditorium & Commons. Find more information [here](#).

CPHI Seminar Series: Gary Wu, MD

What's public health got to do with it? The impact of diet and the microbiome on health and disease.

The rapidly increasing incidence of inflammatory and metabolic diseases has had many wondering whether this is being driven by changes in our environment, including the industrialization of our food supply. Current evidence suggests diet not only shapes the microbial communities that live in our intestinal tract, i.e. our microbiome, but also leads to the production of small molecules, or metabolites, that can have a direct effect on our well-being. Using the latest advances in technology, scientists are now beginning to unravel these complex interactions leading to innovative approaches by which these environmental factors can be modified to prevent and/or treat disease. Dr. Gary Wu will discuss the PennCHOP Microbiome Program and our evolving understanding of the microbiome to design interventions to promote health and cure disease. Dr. Wu will also talk about the new Penn Center for Nutritional Science and Medicine, and its focus on the independent effect of diet on human health and disease.

The seminar will take place **Thursday, March 28, 2019** from **12 – 1:30 PM** in **Gaulton Auditorium (Biomedical Research Building)**. See Dr. Wu's speaker bio and register [here](#).

THESIS DEFENSES

Apr. 1, 11 AM (Class of '62 Auditorium, John Morgan Building): **Raju Mishra (GCB), "Genetic Insights into Latent Autoimmune Diabetes in Adults."** Contact [Maureen Kirsch](#).

Apr. 1, 1 PM (Smilow 8-146): **Kim Kridsada (NGG), "Developmental and Signaling Mechanisms of Touch Neurons."**

Apr. 1, 3 PM (Rubenstein Auditorium, Smilow): **Jessica Grindheim (CAMB), "PRC2 Proteins EZH1 and EZH2 Regulate Timing of Postnatal Hepatocyte Maturation and Fibrosis."** Contact [Kathy O'Connor-Cooley](#).

Apr. 3, 2 – 3 PM (Austrian Auditorium, CRB): **Michael Peel (CAMB): Identification and Functional Characterization of Novel Determinants of the Somatotrope and Lactotrope Lineages in the Anterior Pituitary."** Contact [Kathy O'Connor-Cooley](#).

PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENTS

CAMB

Mar. 28, 12 – 1 PM: **GTV Trainee Seminar: McKensie Collins (Melenhorst lab) and Erin Reagan (Bar/Weissman labs) presenting.** Contact [Anna Kline](#).

Mar. 29, 12 – 1:30 PM: **DSRB Program Lunch: Rotation Talks.** Contact [Christina Strathearn](#).

Mar. 29, 12:15 – 1:30 PM: **CPM Post Rotation Talks Seminar: Megan Blair, Abdias Diaz-Rosado, Corey Holman, and Sean Louzon presenting.** Contact [Kathy O'Connor-Cooley](#).

Mar. 29, 4 – 5 PM: **G&E FFF Happy Hour.** Contact [Kathy O'Connor-Cooley](#).

NGG

- Sign up to volunteer for GLIA's spring outreach events [here](#). Reminder that you must have 2 credits of volunteering per year (if you are not an event leader) in order to maintain GLIA membership.
- Join the Mahoney Institute for Neuroscience on April 3, 2019, from 8:30am-5:30pm in Smilow Auditorium for a full day of engaging neuroscience discussion and talks! Highlights include a minisymposium featuring neurodegeneration research happening at Penn and a poster session on neuroscience broadly. Breakfast and lunch will be served and a reception will follow the event.

EVENTS THIS WEEK

3/29/19 9am-12:15 (Houston Hall, Bodek Lounge): Kid's Judge
Sign up [here](#) to volunteer for a shift!

CAREER DEVELOPMENT

NEW! Blog Post: Career Services – Handshake Job Lists

[Handshake](#) is Penn Career Services' primary tool for communicating with students. All students have been pre-assigned a Handshake account, but you will need to activate it by logging in with your PennKey and password.

When you first log in, you will be prompted to fill out your career interests. This is a critical part of the process, because these selections will dictate what you hear from Career Services in terms of **specific emails about jobs, workshops, employer events, and more**. For people who already have activated their accounts, they can (and should) keep their career interests updated. The [BGS Career Development Blog](#) provides detailed instructions on how to do so.

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Mar. 26, 12 – 1:30 PM (Perelman Quad – Houston Hall, Golkin Room): **Finding the Right Postdoc in STEM (Academic Job Search Series)**. This program is open to doctoral students and postdocs as part of Career Services' Academic Job Search Series. This discussion panel will feature Penn postdocs from science and engineering fields who will talk about their own experiences looking for postdocs, provide advice on what you can do when you start your search, and answer any questions you have on where and how you can seek out postdoc opportunities. This panel discussion will be a valuable resource for anyone considering a postdoc once they have finished with their PhD – even if you are still several years from finishing up right now. Find info on panelists [here](#) and RSVP via [Handshake](#).

Mar. 26, 4 – 5 PM (Barchi Library, 140 John Morgan Building): **BGS Professional Skills Series, "Philanthropy & Fundraising"** led by **Torren Blair**, Senior Director of Development, Basic Science and Translational Science Programs and **Megan Osvath**, Associate Director of Development for Biomedical Research. More details and flyer [here](#). Light refreshments will be served. **Register today!**

FUTURE EVENTS

Apr. 3, 2 – 4 PM (CURF Fireside Lounge, Arch Building 2nd Floor): **Compete in the Graduate Student Center's Pitch Your PhD Competition**. Co-sponsored by Career Services and the Center for Undergraduate Research and Fellowships (CURF). With only 1 slide and 180 seconds, practice your communication and public presentation skills. Two winners will be chosen to attend an inter-Ivy-League competition and reception in New York City on April 25th hosted at the United Nations, and all costs associated with that trip will be covered! More details and register [here](#).

Apr. 6, 10 AM – 1 PM (Perry World House, 3803 Locust Walk): **PSOM Center for Global Health presents the 4th annual, "Career Pathways in Global Health."** Global health is less about geography and more of a lens through which one approaches health care delivery and outcomes in the larger global context. The career paths in this field are as vast as the topic itself. Come learn about the career trajectories and work lives of our featured speakers regarding local and global public health research and practice. Featuring keynote speaker Joan Bensen, MD, MPH - Executive Director, Public Health Partnerships, Merck Vaccines. [RSVP here](#).

Apr. 8, 4:30 – 6 PM (Perelman Quad – ARCH Building, Room 108): **Preparing for your First Year as a Faculty Member or Postdoc.** This program, part of Career Services' Academic Job Search Series, is intended to help anyone pursuing an academic career path to better understand ways to succeed in their first years on the job. The panel discussion will be followed by a Q&A. Find more info on panelists and register via [Handshake](#).

CALENDAR

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[BGS Career Twitter](#)

[BGS Alumni & Current Students LinkedIn](#)

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

[Handshake](#)

STUDENT GROUPS & SOCIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

BGS Social Gaming Presents: March Board Game Night

Join BGS Social Gaming for the March Board Game Night on **Wednesday, March 27th at 5:30 PM.** Bring yourselves, bring your games, bring your competitive side! Pizza & drinks provided. Flyer [here](#). To stay up-to-date, join the [mailing list](#). If you don't want to use your Google e-email, open the link in a private window and enter your e-mail address of choice.

Community Impact Fund (Deadline: Rolling)

The Provost's Office has dedicated funds to support graduate student initiatives and activities that build a community of mutual respect and intercultural understanding on campus. In particular, the fund supports graduate student-driven activities that address racial, cultural, or gender-based bias. For more details and to apply, click [here](#).

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Mar. 25, 12 – 1 PM (Irvine Auditorium, Amado Recital Room): **Supporting Autistic Grad Students Panel.** Join the Grad Student Center for a catered lunchtime panel discussion (chaired by Prof. Nancy Hirschmann) for autistic students, their allies, and faculty, staff, and administrators. This hour-long

discussion will explore questions unique to autistic students participating in graduate programs and provide recommendations of best practices to their peers and advisers. More info and register [here](#).

Mar. 27, 12 – 1 PM (Biomedical Library Conference Room): **#WellnessWednesday Workshops at the Biomedical Library: Sleep Trivia**. To register, visit bit.ly/sleeptrivia.

Mar. 29, 8 PM (Penn Museum): **GAPSA-IDEAL All Access Party**. Attend this semester's Casino Royale themed All Access Party! Enjoy the night with food and drinks and win raffle prizes. Semi-formal attire is required. Tickets are \$10 for students and \$15 for non-Penn students. The first 20 BGS students will receive 50% off using the promo code: **BGS2019**. Purchase tickets [here](#).

FUTURE EVENTS

Apr. 2, 4 PM (BRB 1412): **"Exploring Career Options for PhDs,"** presented by Career Services and co-sponsored by **Pharm4GOOD** and **BGSA**. Snacks and drinks provided! Flyer [here](#).

Apr. 2, 5:30 PM (Smilow 09-146AB): **BGSA GA Meeting**.

Apr. 3, 12 – 1 PM (Biomedical Library Relaxation Room): **#WellnessWednesday Workshops at the Biomedical Library: Introduction to Mindfulness & Meditation**. To register, visit bit.ly/intromind.

Apr. 7, 1:30 – 4:30 PM (Café 58 – Irvine Auditorium): **I CARE Student Training – Wellness Week**. I CARE is an interactive training that builds a caring community with the skills and resources to intervene in student stress, distress, and crisis. Register [here](#).

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