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## **GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Reminder: ORCID Requirement – BGS Needs Your ORCID**

An ORCID provides you with a unique identifier that links all your research output (Publications, grants, professional activities), and it is becoming a requirement for manuscript and [grant submissions](#). By making your ORCID public, the graduate program (BGS) can easily track the successes of our students. That makes us better advocates for you to the University Administration, to Granting Agencies, and to our Communities. Learn more and access the form to submit your ORCID to BGS [here](#).

## Glick and Nusbaum Faculty Awards - Nominations due November 15

Attached below are the nomination forms for the Glick and Nusbaum awards. The nomination forms are due to the nominees' primary graduate group by **November 15, 2019**. The graduate group contacts are on page 2 of the form.

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

Please contact [Colleen Dunn](#) with any questions.

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## Onsite CAPS Counselor for BGS Students

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 3-7 PM in 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. 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](mailto:nicobr@upenn.edu).

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## "Let's Talk" Weekly Drop-In Sessions (New CAPS Initiative)

Let's Talk provides opportunities for students to engage in informal consultations with a CAPS clinician, Dr. Yacob Tekie, at different locations on campus, including the Graduate Student Center, ARCH, Greenfield Intercultural Center, the LGBT Center, and Van Pelt Library. This is a great way for students to gain insight, support, and to explore solutions and resources. For more information, [see the attached poster](#) or go to <https://www.vpul.upenn.edu/caps/letstalk>.

If you have questions, please email Yacob Tekie at [tekie@upenn.edu](mailto:tekie@upenn.edu).

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## Google PhD Fellowship - Applications due TODAY

Penn has been invited to submit 4 nominees for the Google PhD Fellowship Program. Self-nominations are made to the Provost's office, which decides which to nominate to Google. The internal competition deadline is **November 11, 2019 at 5PM**. See the full announcement here: <https://bgscareerdevelopment.com/google-phd-fellowship/>

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## Spectrum Skills Group

The Spectrum Skills Group intends to help its members develop a toolkit of skills for managing stress and navigating social interactions. This toolkit is intended to ease many of the day-to-day stresses experienced by individuals who identify as having autism spectrum disorder or autism-like traits. Learn more [here](#).

If you are interested in possibly participating in the Spectrum Group, please fill out this [form](#). A member of their team will be in touch to provide additional information about the program, including next steps and a brief, 15-20 minute phone call to review eligibility for the program. The group will meet weekly beginning **November 18, 2019**.

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## HTRS Student Research Award Applications Now Open

Applications are now open for the **2020 HTRS Student Research Awards (SRA)**, an 8- to 10-week program for medical, PhD, MD/PhD, or PharmD students working on targeted research projects in hemostasis and thrombosis. Proposed projects may be lab-based, clinical or epidemiologic in design. The program includes a \$5,000 award stipend plus a \$2,000 travel allowance, collaboration with a research mentor, and a presentation at a 2021 professional meeting. Applications are now open. **The application deadline is March 2, 2020**. Up to three fellowships will be awarded. For more details, see the [Request for Applications](#). To apply, please visit <https://htrs.smapply.org>.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Information Session: Certificate Options for PhD Students

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**Date & Time: Thursday, November 14, 2019, 2:00 – 3:30 PM**

**Location: Smilow 08-146 AB (3400 Civic Center Boulevard)**

[Please register in advance](#). Light refreshments will be served.

Please note: This information session will cover a [selection](#) of the certificate options available to BGS students. To see a full list of certificate options, visit the [BGS website](#).

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## Chemistry-Biology Interface Fall Symposium

The Fellows of the Chemistry-Biology Interface Training Grant would like to invite you to join us for our **2019 Chemistry-Biology Interface Fall Symposium** on **Friday, November 15th, in the Lynch Auditorium (Chemistry Building)**. The symposium will take place from 9:30am - 5:00pm, and will include breakfast, lunch, and a reception during the afternoon poster session. The poster session will be held in Nobel Hall. We are currently accepting abstract submissions for short (20 min) oral presentations as well as poster presentations from graduate students and postdocs. Talks and posters may cover any topic within Chemistry and Biology.

Our keynote speakers this year are **Amy Palmer** from CU Boulder, **Eranthie Weerapana** from Boston College, and **Nevan Krogan** from UCSF.

See flyer [here](#). Please register using the following link: <https://forms.gle/3XeQXQkeWcAZ3eQa9>.

You can visit our CBI website (<https://www.med.upenn.edu/cbit32/>) for information on past symposia. Please feel free to contact us with any questions.

Best,  
The CBI Planning Committee

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## Philadelphia Hemostasis Education Workshop

The Philadelphia Hemostasis Education Workshop will take place **Wednesday, November 20, 2019** from **9:00 AM – 1:00 PM in BRB, Room 253**. Please see the [flyer](#) for a complete list of speakers.

RSVP to Lauren Barrett:  
[bal Lauren@pennmedicine.upenn.edu](mailto:bal Lauren@pennmedicine.upenn.edu)

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## Neuroscience Public Lecture: OUCH! The Neuroscience of Pain

Penn Neuroscience graduate students are hosting a public lecture entitled "OUCH! The Neuroscience of Pain" which will feature three 15-minute TED style talks from Penn neuroscience faculty members Drs. Nicholas Betley, Gregory Corder, and Ishmail Adbus-Saboor.

**Date & Time: Wednesday, December 4th, 6:30pm (Check-in and demos begin at 6pm)**

**Location: Rubenstein Auditorium, Smilow Center for Translational Research Auditorium, 3400 Civic Center Blvd, Philadelphia, PA, 19104**

Check-in and fun neuroscience demonstrations will begin at 6pm, and a reception with snacks and refreshments will follow the talks so that the audience can interact with the scientists. Please see the attached flyer for more details.

**Please register for the event here:** <https://upennglia.com/publiclecture>.

See you there!

The Public Lecture Planning Committee  
University of Pennsylvania  
[phillyneurolecture@gmail.com](mailto:phillyneurolecture@gmail.com)

## **THESIS DEFENSES**

Nov. 11, 2 PM (Rubenstein Auditorium, Smilow): **Nicholas Minutolo (PGG), “Developing the next generation of universal immune receptors.”** Contact [Sarah Squire](#).

Nov. 12, 1 PM (Austrian Auditorium, CRB): **Ope Alabi (NGG), “Striatal Computations in Health and Neuropsychiatric Disease.”** Contact [Christine Clay](#).

Nov. 12, 2 PM (Law Auditorium, JMEC): **Benjamin Philipson (CAMB), “From bench to bedside and back again: CAR T cell signaling and survival.”** Contact [Kathy O’Connor-Cooley](#).

Nov. 15, 2 PM (Grossman Auditorium – Wistar Institute): **Lumena Louis (PGG), “Synthetic DNA Technology as a Tool to Generate Vaccine Immunity in the Skin.”** Contact [Sarah Squire](#).

## **PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **CAMB**

Nov. 12, 3:30 – 4:30 PM (9-104 Smilow): **Office Hours: CAMB Chair Dan Kessler.** Contact [Dan Kessler](#).

Nov. 15, 12:15 – 1:30 PM: **CPM Research in Progress Seminar: Anna Garcia Whitlock (Titchenell lab), Jessica Phan (E. Lee lab), and Yuwei Qi (Minn lab) presenting.** Contact [Kathy O’Connor-Cooley](#).

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## NGG

### ANNOUNCEMENT

- **New!** Check out this week's PennNeuroKnow article [Ride the Wave](#) by Rebecca Somach.
- Use the new [GFAP form](#) when making purchases and asking for reimbursements.

### EVENTS THIS WEEK

11/12 1pm - 3pm (CRB Austrian Auditorium) - Ope Alabi Defense

### FUTURE EVENTS

11/20 6pm - 8pm (14th floor BRB) - Friendsgiving

### CALENDARS

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# CAREER DEVELOPMENT

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## 2020 Competition for the iBiology Young Scientist Seminars (YSS)

Applications are now open for the 2020 Competition for the iBiology Young Scientist Seminars (YSS)! This is a video series produced by iBiology that features early-career scientists giving talks about their research and discoveries. Applications must be received by **December 16, 2019 (11:59pm PT)** to be considered. [Learn more here](#).

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## EVENTS THIS WEEK

Nov. 12, 4:30 – 6 PM (Ben Franklin Room, Houston Hall): **Interviewing for Faculty Jobs – Panel Discussion for STEM.** Join Penn Career Services for a panel discussion on interviewing for faculty jobs as a STEM PhD/postdoc. A panel of Penn Alumni will share their experiences and best practices. Learn more about the panel and register [here](#).

Nov. 13, 12-2 PM (Stemmler 105): **Walk-In Wednesdays** with Penn Career Services. [See flyer here.](#)

Nov. 14, 2 - 3:30 PM (Smilow 08-146 AB): **Information Session: Certificate Options for PhD Students.** [Please register in advance.](#)

## FUTURE EVENTS

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[Career Development](#)

### RESOURCES

[BGS Career Development Site](#)

[BGS Career Twitter](#)

[BGS Alumni & Current Students LinkedIn](#)

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

[Handshake](#)

[Request a sponsored Membership to the New York Academy of Sciences](#)

# STUDENT GROUPS & SOCIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Call for Donations – Recycle Styrofoam Boxes for Cat Shelters!

As the winter approaches, many stray cats in West Philly (~400,000) are prone to suffering and even dying from hypothermia. BGS students have partnered with Project Meow to collect styrofoam boxes, to be recycled as winter shelters for Philadelphia's stray cat population. If you have a box in the lab, please email [jscoku@gmail.com](mailto:jscoku@gmail.com) or [lascnm2004@yahoo.com](mailto:lascnm2004@yahoo.com) to arrange a timely pick up!

The box should fit about two big cats. Please see [flyer](#) for example.

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## EVENTS THIS WEEK

Nov. 12, 5:30 PM (Johnson Foundation Library, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Anatomy Chemistry): **PSPDG General Meeting**. They will recap highlights from members' trip to the National Science Policy Symposium. Happy hour to follow. Newcomers always welcomed and encouraged to join in!

Nov. 14, 12 PM (Smilow 12-146): **BGSA Tax Workshop** for 1st and 2nd year BGS students. Learn what you need to know to do your Estimated Quarterly Taxes from a certified accountant. Lunch will be served!

## **FUTURE EVENTS**

Nov. 19, 3 – 4 PM (BRB 1412): **SACNAS Academic Development Seminar**. Join SACNAS for an exciting academic development seminar with Dr. Victor Torres from NYU School of Medicine! Talk title: "Dissecting Mechanisms of immune evasion by *Staphylococcus aureus*." Cookies and coffee will be served!

## **RESOURCES**

[Request a sponsored Membership to the New York Academy of Sciences](#)

[Slack for BGS Students](#)

[BGSA Website](#)

[Calendar of BGSA Events](#)

[Grad Center at Penn](#)

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