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GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

“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.

Request a sponsored Membership to the New York Academy of Sciences

To support your professional and career development, the Perelman School of Medicine will sponsor interested students, postdocs, faculty and staff for **complimentary 1-year Membership** to one of the oldest and most prestigious scientific organizations in the United States, the [New York Academy of Sciences](#).

[TO REQUEST A SPONSORED MEMBERSHIP, SIGN UP HERE](#)

As an Academy Member, you'll benefit from free/discounted access to:

Cutting Edge Content: [publications](#), [eBriefings](#), and [webinars](#) featuring the latest research presented at the New York Academy of Sciences

Career Readiness Training: online courses, webinars and other [career resources](#) to help you acquire the skills needed to succeed in a STEM-related field

Networking & Resume Building: opportunities to [present your research](#), apply for Travel Fellowships, qualify for intensive leadership training, or [request a mentor](#)

ITMAT Education – TL1/T32 Slots Available for Certificate in Translational, Regulatory, or Entrepreneurial Science

Deadline: October 25, 2019

ITMAT Education's Certificate in Translational Science, Entrepreneurial Science, and Regulatory Science provides PhD students with training to build upon their scientific expertise to understand approaches to translate early discoveries and preclinical investigations into therapeutics. This program is designed for PhD students who wish to pursue careers in academia, the pharmaceutical & biotechnology industry, consulting and legal industries, and federal agencies.

The certificate includes a one-year engagement in a research project (a new research project or as an additional aim to research currently being conducted) and four courses. TL1 appointees will receive one year of funding including a stipend per NIH policy and tuition funding to cover the cost of the certificate.

<http://www.itmat.upenn.edu/certificate/>

Contact Rachel McGarrigle, MEd, rmcg@upenn.edu or Emma Meagher, MD, emma@upenn.edu to learn more.

Please note – students interested in a certificate program should review ‘Policies Governing Participation of BGS Students in Certificate Programs.’ Authorization is required through the form, ‘Authorization to Participate in a Certificate Program.’ [Both forms are available here.](#)

Postdoctoral Fellowships for Academic Diversity

The Postdoctoral Fellowships for Academic Diversity are competitive programs intended to increase the diversity of the academic research community at the University of Pennsylvania and The Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP). While the Penn and CHOP programs have a common application form, they are independently funded and have separate review processes.

Both organizations seek to attract promising researchers and educators from different backgrounds, races, ethnic groups, and other diverse populations whose life experiences, research experiences and employment backgrounds will contribute significantly to their academic missions.

Fellowships are available for postdoctoral training in all areas of study at either Penn or CHOP. STEM applications are encouraged. Successful candidates will receive mentored scholarly and research training as well as courses and workshops to enhance their research success skills and prepare them for a faculty position in a major university.

Apply now for the Penn Provost’s Postdoctoral Fellowship. The deadline is **November 01, 2019 at 5pm**. More information on eligibility and the application process is available [here](#).

BGS Winter Coat Drive

The BGS Winter Coat Drive will last 2 weeks, from Oct 7 to Oct 18. There will be 3 collection boxes (in the Smilow, Johnson Pavilion and BRB lobbies) accepting coats and jackets, old and new, in good condition. Donations will go to Project HOME for distribution to the homeless. For more information, contact Andrea Guzman (guzma@penncare.upenn.edu). See flyer [here](#).

Annual Flu Clinic

Wednesday, October 16 - Friday, October 18
Bodek Lounge, Houston Hall

Stop by Penn's annual Flu Clinics this October. Flu shots are FREE for all students, faculty, postdocs, and staff. No registration is required; all you need is your PennCard. [See flyer for details.](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Deadline extended! PennDemic 2019 coming November 9th, 2019. Apply by Oct 14th!

Are you interested in disaster preparedness and response? Would you like to explore the field while gaining valuable interprofessional teamwork skills?

Following the successful launch of "PennDemic: An Interprofessional Outbreak Simulation" last year, we are excited to announce "PennDemic 2019: Hurricane Penelope".

This event is sure to be a fun and valuable educational experience. We will learn about the response to natural disasters across the fields of study at the University of Pennsylvania and University of Sciences. We will attempt to answer the question "What if a hurricane of unprecedented strength hit an urban area (City of Philadelphia) and a rural area (Lancaster County)?"

For more information, including a video from last year's event and a link to the application: <https://www.vet.upenn.edu/about/penn-vet-events-calendar/penndemic-2019>

The event will occur all day on **November 9th, 2019**. Applications are due **Oct 14th!**

If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Hillary Nelson (hnelson@penmedicine.upenn.edu), one of the PennDemic organizers.

Open Science event at Van Pelt Library Oct. 23rd

Open Science is a collaborative effort to improve open access to scientific research through multimodal platforms. Open scientific research is in demand not just for those who do not have access, but also creators and researchers who believe in the potential it has to offer. Please join us for a series of presentations to learn more about the evolution of scientific research and open access.

Our diverse panel of speakers will feature: **Theodore Satterthwaite M.D.** Assistant Professor Department of Psychiatry, University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine; **Daniel Himmelstein**,

Postdoctoral Fellow at Greene Lab, Department of Systems Pharmacology & Translational Therapeutics, University of Pennsylvania; and **Jennifer Stiso**, PhD Candidate for Neuroscience, University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine.

Each speaker will give a short presentation, which will be followed by a Q&A session with all three speakers. We look forward to your attendance and participation!

<https://libcal.library.upenn.edu/calendar/wicshops/openscience>

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,
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THESIS DEFENSES

Oct. 16, 2-3 PM (Reunion Auditorium, JMB): **Riley Payne (CAMB)**, “**The Molecular Basis for Rapid Ca²⁺ Transport Across the Inner Mitochondrial Membrane.**” Contact [Kathy O’Connor-Coolley](#).

Oct. 17, 3-4 PM (BRB Gaulton Auditorium): **Nabil Darwich (NGG), "Structure and Function of a Disease Associated Tau Disaggregase."** Contact [Keyana Moody](#).

PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENTS

CAMB

Oct. 16, 2 – 3 PM (9-104 Smilow): **Office Hours: CAMB Chair Dan Kessler.** Contact [Dan Kessler](#).

Oct. 18, 12 – 1:30 PM: **DSRB Program Lunch: Ryan Cheng (Raper lab), Ernest Monahan Vargas (Song lab), and Karen Wong (Epstein lab) presenting.** Contact [Christina Strathearn](#).

Oct. 18, 12:15 – 1:30 PM: **CPM Research in Progress Seminar: Yaoyu Gong (Dang lab), Danielle Minichino (Behrens lab), and Derek Sung (Post Rotation Talk) presenting.** Contact [Kathy O'Connor-Cooley](#).

NGG

ANNOUNCEMENT

- **New!** Please add to your calendar that the SFN Social will be **Monday, October 21 from 9-11pm**. Please sign up in this [link](#).
- **New!** Check out this week's PennNeuroKnow article [More than a bug bite](#) by Carolyn Keating - Besides the early symptoms of West Nile & Zika virus, these viruses can also cause long-term cognitive issues. Now, a new study shows a protein made by T cells in the brain over-activates the brain's "clean up" cells, causing damage to neuronal connections.
- Use the new GFAP form from now on when making purchases. If you run into problems using the form, or if something is confusing, please email the executive board at ngg.glia@gmail.com so we can address your question and improve the form. The link for the new form is [here](#).

EVENTS THIS WEEK

10/17 3pm - 4pm (BRB Gaulton Auditorium) - Nabil Darwich Thesis Defense

10/18 5:30pm - 6:30pm (Barchi Library) - Sydney Cason Chalk Talk

FUTURE EVENTS

10/21 9pm - 11pm (Buddy Guy's Legends, 700 S Wabash Ave, Chicago, IL 60605) - Penn SFN Social

CALENDARS

[NGG and GLIA](#)

[MINS](#)

[BGSA](#)

CAREER DEVELOPMENT

Save the Date! BioSciences Career Fair 2019

The BioSciences Career Fair will take place **October 24, 2019 from 1-4 PM** in the **Colket Translational Research Building** (3501 Civic Center Blvd.) The fair is for all STEM Master's/PhD students/alumni and postdocs. There are many benefits that can be gained by students and postdocs at any stage of their program attending this event.

Register and view the employers who will attend: https://upenn.joinhandshake.com/career_fairs/9858

NEW for 2019 – Resume Books. Career Services will be creating a resume book that will be sent to all employers prior to the career fair. More info on how to include your resume [here](#).

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Oct. 16, 12-2 PM (Stemmler 105): **Walk-In Wednesdays** with Penn Career Services. [See flyer here](#).

FUTURE EVENTS

Oct. 23, 12-2 PM (Biomedical Library, 3610 Hamilton Walk): **#IPSAG Mid-Semester Lunch**. All health sciences students are welcome to attend! Drop by to mingle with your peers in other health sciences programs and health sciences librarians. This event is a part of the InterProfessional Student Advisory Gatherings (#IPSAG), a networking event series for students interested in working in clinical or other health-related settings. [Register here](#).

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

SACNAS Seeking Volunteers

SACNAS is hosting throughout the semester Academic Development Workshop Series: Communicating your Science. We are looking for volunteers to sit on a couple panel discussions about experiences presenting scientific posters and talks on October 30th and November 14th. Please contact kveliz@pennmedicine.upenn.edu if interested in participating.

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Oct. 15, 5:30 PM (BRB 301): **LTBGS General Meeting**, for those interested in taking a leadership role in LTBGS.

Oct. 15, 5:30 PM (Johnson Foundation Library in Anatomy/Chemistry 2nd floor [look for signs]): **PSPDG General Meeting**. Learn about what the Penn Science Policy and Diplomacy Group does, hear about updates on current projects, and more!

Oct. 16, 12 – 1:30 PM (Gaulton Auditorium, BRB): **Public Speaking Seminar Series: Part 1**. Co-organized by BGSA, SACNAS, and PGWISE. Join us for the first part of a 3-part series to learn how to improve your public speaking skills! See flyer [here](#).

Oct. 18, 3 – 5 PM (BRB 252): **SACNAS General Meeting & Ice Cream Social**. Come learn about our mission, members, and opportunities! Flyer [here](#).

FUTURE EVENTS

Oct. 22, 10:30 AM – 3 PM (Biomedical Library Training Lab): **Edit-a-thon at the Biomedical Library**. During this drop-in event, support a National Library of Medicine initiative by editing health-related Wikipedia pages. No experience is necessary. Training will be provided. Flyer [here](#).

Oct. 22, 12 -1 PM (Class of '62 Auditorium, JMB): **SACNAS Thesis Committee Meeting Seminar**. Learn information about planning for your committee meetings from Dr. Dan Kessler, Chair of the Cell and Molecular Biology (CAMB) program and a panel of BGS PhD candidates. Flyer [here](#).

Oct. 25, 5-7 PM (Grad Center, 1st Floor Common Room): **Grad Center, Fourth Friday: Trick or Treat!** Take a break to decorate pumpkins, sample fall beers, and enjoy seasonal treats at the Grad Center's

Halloween-themed happy hour! Part of the Fourth Fridays @ Five series. Registration is appreciated to help estimate head counts for food and drinks, but is not required. [Register here!](#)

Oct. 31, 5:30 PM (BRB 14th Floor): **BGSA Halloween Party!** Join BGSA for Halloween Party on October 31st, 14th Floor BRB. There will be food, drinks, games and costume contest with prizes! See flyer [here](#).

Nov. 5, 5:30 PM (BRB 252): **BGSA GA Meeting.** We are looking to elect a new GAPSA representative. Please email bgsa.chair@gmail.com if interested.

RESOURCES

[The Community Impact Fund](#)

[Slack for BGS Students](#)

[BGSA Website](#)

[Calendar of BGSA Events](#)

[Grad Center at Penn](#)

[Family Center at Penn](#)

[Penn Today Events](#)

[Ask Isaac: Your Personal IS Guru](#)

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