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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](#).

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](#)

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.

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](#).

Patel Family Scholar Award in Cancer Research

Advancing Graduate Studies (AGS) in Cancer Research

The Patel Scholar Award provides additional resources to graduate students involved in cancer research.

- \$5,000 per year for supplies and research services (two years)
- \$500 per year for meeting registration and travel (use each year or lose it!)

Eligibility: Cancer Biology Group graduate students with impact scores on NIH F30/F31 proposals in 2018 or 2019, and BGS graduate students with impact scores on NCI F30/31 proposals during this time frame, are eligible.

See [here](#) for more information on criteria and the application process.

Google PhD Fellowship - Applications Open

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/>

UPCOMING EVENTS

Community Discussion - 2019 AAU Campus Climate Survey

Tuesday, October 29, 7 p.m., LGBT Center

Please join your classmates and support resources Tuesday night for a discussion of the 2019 AAU Campus Climate Survey led by staff from Penn Violence Prevention. Co-sponsored by: Graduate and Professional Student Assembly (GAPSA), Lambda Alliance, Lambda Grads, LGBT Center, Penn Association for Gender Equity (PAGE), Penn Women's Center, and the Undergraduate Assembly. Staff

from Counseling and Psychological Services, and Special Services will be available to assist students with concerns.

Thriving at Penn: Halloween Day of Play

Thursday, October 31

These fun, free, and festive events help deepen your connectedness to Penn and provide opportunities to meet students from all schools. See flyer [here](#).

- **College Green (11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.):** Donuts, pumpkin decorating, face painting!
 - **Houston Hall (1:30-6 p.m.):** Movies, popcorn, family Trick-or-Treating, and more!
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Psychedelics 101: The Basics, Promises, and Pitfalls of Psychedelics

Oct. 31, 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM - Amado Recital Hall, Irvine Auditorium

Join us in an evening discussion about the basics, promises, and pitfalls of psychedelics. The event will feature a short presentation by the organizers, after which the participants will then break into small group discussions about psychedelics. This event is co-hosted with the MindAlign, an organization that fosters intellectual hub focused on asking questions about the mind and well-being, and applying answers to those questions to society and policy!

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. 29, 1 PM (Austrian Auditorium, CRB): **Katherine Forsyth (IGG)**, “**Contribution of nonclassical antigen presentation to CD4+ T cells during orthopoxvirus infection.**” Contact [Mary Taylor](#).

Oct. 30, 1-2 PM (Class of 62 Auditorium, JMB): **Steven Zhao (CAMB)**, “**From Sugar to Acetate – The Origins of Acetyl-CoA Dictate its Use in Cells and in Mice.**” Contact [Kathy O’Connor-Cooley](#).

Oct. 31, 2-3PM (Class of 62 Auditorium, JMB): **Christin Herrmann (CAMB)**, “**Adenovirus strategies for altering the cellular environment in favor of infection.**” Contact [Anna Kline](#).

PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENTS

CAMB

Nov. 1, 12:15 – 1:30 PM: **CPM Research in Progress Seminar: Ben Philipson (Milone/Albelda labs), Jessica Chotiner (Wang lab), and Clarke Fritsch (Goldman lab) presenting.** Contact [Kathy O’Connor-Cooley](#).

NGG

ANNOUNCEMENT

- **New!** Check out this week’s PennNeuroKnow article [Transforming cells to repair the brain](#) by Claudia Lopez-Lloreda.
- Use the new [GFAP form](#) when making purchases and asking for reimbursements.

EVENTS THIS WEEK

10/29 5pm - 7pm (Suite 200, Goddard) - NGG/SCAN Mixer
10/29 5pm - 6pm (252 Biomedical Research Building) - NGG Live

CALENDARS

[NGG and GLIA](#)

CAREER DEVELOPMENT

Healthcare Startup Networking Event

PennHealthX and the Wharton Health Care Club will be hosting a Healthcare Startup Networking event focused on healthcare entrepreneurship. This event will be held **Mon, October 28th at 6 PM** in **Hunstman hall (room TBD)**. We hope to connect motivated founders looking to drive medical innovation with students across different schools. Everyone is welcome!

Space will be available for posters and presentations, though neither is required. Students in attendance will have a variety of research, medicine, consulting, banking, and education and represent different schools across campus. We are creating an environment where potential team members can meet to tackle these projects.

To sign-up or learn more about this opportunity, click here: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfowJDwg2Tlt4agZX5rYHRr6P_3yBB6z_FwDwnj2oc_sTmPAsw/viewform

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.](#)

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Oct. 30, 12-2 PM (Stemmler 105): **Walk-In Wednesdays** with Penn Career Services. [See flyer here.](#)

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

Convenient and Fun Science Outreach Opportunity (Nov 13th or Dec 4th, 3-5 pm)

Share your passion for science and connect with local middle school students this semester! Volunteers are needed for two workshop dates, designed by BGS students, in collaboration with [Spark Philadelphia](#), to introduce local middle school students to biomedical research here at the University of Pennsylvania. The workshops conveniently take place in School of Medicine research buildings. More information concerning the workshop activities, which include Smilow lab tours, and a hands-on Pharm4GOOD fly epilepsy experiment, is available at the [sign up link](#). Please contact schultej@pennmedicine.upenn.edu with questions.

Promote Career-Related Events through Career Services

You can now submit blog posts and events through the Career Services' website. For example, if your student group had a career-related event you wanted to showcase on the events feed, then you can select "Guests" in the top right corner of the homepage (<https://careerservices.upenn.edu/>) and then submit the event on the next page. The events feed looks like this: <https://careerservices.upenn.edu/events>

In terms of blog posts, you can tag submitted posts to appear on the Life and Physical Sciences Community (<https://careerservices.upenn.edu/channels/life-physical-sciences>) as one of the featured articles.

Free Space for Student Groups

The Office of Student Affairs has announced a new initiative to make more gathering space available for free to student groups on high demand days: Wednesdays and Sundays. Reservations can be easily requested through the Perelman Quadrangle reservation system. Learn more and reserve space here: <https://tinyurl.com/BookPennRooms>.

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Oct. 28, 4:30 – 6 PM (Grad Center Room 305): **Graduate Student Center: Unpacking the Hidden Curriculum.** The "hidden curriculum" encompasses the knowledge and skills needed for academic success that are not explicitly taught. This graduate student panel will discuss and unpack the hidden curriculum in graduate school. We will focus on identifying skills and knowledge needed for success and strategies for navigating academia. Register in advance at gsc.upenn.edu/events

Oct. 29, 12 – 1:30 PM (JMEC 515 EW): **PSPDG Science Communication Workshop 2: Data Visualization.** Learn about the nuisances of effective ways to visualize your data from [Javier Zarracina](#), graphic designer for USATODAY, previously at Vox. **RSVP is required**, and note we have LIMITED space.

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. 1, 6 PM (CRB 302): **BGS "October" Board Game Night.** Get your (board) game face on! Pizza and drinks provided. Bring yourselves, bring your games, bring your competitive side. To stay up-to-date, join the mailing list: <https://groups.google.com/d/forum/bgs-social-gaming/join>. If you don't want to use your Google e-mail, open the link in a private window and enter your e-mail address of choice

FUTURE EVENTS

Nov. 4, 12 – 1 PM (BRB 701): **SACNAS Public Speaking Seminar Part 2: Preparing a Poster Presentation.** Join SACNAS for the second part of their seminar series. They will share advice on how to prepare scientific posters, as led by Lindsay Roth, PGG PhD candidate and 2019-2020 Chair of BGSA, and a PhD student panel. Lunch will be provided! Co-organized with BGSA and PGWISE. See flyer [here](#).

Nov. 5, 1 – 2 PM (Smilow 10-146 AB): **PSPDG Panel Discussion – Science Policy Fellowship.** Have questions about Science Policy Fellowships? Ask them to BGS Alumni who have gone through the fellowships themselves. Dr. Lianna Viccari Mirazayan ST&P Fellowship and is currently is a Science & Politics Fellow at the Eagleton Institute of Policy. Dr. Chris Yarosh did the [AAAS ST&P](#) fellowship & was a [Science Policy Fellow](#) ACS for 2 years.

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.

Nov. 7, 5 – 7 PM (Schattner Pavilion, 240 S. 40th St): **First Generation Graduate Networking Mixer.** Are you in the first generation of your family to graduate from college? Join other first generation graduate & professional students, alumni, faculty & staff for an informal mixer with food, drinks, and prizes! Please [register](#) in advance. Cosponsored by GAPSA, Penn First Plus, Penn Dental Medicine, and the Graduate Student Center.

Nov. 14, 12 PM (Smilow 12-146): **"How to Do Your Taxes Workshop"** for 1st and 2nd year BGS students. Lunch will be served.

RESOURCES

[Book Penn Rooms](#)

[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](#).