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## **GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **COVID-19 Information and Resources**

The BGS website has been updated with a [new page](#) featuring BGS-specific information and resources as well as other Penn resources.

Please take a look at [MyQuarantineIDP](#), a resource developed with input from the graduate group leaders to provide guidance and suggestions during this challenging period. We hope you find it useful!

### **Technology Grants**

BGSA and other student groups have agreed to deploy their unused funds to support technology expenses incurred by full-time graduate students as a direct result of disruptions to the Spring 2020

semester. The deadline to apply is **Monday, April 20 at 5PM ET**. Learn more about eligibility and apply here: <https://gsc.upenn.edu/spring-2020/technology-grants>

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### **Complimentary 1-year Membership to the New York Academy of Sciences**

To support your professional and career development, Perelman School of Medicine will sponsor interested graduate students, postdocs and faculty for complimentary 1-year Membership to the [New York Academy of Sciences](#). For over 200 years, the Academy has helped scientists, engineers, and innovators pursue successful careers.

SIGN UP AT [NYAS.ORG/PERELMAN](https://nyas.org/perelman)

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

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

**Cutting Edge Content:** digital access to our [publications](#) and [eBriefings](#).

**Networking & Resume Building:** opportunities to [present your research](#), apply intensive leadership training, [become a mentor](#), and connect with other Members from our global Membership network, using an [online Directory](#).

**Upcoming Webinars & Programs:** in an effort to support global initiatives to contain the spread of COVID-19, the Academy is presenting Spring 2020 events through online platforms and some of our previously scheduled events are being postponed to a later date. Please check [our events listing](#) for the latest information. For our programs and resources on COVID-19, click [here](#).

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### **Penn Libraries full-text online approaches 6.3 million through HathiTrust**

By virtue of the Penn Libraries participation in the [Hathi Trust Digital Library](#), Penn scholars will have, on an emergency basis, access to a collection of e-books that matches more than **1.2 Million volumes in Penn's print collections**. This comprises some **40% of the book and serials content physically housed in campus libraries** that are unavailable to our students and faculty because of the COVID-19 emergency. Links to this material have been added to **records in the Libraries' catalog, Franklin**. Thus, any book recorded in Franklin that has a counterpart in **the Hathi Digital Library will be available for online reading and e-loan**.

**Franklin also contains some 3 million, public domain items of the Hathi Trust** that have been accessible since 2014. **Technology developed by the Penn Libraries** has placed Franklin in the virtually unique position of integrating the Hathi collection into an already vast discovery and access platform. **Franklin is therefore a key resource in the support of the virtual services** that Penn students, faculty, and staff are so reliant on in the current health crisis.

In recent weeks, the **Libraries has dramatically expanded ebook content in response to the COVID-19 emergency**. Some 36,000 additional ebooks are under licensing, bring the **current**

**ebook collection to approximately 2,050,000 titles.** With our two caches of Hathi Digital collections, the **total number of works available in full-text online approaches 6.3 million.**

See more info on library resources and virtual support [here](#).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **DBEI/CCEB COVID-19 Population Sciences Journal Club virtual session**

The PSOM community is invited to join the next *COVID-19 Population Sciences Journal Club* virtual session.

**Michael Z. Levy, PhD and Arman Oganisian, PhD candidate in Biostatistics**, will lead a discussion of [\*Estimating the number of infections and the impact of non-pharmaceutical interventions on COVID-19 in 11 European countries\*](#) this **Wednesday, April 15th 9:00-10:00AM EST.**

Call-in instructions are outlined below. You can also [watch the recording of last week's session!](#) Please contact [Sue White](#) with any questions.

Attendees should join with BlueJeans:

- Connect to the Meeting from a Computer or Device (*video, audio & presentation*):  
<https://bluejeans.com/239450016>
- Connect to the Meeting for Audio ONLY:  
Phone: 1.866.226.4650  
Meeting ID: 239450016

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### **Dr. John Holmes, "Update on the COVID-19 Situation in Italy and Beyond."**

April 16, 11 AM – 12 PM ([BlueJeans URL](#)): Join our own Dr. John Holmes, Professor of Medical Informatics in Epidemiology, PSOM for a webinar update on COVID-19 in Italy. Dr. Holmes will discuss the COVID-19 pandemic as it has evolved in Italy and in Europe as a whole, highlighting testing, containment, and mitigation polices in Italy as compared with other countries around the world. Additional options to join the call via mobile device available [here](#).

## THESIS DEFENSES

April 13, 10 AM (Meeting URL: <https://bluejeans.com/501310901>): **Rizwan Saffie (CAMB), "FBXW7 triggers degradation of KMT2D to favor growth of mature B-type malignant cells."** Contact [Kathy O'Connor-Cooley](#).

April 13, 1 PM (Meeting URL: <https://bluejeans.com/547386201>): **Zilu Zhou (GCB)**, “**Statistical Methods for Multi-Omics Inference from Single Cell Transcriptome.**” Contact [Maureen Kirsch](#).

April 14, 1 PM (Meeting URL: <https://bluejeans.com/938190542>): **Mei Lin (CAMB)**, “**Roles of TNFAIP8 in Cell Migration and Phosphoinositide Signaling.**” Contact [Kathy O’Connor-Cooley](#).

April 15, 1:30 PM (Meeting URL: <https://bluejeans.com/392981481>): **Michael Neinast (CAMB)**, “**Mapping and Directing Branched-chain Amino Acid Metabolism in Health and Insulin Resistance.**” Contact [Kathy O’Connor-Cooley](#).

## **PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **CAMB**

April 15, 2 – 4 PM: **CAMB Chair Dan Kessler’s Virtual Office Hours.** Sign up [here](#) for a virtual meeting. Contact [Dan Kessler](#).

April 17, 12 – 1:30 PM (<https://bluejeans.com/109291248>): **DSRB Research Talks: Somdutta Mukherjee (Gadue lab), Mafe Navarro (Granato lab), and Kamen Simeonov (Lengner lab) presenting.** Contact [Meagan Schofer](#).

### **NGG**

#### **ANNOUNCEMENT**

- **New!** Check out this week’s PennNeuroKnow article [Diagnosing Autoimmune Encephalitis](#) by Greer Prettyman. For a difficult-to-diagnose disease, PET imaging may offer better insight than MRI.
- **New!** Want to learn how to keep your brain strong and nimble? Check out this brief on Katerina Placek’s paper [Cognitive Reserve: Keeping your mind young while your brain ages!](#) from the @PennBindLab lab and @PennFTD Center to find out what we can do to stay sharp in old age!

#### **EVENTS THIS WEEK**

**04/15 5:30pm – 7:30pm** - BiB writing workshop

**04/17 12:00pm – 1:00 pm** - Resilience workshop with Heather Hersh

## **CAREER DEVELOPMENT**

**Penn Libraries – Citation Management Workshops**

- **Using Zotero for Citation Management**, Monday, April 13, 1 - 2 PM  
Introductory workshop for anyone: Zotero is a free, open-source, flexible research management tool with a diverse support community.  
[Register here.](#)
  - **Using Mendeley for Citation Management**, Tuesday, April 14, 1 - 2 PM  
Introductory workshop for anyone: Mendeley is a "freemium" research management tool with robust PDF integration.  
[Register here.](#)
  - **Advanced Tools & Techniques for Citation Management**, Wednesday, April 15, 1 - 2 PM  
For people working on thesis, dissertations, and other major research projects. This workshop will explore best practices, great tools, and advanced techniques to collect, organize, and cite your sources.  
[Register here.](#)
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### **CVI Core Workshop Series**

In lieu of the CVI Seminar Series this Spring, the Penn Cardiovascular Institute will host a Core Workshop Series. This will be a 3 part series in which the Metabolomics Core, iPSC Core, and Mouse Cardiac Phenotyping Core will each present to you their core offerings and examples of how they can provide service to you. The schedule and BlueJeans information is below. **All seminars will be during the lunch hour, beginning at noon.** Upcoming seminars include:

#### **Tuesday, April 14, C-TRIPS: Terren Niethamer and Ashwin Nathan**

Meeting URL

<https://bluejeans.com/154337264>

Meeting ID

154337264

#### **Thursday, April 23, Metabolomics Core: Chris Petucci**

Meeting URL

<https://bluejeans.com/492476728>

Meeting ID

492476728

#### **Tuesday, April 28, iPSC Core: Wenli Yang**

Meeting URL

<https://bluejeans.com/222470128>

Meeting ID

222470128

#### **Tuesday, May 5, Mouse Cardiac Phenotyping Core: Swapnil Shewale and Kendra McDaid**

Meeting URL

<https://bluejeans.com/400407949>

Meeting ID  
400407949

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### **HCG Virtual Info Session/Networking Event – April 16, 2020 5pm**

While it may feel harder to connect with employers and alumni to explore career options in our current environment, there are still **virtual employer information sessions** happening through Penn Career Services that can be effective networking and information gathering events to help you move towards your next career opportunity.

#### **Healthcare Consultancy Group Virtual Information Session/Networking Event**

Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020, 5:00 pm – 6:30 pm

<https://hcg-int.zoom.us/j/585817327?>

Meeting Dial-In: 646-558-8656

Meeting ID: 585 817 327

Password: 835206

Healthcare Consultancy Group (HCG) is a global group of scientifically rigorous healthcare communications agencies. Learn more about HCG [here](#). Please RSVP for the Virtual Info Session and/or submit resumes using #HCGUP to: Daniel Kiely, Director of Talent Acquisition [dkiely@hcg-int.com](mailto:dkiely@hcg-int.com)

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### **The Data Incubator's Summer 2020 Fellowship (Virtual)**

The Data Science Fellowship Program has announced that they are moving their Spring 2020 Cohort to an online format. The deadline to apply is **May 2, 2020**.

**Program:** The Data Incubator is an intensive 8 week fellowship that prepares masters students, PhDs, and postdocs in STEM and social science fields seeking industry careers as data scientists. The program is free for Fellows and supported by sponsorships from hundreds of employers across multiple industries. In response to the overwhelming interest in our earlier sessions, we will be holding another fellowship.

**Who Should Apply:** Anyone who has already obtained a masters or PhD degree or who is within one year of graduating with a masters or PhD is welcome to apply. Applications from international students are welcome.

**Application Link:** <https://www.thedataincubator.com/fellowship/apply.html>

Session Dates: 2020-06-29 – 2020-08-21

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## Daily Phone “Drop-Ins” with Penn Career Services

In place of walk-ins, Career Services is offering a variety of phone and web appointments, which students can schedule through [Handshake](#). These include the option for same-day, 15-minute appointments with a career adviser. New appointment times open up every day at 9:15 AM ET. To schedule an appointment, sign in to Handshake and click the “Career Center” tab near the top right corner.

Twitter users can also follow [@PennCareerJobs](#), a daily automated feed that highlights new job posts. And be sure you’ve customized your email settings in Handshake to receive a weekly newsletter featuring jobs and resources tailored to you! Detailed instructions on how to do so are available [here](#).

## RESOURCES

[BGS Career Development Site](#)

[BGS Career Twitter](#)

[BGS Alumni & Current Students LinkedIn](#)

[Black Women in Computational Biology Network](#)

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

[Handshake](#)

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# STUDENT RESOURCES

[Slack for BGS Students](#)

[BGSA Website](#)

[Grad Center at Penn](#)

[Family Center at Penn](#)

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

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