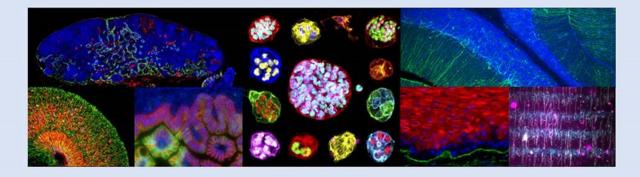
# Penn BGSWEEKLY BULLETIN



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# **GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

# **Research Resumption – Survey**

# Please see the message and survey below from Dawn Bonnell, Vice Provost for Research:

After much planning and preparation the University initiated Phase I of Research Resumption and began to increase activities on campus earlier this month. The framework for ensuring a safe environment has been implemented in the form of social distancing requirements, cleaning protocols, population density management and symptom screening. Information and guidance resources can be found at this website: <u>https://research.upenn.edu/resources/resumption/</u>

Your input will help us maintain conditions that continue to support vigorous research at Penn. Please help us by completing this short survey (it should take 2 mins). <u>https://upenn.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\_09hsNgR652grRc1</u>

Thank you,

Dawn Bonnell

#### **CAPS Counselor for BGS Students**

Tiffany Brown, PhD, psychologist at CAPS, remains available to meet with BGS students virtually.

Dr. Brown's services are confidential. 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 <u>nicobr@upenn.edu</u>.

### Application for PGWISE 2020-2021 Executive Board Positions is Now Open!

The Penn Graduate Women in Science and Engineering (PGWISE) is excited to announce that the application for the 2020-2021 Executive Board Positions is now open! You may access the application <u>here</u>. **Applications will be accepted until July 1**<sup>st</sup>, **and the new e-board will be announced by July 14**<sup>th</sup>.

# **Show Up Philly Website**

Show Up Philly is a central resource for those looking to support the BLM movement, whether it's through protest, online support or self-education. You can also find Philly-centric upcoming events, organizations, resources, and history: <u>https://showupphilly.netlify.app/</u>Contact <u>hlindner@pennmedicine.upenn.edu</u> with any questions.

#### **Upenn IgA - Police Reform Petition**

Below is a link to a petition put together by IGG students to support police reform policies outlined by the Campaign Zero in 8 Can't Wait project. The policies are included in the link.

#### Penn Medicine BioBank Logo Design Contest

The Penn Medicine BioBank is in search of a logo and is holding a crowdsourcing contest to find one!

Submissions are open to all Penn community members and the winning design will be used as the official logo for the PMBB's website, communications, social media, print items and more.

### **Submission Guidelines**

The most important requirement is that the design should represent the unique activities conducted by the Penn Medicine BioBank (PMBB).

PMBB is an institutional resource that recruits and consents participants, obtains and stores biospecimens, generates phenomic and genomic data, and enhances discovery and translational research. You can learn more about the <u>Penn Medicine BioBank</u> on its website.

The design should be easily reproducible and scalable for large and small formatting. Logos cannot contain copyrighted material.

#### How to Enter

Please submit all designs in .jpeg .psd or .pdf format to Kimberly Runyan at krunyan@pennmedicine.upenn.edu

### Prize

Contest winner will receive \$100 (via workday)

**Deadline** July 3, 2020

# **UPCOMING EVENTS**

# The Race to Understand COVID-19

Tuesday, June 23, 12:00 - 1:00 PM (ET)

What makes this virus different from other pathogens? What is it like working with infectious diseases in a highly secure laboratory? What are the major scientific obstacles to treatments and vaccines? How can scientists and policymakers work better together?

Join Perry World House for this virtual edition of The World Today for a conversation with Dr. Weiss on the race to understand COVID-19.

Learn more and register.

**Coming Together to Share a Story: Finding Strength in Vulnerability** Tuesday, June 23 from 6-7:30PM ET Experience personal stories from members of the Penn community who display grit and resilience in times of adversity, featuring Dr. Angela Duckworth. If anyone is interested in this event, they will need to email Mariel Featherstone (<u>fmariel@upenn.edu</u>) to RSVP.

# Grad Pride 2020

The LGBT Center, Lambda Grad, LTBGS+, Out4Biz, OutEd, and Lambda Law invite all LGBTQIA+ graduate students to join us for **Grad Pride 2020** (*Saturday 27th* from *6-8 pm*).

Test your knowledge with Trivia hosted by Philly's best drag performers, VinChelle and Eric Jaffe. Enjoy performances from local Black and Queer artists. Show us how you're celebrating pride for a chance to win prizes sourced from Black & Queer owned businesses. Celebrate together even when we are apart with a virtual happy hour.

Register for Grad Pride 2020 here: https://forms.gle/b3zuXhsK16tDtcaT9

**Submit** a picture or video of how you're celebrating pride whether it be through art, your best drag, what you would have worn to Pride, etc. Best submissions will win a prize! Be sure to send them in by June 25th to <u>gradpride2020@gmail.com</u>

Happy Pride Everyone!

# **THESIS DEFENSES**

June 23, 2 PM (<u>https://bluejeans.com/927593006</u>): Jack Jacobs (PGG), "Endocannabinoids protect against seizures in Drosophila melanogaster." Contact <u>Sarah Squire</u>.

# **PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENTS**

# CAMB

June 24, 12-1 PM: **GTV Journal Club**. Contact <u>Kylie Konrath</u> for BlueJeans link. June 24, 2-4 PM: **CAMB Chair Dan Kessler's Virtual Office Hours**. Sign up <u>here</u> for a virtual meeting.

June 25, 12-1 PM: **GTV Student Check-in.** Contact <u>Anna Kline</u> for the BlueJeans link June 26, 12-1:30 PM: **DSRB Program "Lunch."** Contact <u>Meagan Schofer</u> for the BlueJeans link.

# NGG

### ANNOUNCEMENT

• **New!** Check out this week's PennNeuroKnow article <u>The Biased Brain</u> by *Rebecca Somach* on how your brain might be ready to think it is "us" vs. "them," but you don't have to.

#### **EVENTS THIS WEEK**

Mon, June 22, 5:00pm – 7:30pm - Spring 2020 GLIA general Meeting (*https://bluejeans.com/3643988618?src=join\_info*)

# CALENDARS

NGG and GLIA MINS BGSA

# **CAREER DEVELOPMENT**

### **Open positions at Oncora Medical**

Oncora Medical, a company started by an MD, PhD student David Lindsay at Penn to "fight cancer with data," is currently hiring two full time (remote) positions. The first is for a Senior Software Engineer to work on our Data Platform (which integrates data from various health system data sources, including PACS). Here is the link to the job description https://hire.withgoogle.com/public/jobs/oncoramedicalcom/view/P\_AAAAAACAAKQJfnNzVvW4T4

We are also hiring a Product Manager with domain expertise in radiation oncology. The job description is linked below:

https://hire.withgoogle.com/public/jobs/oncoramedicalcom/view/P\_AAAAAACAAKQPSFdQ6e8zTV

# **DIYtranscriptomics RNAseq Course – Lectures Available Online**

Recorded lectures from the DIYtranscriptomics course, led by Dan Beiting, are now available <u>online</u>. This course covers best practices for RNAseq data analysis, with a primary focus on empowering students to be independent in the use of lightweight and open-source software and the R/bioconductor environment.

### Penn Libraries Summer Workshops

The Penn Libraries is offering a variety of online workshops to help you make the most of Summer 2020. Miss a workshop? Check online for archived <u>materials and recordings</u>.

Upcoming sessions include:

Intro to R Monday, June 22, 12:00 PM (ET) Data in R Tuesday, June 23, 12:00 PM (ET) Zines Tuesday, June 23, 5:00 PM (ET) Fast Full Text Wednesday, June 24, 11:00 AM (ET) Visualizations and Publishing in R Wednesday, June 24, 12:00 PM (ET) Designing Your Research Poster Wednesday, June 24, 2:00 PM (ET)

For full details, more upcoming sessions, and to register visit the Penn Libraries website.

# STEM Industry Postdoc Online Q&A - Regeneron Pharmaceuticals

Wednesday, June 24th 2020 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm EDT

Join Career Services for this informational online Q&A session with **Julie Horowitz**, **Ph.D**. (https://www.linkedin.com/in/julie-horowitz-a93ab270/), a former postdoc and current manager at Regeneron Pharmaceuticals. Dr. Horowitz will answer questions that you may have about how to identify and apply for postdoc opportunities in industry. She will 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 in industry. This 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.

Please <u>register</u> to receive the online video link. If you have questions you would like the moderator to pose to Dr. Horowitz, please send them to Dianne Hull (<u>dhull@upenn.edu</u>) in Career Services.

# BGS Improv Workshop (June 29 - August 3)

Interested in improving your communication through improvisation? Sign up for the summer session of the BGS Improv Workshop! The course is planned to run on **Mondays (June 29 - August 3) 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM**. Please note that space is limited - the max cap for the course will be **10 students.** 

**Sign up Link:** <u>https://forms.gle/3GJ1vnjGvMNVJRyP7</u> **Course Syllabus:** <u>https://wp.me/a7VPdt-Mr</u> Please reach out to <u>Laura Ohl</u> with any questions.

# AAAS Science & Technology Policy Fellowship – Applications Now Open!

The AAAS Science & Technology Policy Fellowship application is <u>now open</u>. The deadline to apply is **November 1, 2020**.

# **CPRIT TRIUMPH Postdoctoral Fellowship in Translational Cancer Research**

The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center is currently accepting applications for the CPRIT TRIUMPH Postdoctoral Fellowship in Translational Cancer Research. This three-year fellowship provides basic, translational, and clinical training and aims to further develop talented PhD or MD/PhDs into successful clinical/translational research scientists. Applications are reviewed quarterly with the next cycle due dates of **June 30, 2020 and September 30, 2020**.

Additional information regarding eligibility, application process, and current trainees and program alumni profiles are found at <u>www.mdanderson.org/CPRITTRIUMPH</u>. Please contact Dr. Kari Brewer Savannah, Program Manager, with any questions at <u>ksavannah@mdanderson.org</u>.

# 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 <u>Handshake</u>. 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 <u>@PennCareerJobs</u>, 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 <u>here</u>.

### RESOURCES

BGS Career Development SiteBGS Career TwitterBGS Alumni & Current Students LinkedInBlack Women in Computational Biology NetworkPenn Career Services - Ph.D./Postdoc Careers PageHandshakeRequest a sponsored Membership to the New York Academy of Sciences

# **STUDENT RESOURCES**

<u>Slack for BGS Students</u> <u>Roommate Ads – Google Doc</u> <u>BGSA Website</u> For information about upcoming events or to advertise in next week's bulletin, contact <u>Rebecca Lopez</u>.