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GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Counseling and Wellness

[Counseling and Psychological Services](#) has a variety of virtual options and some in-person options.

Call 215-898-7021 anytime (24/7) to make an appointment or talk with a licensed counselor. On campus appointments are available 9am-5pm Monday-Friday. Virtual appointments are available Mon-Thursday, 9am-6pm, Friday, 9am-5pm, and Saturday, 10am-2pm. Press 2 to make an in-person or virtual appointment.

You may also use [Let's Talk](#) virtual hours: <https://caps.wellness.upenn.edu/ltplohours/>
Use 215-898-7021, press 2, to schedule a Let's Talk session.

Dr. Tiffany Brown is the embedded CAPS counselor for BGS. You may schedule appointments with her directly [nicobr@upenn.edu] or by calling 215-898-7021 (press 2). Demand for Dr. Brown's services is currently high, but you may arrange to work with other CAPS counselors by calling the main CAPS number.

For peer support networking, please feel free to reach out to one of the BGS student volunteers of [Peer Support Network](#).

Expanded route and hours through Penn Shuttle Service

The PSOM Shuttle Service with expanded route and hours is now operational! The buses are labeled "PSOM Center City" – see photo, route, and schedule [here](#).

Additional details: <https://www.med.upenn.edu/evdcommunications/follow-up-and-options-for-a-safe-commute-home.html>

Graduate Student Space Reservations

Graduate and professional students can reserve a seat in the Houston Hall Class of 1949 Auditorium through December 11. The space can be used for study or relaxation; however, face masks and physical distancing are required at all times and eating/drinking in the space are prohibited.

For more details and to request a seat, visit: www.gsc.upenn.edu/online/graduate-space-reservations

COVID-19 Testing

Please be aware that testing is available in Houston Hall. Details, including appointment scheduling links, are available here: <https://wellness.upenn.edu/coronavirus/#About-Testing-at-Hall-of-Flags>

Project Meow Accepting Donations

Project Meow builds winter shelters for the stray cats of West Philadelphia. More than 500 shelters were constructed last season! They are once again accepting donations of large styrofoam boxes (Illumina boxes are ideal). See flyer [here](#); contact [Anne Froehling](#) (215)-485-6121 to arrange pick up outside the building.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Fall 2020 Neuroscience Public Lecture Series

Date & Time: Thursday, December 3rd, 6:00pm EST

Location: Crowdcast Virtual Platform

Penn Neuroscience graduate students are hosting a public lecture entitled "Under Pressure: The Neuroscience of Stress" which will feature three 15-minute TED style talks from Penn neuroscience faculty members Drs. Michael P. Hart and Allyson Mackey, and Temple University faculty member Dr. Debra Bangasser.

Check-in and a fun neuroscience demonstration will begin at 6pm. Please see the attached [flyer](#) for more details. Register [here](#).

PennDemic 3 coming December 5th – Apply by November 30th! **Applications are due Nov. 30th**

Are you interested in disaster preparedness and response? Would you like to explore the field while gaining valuable interprofessional teamwork skills? PennDemic, our homegrown interprofessional education (IPE) activity, has moved to the virtual world! PennDemic 3 will take place on Saturday 5 December from 1 - 5 pm.

PennDemic 3 will involve a (non-coronavirus) infectious disease outbreak in pre-COVID Philadelphia. Students will work in interdisciplinary groups with colleagues from across Penn and University of the Sciences. This event is sure to be a fun and valuable educational experience! Many BGS students participated in PennDemic 1 and 2 and had only great things to say about it!

You can click [here](#) for more information and a link to the application.

Lessons Learned in Crisis: Regulation and Regulatory Authority During a Public Health Emergency

Monday, December 7 | 4:30pm

University of Pennsylvania Carey Law School
Virtual Event

As the coronavirus pandemic rages on, people look to the federal government to help solve the crisis through regulations and other legal authorities. This panel will look at how federal rules are developed and their reach and limits to respond to the many facets of a public health emergency. The panel will also address what is within the federal government's purview, what should (or must) be left to the states and how to reconcile conflicts between the two during an emergency. Learn more and register [here](#).

Drop in workshops now through Finals week: LIBRARY 101

The basic tools to getting books, articles, and other materials digitally or in print

Are you working on a paper and need to quickly get your hands on books, articles, or other media from the Penn Libraries? Discover the best way to request something for pick up at Van Pelt Library, or have it mailed directly to your door, or to receive a PDF scan of an article or book chapter. **Library 101** will make it easy and has the answers for you.

Even if you only have **5 minutes**, feel free to pop in with all your questions about Pickup@Penn, Books by Mail, Request Digital Delivery and getting things from other libraries via Borrow Direct, E-ZBorrow and Interlibrary Loan. Find out "How to Library"! In the meantime, check out our [Library 101 video tutorials](#).

[Link to dates, times and registration](#)

THESIS DEFENSES

None this week.

PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Dec. 4, 12 -1 PM: **DSRB Program Lunch: Anti-Racism Book Discussion**. Contact [Meagan Schofer](#) for the virtual link .

Dec. 4, 12:15 – 1:30 PM: **CPM Research in Progress: Yaoyu Gong (Dang lab) and Derek Sung (Kahn lab) presenting**. Contact [Kathy O'Connor-Cooley](#) for the virtual link.

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CAREER DEVELOPMENT

Events this Week

- Dec. 4, 12 PM: **Health Law Virtual Info Session**. The Law School invites you to hear from lecturers, students, and graduates during this info session on the classes and programs

available to you at Penn Law in the space of Health Law. See the full announcement and register [here](#).

****Please note:** BGS students are permitted to pursue the Certificate in Law. Interested students should review [Policies Governing Participation of BGS Students in Certificate Programs](#). Authorization is required through the form [Authorization to Participate in a Certificate Program](#).

- Dec. 4, 1-3 PM: **PSPDG Social Media Workshop**. The next installment in PSPDG's Science Communication Series is titled, "Use of Social Media in Science: How to use novel tools for science communication." The workshop will be led by Dr. Amanda Freise, Associate Director of Undergraduate Research, Microbiology, Immunology, and Molecular Genetics, UCLA; Director of Research, Center for Positive Sexuality. Learn more and register [here](#).
- Dec. 5, 1-5 PM: **PennDemic 3. Applications are due Nov. 30th!** Are you interested in disaster preparedness and response? Would you like to explore the field while gaining valuable interprofessional teamwork skills? PennDemic, our homegrown interprofessional education (IPE) activity, has moved to the virtual world! You can click [here](#) for more information and a link to the application.

Future Events

- Dec. 7, 4:30 PM: **Lessons Learned in Crisis: Regulation and Regulatory Authority During a Public Health Emergency**. University of Pennsylvania Carey Law School virtual event. As the coronavirus pandemic rages on, people look to the federal government to help solve the crisis through regulations and other legal authorities. This panel will look at how federal rules are developed and their reach and limits to respond to the many facets of a public health emergency. The panel will also address what is within the federal government's purview, what should (or must) be left to the states and how to reconcile conflicts between the two during an emergency. Learn more and register [here](#).

Penn Center for Innovation (PCI) Fellowship

The Penn Center for Innovation (PCI) is seeking highly talented, scientifically-trained Master's and PhD students and post-doctoral fellows to join the PCI Fellows Program. The Fellowship is an innovative experiential program that trains participants in the commercialization of academic research. Typical work projects include analyzing new inventions, writing market communication materials, and conducting prior art searches.

The Fellowship is highly competitive and is only open to Penn Graduate students and Post-doctoral fellows in scientific disciplines.

Selection to the PCI Fellows is based on:

- Availability to commit for ~10 hours a week
- Strong written communication skills

- Ability to explain complex issues succinctly and clearly
- Support from advisor/supervisor to engage in the program
- U.S. employment eligibility for part-time on-campus work

Apply online at pci.upenn.edu/pci-fellows

- Priority deadline: 11/30/2020
 - Final deadline: 12/11/2020
 - Application requires a technology assessment
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ITMAT Education Short Course Opportunity

Application Deadline January 8 – Learn more [here](#)

- Learning methods such as role-playing, case study and journal article reviews, and round tables will be utilized
 - The course will provide an overview of the multi-dimensional nature of drug development, which involves regulatory, new technologies, statistical and quality considerations
 - The course will introduce the concepts of drug development, which include pharmacology, toxicology, product development, and clinical trials
 - Topics will be addressed based on regulatory requirements by the FDA
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Regeneron Postdoctoral Training Program

Applications due December 1, 2020

The application period for the Regeneron Postdoctoral Training Program has begun. Learn more [here](#), see flyer [here](#).

Job Openings

- **New NCATS/FDA Translational Science Interagency Fellowship – Applications due 1/15/2021** – See full announcement [here](#).
- **Fellowship in Life Sciences Consulting – Alacrita Consulting, Inc.** – See full announcement [here](#).
- **Stem Cell Biologist – Fate Therapeutics** – See full announcement [here](#).
- **Protein Engineering Scientist – Nabla Bio** – See full announcement [here](#).

Request to join the [BGS Alumni and Current Students LinkedIn](#) to stay updated on job opportunities.

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

STUDENT RESOURCES

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