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## **GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Free Flu Shot Clinic This Week**

The University is offering a FREE flu vaccine clinic this week for all students:

WHEN: October 12-16; hours are Monday-Thursday 10am-4pm and Friday 10am-2pm

WHERE: Bodek Lounge, Houston Hall (3417 Spruce Street)

Make sure to wear a mask and bring your PennCard and green [PennOpen Pass](#). More information is available at <https://campushealth.wellness.upenn.edu/fluclinic/>.

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**Health and Safety on Campus - Fall Semester**

**Penn Policies.** Please be sure to read the [University's current statement](#) on health and safety, and please refer to the resources for [research resumption](#) for the fall. In particular, please note that if you intend to come to campus for any reason, you must do the EHRS training in KnowledgeLink: To find the course in Knowledge Link, search "Penn Guide to Returning to Campus Training- EHRS" in the [Find Learning](#) search box on your My Learning screen, or use this direct link: [Penn Guide to Returning to Campus](#). In addition, you must participate in [PennOpen Pass](#).

**Penn Medicine Masks Now Available.** Perelman School of Medicine-branded masks are now available for students who are coming to campus. You may pick up your mask at the Security Office, 109 Stellar-Chance, between 10am-2pm Monday-Friday. The Security Office has a list of student names. You will need to show your PennCard.

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### **COVID SAFE: Open for Enrollment**

Please see the following announcement from Dr. Jon Epstein regarding enrollment for surveillance testing through COVID SAFE: <https://www.med.upenn.edu/evdcommunications/covid-safe-open-for-enrollment.html>.

If you have any questions, please contact the [COVID SAFE](#) team.

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### **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 [nicobr@upenn.edu](mailto:nicobr@upenn.edu).

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### **Penn Medicine VotER Initiative**

Those who are eligible can visit <http://vot-er.org/penn>, text [VOTE PENN](#) to 34444, or scan the [QR code](#) to register to vote and/or request a mail-in ballot. Each option takes just a few minutes. The last day to register to vote in Pennsylvania is October 19, 2020.

# **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**REGISTRATION OPEN - 15th Annual ITMAT International Symposium**

Dr. Garret FitzGerald and the Institute for Translational Medicine and Therapeutics at the University of Pennsylvania cordially invite you to the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual ITMAT International Symposium, which will take place as a **free virtual event** on **Mon. Oct. 12 and Tues. Oct. 13, 2020**. The symposium program is [attached](#); this year's theme is Novel Therapeutics and Democratization of Access: Implementation of Translational Science.

**Register here** (registration is required): <https://primetime.bluejeans.com/a2m/register/zxtzbeaj>. For inquiries please contact [Genevieve D. Markle](#).

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**Police at Penn: A Community Conversation**  
**Thursday, October 15, from 5-7 PM (EST)**

Police Free Penn is hosting a community conversation for Penn graduate and professional students with Dr. Celeste Winston and local organizations (Philadelphia Student Union, Educators for Consent Culture, Philadelphia Community Bail Fund, and the Black and Brown Workers Cooperative). The event is **Thursday, October 15, from 5-7 PM (EST)**. Students can sign up to attend [here](#).

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**“Celebrando nuestra Latinidad”: Fostering Latinx Inclusion in STEM**  
**October 15, 2020, 6:30PM-7:30PM EST**

The IGG Diversity Committee is proud to invite the BGS community to a virtual panel of Latinx scientists in celebration of Hispanic/Latinx Heritage Month. This panel includes BGS students and postdoctoral fellows, as well as Dr. Arnaldo Díaz and Dr. Kellie Jurado, Penn faculty recently highlighted by Cell Mentor in their recent “100 inspiring Hispanic/Latinx scientists in America” article. In addition, we’ll have the chance to hear from Dr. Paule Joseph, Penn Nursing alumna and current Director of the Sensory Science and Metabolism Unit at the NIH.

Please use this link (<https://forms.gle/CfaY9uicU9NMc5Xz9>) to register for this exciting event.

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**Global Health and Social Justice Discussion with the Founders of Partners in Health**  
**Thursday, October 22, 2020 at 7 p.m. ET**

In this session you’ll meet **Dr. Jim Yong Kim, Ophelia Dahl and Dr. Paul Farmer, the founders of Partners in Health**, a nonprofit social justice organization with deep experience in treating infectious disease outbreaks globally, including COVID-19. Partners in Health is the subject of the best-selling book *Mountains Beyond Mountains* and the **award-winning documentary [Bending the Arc](#) from executive producers Ben Affleck, Matt Damon, and Damon & Heidi Lindelof**. The event will be moderated by Tabitha Jackson, director of The Sundance Film Festival.

**[Register now](#) for the panel and watch [Bending the Arc](#) ahead of the event - access the film [here](#).**

# THESIS DEFENSES

None this week.

# PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **CAMB**

Oct. 14, 2 - 4 PM: **CAMB Chair Dan Kessler's Virtual Office Hours**. Sign Up [here](#) for a virtual meeting. Contact [Dan Kessler](#).

Oct. 16, 12 PM: **DSRB Program Lunch: Anti-Racism Book Discussion**. Contact [Meagan Schofer](#) for the virtual link.

## **NGG**

### **CALENDARS**

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# CAREER DEVELOPMENT

## **Events this Week**

- Oct. 12 – 13: **15th Annual ITMAT International Symposium**. Dr. Garret FitzGerald and the Institute for Translational Medicine and Therapeutics at the University of Pennsylvania cordially invite you to attend this **free virtual event**. The symposium program is [attached](#); this year's theme is Novel Therapeutics and Democratization of Access: Implementation of Translational Science. [Register here](#); for inquiries please contact [Genevieve D. Markle](#).
- Oct. 13 – 14: **AAAS' 45th Annual Science and Technology Policy Forum**. This is a free, virtual event for those interested in policy to come together to discuss current challenges at the intersection of science, policy and society. [Register here](#).
- Oct. 14, 1 PM: **NIGMS Early Career Investigator Lecture**, featuring [Michael D. L. Johnson](#), "Microbes, Metals, Music, and Lessons in Disproving Your Hypothesis," The goal of this series is to expose students to energetic investigators working on the cutting edge of science. For more information and to register, please see [here](#). For questions, please contact Jyoti Singh at [jyoti.singh@nih.gov](mailto:jyoti.singh@nih.gov).

- Oct. 15, 2 PM ET: **AAAS Science & Technology Policy Fellowship Q&A, “Ask a Fellow Anything.”** AAAS has organized this live chat to share information about their Science & Technology Fellowship. [Register here](#). Please note – [applications](#) for the fellowship are open! The deadline to apply is November 1, 2020.

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### Future Events

- Oct. 20, 12-5 PM: **Penn Career Services STEM Career Fair.** Save the date! Student and Postdoc Registration begins at **6PM EST on Wednesday, October 14th**. The virtual fair will take place via Handshake – review [this page](#) to learn how to set up and/or update your Handshake account so that you may participate.

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### Career Development Resources

The [BGS Career Development site](#) contains a number of valuable resources, including description of various [career paths](#) (many with accompanying alumni videos), a [career blog](#), and a [calendar](#) of upcoming events.

Check out one of the latest blog posts, “[Career Development Resources](#),” which contains helpful instructions for subscribing to Career Services newsletters, obtaining a free MATLAB license from the university, and more.

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### Genentech Postdoc Program Applications due October 19, 2020

Applications are now open for the [Genentech Postdoc Program](#)! This is an exciting opportunity that enables students to apply for a postdoc position in any Genentech mentor’s lab regardless of whether they have a current opening posted. Click [here](#) for more information and application requirements.

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### ITMAT Request for Applications Applications due October 23, 2020

ITMAT is pleased to announce a request for applications for its education programs in clinical and translational science. With continued support from the NIH Clinical and Translational Science Award (CTSA), we offer funded educational opportunities for:

- Predoctoral Students (Medicine, Dentistry, Veterinary Medicine, Nursing, Biomedical Sciences)
- Postdoctoral Trainees (GME Residents, Fellows, Postdoctoral PhDs)
- Junior Faculty (Instructor, Research Associate, Assistant Professor)

[A detailed overview of ITMAT's Education Funding Opportunities including how to apply is available on our website.](#)

Interested applicants are encouraged to [contact us](#).

**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.](#)**

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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](#).

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### **Job Openings**

- **NEW - Entry level medical editor role at imre Health** – See full announcement [here](#).
- **NEW - Regeneron & Genentech Postdoctoral Opportunities** - See full announcement [here](#).
- **NEW - BS/MS level Position at Bluebird Bio** – See full announcement [here](#).
- **Postdoc Position – UCSF** – 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](#)

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## **STUDENT RESOURCES**

**Sign-up for BGSA Care Packages by October 15th**

**\*Limited availability of 100 packages with 1 package/ student**

Witch-ing you a Happy Halloween month with BGSA care packages to get through this ruff time!

Sign-up to get a candy Care package using the google form by **October 15<sup>th</sup>**:  
<https://forms.gle/1MAatcyZfCjdZdHZ6>

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### Peer Support Network - Call for Volunteers

As a volunteer, you can choose to work in one-on-one settings with individual students who need advice or to conduct town hall style group discussions with other PSN volunteers. Prior to starting as a volunteer, you will receive training by CAPS that will give you the necessary skills for success!

General volunteer expectations:

- Have a strong willingness to help peers navigate difficult emotional or social situations
- Participate in CAPS training on listening and counseling skills
- Dedicate 2-3 hours per week to working with Peer Support Network

Sign up to become a volunteer [here](#).

Our next General Body Meeting for PSN volunteers will be **Tuesday, October 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:00PM** (<https://bluejeans.com/3984200643>). Virtually stop by to learn more about PSN, or visit our [website](#) for additional information about PSN's mission and volunteer requirements!

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### Penn Healthcare Case Competition- APPLICATION NOW OPEN!

Penn Biotech Group (PBG) and Penn Graduate Consulting Club (PGCC) will be hosting the first virtual Penn Healthcare Case Competition on **November 7<sup>th</sup>**. This event is meant to give non-MBA graduate students (PhDs, JDs, MDs, master's, etc) and postdocs an opportunity to solve a real healthcare problem, and to meet and engage with corporate leaders from top healthcare and biotechnology firms. The application is **NOW OPEN** and closes on **October 18<sup>th</sup> at 11:59 PM!** Application link: <https://forms.gle/RdeE8L4MLMuWynTaA>.

More information can be found [here](#), and you can probably get a better idea of what the competition is all about by watching this awesome [video](#). If you have any questions about the case competition, please feel free to email us at [pennhealthcarecc2020@gmail.com](mailto:pennhealthcarecc2020@gmail.com).

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### Events this Week

- Oct. 13, 5 PM (<https://bluejeans.com/3984200643>): **PSN General Body Meeting**. Virtually stop by to learn more about PSN, or visit our [website](#) for additional information about PSN's mission and volunteer requirements!
- Oct. 17, 9:30 AM: **SACNAS Outreach Opportunity**. SACNAS is excited to announce the first outreach opportunity this semester – [Science Education Academy \(SEA\)](#)! SEA is a non-profit STEM program whose aim is to support elementary students with hands-on experience with scientific method and inquiry. SEA will continue to provide quality and engaging

programming to students during the COVID-19 pandemic through a virtual platform on Saturday mornings. They are looking for volunteers to guide students through “Do-it-yourself” science activities and/or give a short science pop talk about their research. If you are interested in participating, register [here](#).

### Future Events

- Oct. 22, 5 PM (<https://pennmedicine.zoom.us/j/92299902970>): **LTBGS+ Queer in STEMinar**. LTBGS+ is hosting a seminar series called Queer in STEMinar that highlights faculty members in BGS that are members of the LGBTQA+ community. The seminars will focus on what the road to academia has looked like for them as a member of the community, and how we can continue to support, uplift, and advocate for each other as queer scientists.
- Oct. 23, 5 PM: **BGSA Drink&Draw Workshop**. BGSA is hosting virtual Airbnb event “Drink&Draw”. Get FREE tickets [here](#) (only 10 available!). Tickets go live on Tuesday October 13<sup>th</sup> at 10 am. For more information check out: <https://abnb.me/tdo40YUIY9>.
- Oct. 26, 7-9 PM: **BGSA - Pot It Like It’s Hot**. BGSA and SP2 are organizing a DIY succulent planting event! They will be scheduling socially distanced pickups of DIY succulent planting kits from campus and host a Zoom session to put together the kits all together. See flyer [here](#); sign up [here](#).
- Oct. 26 & 27: **PSPDG Climate Action Symposium**. Penn Science Policy and Diplomacy Group is proud to present Penn Climate Action Symposium, an event designed to foster community engagement with issues of climate change through global and local routes. Come together with students from University City and members of the greater Philadelphia community to participate in this event featuring World Climate Simulation, a UN-style simulation of climate agreement negotiations, as well as talks and panels on environmental justice and community-based activism. Read more [here](#). Register for the Symposium [here](#). Email any questions to [penn.science.policy@gmail.com](mailto:penn.science.policy@gmail.com)

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