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## **GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Welcome, Thalia Mangan, IGG Coordinator!**

We're happy to announce that Thalia Mangan starts today as the IGG coordinator. Thalia comes to us from the Office of the Vice Provost for University Life, where she coordinated the Student Affairs Leadership Team events, among other duties. Prior to that, Thalia worked in the Office of the University Registrar. Please join us in giving her a warm welcome. She can be reached at [Thalia.Mangan@pennterapeutics.com](mailto:Thalia.Mangan@pennterapeutics.com).

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### **Update Your Address Information**

If you have not done so already, please go into [Penn InTouch](#) and make any changes as needed to your Permanent and Local Addresses, and add a Learning-From Address to confirm with Penn where you are studying from this semester. Your Learning-From Address may be the same as your Permanent or Local Address, or it may be somewhere different. We ask you to continue to update your Learning-From Address throughout the term if your location changes.

To update your Learning-From Address or other address information, click on "Profile, privacy & emergency" in the sidebar, and then click "Address information." This is also a good opportunity to add an emergency contact (under "Emergency contact") if you have not already done so.

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### **BGS Peer Support Network - one-on-one counseling sessions now available!**

The Peer Support Network (PSN) is now offering confidential one-on-one counseling sessions and town hall-style group discussions!

The PSN recognizes that each BGS student faces unique challenges and that sometimes, talking with a peer can be a helpful first step in working through those challenges. Our PSN volunteers, consisting of fellow BGS students and alumni, are available to provide students with a listening ear and to help students navigate these emotionally difficult situations. To request PSN services and connect with a volunteer, please complete the following [form](#).

Interested in volunteering? PSN is actively recruiting individuals with an interest in helping their peers through stressful and challenging situations. To learn more about volunteer requirements and to sign up as a PSN volunteer, visit our website at <https://www.med.upenn.edu/bgs/psn-get-involved.html>

Please visit our website at <https://www.med.upenn.edu/bgs/psn.html> to learn more about PSN. Additional questions may be emailed to [bgspeernetwork@gmail.com](mailto:bgspeernetwork@gmail.com).

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### **BGSA Fall Virtual Elections**

BGSA is having Fall virtual elections for the academic year 2020-2021 executive board and student group representatives. This [document](#) includes all the positions up for election, names and emails of current students in each position and details for how the election will be run.

BGSA Executive Board Position Nominations Close **Wednesday Sept 30th at 8:00pm**. Use this [link](#) to nominate yourself or someone else for our open positions! Please email [bgsa.chair@gmail.com](mailto:bgsa.chair@gmail.com) with questions and concerns.

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### **Penn Libraries - Media Support for a Remote Semester**

This guide: <https://guides.library.upenn.edu/Fall20mediasupport/home> has been created to help you find the media production resources and support you'll need for working in the Fall 2020 remote learning environment at Penn Libraries and across campus. The guide will lead you to technology and people to support your research and learning needs. Stay up to date on Penn Library Virtual Services on the [Virtual Support page](#).

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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

### Upcoming Wellness Event – Community Conversation

The first Community Conversation of the academic year will be held on **September 21, 6pm**. Erin Cross, Director of the LGBT Center, will be the speaker. The marketing materials are [attached](#). Please email Mariel Featherstone ([fmariel@upenn.edu](mailto:fmariel@upenn.edu)) to RSVP.

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### Penn Climate Week

[Climate Week](#) is a University-wide, week-long event happening **Sept. 21 - 25**. Climate Week will feature a number of events organized by various schools and centers at Penn, all related to sustainability and climate. Visit the Climate Week website to check out the wide range of webinars, workshops, teach-ins, showcases, readings, climate storytelling, and a new set of 1.5\* Minute Climate Lectures. There will be a [Green Labs Panel](#) on Thurs, Sept. 24, at 2pm.

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### Virtual Cores Day September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020

The Biomedical Research Core Facilities are delighted to be hosting a virtual version of the annual Cores Day event!

Join them in the morning for live BlueJeans presentations from core facilities across CHOP, Penn, and Wistar; and feel free to "stop by" in the afternoon for a series of informal core facility Q&A sessions. This event showcases the many outstanding biomedical research resources and services available throughout our campus, and is an opportunity for you to interface with more than 60 research core facilities.

Please visit <https://www.med.upenn.edu/cores/cores-day-2020.html> for more information.  
Please send any questions to April Weakley ([aweakley@penncmedicine.upenn.edu](mailto:aweakley@penncmedicine.upenn.edu)).

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### Science Communication Workshop Series 2020-2021

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The first workshop, "Scientific Storytelling" is **September 30th!** Details will be sent to all people who [register](#).

See the flyer [here](#). To receive updates about upcoming workshops, join the [SciComm Workshop Slack!](#)

More info can also be found on their website: <https://pennsciencepolicy.squarespace.com/workshop-series>.

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### Cancer and COVID-19: Update from Penn's Abramson Cancer Center September 30, 2020, 5:45PM - 8:45PM

This event is designed to focus on the major areas in which the COVID-19 pandemic has impacted how cancer care is delivered and experienced by patients. Anthony S. Fauci, M.D., Director NIAID and Founding Member of the White House Coronavirus Task Force to Deliver Keynote. Dr. Fauci will share his latest insights on COVID-19, the state of the science, and the impact of the pandemic on cancer. Register [here](#).

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### Penn in Latin America and the Caribbean (PLAC) 5th Annual Symposium

The Penn in Latin America and Caribbean's 5th Annual Symposium RSVPs are open! Please [RSVP here](#) to attend the virtual conference on 9/30 *Social* theme, 10/1 *Scientific* theme & 10/2 *Cultural* theme at 12 PM. To see a rough draft of the 9/30 program, [please click here](#).

## THESIS DEFENSES

Sept. 24, 11 AM (<https://bluejeans.com/880915536>): **Antonia Bass (CAMB), "Elucidating IFN- $\gamma$ -induced human inflammasome responses to Legionella pneumophila."** Contact [Anna Kline](#).

Sept. 24, 1:30 PM (<https://bluejeans.com/347297950>): **Lindsay Roth (PGG), "Mechanisms of White Matter Loss Due to HIV Infection and Antiretroviral Therapies."** Contact [Sarah Squire](#).

# PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **CAMB**

Sept. 24, 9:30 AM: **'Coffee' with Dan and Craig.** Contact [Meagan Schofer](#) for the virtual link.

Sept. 24, 12 PM: **CAMB Vice Chair Craig Bassing's Virtual Office Hours.** Sign Up [here](#) for a virtual meeting. Contact [Craig Bassing](#).

Sept. 24, 2 PM: **"Mindfulness 101" Workshop.** Contact [Christina Strathearn](#) for the virtual link.

Sept. 25, 12 PM: **DSRB Program Lunch: Zachary Beethem (Anguera lab), Ryan Daniels (Mauck lab), and Karen Wong (Epstein lab) presenting.** Contact [Meagan](#) for the virtual link.

Sept. 25, 12:15 PM: **CPM Research in Progress: Aileen Ren (Kahn lab) and Katelyn Sweeney (Shalem lab) presenting.** Contact [Kathy O'Connor-Cooley](#) for the virtual link.

## **NGG**

### **CALENDARS**

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# CAREER DEVELOPMENT

## **Job Openings**

- **Sr. Research Investigator / Principal Investigator, Pharmacology – Incyte** – See full announcement [here](#).
- **Postdoctoral Training Fellow - The Francis Crick Institute** - See full announcement [here](#).
- **Postdoctoral Research Positions in the Dreyfuss Lab** – See full announcement [here](#).
- **Morrison & Foerster LLP seeking Entry Level Patent Agents or Scientific Analysts** – See full announcement [here](#).

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

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## **September STEM Chats with Graduate Alumni**

Check out Career Services' upcoming series of online chats with these Penn alumni (click on name to view their LinkedIn profile):

- **Merck Online Q&A** | Tue, Sep 22 12:30 pm EDT – 1:30 pm EDT | [REGISTER](#)  
[Suzanne Dettling, M.S.](#), Contract Scientist, Merck (Chemical Sciences)
- **OrtleyBio Online Q&A** | Tue, Sep 29 10:30 am EDT – 11:30 am EDT | [REGISTER](#)  
[Peter Dong, Ph.D.](#), Director, Scientific Services, OrtleyBio (Neuroscience)

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### ITMAT Ed Regulatory Science Career Panel Monday, October 5 from 12-1 pm via Zoom

Join us to learn about academic and industry career pathways in regulatory science, the science of applying contemporary research methods to develop new tools, standards, and approaches to access the efficacy, quality, and performance of FDA-regulated products. Please [RSVP](#).

Speakers for the panel are:

Gabriela Plesa, MD, PhD. Director of Translational Research Operations

Jessica Goldman, Senior Account Manager, Joule Inc.

Silvia De Paoli, PhD. Center for Biologics Evaluation & Research, FDA

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### ITMAT Request for Applications

ITMAT is pleased to announce a request for applications for its education programs in clinical and translational science. **Applications are due October 23, 2020**

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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### **U-M Medical School November Postdoc Preview**

Twice a year, University of Michigan Medical School hosts Postdoc Preview, a recruiting event that awards 20 upper-level graduate students the opportunity the opportunity to explore the extensive postdoctoral research and training opportunities in biomedical sciences available at U-M. During a **three-day virtual visit (November 9-11, 2020)**, invited candidates will have the opportunity to interview with prospective mentors, network with current postdocs, and learn about life in Ann Arbor. Applicants are selected from a national pool of candidates who expect to complete their thesis research by Summer 2021. Applications are open until **September 30, 2020**.

See the full announcement [here](#).

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### **AAAS' 45th Annual Science and Technology Policy Forum**

Registration is now open for [AAAS' 45th Annual Science and Technology Policy Forum](#), a free event for those interested in policy to come together to discuss current challenges at the intersection of science, policy and society. The forum will take place virtually on **October 13-14**.

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

The AAAS Science & Technology Policy Fellowship application is [now open](#). The deadline to apply is **November 1, 2020**.

AAAS has organized a Live Chat Series to share more information about the Fellowship. Upcoming webinars for this application season include:

- October 15, 2pm ET | [Ask a Fellow Anything](#)
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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](#)

[Roommate Ads – Google Doc](#)

[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](#).**