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You may stop by 1170 or 1178 Graves Hall anytime to ask questions of Amy Lahmers, Program Director, or Lauren Graham, Office Associate.

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To submit a news item to be considered for inclusion in the newsletter contact bsgp@osumc.edu

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For the Week of October 4, 2015

Graduate School News

Council of Graduate Students (CGS) Election Results

Grant Foglesong has recently been elected to hold the Delegate Seat for BSGP within th
Graduate Students. He will periodically send updates on various services, events, and opportunities available through the graduate school. Additionally, please feel free to contact (foglesong.5@osu.edu) with any questions/concerns and he will happily bring them to the student council and administration.

The Bennett Society 'Find a Mentor' Event

Wednesday, October 14th, 2015
10:30-12 PM
1187 Graves Hall

The Bennett Society "Find a Mentor" Event

The Bennett Society is hosting an event to help non-committed students find a lab. Many topics will be covered in the "Graduate School Survival Guide," such as:

- how to introduce yourself to a potential mentor
- tips for familiarizing yourself with the mentor's focus of study
- how to impress your mentor during rotations
- understanding how to identify if this lab is the "right fit"

Snacks will be provided and all are welcome. We hope to see you there!

Biomedical Sciences Annual Retreat

Mark your calendar for the Biomedical Sciences Annual Retreat on Thursday, December 8:45 am-1:15 pm. The Retreat will be held at the OSU Faculty Club; a continental breakfast will be provided. Students, please invite your mentor. A detailed agenda will be sent later.

We would like to invite and encourage all post-candidacy students to apply to be speakers. We will have 8 student speakers, and two will win a $1,000 travel award and the Best St will be awarded an additional $500 award from Procter & Gamble. To participate as a speaker, Biomedical Sciences Graduate Program Student Travel Award Competition, write a one-page double-spaced abstract about your research project and return as a MS Word attachment to bsg by Friday, October 16. Abstracts will be reviewed by a faculty Committee and eight students will be selected to make a 10 minute science presentation at the Retreat.

We constantly need to update your accomplishments for training grant applications, and we need you to also respond to a survey, that serves as an Individual Development Plan (IDP), with this important information. Plus, with this information, we will be able to highlight at the accomplishments of the students. You can find the IDP at: https://osu.az1.qualtrics.com/SID=SV_03xKNhiXhN8jsyx

We are asking all students to complete the online survey by Friday, September 25. We look forward to receiving many outstanding abstracts and to an enjoyable and interesting Retreat.
Surviving an Active Shooter Video

We are all saddened by the news of yet another college campus shooting incident and I suspect that many of us wonder what we would do if we found ourselves in such a situation. The OSU Department of Public Safety in partnership with the Office of Student Life has recently released a video called "Surviving an Active Shooter" to educate our campus community. It is a bit anxiety-producing to watch, but the video and message are well done. Please take a few moments to watch by clicking on the link below. Thanks!

YouTube Link: http://go.osu.edu/active-shooter

The Buckeye Alert System:
OSU uses a variety of methods to communicate to students, faculty and staff during an emergency and collectively these are called "Buckeye Alert."
About Buckeye Alert: http://buckeyealert.osu.edu/ens/

One of the most immediate forms of notification in the Buckeye Alert System as shown in this video is test messaging via cell phone. Students who provide their cell phone numbers to OSU via Buckeye Link are automatically registered for the emergency notification text messaging service. If you are not sure if your cell phone is signed up, you can go to this webpage to add your cell phone or update it. There is also a way for students to register up to two significant others at the website. http://buckeyealert.osu.edu/sr/

Additional campus safety information/resources are available at the OSU Department of Public Safety website: http://www.ps.ohio-state.edu/.

NSF Graduate Fellowship Program

Deadline: Late October
This NSF fellowship program provides three years of financial support for outstanding graduate students pursuing degrees in science, social sciences, technology, engineering, and mathematics.
More...

Other Information

MVIMG 7931 Research in Progress Seminars
Monday, October 5, 2015
12 pm
Room 105 Biomedical Research Tower

"Exploring the role of exportin-1 in chronic lymphocytic leukemia disease and therapy"

Speaker: Zachary Hing
Graduate Research Associate

Advisors: John C. Byrd, MD
Rosa Lapalombella, PhD
Neuroscience Seminar Series

Please see the seminar series schedule, [here](#). All events in this series will be held in BRT 115, unless otherwise noted.

IBMR Speaker Series: Neuroinflammation, Memory Impairments and Factors of Vulnerability

Wednesday, October 7th
11:00 am - 12:00 pm
Biomedical Research Tower (BRT) 105

Ruth M. Barrientos, PhD
Research Assistant Professor
University of Colorado Boulder
Department of Psychology & Neuroscience

For info, contact Jocelyn Blevins, jocelyn.blevins@osumc.edu or 293-0178

Protect and Serve Part II: From Crisis to Collaboration

Thursday, October 8th
3:00-4:15pm
Hale Hall MLK Room
*Refreshments will be provided

RSVP by noon on October 7, 2015 to Robert Decatur

OVA Presents: Thomas Cherpes, DVM, MD

"Hormonal contraception and anti-viral host defense: translating basic research into clinical settings"

Thursday, October 8, 2015
Food and social: 5:30 - 6:00 pm
Seminar: 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Main campus: 400 Prior Library
Wooster campus: FAHRP 114

A main focus of Dr. Cherpes' lab is modulation of host defenses by hormonal contraceptives. Transmitted infections and unplanned pregnancy are highly interconnected problems with century public health is grappling for solutions. Thus far epidemiological studies identifies medroxyprogesterone acetate (DMPA) as a risk factor for HIV acquisition, but less consistent condom use among DMPA users was thought to have confounded these results. The Cherpes lab has developed the ability to interweave basic, translational, and clinical research to newly define the effects of DMPA and other hormonal contraceptives on basic defense mechanisms in the female genital tract. Please join us to learn about how Dr. Cherpes intends to leverage this approach into public health solutions for Sub-Saharan Africa and other low resource settings.

Fulbright Canada

Deadline: October 13, 2015

Applications are now being accepted for the Fulbright Canada Programs. Fulbright Canada awards provide opportunities for outstanding American students to study and/or conduct research in Canada.
Canada. Award recipients include American citizens who are graduate students, prospective students, or junior professionals. Awards also available for American scholars.

**Center for Bioethics and Medical Humanities Medical Ethics Conference**

The OSU Center for Bioethics and Medical Humanities will be hosting the first Inaugural Conference on Professional Duty & Patient Rights in an Age of Pluralism: Questions of Making & Conscience; October 15 and October 16, 2015 in the Ross Heart Hospital auditorium.

There will be a student paper competition during this conference. Also, for more information about the conference please click on the link. [https://ccme.osu.edu/ConferenceDetail.aspx?ID=17](https://ccme.osu.edu/ConferenceDetail.aspx?ID=17)

**MVIMG Special Seminar**

Philipp Kalds, PhD. senior Principal Investigator Cell Division and Cancer Laboratory (PRK), Institute of Molecular and Cell biology (IMCB) Singapore

Will Present: Macrocytosis: how cyclin-dependent kinases (Cdks) and cyclins regulate cell size

Friday October 16, 2015
2:00-3:00pm
105 Biomedical Research Tower

**Versatile PhD Panel Discussions, Fall 2015**

Versatile PhD is a secure, on-line community and resource for graduate students interested outside of the traditional faculty/researcher roles. Panels of PhDs who have made the transition are a regular feature. The Graduate School subscription is open to all graduate students, faculty alumni, and provides access to all features and content. [Get started.](#)

**Upcoming panels**

- October 19-23: Publishing (Humanities/Social Sciences)
- November 16-20: University Administration (STEM)

**OSU Presidential Fellowship**

The Presidential Fellowship (guidelines: [http://www.gradsch.osu.edu/Depo/PDF/PresHowaldSBCGuidelines.pdf](http://www.gradsch.osu.edu/Depo/PDF/PresHowaldSBCGuidelines.pdf)) recognizes outstanding scholarly accomplishments and potential of graduate students entering the final phase of dissertation research or terminal degree project. These fellowships provide financial support so that they may devote one year of full-time study to the completion of the dissertation unimpeded by other duties. Recipients of this award embody the highest standards of scholarship in our graduate programs. A minimum of a 3.6 GPA is required (a 3.8 or higher GPA is competitive).

In advance of the Graduate School's submission deadline, the Biomedical Sciences Graduate Program will need any applications of students who wish to be considered by Monday, October 5.
You may email your completed application with the materials below to Amy Lahmers at lahmers.8@osu.edu Once we receive student applications, we will rank the applicants at the Graduate Studies Committee Chair's nomination letter.

Required materials:
1. Student's current Academic Advising Report
2. Student's complete graduate vitae
3. Abstract of dissertation proposal or terminal degree project
4. Student's research statement
5. Advisor's statement
6. Three letters of evaluation only (excluding the advisor's statement)

See the Guidelines at: http://www.gradsch.osu.edu/Depo/PDF/PresHowaldSBCGuidelir details.

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2015 Clotilde Dent Bowen, MD Lecture Series and Hispanic Heritage Month

Please join the College of Medicine's Office for Diversity and Inclusion and the Wexner Medical Center Hispanic Latino Network as we celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month and the annual Clotilde Dent Bowen, MD Diversity Lecture Series, Thursday, October 22 from 11:00am-12:30pm at the Ross Heart Hospital Auditorium. This year's featured Visiting Lecturer is Valerie Romero-Leggott, MD who will speak on "Historias: Weaving Research, Patient Care, and Educational Best Practices to Improve Latino Health"

Dr. Romero-Leggott has been a primary care provider for many years on the forefront of treating populations burdened by socio-economic and racial and ethnic disparities. Presently, Dr. Romero-Leggott is Vice Chancellor for Diversity at the University of New Mexico Health Sciences Center, Dean for Diversity in the School of Medicine, and Professor in the Department of Family Medicine. She also serves as the Executive Director of the School of Medicine Combine Program, a unique program to promote the recruitment of a diverse group of graduating New Mexico high school seniors interested in New Mexico healthcare and in practicing medicine in our areas of greatest need in the state.

Dr. Clotilde Dent Bowen was the first African American Female to graduate from OSU College of Medicine, (Class of 1947), to serve in the U.S. Army, to achieve the rank of Colonel, and to be named chief of psychiatry in two Veteran Administration hospitals and two Army medical centers.

Refreshments will be provided. Questions, please contact HLN@osumc.edu or Valerie Blackwell-Truitt at valerie.blackwell-truitt@osumc.edu

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