Graduate Student Stories Sought for Commencement

We're looking for outstanding graduate students who are graduating this spring and who have stories that may be of interest to the media. Graduates who have been featured before include those with interesting research, who have received honors, who come from interesting backgrounds, who have interesting plans for the future, etc. Contact Amy Lahmers (amy.lahmers@osumc.edu) with names, brief backgrounds, and contact information for each student you want to highlight.

Congratulations to Hayes Graduate Research Forum Winners

Congratulations to Erin Burns and Ashley Frakes, Hayes Forum winners from the Biomedical Sciences Graduate Program. The Hayes Forum was March 1, and it recognizes the excellent research being conducted by graduate students across Ohio State's full array of graduate programs. The Hayes Forum is co-sponsored by the Council of Graduate Students, Office of Research, and the Graduate School. Read more here.
Erin Frey Dissertation Defense: 4/9/13 @ 9:00 am in 105 BRT

It is our pleasure to announce that doctoral candidate, Erin Frey, is defending her dissertation. Please see below for details regarding her public defense if you wish to attend. You can also see her booklet [here](#).

**Title:** "ACID-SENSING ION CHANNELS: TARGETS FOR NEUROPEPTIDE MODULATION AND NEURONAL DAMAGE"

**Advisor:** Dr. Candice Askwith

**Date and Location:** Tuesday, April 9, 2013 at 9:00 am, 105 BRT

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Pier Paolo Peruzzi Dissertation Defense: 4/11/13 @ 10:00 am

It is our pleasure to announce that doctoral candidate, Pier Paolo Peruzzi, is defending his dissertation. Please see below for details regarding his public defense if you wish to attend. You can also see his booklet [here](#).

**Title:** "MiR-128 Controls the Activity of Polycomb Repressor Complexes 1 and 2 in Neural Stem Cells: Implications of its Loss in Gliomagenesis"

**Advisor:** Dr. E Antonio Chiocca and Dr. Balveen Kau

**Date and Location:** Thursday, April 11, 2013, James Cancer Hospital, Room 518A

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Joshua Saldivar Dissertation Defense: 4/15/13 @ 9:00 am in DHLRI 159

It is our pleasure to announce that doctoral candidate, Joshua Saldivar, is defending his dissertation. Please see below for details regarding his public defense if you wish to attend. You can also see his booklet [here](#).

**Title:** "The Origin of Genome Instability in Cancer: Role of the Fragile Site Gene Product Fhit"

**Advisor:** Dr. Kay Huebner

**Date and Location:** Monday, April 15, 2013 at 9:00 am, Davis Heart and Lung Institute, Rm 159

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**Graduate School News and Events**

**Spring Deadlines for Graduating Students**

- **April 12:** Master's and doctoral examination report forms must be submitted
- **April 19:** Final approved theses and dissertations must be submitted
- **May 5, Noon:** Commencement, Ohio Stadium. [More information about commencement](#)
Medical Center News and Events

6th Annual Physicians' Free Clinic 5K Fun Run

The 6th Annual Physicians’ Free Clinic 5K Fun Run will be held on Sunday April 14, 2013. The run will begin and end at the RPAC Northwest Plaza.

As you all know, the PFC provides healthcare for hundreds of low-income and uninsured families in Columbus. All the proceeds of this 5K go toward funding the PFC.

The registration fee is $20 until April 10th and $25 up until the race day. All participants will receive a t-shirt and raffle ticket with their registration packet.

Your continued support is needed to keep PFC alive and running! We look forward to seeing you all on race day. You can register TODAY at: http://www.premierraces.com/viewevent.asp?eventID=755

WHEN: Sunday April 14, 2013 at 9AM
WHERE: OSU RPAC Northwest Plaza
WHY: PFC NEEDS your help!
COST: $20

For more information contact rhonia.gordon@osumc.edu

Hospital Poets - April 12th

Medicine and the Arts is pleased to present another Hospital Poets Series this April 12th from 12:00-1:00 PM. They are proud to present Andrew Grace, the author of three books of poems including Shadeland, which won The Journal Award for Poetry from the Ohio State University Press. The event will feature a poetry reading, with conversation and refreshments to follow.

What: Hospital Poets Series ft. Andrew Grace
When: Friday April 12th, 12:00 - 1:00 PM
Where: Meiling 234

Conversation and light refreshments to follow. See the event flier here.

Public Safety Notice: OSU Campus

The Ohio State University Police Division has information, originating from a chat site, that referenced a potential threat of shooting or explosive violence focused on a ‘cafeteria’ or other unspecified area of campus on Monday (04/08/2013) on The Ohio State University Columbus campus. We are taking this information seriously and continue to aggressively investigate. We will have extra police and security presence on and around
campus dining facilities. We have the assistance of federal, state and local law enforcement agencies. This information is being sent so that the university community is aware and to ask assistance in reporting any suspicious persons, behavior or packages today or in the future. We take this opportunity to remind everyone: If you See Something, Say Something -- dial 9-1-1 in an emergency or 292-2121 to reach the Police Division's non-emergency line. At this point, we do not know if this new information is related to the threat received last week. Updates will be posted on: [http://emergency.osu.edu](http://emergency.osu.edu).

**U reposen's Copenhagen to Speak at April 8 Neuroscience Seminar**

David Copenhagen, PhD, professor in the departments of Ophthalmology and Physiology at the University of California - San Francisco, will be the presenter of the Neuroscience Seminar on April 8. Copenhagen will present "Light, Melanopsin and Development of Synaptic Pathways and Vascular Networks in the Eye" from noon-1 p.m. in 115 Biomedical Research Tower. No registration necessary.

**An announcement for OSU students recovering from addiction**

There are an estimated 950 students in recovery at OSU. The Student Wellness Center is looking to build an on campus recovery community to support one another in their personal and academic journey. There will be a social for students recovering from addiction on Thursday (4/11) from 7-8 p.m. in the Community Room at the Lane Ave. Panera Bread. Free dessert will be offered. Contact Sarah Nerad at nerad.1@osu.edu or 832-623-3250 with questions or read more here: [http://go.osu.edu/recovery](http://go.osu.edu/recovery).

**Fun Fact**

**Giraffe Facts**

A giraffe can go without water longer than a camel can. Read more about giraffes [here](http://www.nationalgeographic.com/nationalgeographic/).