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## Bio Advising Newsletter – 3/14/2017

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## 1. Pre-Enrollment Advising Appointments

**Fall enrollment begins March 27 (IN LESS THAN 2 WEEKS). SIGN UP NOW** for an advising appointment to have your hold lifted for Fall.

All four advisors have appointment sheets in A258 Langley Hall. BRING YOUR ADVISING FOLDER WITH AN UPDATED PLAN TO YOUR MEETING. If you miss your appointment, you will need to reschedule for AFTER March 27.

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## 2. Monitored Withdrawal Questions Walk-In Hours

Thinking about withdrawing from a course and how this may affect your academic plan? The advisors have walk-in hours to answer your questions!

Tuesday, March 14 from 3-5pm: Christine  
Wednesday, March 15 from 10am-noon: Kevin  
Wednesday, March 15 from 2:30-4:30pm: Ellen

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## 3. Monitored Withdrawal – deadline Mar 15 (WEDNESDAY)

March 15 is the deadline for students to withdraw from an undergraduate course in the Dietrich School without penalty or credit. This will show up as a “W” on your transcript.

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## 4. Spring Final Exam Conflict Form – deadline Mar 15 (WEDNESDAY)

Please check the schedule for your spring term final exams. If you have three or more final exams in one day, you may request an alternate final exam time.

Instructions & forms can be found here: [http://www.registrar.pitt.edu/assets/pdf/2174\\_EXAMS.pdf](http://www.registrar.pitt.edu/assets/pdf/2174_EXAMS.pdf)

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## 5. Are you currently abroad?

Need to get your hold lifted because you are out of the country?

To get your advising hold lifted, email an advisor the following:

- Name
- PeopleSoft #
- All classes you plan for summer and/or fall (department code + 4-digit catalog number)
- Email subject line: Advising from Abroad – (Your first and last name)

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## 6. DSAS Undergrad Research Fair Abstract Submission – deadline Mar 15

Want to present your research at the Dietrich School of Arts & Sciences Undergraduate Research Fair? Submit your abstract online: <https://goo.gl/7FUjYP>

Questions? Contact Neuroscience Undergraduate Advising at 412-624-5156.

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## 7. Pitt College of General Studies Open House – Mar 16, 4:30-7pm, 1400 Posvar

Learn more about what the College of General Studies has to offer. You will find more information on majors,

minors, and certificate programs, financial aid options, internship and employment opportunities, and more!

More info & RSVP: <http://www.cgs.pitt.edu/OpenHouse>

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### 8. #ToleranceMeans Dialogue – Mar 16, 2-3pm, Barco Law Building

Watching the news, it may seem that advocates for marriage equality for LGBT individuals and proponents for protections for the religious convictions of people of faith live in different worlds and could never find common ground. But is that necessarily the case? This program features leading national legal experts on gay rights and religious liberty, in dialogue with Pitt students, to consider what tolerance might mean in this context.

Join Pitt Law for the inaugural #ToleranceMeans Dialogue between William Eskridge, Jr., Yale Law School and Robin Fretwell Wilson, University of Illinois College of Law, on Thurs., March 16, 2017 from 2-3 p.m. at the Barco Law Building.

#### Scholarship Opportunities

- Students who tweet their own ideas, reactions or questions to @ToleranceMeans **will have the chance to win a \$250 Social Engagement prize.** There will be no limit on submissions, so tweeting more results in a greater chance of winning.
- Submit 500 Words on the meaning of tolerance and attach a tweet tagged with #ToleranceMeans by March 10 to [tolerancemeans@gmail.com](mailto:tolerancemeans@gmail.com).
- Winners meet a legislator and participate in the Dialogue.
- Compete for two \$750 Scholarships (undergrad and grad winners).

More info and register: [#ToleranceMeans](#)

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### 9. Univ Forum: Repeal, Repair, or Replace? – Mar 16, 3-4pm, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor Alumni

Join experts in health policy and law, health care delivery, and insurance markets for an in-depth, interactive discussion on the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and the emerging set of proposals to “repeal and replace” it.

Following a presentation on the politics of ACA, insurance exchanges, and Medicare and Medicaid reforms, panelists will take questions and comments from the University community.

[View more information and a list of speakers](#)

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### 10. Panel Discussion: Center for Health Equity – Mar 17, 2-4pm, Public Health Auditorium

Topic: Health Equity Through Action On The Social Determinants Of Health

The panel of presenters are from various academic and activist backgrounds, who will discuss the social determinants of health and health equity including ways in which action has been taken to invoke change.

More info: <http://www.publichealth.pitt.edu/calendar/moduleid/11130/itemid/2011/mct/eventdetails>

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### 11. DSAS Undergrad Research Fair – Mar 29, 11:30am-2pm, WPU

Hosted by the Department of Neuroscience.

Interested in learning about the research that is happening on campus? Attend the Annual Undergraduate Research Fair! Refreshments will be provided!

Questions? Contact Neuroscience Undergraduate Advising at 412-624-5156

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## **12. Applying to Med/Dent School This Cycle? Overview Session – Mar 19, 3pm, 324 Cathedral**

Hosted by the Health Professions Advisors Andrea Abt and Angela Illig.

The overview session is for anyone who is applying to medical/dental school this cycle.

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## **13. Pitt Pre-Health Summit – Apr 2, 8am-3:30pm, Alumni Hall**

The inaugural Pitt Pre-Health Summit will be held on April 2nd, 2017. This will be an interprofessional conference for all pre-health students (pre-dental, pre-PA, pre-medical, and more) featuring keynote speakers Jim Withers and Joseph Losee.

Dr. Joseph Losee (<http://www.plasticsurgery.pitt.edu/person/joseph-e-losee>) will be giving a version of his endowed chair lecture titled "Maintaining Meaning In Medicine," in which he talks about how we can fight burnout and deliver better care by focusing on what is important. Dr. Jim Withers (<http://www.cnn.com/2015/05/07/us/cnn-heroes-homeless-doctor-jim-withers/>) will be talking about his experiences with Operation Safety Net and delivering care to diverse populations.

There will also be breakout sessions held by many different organizations, for example a suturing lab with the Army Surgical Team, a Poverty Simulation, disease modeling with an epidemiology research group from the School of Public Health, a tour of the Pitt Dental School and Medical School, admissions tips from the Admissions Director of Case Western School of Medicine, and more!

More info & register: <https://www.facebook.com/events/271634006598773/>

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## **14. School of Health & Rehab Sciences Open House – Apr 8**

Take this opportunity to meet with SHRS faculty and students from each of their Departments. Learn firsthand about the programs and explore the many career opportunities that are offered. Open House is the perfect time to learn more about the structure of the programs and understand the admissions process.

More info & register: <http://www.shrs.pitt.edu/admissions/open-house>

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## **15. Undergrad Work Study: Research in Eco-Evo Lab**

The Turcotte lab at Pitt is looking for a few undergraduate students to help conduct research exploring rapid evolution of species interactions. The students will help with a diverse set of activities including field collections, maintenance and characterization of colonies, help conduct experiments, and possibly perform genetic analyses.

Have questions? Contact Dr. Turcotte at [turcotte@pitt.edu](mailto:turcotte@pitt.edu)

To apply: <https://www.pittsource.com/postings/133104>

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## **16. Post-Grad Staff: Positions with Pipas Lab**

Dr. James Pipas is recruiting for two staff positions in his lab. One position is for a research technician 2 and will be focused on cell culture. The other position is for a programmer 2 who will be part of a team working on viral genomics. Both positions are ideal for new graduates!

Contact Dr. Pipas for more info at [pipas@pitt.edu](mailto:pipas@pitt.edu) or 412-624-4691.

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## **17. UHC Fellowships Fair – Mar 22, 6-8pm, 324 Cathedral**

Sponsored by the National Scholarships Advising Office

Learn about the Fulbright, Goldwater, Marshall, Rhodes, Truman, Udall, and others for research, study, and intern programs!

Questions? Contact [sjm130@pitt.edu](mailto:sjm130@pitt.edu)

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**18. Joseph F. Mulach & Louisa A. Mulach Scholarship – deadline May 15**

Joseph F. Mulach, Jr. and Louisa A. Mulach Scholarship Fund provides assistance for undergraduate and graduate students in the fields of biological sciences, chemistry, mathematics, or physics. Students must demonstrate financial need. Preference will be given to qualified female students.

More info & apply: <http://pittsburghfoundation.org/scholarship/1956>

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**Birding and Ornithology Club**

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[pittbirdingclub@gmail.com](mailto:pittbirdingclub@gmail.com)

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**Biology Club**

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[upittbiologyclub@gmail.com](mailto:upittbiologyclub@gmail.com)

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**Dental Science Club**

[www.facebook.com/groups/pittdentalclub](http://www.facebook.com/groups/pittdentalclub)  
[pittdentclub@gmail.com](mailto:pittdentclub@gmail.com)

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**Ecology Club – Alternate Tuesdays, 8:45pm, 540 WPU**

[ecologyclubpitt@gmail.com](mailto:ecologyclubpitt@gmail.com)  
List of officers: <https://goo.gl/lcFCWw>

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**Genetic Counseling Club**

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/geneticcounselingclub/>  
[pittgeneticcounselingclub@gmail.com](mailto:pittgeneticcounselingclub@gmail.com)

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**Pitt Medlife**

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**POMS**

<http://www.poms.us>  
[pomspitt@gmail.com](mailto:pomspitt@gmail.com)  
<https://list.pitt.edu/mailman/listinfo/poms>

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**Pre-PA Association – Alternate Wednesdays, 9pm, 527 WPU**

[pittppaa@gmail.com](mailto:pittppaa@gmail.com)  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/523230964458833/>

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**Pre-Vet Club – Alternate Thursdays, 8pm, Langley Lobby**

[pittprevet@gmail.com](mailto:pittprevet@gmail.com)

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/441907539257843/>

List of officers: <https://goo.gl/5XFNqh>

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**TRI-BETA – Alternate Wednesdays, 8pm, A221 Langley**

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List of officers: <https://goo.gl/fsBiHi>

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**Until next week,**

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