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Welcome back everyone! We hope you had a wonderful summer!

Bio Advising Newsletter – 8/28/2018

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1. Advising Walk-ins this week

This week, advisors are only taking walk-ins to serve students with time-sensitive questions, scheduling issues, and permissions. Drop by if we can help you with something!

Appointments for in-depth Academic and Career planning, and Spring Term Advising Holds begin September 10th. Stop by next week to start signing up on appointment sheets.

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2. Enrollment Deadlines: Add/Drop Sep 7; Extended Drop Sep 14

Add/Drop – Fri, Sep 7

The waitlist runs through the last day of add/drop. Make sure to check your waitlisted classes!

Extended Drop – Fri, Sep 14 (Permission is needed – See guidelines here:

<http://www.registrar.pitt.edu/assets/pdf/ExtendedDropPeriodGuidlines.pdf>

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3. UTA, Research & Indep. Study Forms for credit – deadline Sep 7

The completed enrollment forms need to be handed to an advisor before the end of the add/drop deadline on September 7. We will then enroll you.

You can pick up a blank form from an Advisor in A258 Langley Hall or download a fillable form from our website: <http://www.biology.pitt.edu/undergraduate/forms>

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4. S/NC Grade Option – deadline Sep 21

Before the end of add/drop, you can change the grade option on your own by editing your courses in your Student Center. *This is not reversible.*

After the end of add/drop and until Sep 21, you can still change your grade option at 140 Thackeray Hall.

“Certain courses are offered on the S/NC (Satisfactory/No-Credit) grade option. This option was designed to encourage students to explore new and potentially difficult subjects without fear of the risks of failure. Under this option, a student who does satisfactory work (a grade of C or better) in a course receives the grade of S. If the student’s work is not satisfactory (a grade of C- or lower), the grade of NC (No Credit) is given. Courses for which an S is received are counted toward graduation, but are not computed in the GPA. Courses in which an NC is received are counted toward neither graduation nor the GPA.”

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5. Bio Advising is on Social Media!

In addition to newsletter items, want to stay up to date with bio advising news/shares and other happenings around campus? Follow us on social media!

@PittBioAdv
FB: <https://www.facebook.com/pittbioadv/>
Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/pittbioadv/>

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6. New Advisor: Dan Wetzel

With the increasing undergraduate student population in our department, we have added a 5th advisor: Dan Wetzel. All you E&E majors should be especially excited!

Dan received his B.S. in biology from Illinois Wesleyan University, a M.S. in biology from Georgia Southern University, and a Ph.D. in biology from the University of Kentucky.

Most of Dan's teaching and research interests are focused on animal behavior, ecology, and evolution, but he also has experience in genetics and biostatistics. Before joining the advising team, Dan worked in our department as a lab manager in the Richards-Zawacki lab.

Stop by and welcome Dan to our department!

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7. New Advising Email Address

To better serve you and answer your questions, we have added a new advising email address bioadv@pitt.edu.

Emails sent to this address will be answered within 1 business day.

Save this email address for general questions. If you wish to email an advisor individually, that is fine, but PLEASE DO NOT email multiple advisors individually about the same question. Duplicate emails waste the advisors' time which slows the email response time to all emails.

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8. Let us know about your summer

We'd love to know what you were up to over the summer! Please fill out this very brief (3 minute) survey letting us know about your summer experiences.

https://pitt.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_aVFACoPwIsN7RDn

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9. Biology Peer Advisors

This term we have 8 upperclass Biology Peer Advisors who will be available to share their experiences both in and out of the classroom. Regular office hours begin on September 10.

In the meantime, start reading about these students on our blog: <http://bit.ly/2BS5zg6>

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10. Career Center Launch Party – Aug 29, 11am-2pm, WPU Lawn

The Career Development and Placement Assistance Office is now called The Career Center!

Meet the Career Center staff, check out the resources, and enjoy games, refreshments and giveaways!

More info: <http://bit.ly/2BThZ7F>

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11. Student Employment Fair – Aug 30, 1-4pm, WPU

Are you still looking for student jobs? Meet with representatives from Pitt departments and offices, as well as employers from the Pittsburgh area, to learn about internships and part-time job opportunities.

More info: <http://bit.ly/2BQXE2J>

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12. AMSA Pre-Health Mock Interviews – Sep 9

If you are applying this cycle, you have several opportunities to do mock interviews (MMI, faculty and med school student interviewers). Below is the first of three opportunities:

The American Medical Association at Pitt Med will be hosting the Pre-Health Mock Interview Event for the Pitt students who are applying this cycle on Sunday, September 9th from 11:00 AM-1:30 PM on the second floor of the William Pitt Union.

Make sure to arrive 10 minutes prior to the start of your interview. If you are a “no show” you will not be able to participate in any other mock interview events.

The interviews will take place for 20-25 minutes with time for feedback/questions at the end.

Sign-up link: <https://goo.gl/forms/xx7gDkeIP72QdHLC2>

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13. Volunteer Fair – Sep 11, 11:30am-2:30pm, WPU Ballroom

Check out what Pitt has to offer! Different organizations will be joining and showcasing the plentiful opportunities in Pittsburgh.

More info: <http://bit.ly/2MBtJAv>

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14. Healthy U Fair – Sep 12, 10am-2pm, WPU Lawn

The Healthy U Fair is an annual event intended to provide the students of the University of Pittsburgh an opportunity and place to promote healthy behaviors and enhance wellness.

Events will include demonstrations, games, & raffles with the intent to educate and increase awareness of personal health and wellness. It will also be the "kick-off" for the annual Flu Vaccine Clinic.

More info: <http://bit.ly/2LEwZ96>

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15. ResuMANIA – Sep 13, 10am-8pm, WPU 200

In preparation for the Fall Career Fair, bring a hard copy of your resume to 200 WPU and have it reviewed by a Career Center staff member or a visiting employer. Refreshments provided!

More info: <http://bit.ly/2PjjSfN>

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16. Evolutionary Ecology Undergrad Research (Turcotte Lab)

The Turcotte lab in the Department of Biological Sciences is looking for an undergraduate student to help conduct research exploring the role of competition in species trait evolution. The students will help with setting up laboratory experiments, maintenance of aquatic plants colonies, and collecting and processing trait data. Students must commit at least 10 hours per week and do so for credits. If interested, please submit your CV and an unofficial copy of your transcript to jiaqi.tan@pitt.edu by September 7th.

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17. Paid Copy Editor Position (Journal of Caribbean Ornithology)

The Journal of Caribbean Ornithology (JCO) is looking to hire two part-time copy editors.

Keep in mind that these copy editor positions can be a great side job for students that are looking to gain editorial experience, network, and earn some money from home with flexible hours.

The position pays \$15/hr, can be worked from anywhere with a good internet connection, and would involve flexible hours averaging about 5 hours per week.

Work duties would include:

- Copyediting of peer-reviewed, scientific manuscripts according to the Journal of Caribbean Ornithology's formatting guidelines
- Ensuring that manuscripts are error free and well written
- Consistent communication with the JCO Editorial Team

Ideal skills and experience would include:

- Previous proofreading and copy editing work with a scientific journal
- Good knowledge of ornithology (knowledge of Caribbean ornithology a plus, but not required)
- Strong scientific writing skills
- An eye for detail and accuracy
- Patience when working with inexperienced authors

Interested applicants should send an email of interest to Justin Proctor at justin.proctor@birdscaribbean.org.

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Until next week,

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