

Subject: [BioAdv] Newsletter 11/17/2015

Date: Tuesday, November 17, 2015 at 1:52:01 PM Eastern Standard Time

From: BioAdv Biological Sciences (sent by BioAdvising <bioadvising-bounces@list.pitt.edu>)

To: BioAdv Biological Sciences

Bio Advising Newsletter – 11/17/2015

OVERVIEW (See below for details)

ADVISING

1. Advising Appointments, Drop Ins
2. **Seniors (graduating December, April, or August)**
3. Electronic Waitlists for Spring Classes – FAQ

CHECK IT OUT

4. Stress Free Zone – All November
5. Summer 2016 PLE Courses
6. The Pitt Pulse Fall 2015 Issue
7. Letter of Recommendation Workshop – Nov 20

CAREER

8. Grad School Talk with Dr. Walter Carson – Nov 18
9. National Career Development Day – Nov 18
10. Lecture: "Climate Impacts and Regulation" – Nov 19
11. International Student Career Success Day – Nov 20
12. Temple University Pre-Health Day Open House – Nov 21

INTERNSHIP

13. Aviary Internship (Animal Collections) – Starting January 2016

CLUBS

Biology Club
Birding & Ornithology Club
Ecology Club
Natural Sciences Research Club
Optometry Club
Panther Cure Finder
Pitt Outdoors Club
POMS
Pre-Vet Club
TRI-BETA

*** **DETAILS** *** **DETAILS** ***

1. Advising Appointments & Quick Questions

The Bio Advisors are here to help, and we have lots of time now! Feel free to come back with questions, ideas or just to chat. How is the term going, what are your summer plans, do you want to tweak your resume or personal statement, is there are problematic class you want to discuss? Come see us!

If you still have an Advising Hold for Spring enrollment, come see us in A258 Langley Hall! We can lift your academic advising hold even if you have a financial hold, please come see us!

=====

2. Seniors (graduating December, April, or August)

Graduating in December

- *December Recognition Ceremony* - Dec 19, 5:00-8:00pm
<http://www.asundergrad.pitt.edu/DecGrad>
- If you are graduating in December and also want to participate in the April 2016 Biological Sciences Senior Recognition Ceremony please self-identify! Email an Advisor to let us know who you are.

Graduating in April

- **Did you apply for April Graduation?**
If yes, great!

If no, go to 140 Thackeray Hall and do it ASAP!

- **Save the Dates in April**
 - o *Biological Sciences Senior Recognition Ceremony* - April 30, 5:30pm - 8pm
 - o *University Commencement Event* - May 1, 1pm

More info later, but here are a few details: <http://biology.pitt.edu/undergraduate/seniorceremony>

Graduating in August

- If you are planning to graduate in August and would like to be invited to the Biological Sciences Senior Recognition Ceremony in April please self-identify! Email an Advisor to let us know who you are.
- **Save the Dates in April**
 - o *Biological Sciences Senior Recognition Ceremony* - April 30, 5:30pm - 8pm
 - o *University Commencement Event* - May 1, 1pm

More info later, but here are a few details: <http://biology.pitt.edu/undergraduate/seniorceremony>

=====

3. Electronic Waitlists for Spring Classes

3a) If used incorrectly, the waitlist will skip you - without any notification.
Check out the FAQ's, especially Waitlist FAQ #12 <http://www.registrar.pitt.edu/faq.html>

3b) There is no guarantee with waitlists. So, if you are on a waitlist for spring, come up with a **plan B** for if you do not get into this course.

We would be happy to help you come up with a plan B, come see us in the Advising Office!

=====

4. Stress Free Zone – All November

Located on the 3rd floor of the William Pitt Union: The Stress Free Zone (SFZ) is a space where students can learn and regularly practice evidence-based, mind/body stress reduction skills.

For dates and times for Meditation and Yoga sessions in November: <http://www.studentaffairs.pitt.edu/sfzcalendar>

=====

5. Summer 2016 PLE Courses

New brochures for 2016 Summer PLE Courses are now available in the Advising Office! Courses span 3 weeks and they run in sessions from mid-May through the end of July

For courses and dates: <http://www.biology.pitt.edu/facilities/pymatuning/courses/course-schedule>

=====

6. The Pitt Pulse Fall 2015 Issue

The Fall 2015 Issue of The Pitt Pulse is available now! Read about the science behind stress eating, the discovery of the Homo Naledi species, whether or not your dog loves you back, and more!

Read all the articles online: <http://www.thepittpulse.org/issue6>

Be sure to check out the video news show "The Beat", where they cover the latest headlines in science and health: <http://www.thepittpulse.org/watch>

=====

7. Letter of Recommendation Workshop – Nov 20, 3pm, A224 Langley

Sponsored Biological Sciences Advisors and HHMI

This workshop will cover:

- How do faculty WRITE letters?
- Get to read some REAL letters.
- Plan for WHO would be best for you to ask.
- Plan for HOW to get the strongest letter possible.
- Learn how to ASK for letters.

Review this guide for recommendation letters: <http://www.biology.pitt.edu/node/3484>

Please RSVP to help us plan refreshments: <http://tinyurl.com/RecLetter2015>

=====
8. Grad School Talk With Dr. Walter Carson – Nov 18, 8:45pm, 540 WPU

Sponsored by the Ecology Club

Dr. Walter Carson will talk about how to be admitted into graduate school for ecology, behavior, evolution, and natural resources with all expenses paid.

Please sign up below so that they can estimate the attendance.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/B5VK83D>

=====
9. National Career Development Day – Nov 18, 12-4pm, 200 WPU

Celebrate with The Office of Career Development & Placement Assistance (CDPA). Learn more about CDPA programs and services. Business card holders for the first 100 students and be entered to win a new suit!

=====
10. Lecture: "Climate Impacts and Regulation" – Nov 19, 4:30pm, Alumni Hall

"Climate Impacts and Regulation: The Future of Coal Power Plants and the U.S. Power Grid"

Presenter: Dr. Paulina Jaramillo – Assistant Professor, Carnegie Mellon University

In recent years, concerns about climate change have continued to grow throughout the world. Coal power plants have historically provided up to 50% of the electricity generated in the U.S. They also have the highest greenhouse gas emission rates. In this talk, Professor Jaramillo will discuss the work of her research group over the last 10 years to understand the climate implications of coal use in the U.S. and how recent regulatory changes may affect the future of the U.S. power system.

Reserve a seat here: <http://www.honorscollege.pitt.edu/node/859>

=====
11. International Student Career Success Day – Nov 20, 9:30am-2:30pm, WPU Ballroom

FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS ONLY! Light Breakfast and Lunch provided!

- OPT/CPT session with Immigration Specialists with Q/A
- How to gain experience as an international student at Pitt
- International student panel with international students who completed internships and/or were hired by an employer in the U.S.
- Employer panel featuring employers who've hired international students for full-time work or internships + a discussion on employer expectations + speed networking session!

More information and registration: <http://www.studentaffairs.pitt.edu/cdpa/intlsuccess>

=====
12. Temple University Pre-Health Day Open House – Nov 21

The Temple University School of Podiatric Medicine will host its annual Pre Health Day which includes the School of Public Health, Dentistry and Pharmacy for Premedical Students on Saturday, November 21, 2015 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Temple's located at 148 N. 8th Street in Philadelphia, PA.

Respond and RSVP by Wednesday, **November 18, 2015** at 215-625-5451.

For more information: <http://podiatry.temple.edu/admissions/visit>

=====
13. Aviary Internship (Animal Collections) – Starting January 2016

The National Aviary is looking for an Animal Collections intern beginning in January 2016. Intern will work with aviculturists to learn about husbandry, training, and education as the Animal Collections Department encompasses all of those areas. Responsibilities will include cleaning, food preparation, animal observations, daily presentations, assisting with enrichment, public lorikeet feedings, observing or assisting in training sessions, and other duties as assigned. Interns may have the opportunity to participate in various workshops that cover basic training concepts and other relevant material to the animal behavior and care field.

For more information and how to apply: http://aviary.org/Internships#Animal_Collections

=====
BIOLOGY CLUB - Tuesdays, 8:30pm

11/17, 12/1

=====
BIRDING & ORNITHOLOGY CLUB
PittBirdingClub@gmail.com
www.facebook.com/groups/302359673107538

=====
ECOLOGY CLUB - Wednesdays, 8:45pm, 540 WPU
pittecologyclub@gmail.com

=====
NATURAL SCIENCE RESEARCH CLUB – Thursdays, 7pm
<https://pitt2.collegiatelink.net/organization/naturalscience>
<https://www.facebook.com/pittnsrc/>
LRG28@pitt.edu

The Natural Science Research Club (NSRC) is a resource for students interested in and doing research in the natural sciences. The group meets weekly to have a journal club style seminar with the presentations from members communicating their research or advances within their field. Through this we seek to empower members to better present and understand the motivations and experimentation in their own fields as well as to promote interdisciplinary awareness and communication at an entry level to the research community.

=====
OPTOMETRY CLUB
pittoptclub@gmail.com

=====
PANTHER CURE FINDER

questions: MNW17@pitt.edu

=====
PITT OUTDOORS CLUB
<https://www.facebook.com/PittOutdoorsClub>
<http://pittoutdoors.blogspot.com/>

=====
POMS
Premedical Organization for Minority Students
<http://www.poms.us>
pomspitt@gmail.com
<https://list.pitt.edu/mailman/listinfo/poms>

=====
PRE-VET CLUB - Alternate Thursdays, 7:30pm, Langley Hall
11/19, 12/3

pittprevet@gmail.com
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/441907539257843/>

=====
TRI-BETA - Alternate Tuesdays in Langley A224
www.facebook.com/groups/tribetapitt
tribeta.universityofpittsburgh@gmail.com

=====

Until next week,

Christine Berliner
412-624-4819
christin@pitt.edu

Ellen Kelsey
412-624-0421
ellen.kelsey@pitt.edu

Kevin Wu
412-624-4273

kevinwu@pitt.edu

**Advisors, Biological Sciences
A258 Langley Hall
University of Pittsburgh**