

Biology Advising Newsletter 1/13/2014

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Birding & Ornithology Club
POMS

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1. Advising Walk-ins

The advisors are primarily 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 Summer / Fall Term Advising Holds begin January 21st. Sign-up Sheets are out in the Advising Office now.

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2. Spring Term Deadlines

Add/Drop - Friday Jan 17

S/NC Grade Option - Friday Jan 31 (after add-drop, 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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3. UTA, Research & Intern Forms for credits - due Jan 17

Are you doing research or TAing for credit this semester? The enrollment forms need to be turned into an advisor by **January 17**. But you can turn them in anytime before the deadline as well!

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

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4. Academic Skills Workshops

4a) Learning Styles and Test Preparation - Jan 30, 6pm, ARC

Presenter: Mike Chirdon-Jones, MEd, Academic Specialist, Academic Resource Center

4b) Financial Aid Information Session - Feb 5, 6pm, ARC

Presenter: Melissa DiGuilio, Financial Aid Advisor, Office of Admissions and Financial Aid

4c) Study Smarter Not Harder With Strategies Supported by Cognitive Science - Feb 12, 6pm

Presenter: Timothy Nokes-Malach, PhD, Associate Professor, Department of Psychology

4d) Time Management - Feb 21, 2pm, ARC

Presenter: Anita Persaud, DEd, Director, Academic Resource Center

4e) Time Management - Feb 25, 6pm, ARC

Presenter: Anita Persaud, DEd, Director, Academic Resource Center

4f) Overcoming Procrastination - March 19, 6pm, ARC

Presenter: Mike Chirdon-Jones, MEd, Academic Specialist, Academic Resource Center

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5. Lecture “The UN Framework on Climate Change” - Jan 30, 4pm, O'Hara Student Center

James Sniffen, from the United Nations Environment Program, will provide a picture of how UN Secretariat staff work to support international climate negotiations. Experienced UN staff members such as Mr. Sniffen are expert on the substance of these negotiations.

They carry out research, consult with ambassadors and their delegations, and provide supporting documentation to facilitate negotiations and to support international agreements.

Speaker bios, relevant readings and more about the sessions are available at the series website <http://www.ucis.pitt.edu/global/dialogs/climate-change-talks>

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6. Resume/ Curriculum Vitae (CV)Workshop - Jan 24, 3-5pm, Langley 219B

Work with faculty and students in small groups to perfect your resume/CV. Bring a draft if you have one or brainstorm in a group to get it started.

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7. Poster Session by Undergraduate Researchers - Jan 31, 4-5:30pm, Langley 219B & Langley Lobby

Ask questions about their research and see what these undergraduates do in labs.

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8. Recommendation Letter Workshop - Feb 21, 3:30-5pm, Langley 219B

Learn how to get the most valuable recommendation letters. Work in small groups to build a document to distribute to your letter writers.

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9. Database of Summer Research Programs

Summer research programs (outside of Pitt)

- <http://biology.pitt.edu/undergraduate/research/outside-pitt>

- many deadlines are in **January**
- List maintained by BIOSC Advisors

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10. Undergraduate Research Funding Opportunities

Undergraduate Research funding at Department & University level

- <http://www.biology.pitt.edu/undergraduate/awards-and-fellowships>
- many deadlines are in **February**
- List maintained by BIOSC Advisors

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11. Want to volunteer? Consider Alternative Spring Break

March 9 - 15

www.altbreak.pitt.edu

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12. Health Advocacy Volunteering

Join a new initiative in Western Pennsylvania through Planned Parenthood called the Health Center Advocacy Program. The goal of this program is to provide information on the new health care law and to also provide an opportunity for members of our community to enroll in the new health care marketplaces.

We will be offering thorough trainings and opportunities to be involved all across Western Pennsylvania. We have clinics in Pittsburgh, Moon, Bridgeville, Johnstown, Somerset, and Greensburg. You will be provided with all of the tools and information you need to become an informal application assister. It is crucial for all people in Western Pennsylvania to have access to affordable health insurance.

Scheduling a training time in January: <http://doodle.com/xgmmeapzdmkp7bmu>

Questions: Kate Dickerson
 Health Center Advocacy Organizer
 Planned Parenthood of Western Pennsylvania
kdickerson@ppwp.org
 cell: 570-650-4159

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13. Volunteer Clinical Research Position - detecting fetal diseases

Two Bio majors are in this lab, and they want more!

Lab is developing non-invasive methods for detecting fetal genetic disease in early pregnancy. We are looking at the translational impact of clinical DNA sequencing in the provision of obstetrical care.

Students must be able to interact with prospective study participants (pregnant women) and

be able to explain, in general terms, the scientific basis and clinical objectives of our research. Volunteers should be willing to contribute a minimum of 6 hours per week during clinical office hours. Some experience of human genetics/genomics and/or an interest in clinical research is preferred. Interest in developing a long-term association with our research group is preferred. Training will be provided.

More info: contact David G Peters, CORRECTED EMAIL = DGP6@pitt.edu !!!
www.mwrif.org/directory/view/30

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ECOLOGY CLUB - Alternate Thursdays, 6pm, Langley A219B

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pittecologyclub@gmail.com

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BIOLOGY CLUB - Alternate Tuesdays, 8:00pm, Langley A224

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TRI-BETA - Alternate Tuesdays, 8:00pm, Langley A224

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SPECIAL EVENT - "Professional Panel" ... we'll have a chance for you to ask professionals how they got to their current career. We will have two PhD Pitt faculty members (in Molecular Biology and Microbiology), two MDs (in Medical Genetics and Pathology), a nurse, and a surgical pathology technician.

www.facebook.com/groups/tribetapitt

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OPTOMETRY CLUB - Sundays, WPU

pittoptclub@gmail.com

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PITT OUTDOORS CLUB - Tuesdays, 9:00pm, WPU porch

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PRE-VET CLUB - Alternate Mondays, 8:00pm, Langley A219B

pittprevet@gmail.com

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BIRDING & ORNITHOLOGY CLUB

PittBirdingClub@gmail.com

www.facebook.com/groups/302359673107538

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POMS - Fridays, 5:30pm, WPU 837

Premedical Organization for Minority Students
www.poms.us

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Until next week,

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