

## Biology Advising Newsletter 9/17/2013

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### CLUB MEETINGS

Biology Club: Tue Sept. 17 @ 8-9pm in A224 Langley  
Tri-Beta Biological Honor Society: Tue Sept. 24 @ 8-9pm in A224 Langley  
Pitt Outdoors Club every Tuesday at 9 pm on the WPU porch  
Birding & Ornithology: Sun Sept 22, 8AM trip to Beechwood Farms:  
[www.facebook.com/groups/302359673107538/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/302359673107538/)  
Pre-Vet Club: Monday Sept 30, room TBA next newsletter

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### 1. Appointments: all advising and Spring Enrollment Holds

Advisors are now taking appointments for career and academic planning, and to prepare for Spring Enrollment (and remove your advising hold) Sign-up sheets are in the Bio Advising Office (A258 Langley)  
**BRING YOUR BLUE ADVISING FOLDER to your appointment!!!**

### 2. Walk-ins – yes we still do!

Feel free to stop by with quick questions, (many things take just a minute to answer) or see if we have time for a longer meeting. If we don't, you will be able to sign up for one right in the office!

Please make Appointments for long-term plans, complex discussions and Spring enrollment HOLDS. [NEW DECLARES must attend a GAM before their individual appt.]

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### 3. Organization for Tropical Studies (OTS) presentation Thurs. Sept. 26 @ 5–6pm in Langley A224

Study ecology or international health issues in the tropics! Earn Biology credit while studying abroad!

Thurs. Sept. 26  
5 pm – 6 pm  
Langley A224

The Organization for Tropical Studies (OTS) representative, Kala Wolfe, will talk about about OTS' hands-on study abroad programs in Costa Rica and South Africa. She will explain the programs' requirements, review the application process, and describe the various Conservation Biology and Global Health opportunities available during the fall, spring, and summer semesters. Many of these courses satisfy Pitt BIOSC electives. If interested in learning more, please attend or distribute this information to others that may be interested. Contact a Biological Sciences advisor if you have any questions.

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### 4. The Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship: Deadline Oct 1

The Gilman awards Pell Grant recipients up to \$5,000 to help them study abroad.

Students must select an eligible study abroad program and work closely with the study abroad office during the submission of their application.

Contact **Judy Zang** ASAP if you intend to apply  
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#### **5. DAAD INFO SESSIONS: Tue Sept. 24 and Wed Sept. 25 at 4:30 PM in CL 1229**

The German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) provides up to two years of funding for study and research in Germany for graduating seniors, graduate students, and recent graduates. US and Canadian citizens, permanent residents, or international students who have been fulltime for more than a year are eligible to apply.

CAMPUS DEADLINE: October 18.  
Contact **Judy Zang** ASAP to apply  
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#### **6. Every Tuesday @ 7pm is Therapy Dog Night in the Cathedral!**

Volunteers from the Humane Society bring their dogs to visit students in the main hall at the Cathedral of Learning. It's good training for the dogs (who are learning to do therapy work) and relaxing for students! Hang out, cuddle and chat with the dogs. It gives everyone the chance to unwind and just have fun. :) This is the 10th year for College Canines.

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#### **7. UHC Community Resource Guide**

<http://www.honorscollege.pitt.edu/Community-Resource-Guide>

Find 150 organizations in Pittsburgh involved in communities and issues! Guide helps you think about how to apply your academic interests to specific issues in the community, and have a meaningful learning experience. Students should feel free to talk to Ryan about how the resource guide works, what different organizations are doing and how you might fit in.

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#### **8. Pitt Science2013 Convergence: Attend (register online) or also Show a Poster (Abstract due Sept 13)**

All interested undergrads! Register for Science2013 "Convergence" and attend plenary lectures, spotlight sessions, and special satellite sessions. Details: <http://www.science2013.pitt.edu/>

#### **Present your research at Science 2013's special Undergraduate Poster Session! Abstract Deadline Sept 13**

Research can be either with a University of Pittsburgh mentor or at another institution.  
<http://www.science2013.pitt.edu/posters.htm>  
Undergraduate Research Poster Reception - 5:00 pm, Thursday, October 3rd  
Submit your 250 word abstract through the Science2013 Web site by September 13.  
Q's about poster session? email Carol Tatrai ([cmt28@pitt.edu](mailto:cmt28@pitt.edu))

AGAIN: All interested undergraduate students are encouraged to register and attend Science2013!

[FYI plenary means: to be attended by all participants at a conference or assembly, who otherwise meet in smaller groups.]

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#### **9. Mysteries of Human Evolution: 3-part Lecture Series**

Tuesdays, Oct 1, Oct 22, Nov 12 @ 8pm in 125 Frick Fine Arts (Auditorium)

Oct 1: **"Fossil hobbits, Homo floresiensis, and the politics of paleoanthropology"**

Dean Falk, Professor & Chair, Department of Anthropology, Florida State University, and School for Advanced Research, Santa Fe, New Mexico

Oct 22: **"Fossils reveal new species of late-occurring human in China: did our species kill it off?"**

Darren Curnoe, Australian Research Council Future Fellow and Associate Professor, School of Biological, Earth & Environmental Sciences, University of New South Wales, Australia

Nov 12: **"First representatives of Homo out of Africa"**

David Lordkipanidze, Professor and Director, The Georgian National Museum

DETAILS: <http://www.anthropology.pitt.edu/news-events/events>

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### **10. "The Science and Politics of Global Warming" on Oct 2 @ 2pm in Carnegie Lecture Hall**

The UHC, Carnegie Museum of Natural History, Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens, and The National Aviary present: "The Science and Politics of Global Warming"

Raymond S. Bradley  
University Distinguished Professor in the Department of Geosciences  
Director of the Climate Change Research Center at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst

OCTOBER 2 @ 2:00 PM  
CARNEGIE LECTURE HALL

Lecture is FREE but reservations are required. Click the link below to request your spot!

<http://tinyurl.com/raymond-bradley-lecture>

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### **11. For JR's & SR's - NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Info Sessions:**

Fri, Sep 20 @ 12 Noon Cathedral of Learning 324 (at Pitt)

Fri, Sep 20 @ 3:30 PM McComomy Auditorium (at CMU)

Mon, Sep 23 @ 4:30 PM 1305 Newell Simon Hall (at CMU)

Featuring Dr. Susan Finger, NSF Division of Undergraduate Education, Program Manager

The NSF GRFP (Graduate Research Fellowship Program) offers 3-year graduate fellowships to students in science (including the social sciences), math and engineering. **Undergraduate Seniors** or beginning graduate students (first two years) are eligible to apply. U.S. citizenship or permanent residency is required. The 2013 application has changed significantly from last year; Dr. Finger will address the changes, as well as the rest of the application.

GRFP site: [http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm\\_summ.jsp?pims\\_id=6201](http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=6201)

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### **12. UHC National Scholarships Newsletter**

The September issue of the National Scholarships Newsletter (from the UHC) is on their scholarships website <http://scholarships.honorscollege.pitt.edu/> → link on right hand side of page to "Read the Scholarships Newsletter"

Newsletter has time-sensitive information about info sessions and deadlines.

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### **13. Spring Undergraduate Research Awards.** Application Deadline Nov 11

<http://www.asundergrad.pitt.edu/experience/summer-awards.html>

For the pursuit of an independent research project. You will receive a stipend of \$1,000 and participate in three interdisciplinary workshops co-hosted by the Office of Undergraduate Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activity (OUR) and the Academic Resource Center (ARC).

For questions contact:

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**Until next week,**

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