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Make sure to check out the Graduate School’s professional development event calendar, which has a comprehensive list of all professional development events around campus for grad students and postdocs. You can find the schedule at: http://grad.wisc.edu/events

**New Updates: Upcoming Deadlines, Seminars, Fellowship, TA and Postdoc Opportunities!**

CMB Yearly Requirement Deadlines
Students, the deadline for scheduling your yearly thesis committee meeting is May 17. Meetings need to be completed and appropriate forms turned into the CMB Office by August 31. The forms can be found on the CMB website. A question has been added to the yearly meeting forms, so please be sure to use the updated forms posted on the website.

**Developmental Biology Student/Postdoc Seminar - TODAY!**
Speakers: Katharine Schulz (Harrison Lab): “Awakening the genome” and Megan Koth (Jorgensen Lab): “Canonical Wnt/β-catenin regulates transcription of Irx3 and Irx5 in the Developing Ovary.” This event will take place at 4pm in Orchard View Room, WID. Happy hour to follow presentations.

**Integrative Biology Fall TA Positions - DUE Monday, April 9**
The Department of Integrative Biology (formerly the Zoology Department) is currently accepting applications for fall TA positions. The application can be found on the department’s home page, under announcements: https://integrativebiology.wisc.edu/. They are recruiting for introductory biology courses (Zoo 101, 151/152) and some upper level courses such as Cell Biology. There is information along with the application form. Thanking all students.
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4th Annual Bertics Memorial Lecture - Monday, April 9

The BMC department is pleased to host Dr. Stephen Harrison (Harvard Medical School/HHMI) for the 4th annual Bertics Memorial Lecture at Noon on Monday, April 9 in Ebling Symposium Center. Dr. Harrison has been a pioneer in analyzing the structures of viruses, viral proteins, and nuclear proteins. His talk is entitled "Kinetochore Structure." If you would like to meet with Dr. Harrison, please contact Jon Audhya (audhya@wisc.edu) or Melissa Harrison (mharrison3@wisc.edu).

**Coffee with the Dean - RSVP by Wednesday, April 11th!**

Graduate School Dean, William J. Karpus, invites graduate student participation in Coffee with the Dean on Wednesday, May 2 from 8:30am-10:00am in Union South (TITU). This is part of an ongoing series of conversations with graduate students, hosted by the Graduate School. Dean Karpus seeks to learn about the concerns, aspirations, and challenges of graduate students, and in particular, considerations for fostering inclusive experiences for grad students with disabilities. If you cannot attend this event but wish to contribute to the conversation, please contact Britt Marie Zeidler of the Graduate and Professional Students with Disabilities student organization by Wednesday, April 11 at bzeidler@wisc.edu. Please RSVP as soon as possible, preferably by April 11.

Epigenomics at Van Andel Research Institute - Application Open

Taught by internationally recognized epigenomics experts, the third annual Epigenomics at VARI workshop gives gifted graduate students an intense overview of the latest innovative methodology and its application across several fields including cancer and neurodegenerative disease research. Richard Young, PhD, and member or the Whitehead Institute and MIT will give the Keynote Address: “Genome structure in gene control in health and disease.” To apply, please click here. For application instructions, please click here. Applications will be accepted March 1 - May 1, 2018. Full scholarships including travel available up to 15 students. Contact Aubrie Bruinsma at Aubrie.bruinsma@vai.org for questions.

Life Sciences Careers Day (LSCD) - Friday, April 13

The 2018 LSCD will be held Friday, April 13th this year in the Biochemical Sciences Building (BSB). The LSCD gives students and post-docs an opportunity to hear about different STEM careers and network with professionals in these fields. CMB students are involved in organizing and presenting at the event. There are a multitude of career opportunities for STEM trainees. The LSCD hosts STEM professionals to discuss their career paths in short talks and to share their insight and advice in breakout sessions. How do you start a company? What career opportunities are available in academia beyond running a research lab? Come to a LSCD event to ask questions, get answers, and network! Refreshments provided. Please see the registration website for more information and to register.

**MCP Weekly Seminar - Monday, April 16**

In the next MCP Seminar, Dr. Laura Feltri, Prof. of Biochemistry and Neurology at University of Buffalo, will present “P38 Gamma signaling: a novel stress-induced inhibitor of myelination” on Monday, April 16 from 12-1pm in 1345 HSLC.
The SMPH Cardiovascular Research Center welcomes you to attend a seminar presented by Dr. Lori L. Isom (Professor and Chair, Dept. of Pharmacology, University of Michigan) on Tuesday, April 17 in 8571 WIMR II at 4:00pm. Dr. Isom will present “Discovering mechanisms of epileptic encephalopathy with SUDENP.”

If you are interested in visiting with Dr. Isom for a 45-minute, 1:1 meeting prior to her seminar on April 17th please contact Christine Tydrich at christine.tydrich@wisc.edu.

**Versatile PhD: Ask Me Anything (AMA) - Tuesday-Thursday, April 17-19**

Dr. Fatimah Williams and Dr. Thi Nguyen help PhDs plan and launch successful careers—Nguyen as a graduate career advisor and associate dean at Washington University in St. Louis, and Castro as speaker, author and career coach to PhDs. Ask them anything!

To participate and take advantage of the UW-Madison Versatile PhD subscription, click here first to set up your confidential account. Then navigate to the Forums tab on the VPhD website.

**21st Annual Medical Scientist Training Program (MSTP) Symposium - Thursday, April 19**

The 21st Annual MSTP Symposium will be here soon! The event will take place on Thursday, April 9 from 2:00-6:00pm in Wisconsin Institute for Discovery Forum. Contact Ryan Denu (rdenu@wisc.edu) or Michael Rigby (mrigby@wisc.edu) for more information.

**UW Microbiology Club Grad School Q&A - Thursday, April 19**

This semester, the UW Microbiology Club is hosting its 2nd annual Grad School Q&A Session for Undergraduates of all backgrounds. They are currently seeking graduate students from all disciplines who are willing to share their experiences as panel members. The event will take place on the form of a panel on Thursday, April 19 from 6:30-7:30pm in 1420 MSB. All graduate student panel members will receive a $10 gift certificate to the Babcock Dairy Store. If interested, please fill out this form: https://uwmadison.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_a2WCQIIZKIED87b. Please contact Kaela Amundson (uwmicrob@gmail.com) with questions.

**Roundtable Seminar Q&A with Dr. Bruce Bagley - Friday, April 20**

Join the WARF Ambassador Program for an informal discussion over lunch to learn more about Covance - a global contract research organization (CRO). This is a free event open to all graduate students and postdocs. The Seminar Speaker will be Dr. Bruce Bagley - Study Director, Covance and UW-Madison Pharm. Sci. Alumnus. This even will take place on Friday, April 20 in School of Pharmacy room 1105 from 12-1pm. Click here to sign-up by Tuesday, April 10.

**Postdoc Opportunity – Sheets Lab UW Madison**

The laboratory of Dr. Michael Sheets, in the Dept. of Biomolecular Chemistry UW-Madison has an opening for a highly motivated postdoctoral fellow. The Sheets lab studies post-transcriptional mechanisms that control cell fate decisions during vertebrate development and to address this issue we have focused on the conserved Bicaudal-C (Bicc1) protein. We utilize a suite of methods in combination with experimental embryology to connect the effects on specific molecular process, regulated translation, to developmental phenotypes. Our unique approach, coupled to the advantages of Xenopus embryos allows us to answer key questions at the interface of RNA biochemistry and developmental biology that are central to cell-fate
determination and translational control. We are using human iPSC models to analyze the underlying molecular mechanisms of Bicc1’s organ-specific functions and relate those to human disease. Candidates should have a PhD and experience in RNA molecular biology or the culturing and differentiating human IPS cells is highly desirable. **To apply:** please send a cover letter, CV, and contact information for 3 references to Michael Sheets at mdsheets@wisc.edu.