

Monthly HSGA Meeting

Wednesday September 27 2017

- HSGA stands with our fellow graduate students and the many others affected by Harvey, Irma, Maria and the earthquakes in Mexico and Japan.
- Donate using the link below. Funds go to Habitat for Humanity, a non-profit international organization dedicated towards disaster relief efforts.
- \$210 raised so far!
- <https://www.facebook.com/donate/608851082572366/338768083202132/>



President's Report (Matt de Gannes)

- Graduate Student Research Forum (GSRF) Poster Session.
 - **Thursday October 5, 2017.**
 - **Poster session:** Hang by 8:30am, judging session lasts from 9am-12pm, Atrium of the CARE/Crawley Building and Kresge Auditorium hallway in the MSB.
 - **Lunch with keynote speaker (12-1pm, Lucas Board Room, MSB):** MUST RSVP to Mary Jo Petersman (petersmj@ucmail.uc.edu) by Friday September 29.
 - **Keynote address (1-2pm, MSB 5051).** Dr. Daylon J. James, PhD, Assistant Professor in Stem Cell Biology and Obstetrics at Weill Cornell Medical College. *Vascular cell based strategies for treating infertility and heart disease.* <http://vivo.med.cornell.edu/display/cwid-djj2001>
 - **Awards Ceremony (2pm, MSB 5051):** Poster judging session and Akeson Excellence in Teaching Award.
- Perks of participation in GSRF.
 - Public speaking and poster presentation experience.
 - Interacting and meeting other graduate students/faculty.
 - FREE breakfast!
 - Networking with speaker.

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- Presidential Medal of Graduate Student Excellence (GSGA)
 - Established in 2017 and awarded by the university president to exceptional graduate students exemplifying scholarship, leadership, character, service, and university ideals who are graduating from a master's or doctoral program.
 - Recipients recognized at All University Recognition Ceremony and Doctoral Hooding Ceremony and Master's and Undergraduate Ceremony in April, 2018.
 - Past COM recipient (Jessica Ross, Neuroscience, PhD).
 - Nominations welcome from students, faculty, and staff.
 - Nomination and application packets due to GSGA on **November 30, 2017**.
 - All nominees must be available for two weeks in January for an interview with the selection committee (only granted to finalists).
 - Nomination, application, and submission instructions found at <http://www.uc.edu/gsga/awards/presidential-medal.html>.

President's Report (Matt de Gannes)

- Teaching Assistant Excellence in Teaching Award.
 - Recognizes one outstanding master's teaching assistant and one outstanding doctoral teaching assistant for their achievements in the classroom.
 - \$1,000 award and certificate. Nominees also receive a certificate.
 - Submit nomination materials to Mary Jo Petersman (petersmj@ucmail.uc.edu) by **October 18, 2017**.
 - Mention to Mary Jo that she needs to submit materials to the Graduate School by **November 7, 2017**.
 - Instructions and details can be found here: <https://grad.uc.edu/student-life/awards/teaching.html>.

President's Report (Matt de Gannes)

- Biomedical Research and Mentoring Program (RaMP).
 - Mentor a Freshman or Sophomore Honors UC undergrad to work in your lab for 10-15 hours per week during the Spring semester.
 - Honors RaMP students are paid by the Honors program (no cost to your mentor).
 - If interested:
 - Get PI's permission.
 - Contact Cindy Bachurski (bachurc@ucmail.uc.edu) and fill out the online application by **October 1st** here: <https://form.jotform.us/63556092355157>

President's Report (Matt de Gannes)

- To be discussed and deliberated in New Business:
 - Science Citizenship Award Application(s).
 - Three applications to be reviewed.

Vice-President's Report

- October 16th Grad Café: Schulman IRB representative – previous experience with P&G, medical school, teaching and academic research
- Richard Akeson Award Recipient! Dr. Marie-Dominique Filippi! If you see her around campus, say congrats!!
- Clothes drive! Baskets set up around E-level. Taking donations through October 4th!



Treasurer's Report

(Alison Pecquet)

- Total GSGA allocated funds \$1,550.00
 - Spent \$45.13 on the first HSGA monthly meeting
 - Remaining \$1,504.87
- Balance of non-GSGA allocated funds = \$426.13

Social Chair's Report (Jason McCoy)

- Tin Roof and Mac's Social fundraisers
 - Mac's Scheduled for October 21st (Saturday, 12pm-9pm)
 - Still no confirmation from the owners.
 - Tin Roof did not respond to our request in time and as such was canceled

Philanthropy Chair's Report (Erica DePasquale)

- Relay for life team made, so please sign up!
(<http://main.acsevents.org/goto/HSGACCM>)
- Need volunteers for contacting businesses to get raffle prizes:
(<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1RFK1in-pGt8uJkPNMHmPvKbzfWMW6khElkKqr8kzVCM/edit?usp=sharing>).
- CCM GSA agreed to perform and collaborate again this year!
- Still working on venue and date for the Holiday Concert.

PC's Report (Erica DePasquale)



UCLW Trunk or Treat –
Saturday **October 28th** 4-6:30pm.
The goal of Trunk or Treat is to create a safe and fun place for children of the community to trick or treat! Each participating organization will pick a theme, decorate their vehicle (thus the “trunk”), and dress up to match their theme.

PC's Report (Erica DePasquale)

PWC Prepare Affair – Saturday **November 11th**. Prepare Affair is a volunteer event that brings together more than 3,000 volunteers to help low-income, elderly and disabled homeowners prepare their homes for winter. One of the largest one-day events in the tri-state, volunteers at Prepare Affair will perform winter preparation activities that will make a huge difference for elderly homeowners with physical limitations.



GSGA Rep's Report (Christin Godale)

- Megan Tischner (coordinator of graduate school special projects/programs) would like news from us regarding professional development workshops (e.g grad cafe), events to advertise in GradCurrents, and news about successful graduate students (carrolm2@ucmail.uc.edu).
- International Student Fee and GSGA Budget: Meeting between SG, GSGA, and SACUB took place earlier in September. Official announcement to be made soon.

GSGA Rep's Report (Christin Godale)

- Increase in Student Health Insurance Fee (\$92.00), effective from Fall 2017
- GSGA will be in charge of the Presidential Medal of Graduate Student Excellence this year
- Conference Travel Awards
- **Apply this semester if you are going to a conference this year since funds are low.**

CGE Rep's Report (Drew Rosselot)

- New TL1 grant to be offered from CCHMC
- CTSA
 - Clinical translational Science Award
 - Will cover 1 year of mentored research/coursework under clinical faculty mentor
 - Will not be thesis mentor, will likely turn into co-mentor situation
- Aimed at pre-docs (*Need US citizenship – similar to NIH grant)
 - Considering pre-docs on med campus Ph.D. programs as their main target for filling spots
 - 10 total awards will be given
- Possibility for certification at end of year
- High interest in applicants wanting to stay in biomed research
- **July 2019** will be earliest start date
 - Still working to get grant in – not a sure thing yet
- Keep an eye out for details on applying if grant gets funded

PR Chair's Report (Caroline Patel)

- Email materials for past and future events to Caroline (patelce@mail.uc.edu) to be used for digital flyer newsletter, requested via:
 - Megan Tischner at GradCurrents (carrolm2@ucmail.uc.edu)
 - Dean's List (uchealthnews@uc.edu)
 - Digital Signage Request (<https://med.uc.edu/about/signage-request>) to place on the monitors in COM

New Business

- Science Citizenship Award Application.

- **SIGNIFICANCE:** *How does the proposed project/group address a major need in UC/the Greater Cincinnati community?*
- **APPROACH:** *Are the methods used to undertake the project feasible/economically reasonable (see budget if included)? Are the timeline and budget realistic and can meet the project's objectives? Are there any alternate approaches for potential challenges? Has an established faculty member agreed to be involved as an advisor? Are students likely to sustain interest: a) at least for the duration of the project or b) to ensure long-term, independent success?*
- **ENVIRONMENT:** *Where will be the base for this project (lab, group of labs, student groups/departments, partners outside UC)? Have these groups previously undertaken similar initiatives or have interest in undertaking this project? Who are your proposed allies/partners?*
- **COLLABORATION:** *A key objective of HSGA, GSGA, and UC. Does the group have the potential to foster collaboration from multiple departments within UC or organizations outside of UC?*
- **FINAL:** *In your judgement, does the proposed group/project have the potential to have a sustained, powerful, positive influence on UC and or the Greater Cincinnati community? Is it feasible? Is this project attractive to you?*

Anomaly & Me

- Podcast to inform the public on current research relating to rare genetic diseases.
- Generate monthly podcasts to be available on iTunes, Spreaker, and other platforms.
- Interview researchers.
- Respond to listener feedback.

Science & Art Outreach Collective

- Provide space for graduate students to come together and share art.
- Educational outreach with local elementary schools.

Occupational Safety and Health Hotline for the Cincinnati Interfaith Workers Center

- To provide a safe environment where low wage and immigrant workers have their health and safety concerns addressed with scientifically accurate information.
- Establish a University phone line for the hotline.
- Google Web Form and Chromebook for workers to submit questions.
- Database of technical experts from UC and volunteers from local American Industrial Hygiene Association chapter.
- Student volunteers and collaborators.