HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Dr. Edward Stricker: still hard at work

Don’t miss his lecture on “How to get into Graduate School”
Thursday, November 5th at 5:30 in Crawford Hall, Room 169.

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## Important Dates

**Fall Term (Code 2101)**

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**Notes:**

- **Dr. Stricker’s Lecture 5:30 169 Crawford Hall**
- **Thanksgiving Recess Begins**
- **Black Friday**
- **Classes Resume**
**Major Requirements**

Students must complete BIOSC 0150, BIOSC 0160, CHEM 0110, and CHEM 0120 with a grade of C or better (not C-) in order to declare Neuroscience as a major. Students must earn a B– or better in Intro to Neuroscience in order to continue in the major. To graduate with a BS degree in Neuroscience, students must maintain a 2.0 GPA in major courses and in co-requisite courses.

**Departmental Honors**

Departmental Honors are awarded to students who have achieved outstanding academic success. To qualify for this distinguished honor, a minimum overall GPA of 3.25, a minimum Neuroscience GPA of 3.25, and a substantial amount of approved Neuroscience research must be conducted. Additionally, students are required to give a public presentation of their research. Eligible students must then pass a faculty review.

**Capstone Requirement**

Students who have matriculated to A & S since Fall of 2008 must complete a capstone experience. For more information, please contact the advising office via email or call 412-624-5156.

**Fellowship Opportunities**

**University of Pittsburgh Fellowships**

- **Brackenridge Undergraduate Summer Research Fellowship**
  Research participants receive a monthly $800 stipend to assure their freedom from the need to work during the summer.

- **Chancellor's Undergraduate Research Fellowship**
  $600 one-term stipend for undergraduate students engaged in research.

- **Chancellor's Undergraduate Teaching Fellowship**
  $600 one-term stipend for undergraduate students engaged in teaching with a faculty member.
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National Institutes of Health-Oxford-Cambridge Scholars Program.

This innovative program grew from the realization that the next generation of research scientists will increasingly need to adopt interdisciplinary approaches as they strive to produce high impact research outcomes whether basic or clinical.

This is an accelerated program, and students typically receive a doctoral degree in approximately four years. There is no standard curriculum or required coursework. Rather, each student pursues an individualized course of study in which thesis work is initiated at the beginning of the first year. The thesis project is carried out as a collaboration between two labs, with half the research undertaken at NIH and half at one of the UK universities and each student being mentored by a senior scientist at each location. The program takes advantage of the superb resources and training environments at Oxford, Cambridge, and the NIH, the world’s largest biomedical research facility, the main campus of which is located in Bethesda, Maryland where a diverse community of scientists conduct their research in over 1000 laboratories and the world’s largest clinical research center conducts more than 1000 clinical research protocols.

From its first class that matriculated in 2001, NIH-Oxford-Cambridge Scholars have achieved at the highest levels of biomedical research, publishing first-author papers in journals such as Nature, Nature Medicine, Nature Immunology, Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, and The Journal of Experimental Medicine. Graduates have gone on to do post-doctoral training in top academic institutions and industry labs, and a few have gone directly to faculty positions.

All students are fully funded by the NIH for the duration of their doctoral work at both research sites and receive a stipend, health insurance, and travel assistance. Through the NIH M.D./Ph.D Partnership Training Program, we also offer funding for combined M.D./Ph.D. training in collaboration with over twenty U.S. medical schools participating in the Medical Scientist Training Program (MSTP). This option may be of interest to those of you already enrolled in medical school point or applying to traditional MD/PhD programs this year. For details about the M.D./Ph.D. options and training tracks please consult http://gpp.nih.gov/Prospective/InstitutionalPartnerships/MSTPatNIH/.

The application deadline for Ph.D. and M.D./Ph.D. candidates is January 4th, 2010. The free application is available online through the program website at http://oxcam.gpp.nih.gov via the “Apply Now” button. On our web site you will find additional program details, FAQs, student biographies, descriptions of some of the exciting research projects underway, and more. We would also like to invite you to participate in a teleconference call to learn more about our programs. Please email us at oxcam@mail.nih.gov or mdphd@mail.nih.gov if you would like more information or would like to participate in a conference call.

Please take a look at the flyers through the links below and feel free to contact me if you have any questions. We hope to hear from you soon!


LRDC Undergraduate Research Community
First meeting of the year! Come meet students who are doing research here and learn about their research activities.

When: Friday, November 6th, 2009 - 12 – 1 pm
Where: 814, LRDC

Tasty lunch will be provided

In this meeting we will also present the URC program, and discuss optional topics to be covered in workshops throughout the year.

** Please RSVP (smg58@pitt.edu) by November 3

***If you know of other undergraduates who are involved in research at the LRDC, or would like to be involved in research at the LRDC, please invite them! We hope to see you there!!!

If you have any questions or concerns please contact Soniya Gadgil smg58@pitt.edu or Jooyoung Jang (joj15@pitt.edu)

Arts and Sciences Undergraduate Research Awards
Information Session Wednesday, November 11, 2009
4:30pm 704 Thackeray Hall

Associate Dean of Undergraduate Studies for Arts and Sciences, Dr. Juan Manfredi and Dr. Margaret Heely, Director of the Office of Experiential Learning will tell you about this opportunity to join a diverse community of undergraduate scholars and researchers from the humanities, natural, and social sciences. Awardees receive $3,500 to support independent research and scholarship during the 2010 summer term at Pitt. Hear important information about the awards and application process. If you have questions about this program, please contact Dr. Heely meh33@pitt.edu.

Samuel Merritt University and Robert Wood Johnson Foundation announce funding for students in the Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing (ABSN)* program. Ten RWJ scholarships of $10,000 are available to students starting the ABSN program in spring 2010 and summer 2010.

Eligibility:
Accepted to the SMU’s ABSN program for spring 2010 or summer 2010
Committed to pursuing professional nursing licensure through the NCLEX-RN
Citizen/permanent resident of the U.S. at time of application for scholarship
Students who are from groups that are underrepresented in nursing or from disadvantage backgrounds. Preference will be given to male and Hispanic students.

Application for the RWJ Scholarship:
Robert Wood Johnson Scholarship Application

Application for admission: www.samuelmerritt.edu

*The ABSN program is designed for someone who already has/his baccalaureate in a non-nursing field. The intensive program is completed in 12 months.

Advising and Registration in the World of Self-Service Enrollment

The Arts and Sciences Advising Center will be hosting multiple workshops on the advising and registration process as it relates to the new process of Self-Service Enrollment. The workshop is geared towards helping students with the transition to online registration. The interactive workshop will focus on:

1. Understanding how to choose courses in order to explore and attain educational goals
   This will include how to use the Course Descriptions and Class Search

2. Preparing for Self-Service Enrollment
   This will feature registration procedures including information about enrollment appointment dates, “how to” videos, holds, permission numbers, and other related processes.

Wed, November 4th 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. 332 Cathedral of Learning Linda Berry