

## NEWS

### Orientation Week for New Incoming PhD and Masters Students



Orientation week was held August 15-19th for all new students starting in the Fall. The new **Pharmaceutical & Translational Sciences (PHTS) PhD Program** enrolled 10 new students. After first year lab rotations, students will select one of the following tracks: MPTX, PSCI or CXPT, to complete their training. The **PSCI and MPTX Masters programs** enrolled 7 new students. The **Health Economics program** enrolled 9 new PhD students and 2 Masters students. Orientation comprised 4 full days of activities, including curriculum overview, TA training and class registration. See Graduate Programs [website](#). *Pictured at the Wednesday evening reception at the Faculty Center (from left):* Fan Fei, Yi-En Liao, Tiange Dong, and Amanda Chron, with Dr Annie Wong-Beringer, Associate Dean for Graduate Affairs.

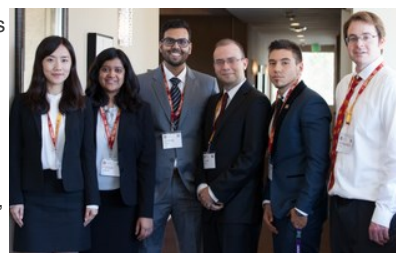
## Upcoming Events



### AAPS-USC Student Chapter Moving Targets Symposium 2016—Poster Competition Winners



The AAPS-USC Student Chapter hosted the 15th annual Moving Targets Symposium on Fri Aug 19th at the USC Radisson Hotel. This year's theme focused on "**Disease Driven Aging**". The one-day research symposium explored how chronic diseases can accelerate the onset of age-related changes and potential therapeutics. **Poster presentation winners** are *pictured at left*: **Katherine Fang** (CalTech), **Rebecca Lim** (PSCI, Xie lab), **Weiwun Sun** (PSCI, Wang lab) and **Yvette Wang** (CXPT, Brinton lab), with Professor Enrique Cadenas. *Pictured at right* are the organizers: **Xianhui Chen**, **Pooja Vaikari**, **Ishan Patil** (Chair), **Samy**



**Habib**, **Larry Rodriguez** (all School of Pharmacy grad students) and **Ben Frey** (Keck SOM). Dr Andrew MacKay is faculty advisor for the group.

### Summer Research Fellowship Presentation Day



Seven of the 8 PharmD students and the 3 undergraduate students who received **Summer Research Fellowships** this year gave 10-min presentations of their project on Wed July 27th from 11-2pm in PSC-200. The summer program is geared towards increasing learning and networking opportunities for undergraduate and PharmD students committed to pursuing either a professional or academic research career in pharmaceutical and translational sciences. Students spent approx. 10 weeks working on a research project with a faculty mentor during the summer. *Pictured (from left):* Ahn Truong, Sa La Kim, Sandya Ganesh, Nicole Pepe, David Elliott, Nina Hwang, Dewey Nguyen, Irene Chen and Lena Haddad, with Dr Annie Wong-Beringer, Associate Dean.

## PHARMACY GRADUATE ALLIANCE (PGA) CORNER

### PGA Hosts Allergan Postdoc Fellowship Reception, Monday, September 26th, 4-6pm

As part of the annual Allergan fellowship showcase, the Pharmacy Graduate Alliance (PGA) will host a reception and information session on how to apply for postdoc fellowships at Allergan. Recent PSCI graduate, Anna Papinska, is currently doing a 1-year postdoc fellowship at Allergan. Anna, along with 3 other PhD Allergan postdoc fellows, will share their experiences and tips on how to apply. **The event will take place** on Monday, Sept 26th from 4-6pm in PSC-104, immediately before the PharmD residency and fellowship showcase in the HSC quad, which will run from 6-8pm. Refreshments will be served!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PSCI and MPTX PhD Students Pass Written Screening Exam:** The following students passed the written screening exam held in June, 2016: **Dab Brill** (Haworth lab), **Julianna Chen** (Zhang lab), **Wannita Klinggam** (Hamm-Alvarez lab), **Aida Kouhi** (MacKay lab), **Albert Lam** (Zhang lab), **Changrim Lee** (Mackay lab), **Rebecca Lim** (Xie lab), **Xiaojing Shi** (Zhang lab), David Tyrpak (MacKay lab) - all in the PSCI program, and **Jingyu Chen** (Stiles lab), MPTX program. Congratulations!

**Regulatory Science Bootcamp, Monday October 3rd, 9-4pm:** USC's Regulatory Science Program will hold a Bootcamp on "Good Clinical Practice, Audits and Inspections" on Monday, October 3rd from 9-4pm in McKibben Hall, Room 149. Registration for academia is free. Click [here](#) for more information.

**NIH F31 Fellowship Writing Workshop Slated for October:** As part of a **Graduate Programs Professional Development Series**, the Graduate Affairs office plans to host a 5-part **NIH F31 Fellowship Writing Workshop** during the month of October, 2016. Topics to be covered include: Significance, Innovation, Specific Aims, Background, Approach, Methods, Alternatives/Pitfalls. If you are a rising 2nd year student, you are strongly urged to participate. Talk with your advisor and send us an email at [PHARgrad@usc.edu](mailto:PHARgrad@usc.edu) to apply.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Student Seminars** (Wednesdays at noon in PSC-104; Click [here](#) for seminar schedule)

**Sept 16:** Isaac Asante (CXPT, Louie lab)

**Sept 23:** Zhechu Peng (MPTX, Stiles lab)

**Krown Fellowship Presentations:** Wed Sept 7th from 12-1pm in PSC-104. Lunch will be provided.

**Allergan Postdoc Fellowship Showcase Reception:** Mon Sept 26th from 4-6pm in PSC-104. Refreshments will be served!

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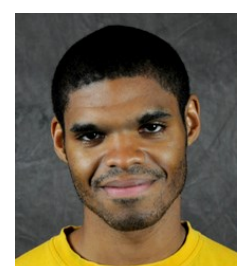
**Laura Henkhaus** (HE program; Dr Geoff Joyce, advisor) has received a NIH Travel Fellowship to attend the 6th Biennial Conference of the American Society of Health Economists, to be held in Philadelphia in June.



**Weiyi Ni** (HE program; Dr Jeff McCombs, advisor) has a manuscript accepted for publication in the American Journal of Managed Care.



**Kimmie Moore and Michael Bershadsky** (HCDA alums, 2016) are now working for Edwards Lifesciences under the Global Health Economics and Reimbursements Division.



**Jordan Despanie** (PSCI program; Dr Andrew MacKay, advisor), received a Jewish Vocational Services Scholarship in the amount of \$2,500. The awards ceremony was on July 28th.