

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.

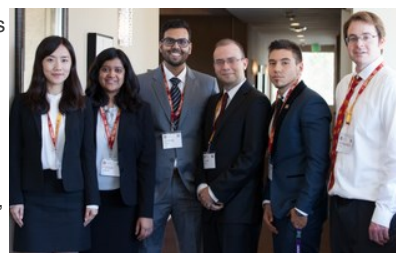
Upcoming Events



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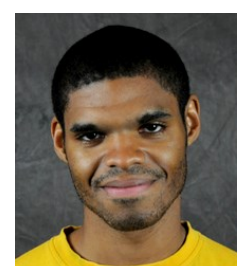
Laura Henkhaus (HE program; Dr Geoff Joyce, advisor) has received a NIH Travel Fellowship to attend the 6th Biennial Conference of the American Society of Health Economists, to be held in Philadelphia in June.



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.