

## NEWS

### Graduating Seniors Receive Awards at Alumni Awards Banquet



Several graduating seniors received awards at the **Annual Alumni Awards Banquet**, held at the Town and Gown on Saturday, May 7th. **Anna Papinska** (PSCI program, Kathleen Rodgers, advisor) received the Ron Alkana Outstanding Scholar Award; **Jugal Dhandhukia** (PSCI program, Andrew MacKay, advisor) received the Discovery Award; **Tim Bensman** (CXPT program, Paul Beringer, advisor) received the Translational Award and **Emmanuel Drabo** (pictured at right, HE program, Jason Doctor, advisor) received the Outcome Award. *Pictured (from left):* Dr Annie Wong-Beringer, Associate Dean for Graduate Affairs and Interdisciplinary Graduate Programs, Santosh Peddi, Jugal Dhandhukia, Anna Papinska, Tim Bensman and Hao Guo.

## Upcoming Events



### 2016 Commencement Ceremony, Friday May 13th



The **2016 School of Pharmacy Satellite Commencement Ceremony** was held in the HSC quad from 3-5pm on Friday, May 13. This year's speaker was Dana Goldman, PhD, Director for the USC Schaeffer Center for Health Policy and Economics. Amongst the class of 2016 were the following: PhD Degrees in CXPT (2 graduates), MPTX (3), PSCI (7) and PMEP (6); DRSc, 2 graduates, Masters in MPTX (6 graduates), PSCI (8), PMEP (6) and Reg Sci (35). There were 9 graduates from the Masters program in Management of Drug Development, including Sheraz Khoja and Anna Papinska who also received a PhD. The new Masters program in Healthcare Decision Analysis had their first graduates. Of the 14, 7 received joint degrees in PharmD. *Pictured (from left):* Jugal Dhandhukia, Si Li, Youn Jung Choi, Zhen Meng, Juntang Shao, Andrew Gould, Mihir Shah, Anna Papinska and Sheraz Khoja.

### Graduate Student Team Victorious at Trivia Night Contest



This year's **Trivia Night Contest**, hosted by the Pharmacy Graduate Alliance (PGA) was held at 5pm on Thursday April 27th in PSC-104. The field comprised 6 teams: 4 teams of graduate students, one team of STAR students from Bravo High School, and one team of faculty. First place winners were a team of graduate students from the MacKay lab. A team from the Rodgers' lab came in 2nd, followed by the STAR students, with the faculty team coming in 4th. The contest began with a race to sort multi-colored tic-tacs (pictured) and finished with a round of Double Jeopardy. The faculty bet all or nothing in the final round but failed to correctly answer the meaning of the word "nephelococcygia" (the practice of finding shapes in clouds), putting them in 4th place - much to the satisfaction of the more conservative graduate student teams. Who will win next year?

## PHARMACY GRADUATE ALLIANCE (PGA) CORNER

### PGA Elects 2016-2017 Officers

The new **PGA Board** will be as follows: Aida Kouhi (President), Charles Caldwell (Vice-President), Sunny He (Treasurer), Michele Chon (Secretary), Juliana Chen (Social Chair), Michelle Grau (MPTX rep), Larry Rodriguez (PSCI rep), Neil Desai (CXPT rep), Justin McGinnis (HE rep), Sneha Golle (Reg Sci rep), and Wade Thompson-Harper (staff member). If you would like to contact the Board, please email us at [pqa@usc.edu](mailto:pqa@usc.edu).

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CV/Resume Workshop:** As part of a **Graduate Programs Professional Development Series**, the Graduate Affairs office will be hosting a **CV/Resume Workshop** by **Zach Marks**, Co-founder and COO for **Oystir** on Wed May 18th from 4-6.30pm in PSC-200. (Space is limited, to sign-up see listing below). Previously a consultant for McKinsey & Company, Zach Marks developed new strategies to hire talent from non-traditional sources. In addition to helping employers find highly skilled talent with graduate degrees, Oystir provides an online resource that enables job seekers to find opportunities based on their skills rather than titles on a resume. To learn more, visit: <https://www.oystir.com/about/>

**Summer Research Fellowship Programs:** The School of Pharmacy has awarded **Summer Research Fellowships** to 7 PharmD students and 2 undergraduate students. 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 will spend approx. 10 weeks working on a research project with a faculty mentor during the summer. Visit the Summer Research Fellowship page on the [website](#).

**Summer Fellowship Boot Camp:** The Graduate School will host a Summer Fellowship Boot Camp for incoming and rising 2nd year PhD students as part of its Diversity, Inclusion and Access (DIA) initiative. The boot camp will be a 10-day intensive writing workshop from **August 3-12th** in which participants will complete an application for either an NSF Graduate Research Fellowship, a Ford Foundation Predoctoral Fellowship, or a Paul and Daisy Soros Fellowship for New Americans. Applicants must be US citizens or permanent residents and are due on June 3rd. Kathy Rich from GAO will help review your applications prior to submission. View application form [here](#).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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

**May 4:** Weiwen Sun (PSCI, Wang lab)

**May 11:** Asma El-Magboub (PSCI, Haworth lab)

**May 18:** Johannes van Dijk (MPTX, Wang lab)

**May 25:** Joshua Chen (MPTX, Stiles lab)

**CV/Resume Workshop:** Wednesday May 18th, PSC-200 from 4—6.30pm. Space is limited. To sign up, send an email to [PHARgrad@usc.edu](mailto:PHARgrad@usc.edu). Click here for [Flyer](#).

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## CONGRATULATIONS



**Emmanuel Drabo** (HE program) received the "Outcome Award" at the Senior Awards Banquet on May 7th.



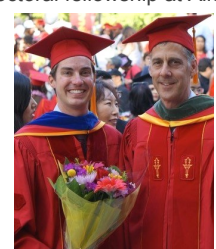
**Hsin-Yun Yang**, who just graduated from the PMEP Masters program and will enter the HE PhD program in the Fall, received a **Taiwan Fellowship** from the USC Graduate School for 2016-2017.



**Justin McGinnis and Darshan Mehta** (HE program) presented posters at the EARL meetings in Barcelona, Spain.



**Anna Papinska** (PSCI, Rodgers lab) has been awarded a 1-year postdoctoral fellowship at Allergan.



**Tim Bensman** (CXPT, Beringer lab) will begin a postdoctoral fellowship with Dr David D'Argenio, BMSR, Viterbi School of Engineering.