NEWS

Publications from Dr. Clay Wang’s lab! Senior graduate students in Dr. Clay Wang’s lab published two first-author manuscripts in 2019. Adriana Blachowicz (PSCI Program) and Jillian Romsdal (MPTX Program) are first and third authors, respectively on an article titled, “Proteomic characterization of Aspergillus fumigatus isolated from air and surfaces of the International Space Station” published in Fungal Genetics and Biology, Volume 124, March 2019 edition. The article can be found at: https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S1087184619300945.

Jillian Romsdal (MPTX Program) was first-author on another manuscript this month. Jillian and Adriana were first and second-author, respectively on an article titled, “International Space Station conditions alter genomics, proteomics, and metabolomics in Aspergillus niger” published in Applied Microbiology Biotechnology, Volume 103, February 2019 edition. The article can be found at: https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007%2Fs00253-018-8525-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Round Two of The School of Pharmacy Pharmaceutical & Translational Sciences Graduate Program Interview Weekend, Friday-Saturday, March 1–2, 2019: The second round of top prospective applicants for PHTS will be on-campus for interviews and to listen to faculty research presentations, and participate in a campus tour, a graduate student poster session and dinner. Applicant interviews will be on Friday, March 1st. Prospective students will have the opportunity to mingle with faculty and graduate students during the poster session on Friday, March 1st at 4:00 pm. The program will end on Saturday with current graduate students and an excursion of Old Town Pasadena. For more information contact nsilver@usc.edu.

Calm Your Anxiety Workshops, every Tuesday, 12 - 1 pm: In this anxiety workshop participants will think about their anxiety in new ways, learn numerous Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT) techniques and engage in self-reflection to allow participants to manage their anxiety symptoms. Location: Norris Healthcare Center (HC3)- Located behind the Eric Cohen Student Health Center Room: 340A Health and Wellness Suite B (4th floor). Drop in workshops are open to all USC students. No registration required.

Emotional Emancipation Circle (EEC), held last Wednesday of every month, 5 - 7pm: The purpose of the EECs is to have a safe space for persons of African ancestry to share truths of how they have internalized the lie of Black inferiority and/or dealt with expressions of others’ and society’s belief in Black inferiority. Location: Norris Healthcare Center (HC3)- Located behind the Eric Cohen Student Health Center Room: 340A Health and Wellness Suite B (4th floor). Feel free to check out the link below for more information on EECs: http://www.communityhealthingnet.org/emotional-emancipation-circle/. Group registration required. Please contact the Eric Cohen Student Health Center at (323) 463-5631 to register.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Bioscience Talent Connection, Friday, February 22, 9 am - 3:30 pm: BCLA will be hosting their biggest USC event of the year! The 4th Bioscience Talent Connection will provide attendees with the opportunity to broaden their knowledge on career options, give insights into career development and the current life-science scene in Los Angeles. The event also provides the opportunity to directly network and work with companies looking to hire or offer internships to positions for you! Please RSVP via: bcla.eventbrite.com.

Location: Studio 55, ADP Pasadena, 55 S. Lake Avenue, Suite 400, Pasadena, CA 91101. Visit website for more information: https://www.bc-la.org/html/tum_campaign/f679179c-8a16-4069-a1a1-793d8744336c_sdm_source=es.

Break into Industry: Resume Workshop, Monday, March 4th, 4 pm: The SMGSA and the KPAC USC will be hosting this resume workshop to provide attendees with the opportunity to have their resumes personally reviewed by industry professionals from Amgen and Takara. The event will end with a networking reception to allow all attendees the opportunity to directly network and interact with industry professionals! We will be accepting RSVPs shortly, so make sure to read our February newsletter for more information and follow us on social media for the latest updates. Location: Studio 55, ADP Pasadena, 55 S. Lake Avenue, Suite 400, Pasadena, CA 91101. RSVP required: bit.ly/breakintoindustry2019.

PGA Presents: Laser Tag on Wednesday, March 6th, 6 pm: The Pharmacy Graduate Alliance would like to invite you to join them for Laser Tag, pizza, and fun! All graduate students are invited to participate! Location: Ultrazone Laser Tag, 231 E. Main St., Alhambra, CA 91801. RSVP required please contact Aida Kouihi via email at kouihi@usc.edu.

School of Pharmacy Annual Alumni Networking Mixer, Friday, March 29, 6 pm: The Pharmacy Alumni Association will be hosting their Annual Alumni Networking Mixer on Friday, March 29th. This reception will provide current PhD, PharmD, and MS students the opportunity to network with various professionals. More details to come shortly. For more information, please contact Morgan Van Lingen via email mvanlingen@usc.edu.

Student Seminars (Wednesdays at noon in PSC-104):

Feb 27: Adriana Blachowicz (PSCI, Wang lab)
Mar 6: Taojian Tu (PSCI, Stiles lab)
Mar 13: Spring Break
Mar 20: Runzhong Fu (PSCI, Hamm-Alvarez lab)
Mar 27: Santosh Peddi (PSCI, MacKay lab)

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CONGRATULATIONS

Rita Algorri (CXPT Program, Dr. Wong-Beringer, advisor) has been invited to give a podium talk titled, “Antibiotics Modulate Host Immune Response to Staphylococcus aureus ex vivo” at the European Society of Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases (ESCMID) Conference in Amsterdam, Netherlands, April 13-16, 2019. Rita has received an ESCMID travel award to attend this conference.

Hugo Avila (PSCI Program, Dr. MacKay, advisor) passed his qualifying exam, titled “Engineering temperature-dependent elastin-like polypeptides as tools for synthetic biology” last month.

Jordanna Jayne (CXPT Program, Dr. Beniger, advisor) has been invited to give a podium talk titled, “Rheus Thetas Defensin-1: An Antimicrobial Peptide with Immunomodulatory Properties for the Treatment of Cystic Fibrosis” at the ESCMID Conference in Amsterdam Netherlands, April 13-16, 2019. Jordanna also received an ESCMID travel award to attend this conference.

Larry Rodriguez (PSCI Program, Dr. Davies, advisor) received the American Foundation for Pharmaceutical Education (AFPE) Fellowship for the third year in a row! Larry is our first student to have receive this fellowship for three years in a row. For more information on Larry’s research go to larrypht.com.