NEWS

Graduate Student Publications!

Jeffery Yu (HLEC Program) was second-author on a publication titled, “Pedoratia Flap Reconstruction versus Primary Closure for Salvage Total Laryngectomy: A Cost-Effectiveness Analysis” published in Otalaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery. The article can be accessed here: https://student.ndt.nm.shh.de/2020/09/. Dr. Lee also received the 1st Place Award for his presentation titled, “Cost-Effectiveness of Takedown vs. Gland Excision” at the 2020 Resident Research Symposium, University of Southern California Department of Otalaryngology, Head and Neck Surgery. Pictured on left.


PHARMACY GRADUATE ALLIANCE (PGA) CORNER

PGA to Host The Paint & Sip Studio for a Virtual Paint Night on Thursday, March 11th at 6:30pm!

The PGA Board will provide paint kits that include one 9” x 12” canvas, acrylic paint set, paint tray, easel, and brushes with an image of the painting selected for the night. Also included in the kits will be a 350 ml bottle of red wine, which is available upon request. No artistic talent is necessary for this event! PGA has hired a professional artist to guide you through the painting for the night. Limited reservations for this event will be available on a first come, first served basis and will require a $15 fee. Please fill out this form to reserve your spot now! The form will close when we have reached our maximum attendance. If you have any questions, please email: enstephe@usc.edu.

PROJECT WELLNESS RESOURCES

Project Wellness has compiled a list of resources to help students cope during the time of physical distancing.

MindfulUSC Mindfulness and Self-Compassion Zoom Sessions on Mon, Wed, and Fri - 12:00 - 1:00 PM: MindfulUSC will be hosting Online Mindfulness and Self-Compassion Drop-In sessions every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 12:00 - 1:00 PM. Join Here.

Virtual Yoga Classes on Thursdays at 5:15 PM and Wed at 6:30 PM: Project Wellness is offering live yoga classes via zoom every Tuesday at 5:15 PM and every Wednesday at 6:30 PM. Log in to zoom for these live weekly yoga session led by Jennifer Watson. Join Here. (Password: 401706)

Web-based Long-Term Counseling with Inpathy: Inpathy, a web-based individual counseling service, is available as a long-term counseling option for students on SHIPconnect.

USC Counseling and Mental Health Services: Students continue to have access to counselors, even as academic programs have moved online. For more information on all the options mentioned above, please check: studenthealth.usc.edu.

Free Fitness Classes/Workouts: Project Wellness has compiled a list of free videos and workouts that can be done at-home: click here.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Beyond the PhD Virtual Conference, March 24: This annual conference is scheduled for Wednesday, March 24, 2021 from 5:30 pm – 8:00 pm and will feature interdisciplinary keynote panels, industry and academic roundtable sessions, and career sessions. The final agenda will be published at https://sites.usc.edu/beyondphd/.

Across the STEMverse Industry Career Conference, Saturday, February 27, 9 am - 3:30 pm: Graduate Women in Science (GWIS) LA invites you to attend our 4th annual industry career conference, Across the STEMverse, on Saturday, February 27th! Students, postdocs, and staff will have the opportunity to network with professionals, learn about more than 30 different career paths, and support diversity in STEM careers. Tickets are now available: https://eventbrite.com/e/2021-across-the-stemverse tickets. More information can be found at: losangelesgws.com/across-the-stemverarl.

Conversations, Connections, and Community (CCC) drop-in sessions on Thursdays at 3:30 PM: All graduate students are welcome to join us at the CCC drop-in sessions on Thursday at 3:30 PM. These drop-in sessions are casual virtual conversations with Dr. Aguina and Wade Thompson-Harper and Elicia Williams. These conversations are meant to be a safe space to vent, share good news, or even just catch up with peers! Drop by on Thursdays. No need to RSVP and webcast use is optional! Zoom Meeting ID: 975 4233 1891. Password: 507889 or click HERE.


CONGRATULATIONS

Karishma Chhugani (Dr. Mangul, advisor; MS in PSCI Program) recently defended her qualifying exam titled, “Investigating the Regulatory Framework for Drug Compounding Outsourcing Facilities: Industry Views and Experiences.”

Dhritish Deshpande (Dr. Mangul, advisor; MS in MFTX Program) presented on “Comprehensive Analysis of Code and Data Availability in Biomedical Research” at the ABACBS 2020.

Vijay Gargi (Dr. Patel, advisor; MSI Program) recently defended his qualifying exam titled, “Examining the Regulatory Framework for Drug Compounding Outsourcing Facilities: Industry Views and Experiences.”

Dr. Albert Lam (Dr. Zhang, advisor; PSCI Program) recently defended his dissertation titled, “Investigating ADP-Ribosyltransferases with Substrate Analogues.”

Laura Kupsch (Dr. Pienaar, advisor; RSCI Program) recently defended her qualifying exam titled, “Contract Research Organizations: A Survey of Industry Views and Outsourcing Practices.”

Kerad Peng (Dr. Mangul, advisor; CKPT Program) presented her research project at the 9th Workshop on Computational Advances in Molecular Epidemiology on her project titled, “aTIBCR Comprehensive platform for TCR-seq data analysis using interactive notebooks to facilitate reproducibility of immunogenomics research.”

The Office of Graduate Affairs would like to provide graduate students with a safe space to voice thoughts, suggestions, or concerns. This comment box will be checked on a monthly basis at the end of the month. If you have an urgent concern, please email Dr. Aguina at liz.aguina@usc.edu, Wade Thompson-Harper at wh Harper@usc.edu, or Dr. Okamoto at okamotora@usc.edu.