

Graduate College

The latest news and updates from OUHSC Graduate College



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Announcements:

Graduate Student Association (GSA) – The Graduate College GSA will meet November 5th via Zoom.

Students from all MS- and PhD-seeking programs are welcome and encouraged to join the monthly meetings!

The GSA is planning on hosting a monthly virtual social event for the foreseeable future (until we can be in person again). Be on the look-out for the Zoom email invites.

Visit our website

<https://graduate.ouhsc.edu/Current-Students/Graduate-Student-Association> for more information!

Postdoc Association (PDA) – The OUHSC PDA officers will meet by Zoom November 9, 2020 from 12:00 – 1:00PM. Be on the look-out for the next meeting open to all postdocs in December!

Professional & Career Development Seminar – John D. Robertson, PhD, Grant Writers' Seminars & Workshops. Getting Started Writing Successful Grant Proposals. A Virtual Seminar in two parts, Thursday and Friday, November 5-6, 2020 from 1:00-4:30PM via Zoom.

Professional & Career Development Seminar – Two recorded webinars from Dr. Karen Kelsky "[The Professor is in](#)".

- November 20, 2020 at noon. Academic Careers: "Hacking the Academic Job Market"

- December 18, 2020 at noon. Non-Academic Careers: "Going Post-Ac in a Pandemic"

Biomedical & Life Sciences Lectures Collection – New releases and lectures by leading world experts. Click [here](#) to access the collection, which is funded by the Bird Health Sciences Library.

Announcements *Continued*:

Nature Masterclasses – Nature Masterclasses provides training in scientific writing and publishing. The training is delivered by Nature Research journal editors and aims to help institutions support their researchers with writing research papers. Visit the Nature Masterclasses for more info. Nature Masterclasses has a new website and users need to register again on the new site, new users are welcome. Please visit <https://masterclasses.nature.com/register> to register. Access to NMC is funded by the Bird Library and the Graduate College.

The Graduate College announces the following Doctor of Philosophy Defenses:

Eileen Parks

Neuroscience Program – [Neurosteroid Synthesis is altered in the Aging Brain and Contributes to Cognitive Decline](#)
Committee in Charge: William E. Sonntag, PhD, Chair; David M. Sherry, PhD; Nicole M. Ashpole, PhD; Michael B. Stout, PhD; Willard M. Freeman, PhD

Siqi Gao

Cell Biology Program - [Effects of Plasmin and RIPK3 on Murine Vascular Development and Integrity](#)
Committee in Charge: Courtney T. Griffin, PhD; Florea Lupu, PhD; Eric W. Howard, PhD; Lorin E. Olson, PhD; Lijun Xia, MD, PhD

Jared Evatt

Cell Biology Program - [A Secondary Connection: How Achiasmate Chromosomes can Faithfully Segregate in Meiosis](#)
Committee in Charge: Dean Dawson, PhD; Gary J. Gorbisky, PhD; Christopher L. Sansam, PhD; Eric W. Howard, PhD; William H. Hildebrand, PhD

Important Links and Information!

Guidance for Graduate Students

Graduate College Return to Campus Policy [HERE](#)

- Click [here](#) for the Graduate College Policies related to COVID-19
 - Click [here](#) for telecommuting ideas for graduate students
- NIH Wellness Links:

Faculty/University leadership discussions with OITE Wellness Advisors
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IjppE17PULM>

Tips for setting up your Zoom dissertation/thesis defense

Academic Technology has developed guidelines and advice to dissertation defenses on Zoom. You can find it at <https://graduate.ouhsc.edu/Current-Students/Forms-and-Guidelines> under "Guidelines"

OUHSC News on the COVID-19 – Please visit <https://www.ouhsc.edu/coronavirus> for up-to-date information for the Coronavirus and OUHSC.

GSA COVID [Information Flyer](#) – OUHSC GSA's quick guide to your COVID-19 resources.

The Graduate College warmly welcomes Rebecka Bourn, PhD, the new Assistant Dean of Student Affairs.

Who is Dr. Rebecka Bourn?

I completed my PhD in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology in 2009 under the mentorship of Sanjay Bidichandani, MBBS, PhD. After graduating, I started a consulting company, where I helped experienced investigators communicate their research and trained junior investigators in developing successful manuscripts and grants. After nearly 5 years as an independent science communications consultant, I joined Judith James, MD, PhD as a science writer at the Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation. These studies provided fundamental insights into the initial development and prognosis of rheumatic diseases, especially in underrepresented populations. Driven by a deep personal commitment to education, I have also cultivated opportunities to nurture the next generation of health and biomedical experts. Through the Oklahoma Shared Clinical and Translational Resources housed at OUHSC, I established science writing services, provided training in science writing, and facilitated new initiatives for excellence in mentoring. Beyond the campus boundaries, I educate local K-12 students on STEM careers and have helped share research results with undergraduate students, research participants, policy makers, and communities.

It's wonderful to be part of the Graduate College, and I look forward to working with each of you as you advance scientific knowledge and improve the health of our communities.



Announcements *Continued:*

Upcoming Events

Date	Event
November 5	GSA Meeting Via Zoom (link to be emailed) 12:00 pm
November 9	PDA Officer Meeting Via Zoom 12:00 pm
November 5 th & 6 th	Professional & Career Development Seminar Series Speaker: John D. Robertson, PhD http://www.grantcentral.com/ Topic: Getting Started Writing Successful Grant Proposals Via Zoom Nov. 4 th and Nov. 5 th 1-4:30PM 2 Day Workshop
November 20	Professional & Career Development Seminar Series Webinar by Dr. Karen Kelsky "The Professor is in" Topic: Academic Careers: Hacking the Academic Job Market
December 18	Professional & Career Development Seminar Series Webinar by Dr. Karen Kelsky "The Professor is in" Topic: Non-Academic Careers: Going Post-Ac in a Pandemic

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