

U of T Biochemistry

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

After almost two years of coping with COVID-19 restrictions (which Biochemistry faculty, staff and students have dealt with admirably) pandemic measures are finally easing up and we can now start looking forward to a return to normalcy. How exciting! Of course, we must remain vigilant and avoid contact with others when displaying any flu-like symptoms.

The Global Affairs Canada world-wide advisory to avoid non-essential travel has been lifted, so all students can now travel internationally on University sanctioned activities, including conferences. Students should still make sure to complete the Safety Abroad Departure requirements ([U OF T SAFETY ABROAD](#)).

Although pre-pandemic life is starting to return here, recent events in the Ukraine, remind us that conflicts continue to plague our world. Please read [President Gertler's statement](#).

Liliana Attisano

For comments/feedback on the newsletter and to provide news to be include in the next issue send an email to biochemistry.office@utoronto.ca. We are always happy to hear from you!



UPCOMING EVENTS

PhD Oral Seminars/Exams

All PhD exams are held online. Interested persons wanting to attend the oral seminar should contact the Students Advisor for approval

Upcoming Seminar Schedule

March 2022

Mar 2: Sophia Hailemariam (JP Julien) / Noel Garber (Peter Kim) host: Melnyk

Mar 16: Sean Sung Jin Ihn (Alex Palazzo & Kate Lee) / Ying (Elizabeth) Tse (Haley Wyatt) host: Melnyk

Mar 23: Raphaella So (Joel Watts) / Michael Ferguson (Grant Brown) host: Melnyk

Mar 30: Shivneet Gill (Roman Melnyk) / Emily Miraglia (Peter Kim) host: Palazzo

Grad Student First Talk Symposia:

Starts April 4, 5 and 6th. Please visit the link for full details. [Grad Student First Talk Symposia](#)

BGSU News

Hello Biochem!

This month we finally had our long-awaited pub night hosted by BGSU and the department for the students. Thank you everyone for signed up and showed up to the event. See the attached photos for a great time! Also, congrats to Nemo for winning the raffle for our January game night.

The BGSU is currently working hard on the annual departmental survey and the rotation student survey. Please keep an eye on the emails and fill them out timely.

Stay tuned for more events coming up! As usual, if you have any ideas for future events, don't hesitate to contact us.

Your BGSU

Facebook: U of T Biochemistry Graduate Student Union – BGSU

Twitter: @yourbgsu

Email: yourbgsu@gmail.com



BUSS News

Our Lunch & Learn event is back for the winter semester! On Thursday, March 3, 2022, from 4:30-6:30 PM, join Dr. Justin Nodwell in his seminar titled, **"Antibiotics, Academia, and Administration"**! As with our previous Lunch & Learn event, this talk will be held in MSB 5231. As well, free lunch will be provided!

If you are interested in coming, please fill in this Google form: [Lunch & Learn Event](#)

COVID-19 planning updates

With the recent updates, please continue to check the below link for the latest information regarding vaccinations, social distancing, masking, and any other policy changes.

Guide to Winter Semester: [U'Together](#)

Transcripts News



Hey Biochem, we hope you've had a great start to 2022! This month we put out two different cartoon pieces and an interview with one of the recent Connell Lecture speakers. You can check out each of those below!

Biochemistry Cartoon Series: Organelle Protein Import Can Be Per“PEX”ing

Chloe Mitchell's latest cartoon plus a write-up from Nicholas Demers about his work on how peroxisomes import fully folded proteins [ORGANELLE PROTEIN IMPORT CAN BE PER“PEX”ING](#)

Biochemistry Cartoon Series: The Types of Friends You'll Make in Grad School

Cindy Yimei Wan's hilarious and accurate cartoon about some of the key social subgroups in our department [THE TYPES OF FRIENDS YOU'LL MAKE IN GRAD SCHOOL](#)

Connell Lecture Series: Dr. Agata Smogorzewska

Kate Jiang's interview with Dr. Smogorzewska about her love for solving science "puzzles" and discovering genes involved in regulating genome integrity [DR. AGATA SMOGORZEWSKA](#)

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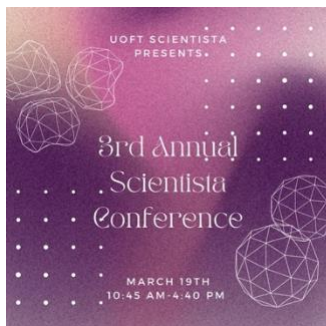
University of Toronto Scientista



The University of Toronto Scientista Chapter will be holding its annual conference on March 19, 2022, aimed at the advancement and integration of women in STEM. This conference will host a variety of female STEM keynotes, workshops, panels, and networking opportunities.

Join us for the chance to be part of a movement towards women's equity in STEM, learn new skills, and network with leading women in their fields.

To register and for more details, please visit [Scientista Conference](#)



Upcoming Connell Lecture Series:

Wed Mar 9, 2022 @ 12 – 1PM

Michael K. Rosen, Ph.D.

Investigator, Howard Hughes Medical Institute

Professor and Chair, Dept. of Biophysics UT Southwestern Medical Center

“Cell Organization by Liquid-Liquid Phase Separation”

VIRTUAL LECTURE. Contact host for details.

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In the News

Read Nana Lee's article on how to use extracurricular activities to advance your career. Click the link below...

[U of T in the Media: How to use extracurricular activities to advance your career](#)