



Announcements

BMB grad students, don't miss Tuesday's **student "pizza talks."** This week's presenters will be Mariia Mikhova from the Schmidt lab and Ron Cook from the Benning lab. Breakout rooms are working again, so you will have an opportunity to say hello to some of the new students joining for the first time, or catch up with old friends. Email Jessica (jesslaw@msu.edu) for the Zoom info.

The Biochemistry Building is on the last phase of **transferring the temporary sub-station to the new sub-station** located in the basement. The transfer of power will take place the week of August 9-13. The phases will be the following 4am – 8am (Monday through Friday) and 5p – 8p (Monday & Wednesday only). There will be no disruptions during business hours (8am – 5pm). During the shutdown, no occupancy is allowed in labs and please close your fume hood sashes all the way down. Each electrical panel transfer should take no longer than an hour. If you have an instrument (or sensitive electronic devices) it is recommended you shut them down every night by 5pm.

Last week, the university announced **new campus requirements**: All students, faculty and staff must be vaccinated against COVID-19 and wear masks indoors. In a [letter to the campus community](#), President Stanley provided the campus community with additional information and FAQs to address more specifics about mandates. Read more [here](#). Also, PIs are especially encouraged to become familiar with the current procedure for **registering undergraduates** at the link [here](#).

Graduate students, post-docs, faculty, and staff are invited to join **Graduate Women in Science Mid-Michigan for an Entrepreneurship Summer Event Series**. Event #2: Entrepreneurship and STEM Panel Tuesday, August 10th from 5:00-6:30pm. (Virtual Zoom Webinar) Register [here](#).

This year, the return to work and school is going to look — and feel — different than in year's past. Both parents and kids are going to be stressed and anxious about how to approach this "new normal". [Care.com](#) is offering a free webinar **"Ensuring a Successful Return To Work & School"** August 11 from 12:00 - 1:00 pm. Register [here](#).

Leslie Thompson will be hosting a **virtual help room for all incoming and returning undergraduate students** for help with enrollment in the new student information system (www.student.msu.edu) and class schedules August 9-10 from 9-11am, August 11 from 3-5pm and August 12-13 from 12-2pm. Leslie has assembled a team of student assistants who have been assisting with New Student Orientation and share a great deal of knowledge on navigating the system. Email Leslie (lathomp@msu.edu) for the Zoom link and passcode.

The MSU Alliances for Graduate Education and the Professoriate (AGEP) Program is conducting a **workshop series that will present NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program (GRFP) information** and provide structured practice to create competitive GRFP applications. In the workshop, STEM undergraduate and graduate students will participate in a 5-part series that will include an overview of the GRFP and application process, first-hand advice from GRFP reviewers and recent awardees, and two interactive sessions to review and revise their application documents. Click [here](#) to register or [here](#) for more information.

MSU is currently experiencing an increased number of **phone-based scams** targeting university numbers. Individuals should be wary of unsolicited calls to any phone for potential scams and never share their personal login information.

Van Andel Institute recently received a T32 award from the NCI to support their Cancer Epigenetics Training program. They also launched a new fellowship to support postdocs who identify as members of an underrepresented racial or ethnic group. To help prospective postdocs determine if VAI will be a good fit for them, they are offering a fully funded **Postdoc Preview event** October 14-16. More information and the application may be found [here](#). Questions should be directed to Dr. Erica Gobrogge (erica.gobrogge@vai.org).

I need your help. I'm going to make some marketing materials to welcome new students to the building and would really appreciate if you could send me one or two sentences that I could use as a welcome message. The theme of your message can be anything from how excited you are to meet them to how you'd love to see them in your class / lab (or anything else you'd like to say). Please email these to me at (masonje6@msu.edu).

Recent Publications

Cholico GN, Fling RR, Zacharewski NA, Fader KA, Nault R, Zacharewski TR. "Thioesterase induction by 2,3,7,8-tetrachlorodibenzo-p-dioxin results in a futile cycle that inhibits hepatic β -oxidation". *Scientific Reports*. August 2021.

Lea-Smith DJ, Summerfield TC, Ducat DC, Lu X, McCormick AJ, Purton S. "Editorial: Exploring the Growing Role of Cyanobacteria in Industrial Biotechnology and Sustainability." *Front Microbiol*. July 2021.