

# Monthly HSGA Meeting

Wednesday, 24 February 2021

5 – 6 PM

**\*Please mute your mic upon entering the meeting**

**\*Please type your name and program in the chat at the beginning of each meeting.**

**\*Note if you are a program representative**



President's Report:  
**Kenyatta Viel**  
vielkc@mail.uc.edu

# Elections

- At March General Assembly Meeting
  - Wed., 31<sup>st</sup> March
- If interested, email Kenny and Audrey with your first 3 choices of role
- Send a CV and a paragraph about why you're interested by 13<sup>th</sup> March
- Trickle-down elections (first choice first, then second choice, etc.)
- If contested, prepare 2 min. pres. for day of election
- 2 votes per program for representatives and 1 vote for each of executive board

# Elections

- President requires 1 year on board in another role first
- All other roles are available
- Executive board roles are: President, Vice President, **Treasurer**, **Secretary**
- Any questions? Email me: [vielkc@mail.uc.edu](mailto:vielkc@mail.uc.edu)

# Elections

- Chairs are: **Social Event Chair,**  
**Philanthropy Chair,**  
**Social Media Chair**
- Representatives are:  
**Dean's Council Rep.,**  
**CGE Rep., GSG Rep.,**  
HSL Committee Rep.

# Why HSGA?

- Officers needed to maintain funding opportunities
  - GSG Conference Award
  - GSG Research Fellowship Award



Vice President's Report:  
**Audrey Crowther**  
Audrey.Crowther@cchmc.org

# Mark your calendars!

HSGA GRAD CAFE PRESENTS

## Making the Most out of LinkedIn

March 2nd 2021 (Tues)

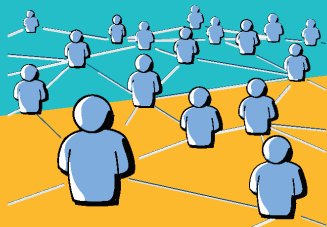
1pm - 2pm

Join Online: <https://ucinnstudents.webex.com>

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## Preparing a Winning Resume/CV

MARCH 18TH 2021 (THUR)

1PM - 2PM

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GRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCH FORUM (GSRF)  
SPEAKER NOMINATIONS

# Nominations

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DR. STEVEN  
SALZBERG, PHD



DR. SYDNEE  
MCELROY, MD



DR. W. IAN  
LIPKIN, MD



DR. INDIRA  
MYSOREKAR, PHD



DR. CLAUDIA  
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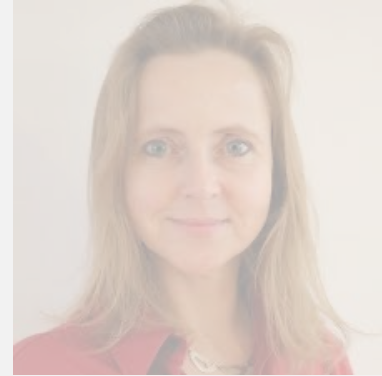
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- Professor at **Johns Hopkins University**
- Director of the Center for Computational Biology (CCB)
- Research Topic: Genome assembly, transcriptomics analysis, and microbiome/metagenomic analysis.
- Professional Achievements: Development of vital bioinformatics tools (e.g. **Bowtie**, **TopHat**, **Cufflinks**).

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- Family Medicine Doctor
- Assistant Professor at **The Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine**
- Co-host of the podcast "Sawbones: A Marital Tour of Misguided Medicine"
  - History of the US Surgeon General, hypodermic needles, the Black Panthers and Public Health, and Hydroxychloroquine

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- Director of the Center for Infection and Immunity at **Columbia University**
- Research Focus: Immunopathogenesis and infectious diseases
- Local Urban Health and Global Health Initiatives:
  - Pathogen Surveillance in NYC Rodents, Gene Environment Interactions in an Autism Birth Cohort (Norway), SARS Outbreak Training and Treatment (China), MERS Outbreak Evaluation (Saudi Arabia)

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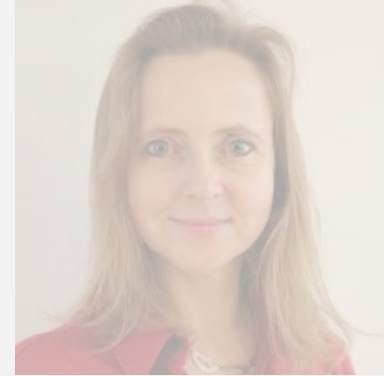
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- Professor at **Washington University School of Medicine**
- Director of the Center for Reproductive Health Sciences
- Research Focus: Mechanisms, underlying biology, and pathophysiology of the urinary bladder and infection-induced premature birth.

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KEMPER, PHD

- Chief of the Complement and Inflammation Research Section at the **National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute**
- Research Focus: Understanding the unexpected roles of complement in the regulation of key basic processes of the cell in health and disease.
  - Role of complement-mediated signaling in cancer and immune cell metabolism

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**Follow this link to cast your vote!**

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BWVP2ZH5>



Voting is restricted to  
HSGA officers and  
program representatives

Make sure to  
cast your vote  
by 6pm today!



# Treasurer's Report: **Thomas Gerding** gerdintr@mail.uc.edu

# Treasurer's Report:

- Spring Budget:
    - \$300 left over from fall semester budget
    - \$100 new semester allocation
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- \$400 Total for Spring Semester



Secretary's Report:  
**Marissa Smail**  
smailma@mail.uc.edu

# Social Event Chair's Report: Open Position



Philanthropy Chair's  
Report:  
**Thomas Gerding**  
gerdintr@mail.uc.edu

# Upcoming Events

- Spring Events:
  - In talks with the Cincinnati Park Board for a tree planting event this spring (Most likely April?)
- Virtual Earth Day celebration with the Ohio Lions Club
  - Raise ENV. Awareness
  - Sponsored by Great Parks of Hamilton County, Green Umbrella, etc.



Social Media Chair's  
Report:  
**Martha Dua-Awereh**  
duaawemb@mail.uc.edu  
@MarthaDu

Dean's Council  
Representative's  
Report:

**Zana Percy**

[percyzg@mail.uc.edu](mailto:percyzg@mail.uc.edu)



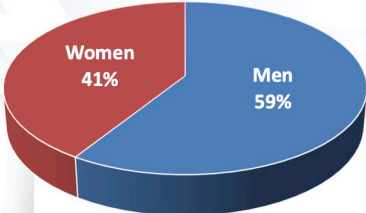
# February Dean's Council Meeting

- Gave an update about HSGA to COM Council
  - Solicited collaborations and professional development resources
  - Sara Pixley distributed slides at February Faculty Forum meeting
- MSB 1050 is a lactation room
  - The key can be obtained in the library or from Karen Christian in the Dean's office
  - Can also request to have a copy of the key made for you

# Current Faculty Diversity

**Faculty Demographics**

**All Full-Time Faculty (1,975)**

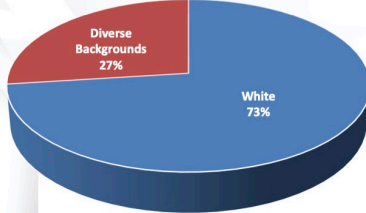


<b><u>AAMC</u></b>	
Men	57%
Women	43%



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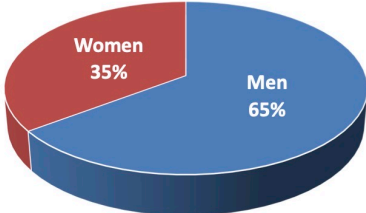
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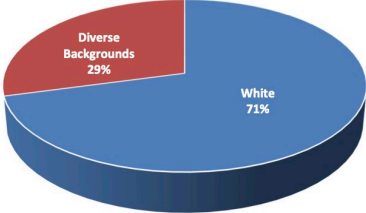
<b><u>AAMC</u></b>	
White	69%
Diverse	31%



**UC-Employed Full-Time Faculty (925)**



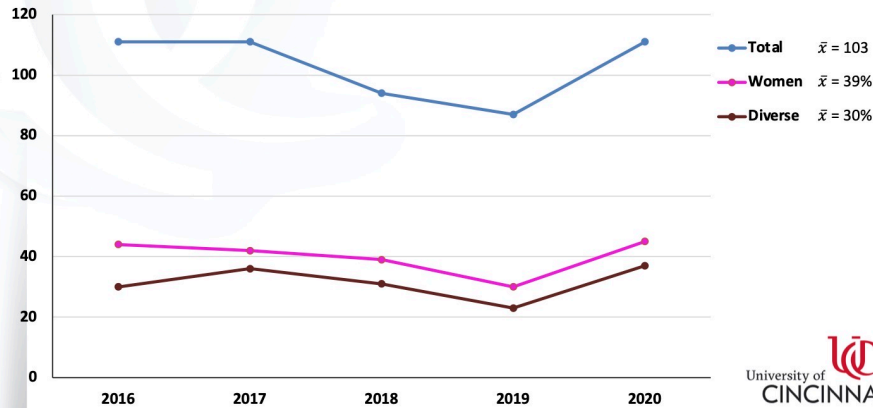
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# Trending Faculty Diversity

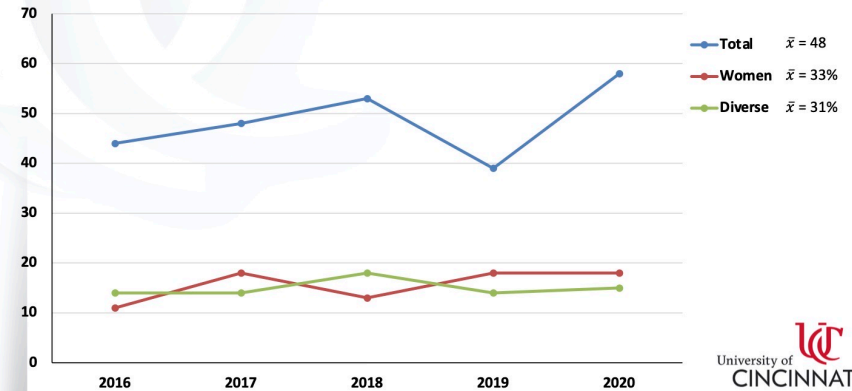
## Faculty Demographics

### New Full-Time Faculty Hires



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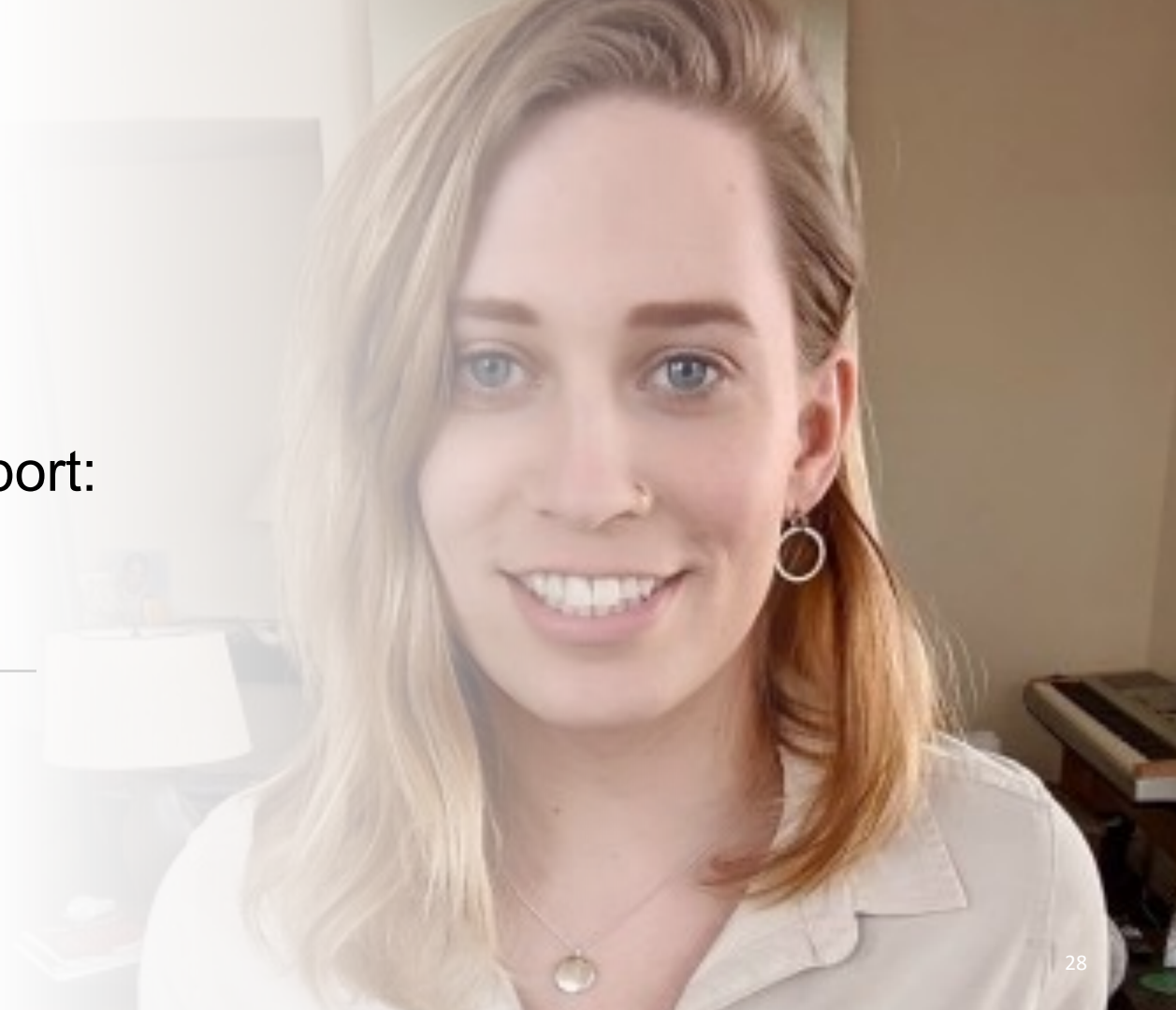
### Full-Time Faculty Promotions





Graduate Student  
Government (GSG)  
Representative's Report:  
**Clair Kronk**  
kronkcj@mail.uc.edu

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# General Information

- GSG meetings have been moved online for the time being
- Representatives for GSAs are made panelists; but anyone can attend as an attendee (however, only representatives can vote and/or cast motions)
- Research fellowship deadline is 4 Dec. 2020!
- New website (<http://www.uc.edu/campus-life/grad-student-gov.html>), since old website is down

# General Information

- Dr. LeCras (new assistant dean following Dr. Cartwright leaving the position) now has office hours most Fridays from 3-4pm (check emails from CGE for meeting link)
- Mentor-mentee agreements will be rolled out at some point this semester, depending on your department
- University budget is moving to a margin-based model

# Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS)

- Tele-mental health (video conferencing)
  - Appointments within 2-3 days
  - Crisis services and 24/7 after-hours support
  - No walk-in services; doors are NOT open
- Student health insurance: CAPS continues to be free
- Other insurance: \$35/session (or free if you can't afford; ask for a waiver)
- For appointments, call main number on CAPS website between 9am and 4pm

# COVID-19 Updates

- UC COVID Check App / Self-report
- CCHMC Mon-Fri check-in; no longer required for green badges working 100% remotely
  - Check with Program Coordinator
- Random testing on campus will continue, with target potentially asymptomatic cases (email [COVIDHelp@uc.edu](mailto:COVIDHelp@uc.edu) if you have questions)
- Spring Break has been cancelled, but there will be 2 reading days added, Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> and Mar. 24<sup>th</sup>
- Spring classes end Apr. 21<sup>st</sup>, final exams Apr. 22<sup>nd</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>
- Testing options: WildHealth Surveillance on Tuesdays, UHS Testing Center M-F 8:30am-5pm

# COVID-19 Updates

- If you are a TA and feel unsafe:
  - You can leave
  - You can report it
  - You can exclude students not following the rules (or attempt to do so)
  - Report to Aniesha Mitchell (mitch2aa@ucmail.uc.edu)
- Strategic mitigation testing and testing for symptomatic/exposed students continues

# A Call to Action for Racial Equity for the Black Community at the University of Cincinnati

- A committee is still in the process of being formed
- In addition to the Black Graduate Student Association, a Black graduate student organization is being formed in the College of Medicine
  - [Black Biomedical Graduate Website](#)
- Continue to have these discussions with your programs, especially if you're not a person of color. Call out when people say things, share the labor with people overworked on DEI boards and committees.

# DEI and Community Impact Update

- Multiple new affinity groups are being considered on multiple levels, including with GSG
- Climate assessments are in progress
- Title IX updates coming soon, although it is uncertain if these protections will extend to trans and gender-diverse students

# Gender and Pronouns in Catalyst

- Added haphazardly without much documented trans and gender-diverse input; some things are problematic
- Small update changing one or two small problematic things; ignored my email about the other necessary changes for the last 2 weeks
- Working with GSG to put together official recommendations for updates moving forward

# Senate Bill 40

- Ohio recently passed a bill, effective 24 March 2021
- The bill was only supported by Republicans and was passed to deal with “safe spaces” on college campuses
- Basically, it’s a backdoor to allow white nationalists, Neo-Nazis, antivaxxers, and other such groups to present their harmful ideas without restrictions on university campus
- UC doesn’t remember its specific history of racism at all or its incident with Richard Spencer

# Senate Bill 40

- The bill designates all outside areas as “public forums” and only outlaws “objectively” offensive speech—without defining what that even means.
- To quote Rep. Catherine Ingram: “The First Amendment already protects freedom of speech on Ohio’s campuses. This bill is a solution in search of a problem and completely unnecessary. This bill is purely political and could have a detrimental effect on Ohio’s college campuses. It could make our campuses less safe by blocking a university’s ability to regulate speech and that could potentially incite violence.”
- The sponsor wrote the bill after being “inspired” by Milo Yiannopoulos (he didn’t actually write the bill, it was plagiarized from a document by a right-wing conglomerate (American Legislative Exchange Council) who has supported extremely homophobic, pro-tobacco, and pro-private prison policies. It has also written bills which designates environmental and animal rights activists as terrorists

# Bearcat Pantry

- Large increase in usage
- Items include fresh produce, dry and canned goods, clothes, hygiene products, etc.
- Call for volunteers to help with deliveries (once a month-ish)
- Register at [BearcatsPantry@ucmail.uc.edu](mailto:BearcatsPantry@ucmail.uc.edu)
- Going to the pantry is appointment only right now: <http://bearcatpantry.yourcanbook.me/>

# Graduate Student Trustee

- Non-voting member of the Board of Trustees
- 2-year term
- Must be a U.S. citizen and a resident of Ohio
- Jack Cohen is current trustee; but will be leaving soon
- Contact at [Cohen2jk@mail.uc.edu](mailto:Cohen2jk@mail.uc.edu) if you're interested

# Other Updates

- GSG elections
  - Application materials due by 1 March by 5 PM EST
  - Will be held on 3 March at 12 PM on WebEx
- President's Advisory Council on Environment & Sustainability (PACES)
- OPT has been delayed for international students somewhat
- Calendar and Examination Committee rolled back considering all voting days holidays and proposed only federal elections every four years
- The Starbucks on main campus in the triangle building is being repurposed as a graduate student space
- Work with Naming Committee, A&S Graduate Advisors Council, and Leadership and Safety Board Committee

# Other Updates

- Spring Ball will be virtual this year
- Salary negotiation workshop (Mar. 1<sup>st</sup>, 5-6:30pm)
- Campus ambassador meetings moving forward



CGE Representative's  
Report:  
**Sandra Koigi**  
Sandra.Koigi@cchmc.org

# CGE meeting February 18<sup>th</sup> 2021

## Pass/ Fail Option

- Each program will vote if they will opt in to use the Pass/fail option- Email Mary Jo their vote
- Students should be aware that using the 'pass' option in applications may discredit them as recruiters may perceive this as a 'C' grade and may require higher grades.

## Mental Health Ambassadors program

- Launched the Mental Health Champions Program
- Successfully launched the UC CoM Mental Health Ambassadors program
- Orientation and training session will be on March 28<sup>th</sup> however require volunteers who regularly interact with graduate students.

# HSL Committee Representative's Report: **Open Position**

# Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT)

- Physical therapists (PTs) are movement experts who optimize quality of life through prescribed exercise, hands-on care, and patient education. (APTA)
- A PT must graduate from a DPT program and pass the national licensure exam
- Typically a clinical degree but we have graduates who go into research, administration, education, etc.
- Settings that PTs practice in
  - Outpatient clinics or offices, Inpatient rehabilitation facilities, Skilled nursing, extended care, or subacute facilities, Homes, Education or research centers, schools, hospices, industrial workplace or other occupational environments, fitness centers and sports training facilities, and many more!
- Approximately 35 new students each year
- Fixed curriculum
  - you take every course with your incoming class
  - if you fail a class you must wait a year and continue with the next incoming class
- Study the musculoskeletal, neuromuscular, cardiopulmonary, and integumentary systems
- Classwork, research and clinical experiences
- 9 semesters over 3 years
  - 4 clinical rotations
  - must have a bachelors degree prior to admission to DPT program



# Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT)

- Volunteerism
  - Ballet moves, Special Olympics, stroke survivor 5k, continuing education courses for PTs, UC Open School and more!
- DPT student organization
  - Responsible for organizing fundraising for our program, spirit wear, professional events, etc.
- Fun stuff!
  - DPT gala, grand rounds, PT/OT picnic, service trips to Mexico, Halloween parade, Friendsgiving, various class bonding events



# University of Cincinnati/CCHMC Genetic Counseling Program

- The mission of the Genetic Counseling Graduate Program of the University of Cincinnati (UC) and Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center is to maximize the academic, clinical, research, and professional development of genetic counseling students.
- Currently the UCGCP has 24 students total (12 students/class)
  - Program is 21 months long
  - Obtain a MS degree in Medical Genetics
- The program was established in 1982, one of the oldest GC programs in the country



# Curriculum and Fun Stuff

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## Curriculum:

- Students begin rotating in clinical spaces beginning week six
- A seven week clinical internship is completed during the summer after first year
- Research and thesis projects begin fall semester of first year
- Coursework includes human genetics, embryology, epidemiology, teratology, statistics, clinical genomics, as well as courses in ethics and counseling



# Thanks for Coming!

- Questions?
- Comments?
- Concerns?
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