

# Monthly HSGA Meeting

Monday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> 2020

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

# LeCras Office Hours

- Fridays 3:00pm – 4:00pm
- Next one December 4<sup>th</sup> 2020
- All are welcome!

# HSGA Meetings Spring 2021

- January 27<sup>th</sup>
- February 24<sup>th</sup>
- March 31<sup>st</sup>



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

## Calling for Alumni!

Looking for College of Medicine Alumni  
who work in:

- Industry
- Science Communication
- Scientific Publishing



Treasurer's Report:  
**Thomas Gerding**  
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# Treasurer's Report:

- Fall Budget:
    - \$300 for being GSA of the Year last year
    - \$100 allocation for Fall
    - \$100 for holding an orientation
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- \$500 Total for Fall Semester



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



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

# Upcoming Events

- HSGA Winter Concert will be held on Saturday, 12/12/2020.
  - We are still looking for potential donors for the raffle if anyone has organizations in mind.
  - Sponsorship forms for this event are available.
- Event location:  
<https://discord.gg/B8tNN7jj>
- Raffle links:
  - <https://uchsga.betterworld.org/raffles/estimated-price-25-gift-certificate>
  - <https://uchsga.betterworld.org/raffles/50-gift-card-quatman-cafe>
  - <https://uchsga.betterworld.org/raffles/rhinogheist-growler-two-pint-gla>
  - <https://uchsga.betterworld.org/raffles/rhinoggeist-t-shirt-trucker-hat-t>

# Social Event Chair's Report: Open Position

# *The Nutcracker at Home*

- Digital Program coming soon:
- <https://cballet.org/nutcracker-2021/>




Social Media Chair's  
Report:  
**Martha Dua-Awereh**  
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Dean's Council  
Representative's  
Report:

**Zana Percy**

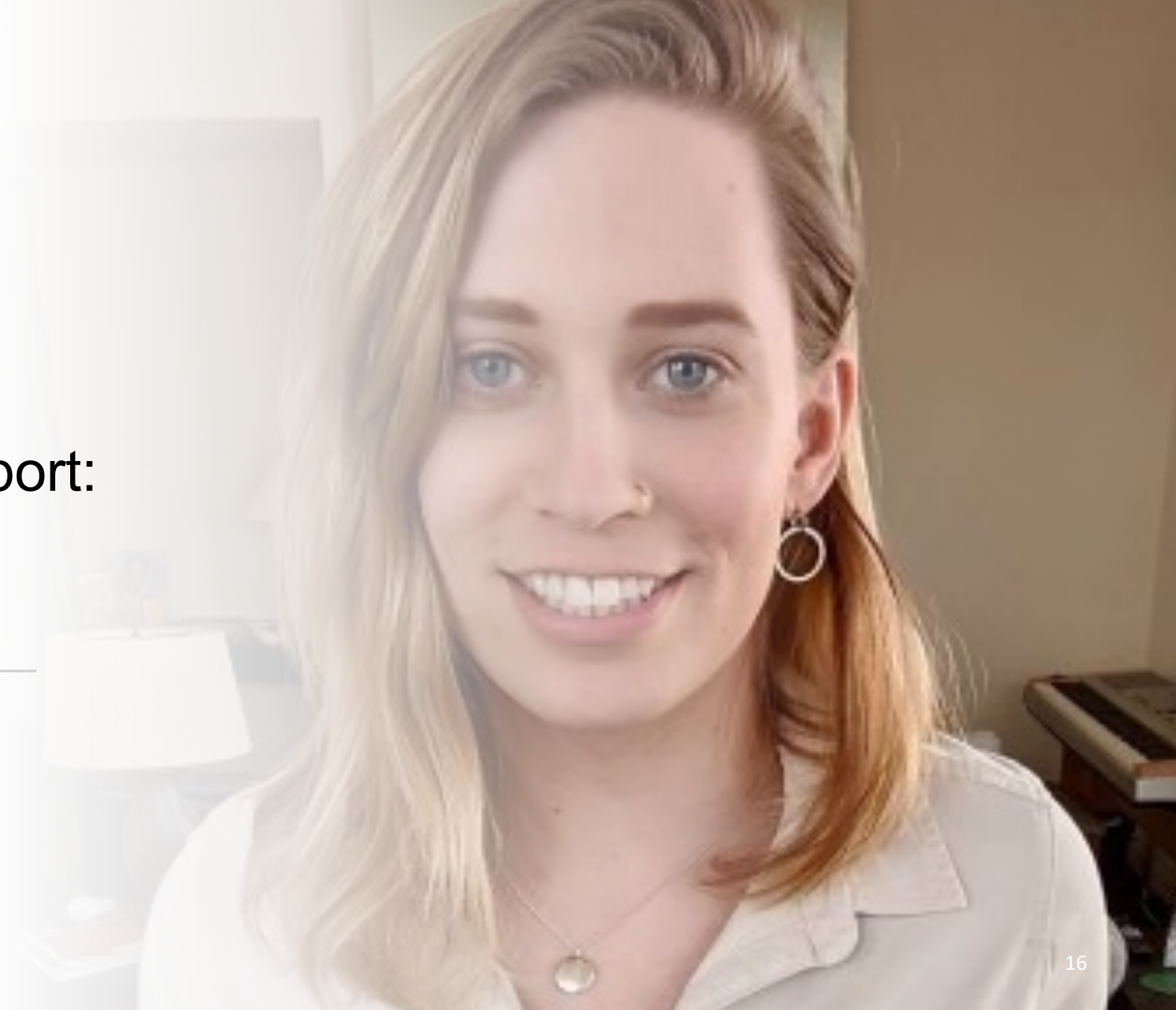
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Graduate Student  
Government (GSG)  
Representative's Report:  
**Clair Kronk**  
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# General Information

- 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
- PMGSE Award deadline is 5pm, 8 December 2020 (info on website)
- Research fellowship award: \$60,800 is available! Apply! Apply! Apply!

# 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 probably be rolled out at some point next semester?

# 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
- GSG cloth masks (and disposable masks, if you need!)
- Random testing on campus, 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>
- Huge surge in cases
- Testing options: WildHealth Surveillance on Tuesdays, UHS Testing Center M-F 8:30am-5pm
- All students need to get a flu shot!

# 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)
- Victoria Wells Wulsin updates:
  - 6-12 months estimated for vaccine (maybe even sooner)
  - Concerns about anti-vaxxer sentiment; early polls show that potentially over half of the U.S. population might refuse vaccine

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

- They are forming a... umm committee? ...this probably means that it could be over a year before anything happens
- Please talk to your programs; it is important to remember that just because protesting isn't happening, it doesn't mean that injustice has subsided

# 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

# 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



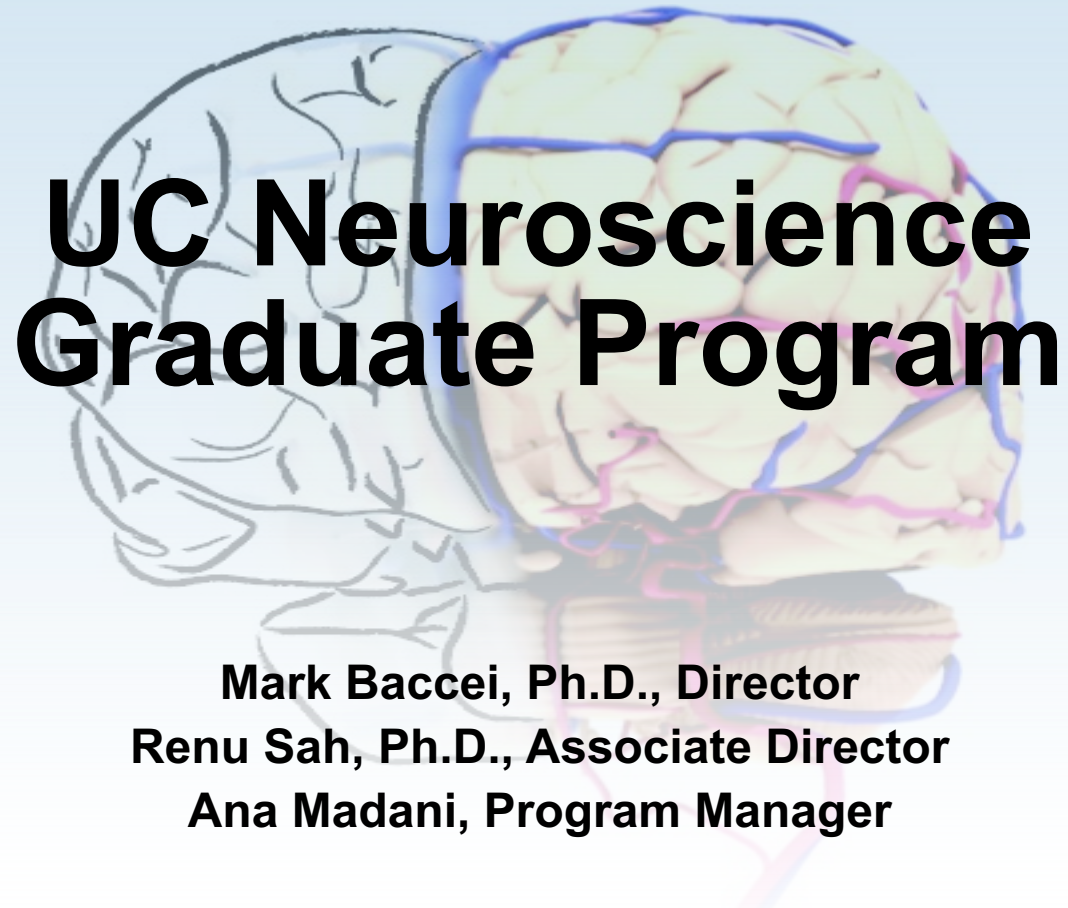
CGE Representative's  
Report:  
**Sandra Koigi**  
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# CGE Minutes (11/19/2020)

- Graduate Education Program Website: Call to all graduate programs (doctoral and masters) for representative picture for their programs
- Student Mentor Agreement: Roll out in January. Faculty voting on how quickly the roll out should be for current vs new students.
- Collecting data for T32 data for doctoral programs: Surveys will be sent out to the students who will have the option to give information if they consider themselves to be a minority/under-represented.
- PREP program: Identify students rejected from grad programs because they are not ready (i.e. not hands on experience). Directors have also been urged to share info about who the main recruitment person is for their program.
- Pass/Fail option: Faculty will vote to use pass/fail option if students want. Course director can still give pass/grade to any students that talk to them if program opts out of pass/fail option.

# CGE Minutes (11/19/2020)

- Mental Health: Mental health resources students can access on 1 webpage . UC counseling service will have a counselor embedded in each college.
- UC Senate Faculty Resolution and Commitment to eradicate racism: Senate will form anti-racism committee who will figure out where racism exists and find out how we can get rid of racism. Committee will be made up of members voted by senate and nominated by individual programs.
- *Diversity, Equity and Inclusion position for CoM*: Person will help diversity advocates from each program with training
  - Black CoM student group forming.
- Biomedical research day: For prospective students interested in the CoM Masters and PhD programs. Will take place on Dec 16th from 6-8pm.



# **UC Neuroscience Graduate Program**

**Mark Baccei, Ph.D., Director**

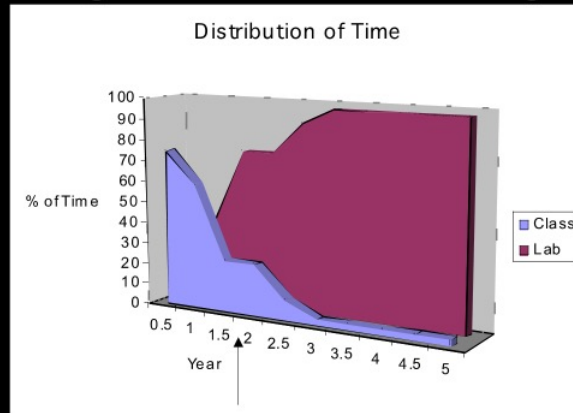
**Renu Sah, Ph.D., Associate Director**

**Ana Madani, Program Manager**

# Neuroscience Graduate Program (NGP)

- Interdisciplinary Ph.D. program in basic and translational neuroscience research
- Total 30-36 students. Incoming class size/year (5-6 students)
- >70 faculty members from ~20 departments in multiple colleges
- Leading funded program in the College in Medicine
- Average graduation time= ~5 years

## Progression of Graduate Training



The Graduate Program in

# Neuroscience

The Graduate Program in

# Neuroscience

Candidacy Exam

# Neuroscience Program: Activities

- Weekly seminar series
- Bimonthly student luncheons
- Annual student/faculty retreat
- Summer new student welcome luncheon
- Cincinnati Neurofest Symposium
- Ohio Miami Valley chapter SfN (OMV-SfN) meetings
- SfN Meeting Neuroscience party
- Recruitment weekend

Annual NGP Retreat

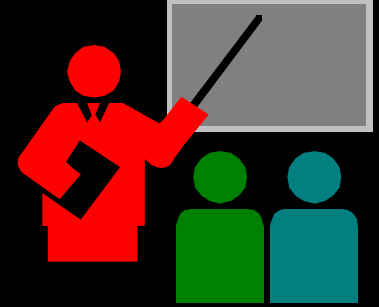


Visit from Nobel-laureate  
Dr. Eric Kandel



# Neuroscience Program: Career Advancement Opportunities

- Support for student travel
- Student Seminar Program
- Preparing Future Faculty program
- Daniel L. Kline Travel Fellowships
- OMV-SfN Chapter Poster and Travel Awards
- OMV-SfN Professional Development Events



## Neuroscience Outreach



Brain  
Awareness  
Week



Pi- Day



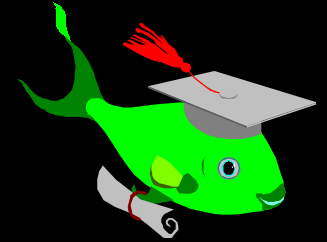
# Courses Offered by the Neuroscience Graduate Program

## Fall:

Fundamentals of Neuroscience I (NS 7078)	4 credits
Survey of Research (NS 8040)	1 credit
Neuroscience Journal Club (NS 9010)	1 credit
Neuroscience Seminar (NS 9001)	1 credit

## Spring:

Neurobiology of Disease (NEW!!) (NS7001)	2 credit
Scientific Writing for Neuroscientists (Academic Survival Skills) (NS 7077)	3 credits
Fundamentals of Neuroscience II (NS 7079)	5 credits
Neuroscience Journal Club (NS 9010)	1 credit
Neuroscience Seminar (NS 9001)	1 credit



Learn More:

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[www.med.uc.edu/neurosciences](http://www.med.uc.edu/neurosciences)



# MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAM



Fall 2020:

**MPH 20FS**

BIOS	11
EPH	3
EPID	24
GH	12
HSM	8
OPH	1
HEHP	20
<b>MPH Total</b>	<b>79</b>

Our student body includes students from the following countries:

China
Egypt
India
Israel
Mexico
Nigeria
Pakistan
Palestine
Saudi Arabia
Sudan
Tanzania
U.S.

# Mission

- To promote health, prevent disease, and protect the environment of our communities , locally, and beyond. We achieve this through our evidence-based interdisciplinary approach in education, research, practice, and community engagement.

- Concentrations:

Epidemiology, Environmental Public Health, Biostats, Occupational Public Health, Health Education/Health Promotions, Global Health, Health Service Management.

- **MPH Core Courses** (19 credit hours)
- **Concentration Required Courses and Elective Courses** (Minimum 18 credit hours)
- **Applied Practice Experience (APE)** (2 credit hours)
  - Students will complete a total of 120 supervised hours under the direction of an approved preceptor at a public health agency, healthcare related agency, or associated health and human services agency. The site will be selected by the student from a listing of available, approved sites within their concentration of choice and must be approved by the course director.
- **Integrated Learning Experience (ILE)** (3 credit hours)
  - Students must choose between a Capstone or Thesis option to fulfill this requirement.

# Program Details

Average graduation: 2 years

HSGA Reps: Connie Oatts & Max Tallman

Journal Club meets on a COVID-19 adjusted schedule

Departmental Seminar (Twice a semester students present Capstone/Thesis & Receive awards.

Delta Omega Public Health Honor Society

Close partnerships: Closing the Health Gap, Center for Environmental genetics, Environmental Protection Agency, local health departments, Cincinnati Children's & NIOSH.

# Thanks for Coming!

- Questions?
- Comments?
- Concerns?
- Email: [uc.hsga@gmail.com](mailto:uc.hsga@gmail.com)
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