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Make sure to check out the Graduate School’s professional development event calendar, which has a comprehensive list of all professional development events around campus for grad students and postdocs. You can find the schedule at: http://grad.wisc.edu/pd/events.

Upcoming Thesis Defense: Brian Keppler

Best of luck to Brian Keppler from the Bent Lab who will defend his thesis next week!

Brian Keppler Thesis Defense
Title: "Uncovering novel regulation of pathogen-induced callose deposition through chemical inhibition and natural variation"
When: Tuesday, November 8, 3:30pm
Where: Russell Labs, Room 150

New DiscoverPD Professional Development Tool

The Graduate School’s Office of Professional Development has launched DiscoverPD, a new online tool for graduate students to help them be proactive when planning their professional development. In DiscoverPD, you can take a self-assessment and receive a customized report of your strengths and weaknesses. The report lists a set of recommendations - workshops, speakers, courses, online trainings, readings, self-guided activities, and more - for
improving your capability within each area. DiscoverPD can help you get a jump
start on your Individual Development Plan (IDP) and keep track of your
accomplishments. Keep an eye out for additional information from Grad School,
or check it out today.

**CMB Student Seminar: Sarah Neuman**

Students, the November CMB Student Seminar will take place this coming
Monday, November 7 at 5:00pm in the Bock Labs Penthouse. Sarah Neuman
from the Bashirullah Lab will present a talk titled “Characterization of hobbit, a
novel and conserved regulator of insulin secretion.” We hope you will join. Pizza
will be provided.

**Upcoming Graduate School Professional Development Events**

- **Crafting a 3-minute Talk that Appeals to the Public**
  Thursday, November 10, 5:30-6:30pm
  7191 Helen C. White Hall

- **Writing Graduate Research Proposals Workshop**
  Friday, November 11, 1:00-2:30pm
  6176 Helen C. White Hall

- **Cell and Regenerative Biology Seminar**
  CMB alumnus Dr. Duc Dong (currently an Assistant Professor at Sanford
  Burnham Prebys Medical Discovery Institute in California) will be giving a
  seminar in the Department of Cell and Regenerative Biology on Tuesday,
  November 15. There will also be an opportunity for CMB students to have lunch
  with Dr. Dong before the seminar. If you are interested in participating in the
  lunch, please contact Mariah Vanevenhoven at mvanevenhove@wisc.edu.
  Title: “Induced In Vivo Lineage Conversion Across Germ Layers"
  When: Tuesday, November 15, 2:00-3:00pm
  Where: 3571 WIMR II

- **Community-Engaged Grad Social**
  The [Association of Graduate Engaged Scholars (AGES)](http://ages.wisc.edu) is holding a fall semester
kick-off/social hour/listening event! Get to know other UW-Madison graduate students who are interested in engaging with the community through their research and teaching and help plan 2016-17 events for community-minded grad students. Not sure what community-engaged scholarship means? New to community engagement? Join to learn more. Food will be provided. For more information, contact ages@morgridge.wisc.edu.

When: Tuesday, November 15, 6:00pm
Where: The Sett, Union South

**Cardiovascular Research Center Seminar**

The SMPH Cardiovascular Research Center welcomes you to attend a seminar presented by [Dr. Ye Chen-Izu](mailto:Dr.Ye.Chen-Izu@wisc.edu) (University of California, Davis) on November 22. Dr. Chen-Izu’s lab combines molecular and cellular biology, chemistry, physics, and mathematical modelling to advance research in three aspects: (1) developing innovative technologies, (2) studying the fundamental mechano-chemo-electro-transduction mechanisms, and (3) developing new drug therapies to combat heart diseases. If you are interested in visiting with Dr. Chen-Izu for a 1:1 meeting prior to her seminar, please contact Christine Tydrich at christine.tydrich@wisc.edu.

Title: "Dynamical systems in the heart: Coupling of the electrical, Ca2+ signaling, and contractile systems"

When: Tuesday, November 22, 4:30pm
Where: 1335 Health Sciences Learning Center (HSLC)

**CMB Professional Development Student Committee**

Now that the fall semester is in full swing, the CMB Professional Development Committee will soon begin to meet again to plan upcoming professional development events. The first meeting is coming up next week, so if you would like to become a member of this student-run committee to help plan speaker events such as talks from professionals from various fields, mock interviews, and other professional development opportunities, please email the CMB Office.