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MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING

WED . FEB 20 . 12 PM . LKSC 4TH FLOOR

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# Agenda

1. Previous SBSA events
2. Upcoming SBSA events
3. Engineering Quad Suicide
4. Holistic Admissions in PhD Programs
5. SBSA/BioAIMS/OGE Mental Health Panel
6. BioAIMS: HyPE--High School to PhD Event
7. GSC Elections
8. Open Floor and Questions

# Recent SBSA events

**Jan 30** Holistic Admissions in PhD Programs with Dr. Steve Lee (H&S)

**Jan 31** SBSA Winter Quarter Party

**Feb 13** SBSA BioAIMS OGE Mental Health Panel

# Upcoming SBSA Events

**Feb 20** Science Justice Reading Group (STLC140 @6pm)

**Feb 23** BarHOP (Proposal Event)

**Feb 28** SBSA/BioAIMS Interview Weekend Happy Hour

**Mar 7** SOAR Explore Dinner (6-9pm LKSC Berg Hall)

# Engineering Quad Suicide

- Disappointment over lack of admin response (mostly due to family request to keep things quiet)
- We should request something more for admin - e.g. CA program was started after wave of suicides
- GSC is working specifically on this issue
- Unique challenge to grad students, who have to be in lab all the time
- Possible ideas:
  - Increase CAPS access to grad students specifically
  - Increase infrastructure for taking time off
  - Training for advisors in management skills and supporting student mental health
  - Write-in to the Stanford Daily - they are trying to increase mental health visibility
  - Look outside of academia to find models of mental health support

# Holistic Admissions in PhD Programs

Dr. Steve Lee, Assistant Dean of Diversity and Inclusion at Stanford H&S

- **“Evolution Toward Holistic Review in the Ecology Graduate Program at UC Davis”**
- Why we should get rid of the GRE and move toward other indicators in graduate admissions
- If you would like a copy of the slides or the handout from the event, please contact Dr. Lee at [spl33@stanford.edu](mailto:spl33@stanford.edu)

# SBSA/BioAIMS/OGE Mental Health Panel

- CAPS information slides: coming soon!
- 4 panelists spoke across a diverse range of mental health conditions:
  - Bipolar disorder
  - Major depressive disorder
  - Obsessive-compulsive disorder
  - Chronic depression
- Major points covered: funding mechanisms, CAPS wait period

# HyPE: High School to PhD Event -- Volunteer!

March 23, 9AM-6PM

Science lab tours    College admissions discussion    Hands-on science activities  
Explanation of a PhD    Panel of current undergraduate and graduate students    Campus tour

## Day of volunteer opportunities:

- All-day small group leader
- Morning set-up/checking in students (~1 hour)
- Leading ice breakers
- Hands-on activities
- Graduate or undergraduate panelist
- Leading lunchtime post-panel discussion in small groups
- Walking students to lab tours
- Giving a tour of your lab (2 groups at ~20 minutes each)
- Campus tour (~1 hour)
- Coordinating/leading a workshop for parents of attendees
- Post-event cleanup (<1 hour)

[Link for HyPE volunteer form](#)



# GSC Elections

Amy Tarangelo, GSC co-chair and SoM rep - [ataran@stanford.edu](mailto:ataran@stanford.edu)

- Petitions open to run for GSC
- GSC is grad branch of student government under ASSU
  - Responsible for advocacy, funding
- By serving on GSC you can represent SoM, take on different roles and interface with admins
- Amy is looking for empassioned people who care about mental health to keep continuity in GSC
- Usually run unapposed

# Open floor and questions

- No resource fair at recruitment
- Ask HPRs to distribute housing info on SBSA website
- Make BARE chair for next year