



## BEST @ Cornell

### Events for July 2017

#### **Academic Job Search Series | 7/12/17 12:00 PM - 01:30 PM**

The Office of Postdoctoral Studies and CU-CIRTL will be offering an expanded series of sessions on the Academic Job Search Process. Most sessions will be held on Wednesdays at noon, and will include practical advice and feedback on your application materials from faculty and staff. The first session will be held on the 12<sup>th</sup> of July, and is a teaching statement workshop."

**Location: B51 Warren Hall**

#### **ComSciCon 2017 | 7/14/17**

This unique professional development experience will provide attendees with a fantastic opportunity to meet leaders in science communication from across the Upstate New York community, learn from and interact with a remarkable group of invited experts, and produce an original work communicating scholarly research to a new audience.

**Location: Ithaca, NY**

#### **LSI 24 hour Lab Safety Boot Camp | 7/24/17 – 27/24/17**

Interested in bolstering your knowledge of lab safety? For the 11th year in a row, Cornell University will be hosting the Laboratory Safety Institute (LSI) 24 hour Lab Safety Boot Camp. Grad student rate is \$249, and the BEST Program will reimburse the cost to three qualified BESTies. Please let Susi Varvayanis know if you are interested!

**Location: East Hill Office Building, Room 140**

#### **Science Policy Trip to Washington, D.C. | 7/24/17-7/26/17**

Tired of all the negative science coverage in Washington? ASAP is again holding its annual trip to Washington, D.C. to engage with policymakers and practice communicating effectively with legislators to advocate for science! Working with Cornell's Office of Federal Relations, the trip will entail group sessions and individual meetings with your representatives.

**Location: Washington, D.C.**

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Catch up on news from BEST with tips and takeaways, too! [www.BEST.cornell.edu](http://www.BEST.cornell.edu)

#### **BEST on twitter and LinkedIn**

Step up your Twitter game! Follow and be followed by @Cornell\_BEST.

Want to have meaningful conversations with other BESTies? Join the "Cornell BEST Program" group on LinkedIn.

#### **ASAP: Advancing Science And Policy**

Connect with ASAP via their website, list-serve (email to join), or Facebook. ASAP hosts many events and training sessions to help Cornell graduate students and postdocs learn how to use non-partisan language to defend the basic institution of unbiased science.

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### Member Spotlight: Andrew Gipson



For July's BESTie of the month, we are pleased to spotlight Andrew Gipson, a 2nd year BMB Ph.D. student in the lab of Maureen Hanson. As part of the BEST program, Andrew has chosen to focus chiefly on the communications aspect of the program. He writes that the BEST-organized opportunities in Sci-Comm have taught him how to improve his writing, how to more effectively deliver oral presentations, and how to incorporate improv-based methods into academic presentations. In the lab Andrew is studying RNA editing, a process whereby errors in the genetic code are corrected at the RNA level to produce functional protein products. Andrew is hard at work dissecting the unique molecular mechanisms of the RNA editing machinery in plants. Outside of lab, Andrew is an avid volunteer, maintaining commitments with the Expanding Your Horizon and the New York Science and Technology Entry Program. We asked Andrew to provide a bit of science advice to his peers, and he writes: "Read every day. I've made the mistake of thinking that skimming a couple review articles would be sufficient background for a project, but since then I've realized that being on top of what's new and getting familiar with the classic studies is how you get the best ideas."

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