



BEST @ CORNELL

Events for November 2015

Industry, Entrepreneurship & Management Career Panel | 10 November
Cornell alumnus Kent Goklen, GlaxoSmithKline; Marnie LaVigne, LaunchNY; David Erickson, Cornell; Sue Pearce-Kelling and Gustavo Aguirre, Optigen

Location: sent to those who register. 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM.

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Interactive Session on a Career in Science and Publishing | 12 November
Organismal and evolutionary biologist & Cornell alumna Sacha Vignieri, Senior Editor

Location: A106 Corson/Mudd Hall. 2:30 – 3:30 PM. Seminar at 12:30pm followed by lunch.

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Science journalism in the “Axis of Evil” | 13 November

Cornell alumnus Richard Stone, International News Editor, *Science*

Location: 213 Kennedy Hall. 4:00 PM. Kicks off the weekend COMMS660 workshop.

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Navigating Your Future: Exploring Administrative Careers in Higher Education | 16 November

Location: 423 ILR Conference Center

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Risk/Reward in Biotech: Can We Afford to Innovate? | 17 November

Biogen’s CEO George Scangos, Cornell alumnus

Location: Uris Hall Auditorium 4:30 – 5:30 PM.

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BIOGEN SITE VISIT AND SHADOW ROTATIONS

Cherié Butts, a panelist invited to speak at the [2nd annual Cornell BEST Symposium](#), has facilitated a site visit and shadow rotations with select partners at [Biogen](#), matched with the specific interests of a group of ten applicants, thanks to the energy and persistence of BEST Advisory Board member Kenneth Yancey.

A select group of BEST trainees from graduate fields across campus (BBS, BEE, BMCB, BME, MBG, Pharmacology, and Chemistry) traveled to Biogen corporate headquarters in Cambridge, Massachusetts. They started with a brief panel discussion that includes representatives from Biogen’s Research postdoc program and Corporate Strategy postdoc program. Students then spent the day with their Biogen shadow partner in research areas such as neurology, hematology, or immunology, to learn more about the teams involved in biologics drug discovery, cell and gene therapy, epigenetics, medicinal chemistry, clinical trials, and more.

The BEST Program will survey the group to see what worked and what didn’t, to inform possible future visits, which might include a second shadow partner.

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BEST SPOTLIGHT



AT THE INTERSECTION OF SCIENCE AND BUSINESS – Engaging in research into the biological mechanisms of the immune system, Alberto Purwada has committed to maximizing the clinical translation of his work via collaborations with Weill Cornell Medicine and the Veterinary School towards “meeting the needs of the field”.

Alberto’s commitment to the entrepreneurial aspect of science shows through his leadership at Life Changing Labs and the Cornell Graduate Consulting Club.

Ever since arriving to the U.S. from Indonesia, Alberto has thrived as a business-oriented scientist and has made himself at home in business-powerhouse Cornell.

At the personal level, Alberto gains insight from working alongside people of different backgrounds. It’s his desire to continue business as usual as a management consultant post graduation.

Alberto Purwada is a 3rd year Ph.D. student in the Ankur Singh laboratory. He recently published in *Biomaterials* on engineered 3D organoids.

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