



October 2015, First Edition

Announcements

Zombie Paintball

On October 23rd GPSG is hosting Zombie Paintball at Pittsburgh Paintball Park. Participants will have the opportunity to defend the castle against invading zombies, or go head-to-head in a paintball battle against your friends. Join the [Facebook page](#) for more information and buy your tickets today on [Eventbrite](#).

Graduate Student Financing

Have you ever had questions about personal financing, but didn't know who to ask? Here's your chance to learn how to manage your cash flow and reach your financial goals. Dr. Emily Roberts will speak on November 3rd in O'Hara Student Center Dining Room at 4:00. Dinner will be provided! More information can be found on the [Facebook](#) page.

Mockingjay part II

GPSG will show a private viewing of the Mockingjay part II on November 19th at Loews Cinema at the waterfront. Tickets are on sale now! Join the [Facebook page](#) and [buy tickets](#) today.

Fall Formal

The theme annual fall formal will be 90's prom, so breakout those old prom dresses! The event will be held at St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral in Oakland. More details will follow.

Student Opportunities

Upcoming Events

Oct 23- Zombie Paintball

Nov 3- Presentation on Personal Finances

Nov 19- Private Viewing of Mockingjay part II

Nov 20- Fall Formal

The Coulter Program

The Coulter TPII Program provides translational research funding to collaborative teams of engineers, scientists, and clinical practitioners. The program offers approximately \$100,000 in investments for projects that are ready to be commercialized into the market. The deadline for submission is October 19th. Click [here](#) for more information.

Open Access

Next week (October 19-25) is Open Access Week, and the library is celebrating with a lineup of events about sharing your research. The full lineup of events can be found on the [library website](#). Or see the attached flyer.

The Katz Fall Food Drive

Pittsburgh has a growing population of refugees from countries like Syria, Bhutan, Burma, Iraq, and Somalia. Support local refugees by participating in a food drive for Pittsburgh Food Bank. The food drive will be held from 10/27 to 11/30 in the Mervis Hall Atrium. They are seeking foods that are from the refugees' countries of origin. Please donate the following items:

- Rice (large quantities)
- Noodles (including Ramen)
- Beans (Fava, dried soy)
- Chickpeas
- Dried Dates
- Dried Figs
- Bulgur Wheat
- Tahini
- Curry Powder
- Puffed Rice Cereal
- Lentils
- Vegetable Oil

Want to advertise something in the bulletin? Email your items to communications.gpsg@pitt.edu

In Broad Daylight: Innovation and Transparency in Peer Review

Monday, October 19, 4:30 p.m. - 6 p.m.

University Club Ballroom A

Panelists: Brandon Stell, PubPeer, Larry Kane, University of Pittsburgh, F1000 Research, Lenny Teytelman, Protocols.io, Josh Nicholson, *The Winnower*

Independent peer review is one of the foundations of scholarship and a practice that has been in place in the academy for centuries. This panel will address innovations that promote transparency and accelerate the pace of research, such as post-publication review, open peer review, and research evaluation ethics.



Larry Kane

Larry Kane is Associate Professor in the Dept. of Immunology at the University of Pittsburgh. As a member of the Faculty of 1000, Dr. Kane is avid contributor to F1000Prime and F1000Research, and is an advocate for innovation in the peer review process to accelerate the dissemination of research.

<http://www.immunology.pitt.edu/kane/lawrenceKane.asp>



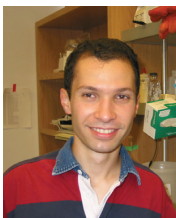
Josh Nicholson, PhD, Founder of *The Winnower*

Josh Nicholson is the founder of *The Winnower*, an open scholarly publishing platform launched in mid 2014. The Winnower acts as a publisher and archiver for a variety of content (research, reddit AMAs, student essays, journal club proceedings, peer reviews, open letters, grants, etc.) and to-date has published over 600 articles. Nicholson received his Bachelors of Science degree in Molecular, Cell, and Developmental Biology at UC Santa Cruz in 2008 and his PhD in cell biology in 2015 from Virginia Tech. He has authored numerous articles on scientific funding and publishing in addition to his research on cancer, some of which have been discussed in *The Economist*, *The Boston Globe* and other major news outlets.



Brandon Stell

Brandon Stell is a neuroscientist and team leader at the French national science organization CNRS in Paris and is the President of the PubPeer Foundation.



Lenny Teytelman, Cofounder of protocols.io

Lenny is a geneticist and computational biologist. Since 2012, he has devoted himself to creating protocols.io: a free and up-to-date central repository of life science methods. Lenny brings to protocols.io a strong passion for sharing science and improving research efficiency through technology.