

# Department of Genetics Townhall Meeting

23 MAR 2020

# General Stuff

- Rules for the meeting:
  - Mute your device except when speaking
  - Send questions using the “CHAT” box in zoom
  - Introduce yourself when asking a question
  - If there are many people waiting to ask questions, we may restrict the number of questions per person but we will follow up with you later
- Pay attention to updates from the university, the state and the CDC
- Practice social distancing
- Pay special attention to avoid infecting those at risk for serious disease: the elderly and those with pre-existing conditions
- Be kind

# Updates

- COVID-19 updates are available in the department website
- The department is committed to the safety and well being of all employees and students
- Fundamental and applied science has never been more important
- The University leaders are showing a exceptional level of flexibility to ensure that we fulfill all our missions and take care of our own
- If you have questions and concerns, reach to us. We are here to serve you

# Promotion Seminars

- The following faculty will give a seminar in the coming months:
  - Folami Ideraabdullah – 3/25 (this Wednesday)
  - Yuliya Pylayeva-Gupta – 4/15
- PLEASE ATTEND (via Zoom)! Details to be emailed

# Open Faculty Searches

- Assistant Director of Research (Res. Asst. Prof.)
  - Hired Sarah Schoenrock, PhD, starts on April 1
- Tenure track faculty position (Genetics, Genomics and/or Computational Biology) – *Karen Mohlke, Search Chair*
- Tenure track faculty position-Physician Scientist (Psychiatric Genetics) – *Samantha Meltzer-Brody, Search Chair*

# Well-Being Support

- **EMOTIONAL SUPPORT FOR SOM EMPLOYEES: NEW EMOTIONAL SUPPORT SERVICES** including Telehealth and hotline info. **WEBSITE LINK HERE:** <https://www.unhealthcare.org/wellbeing/toolkit/toolkit-overview/mental-healthemotional-support-resources-for-co-workers-and-prov/>
- **UNCMC/SOM emotional support resources**  
**INFORMATION Hotline** – Integrated Emotional Support Program can be reached at **919 966 5479**
- **TO TALK TO SOMEONE BY PHONE SAME DAY:** Crisis counseling and referral UNCMC Occupational Health can be reached at **919 966 4480**
- **Pat Sullivan and Cindy Bulik**

# VCR Approved Critical Work

- **Please send Chris Gregory:**
  - Approval email
  - UNC Critical Activities Request Form submitted last week

# COVID-19 Funding Opportunities

- In an effort to encourage UNC researchers to pursue funding related to COVID-19, the Office of Research Development has created a [website](#) to collect these opportunities (CDC, NIH, NSF, private). The site will be updated on a daily basis. Additionally, there is a spreadsheet on Sharepoint that you can update if you learn of new funding sources that may be found here: [https://adminliveunc.sharepoint.com/:x:/r/sites/ResearchDevComm/Shared%20Documents/COVID19\\_FOA.xlsx?d=wc1d5eb4c1556432a948b5f93734e61bd&csf=1&e=aQJ1a1](https://adminliveunc.sharepoint.com/:x:/r/sites/ResearchDevComm/Shared%20Documents/COVID19_FOA.xlsx?d=wc1d5eb4c1556432a948b5f93734e61bd&csf=1&e=aQJ1a1)
- We highly encourage all to pursue this funding if your lab is well-suited to pursue COVID-19 research. Administrative supplements are available as well.



# Announcements

- DO NOT let people follow you into GMB if they do not work in the building. Consider using the side entrance.
- Planning Office is working on better signage around ACC, GMB and drive-thru testing center
- What you can do to help: The American Red Cross now faces a severe blood shortage due to an unprecedented number of blood drive cancellations during this coronavirus outbreak. Healthy individuals are needed to donate now to help patients counting on lifesaving blood.  
<https://www.redcrossblood.org/>