Upcoming Events

**Most events require pre-registration to attend. **Most registrations close the day of event.

See what's happening this week.

July 14, 3:00pm, Zoom Webinar, Whitney Workshop - Preparing for Fall Recruitment and Summer 2021

July 15, 12:00pm, Zoom Webinar, Wednesday Seminar - Dr. Zachary Ross, The Constant Chatter of the Earth: Tracking Tiny Earthquakes With Artificial Intelligence

July 15, 5:30pm PDT, Zoom Webinar, Trivia Nights with ORE (see below for more information).

July 17, 6:30pm, Zoom Webinar, Feel Good Fridays-Dance, History and Zapateado Rhythms

Other events of interest

Student Spotlight

Mihir Borkar
Hometown: San Gabriel, Ca
Program: SURF

*Meaning or origin of name:* Mihir means Sun in the ancient Indian language Sanskrit

*Tell us about your research:* I am working in the Pachter Lab to research statistically sound...
July 13, 12:00pm, Online Event, *Asian Americans in an Anti-Black World*

July 16, 12:00pm, *JPL Seminar Series: Engineering M2020*

## Tips for Success

Browse the Caltech and JPL websites and decide who you want to meet before the summer is over. Email that person and introduce yourself. Tell them about your research and why you are interested in their work. Ask if you can set up a Zoom meeting to learn more. Or maybe someone in the research group can give you a virtual tour. This is a great way—for Caltech AND visiting students—to expand your network and set-up connections for your next research experience.

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**Meme Challenge Winner Katelyn Hostman!!**


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workflows for single-cell RNA sequencing. I am working on analyzing data from single-cell RNA sequencing experiments which allows for new cell types and the effect of various diseases on cells to be studied. I am thankful to have Lior Pachter as a mentor.

*What are you looking forward to this summer?*

I am looking forward to spending time watching TV and movies with my family, getting to know my fellow lab workers at the Pachter Lab, and learning new skills.

*What is the first thing you will do once everything returns to "normal"?*

Meet up with my friends in Ruddock House and go out to eat at my favorite restaurants

Submit your photo for your chance to be featured!

Please take a minute to complete an information sheet to tell us all about YOU! [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SQS65PT](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SQS65PT)

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## Submit your photo for the 2020 SFP class picture!

Just because we aren’t on campus doesn’t mean we can have a 2020 SFP class photo! Please submit your photo by July 15. We will pick 100 random students to receive a $5 Starbucks gift card. [Click here for details](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SQS65PT)
Trivia Nights with ORE

Join us for a series of virtual trivia nights hosted by the Office of Residential Experience (ORE)! We’ll be playing on the following three Wednesdays this month: 7/15, 7/22 and 7/29, all starting at 5:30pm PDT. Join us on Zoom at https://caltech.zoom.us/j/91435237960 to watch from home, and grab your mobile device to play along with us.

Resources

SURF Writing Resources

The Hixon Writing Center at Caltech is here to support you and your science communication goals! We have resources to help you navigate everything from writing your reports to applying to graduate school. Check them below out below! To learn more or sign up for events visit: https://writing.sites.caltech.edu/surf

- **The SURF Writing Workshops:** A wide variety of workshops designed to help the budding scientist understand and communicate effectively across different genres of STEM communication.

- **The STEM Writers Collaborative:** The Hixon Writing Center invites you to apply for The STEM Writers Collaborative, a weekly small-group discussion series that explores special topics in STEM writing. Participants will leave with a deeper understanding of how to effectively communicate complex scientific concepts to diverse audiences.

- **Statement of Purpose Personal Training Sessions:** Sign up for the Statement of Purpose (SOP) Personal Training Sessions, led by the Writing Specialists of Caltech’s Hixon Writing Center. This program consists of both individualized support and access to resources to help assist you with writing your SOP.

- **Individual Writing Support for SURFers:** Need help communicating your ideas? Get individual support from Lilien Voong, our SURF STEM Writing Specialist. Lilien earned her PhD in Molecular Biology from Northwestern University and currently serves as a STEM Writing Specialist at the Hixon Writing Center. She has expertise in helping scientists communicate their research across multiple genres and audiences.