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University of Colorado Boulder Department of Biochemistry

## Biochemistry Graduate Newsletter

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Got suggestions? Drop them into the [FLC suggestion box](#).



Consult our [Google Calendar](#) to see what's happening.

This newsletter is unofficial and run by graduate students. We hope it comes in handy!

Since we're only able to include the publications, achievements, and new departmental colleagues we know about, these lists may be incomplete. Please [send us a tip](#) if you have an event, opportunity, or piece of news you'd like to see featured in our next newsletter.

We are looking for new additions to the newsletter team. If you have any interest in science communication or want experience writing HTML, reach out to Rosie Garris ([rosanna.garris@colorado.edu](mailto:rosanna.garris@colorado.edu)).

### News & Announcements

#### Biochemistry Seminars

There are still slots available for the summer seminar series! Sign up [here](#). Please contact Amy Conte ([amy.conte@colorado.edu](mailto:amy.conte@colorado.edu)) or Emily Kibby ([emily.kibby@colorado.edu](mailto:emily.kibby@colorado.edu)) if you have any questions or suggestions!

*Feel free to use the newsletter as a virtual version of the JSCBB bulletin boards. If you have any information you'd like to share with the department, please [let us know](#).*

### Upcoming Events

#### Research Discussions

## Electron Microscopy Users Supergroup

The EM Users meeting is open to all who are interested. Presentation topics include methods and current EM research going on in the CU Boulder EM community.

Usually takes place the last Wednesday of the month at noon.

Email Alli Schier ([Allison.Schier@colorado.edu](mailto:Allison.Schier@colorado.edu)) to be added to the email list.

## Biochemistry Seminars

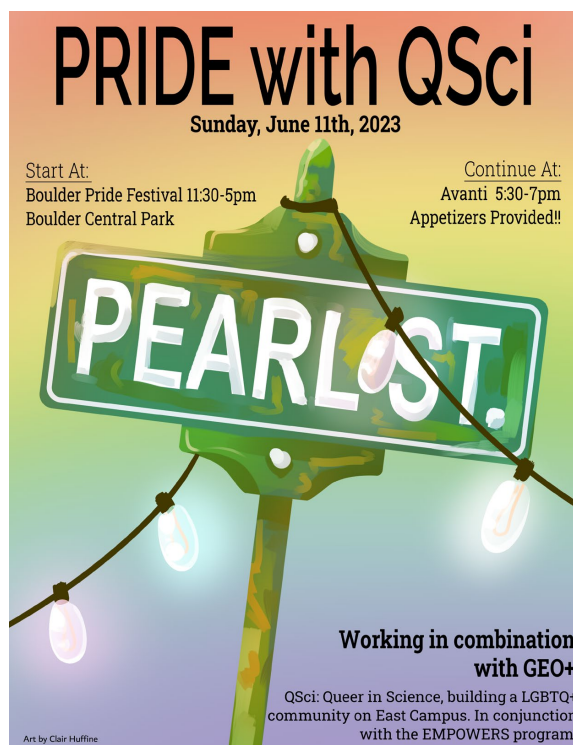
**21 June:** Clair Huffine- Cameron lab

**28 June:** Olivia Luyties- Taatjes lab

## Social Events

### QSci

Come hang out with QSci at the Boulder Pride Festival on June 11th and for Happy Hour afterward! Appetizers provided! **Start:** Boulder Pride Festival, 11:30 - 5pm, Boulder Central Park **Continue at:** Avanti, 5:30-7pm, Appetizers provided!! Working in combination with GEO+



For questions about QSci events, collaborations, and getting involved, email Rosie Garris ([rosanna.garris@colorado.edu](mailto:rosanna.garris@colorado.edu))

## Updates from P2P

P2P is hosting an in-person Biochemistry Alumni Networking Event on Thursday,

June 22nd from 5:30-7:30 pm! The event will be catered and hosted by BioMed Realty with the official location to be sent out by email soon. Please, join us and connect with Department of Biochemistry alumni who currently hold positions at companies in the area. [RSVP here](#) so that BioMed Realty can appropriately order food and drinks for the event.

## Outreach and Teaching Opportunities

### Updates from the Center for Teaching and Learning

From Briana Aboulache: It has been my pleasure serving the Biochemistry Department this past year as the CTL (Center for Teaching and Learning) Lead! I hope you found some useful teaching strategies and resources and I wish you all the best on your future teaching journey.

I'm excited to be pass the torch onto the next CTL Lead, Henry Valle-Ayala who will lead the way with everything teaching-related this upcoming year.

If you are interested in receiving teaching announcements throughout the year, please fill out this [form](#) to receive periodic teaching-related emails. You can check out the CTL certificates [here](#), track your certificate [progress](#), and find all upcoming CTL workshops/events [here](#).

### Updates from SCOPE

S.C.O.P.E. had a super fun time this past May and performed four different science experiments that spanned the "scope of the science world here on earth". In total, we had 34 volunteers spanning a variety of STEM departments here at CU and 110 6th graders at Timberline K-8 participate! You can always learn more about our curriculum and program on our website [here](#).

S.C.O.P.E. is also excited to announce the launch of our Board Member & Program Support Volunteer elections! Elections have been extended and end on Tuesday, June 13th at 5:00 p.m. (The elections may be extended depending on interest.) Applications are available on our [website](#). Check out our [bylaws](#)

to learn more about our program and our positions. You can also stay updated regarding who has applied to each position [here](#) and it will be refreshed at 5:00 p.m. every business day of elections. If you have any further questions, you are welcome to email us at [scope.colorado.edu](mailto:scope.colorado.edu).



*If you have an outreach opportunity you're excited about, please [let us know](#) so we can share it in the next newsletter.*

## Department Spotlight

*This is the section where we brag about something cool one of our fellow biochemists is doing outside of their research. Each month, we draw the name of one of our departmental colleagues at random to feature.*

This month we're featuring Erin Richards!

Hi! My name is Erin Richards, a fifth-year graduate student in Amy Palmer's lab. I'm trying to develop (or, at least, more rigorously characterize) fluorescent tools to image RNA in live cells. I'm pretty involved in the Biophysics Training Program, Colorado RNA Club, the department's Peer-to-Peer Mentoring Program, and the CU's Center for Teaching and Learning. I and my whole extended family are from Minot, North Dakota, and I dearly miss all of the German-American and Scandinavian-American foods that I grew up with, along with the other midwest classics like hotdishes and cookie "salads". I genuinely enjoy being around other people more than anything else, and I spend a lot of my time with my friends playing cards or board games, trying new restaurants and breweries, doing the New York Times crossword puzzle, and going to concerts and sporting events. If you're looking for a new friend in the department, I'm more than happy to grab a coffee any time!



## Resources and Involvement Opportunities

### **Consolidated list of resources from the Office of Financial Aid**

This comprehensive [list of crisis resources](#) provides free tools for dealing with wellness, health, financial hardship, and other challenges.

### **Incident Reporting Resources**

Follow this [link for resources and support](#) in reporting concerns or incidents that you are aware of.

### **Center for Teaching and Learning (formally GTP)**

To learn about CTL, visit their [website](#) or contact the department CTL lead [Chelsea Toner](#).

### **Counseling & Psychiatric Services (CAPS)**

[CAPS](#) offers confidential, on-campus mental health and psychiatric services for a variety of concerns such as academics, anxiety, body image, depression,

relationships, substance use and more. CAPS is available for in person and telehealth (virtual) appointments from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. All services will be held virtually through telehealth.

Services offered include counseling, psychiatry, workshops, process therapy groups, skill-based therapy groups, informal consultations, suicide prevention, eating concerns, ADHD treatment, addressing substance use, canine-assisted therapy, and virtual reality therapy.

## **oSTEM (Out in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math)**

To learn more about oSTEM, visit their [website](#) or attend their [weekly meetings](#) on Mondays at 6:00 pm.

## **Buff Pantry**

CU Boulder students can pick up food from Buff Pantry on a weekly basis. Visit their [website](#) for details.



### **United Campus Workers**

To join or get more involved in UCW, visit their [website](#).



### **CU Café**

To learn more or get involved in CU Café, visit their [website](#).



### **Women in Science and Engineering (WiSE)**

To join or get more involved with WiSE, visit their [website](#) or contact [Katelyn Long](#).