Announcements & Updates

- **Congratulations are in order....**
  Karen Clark who passed her comprehensive examination last week! Stephanie Haase and Tanner Koomar—who both received a Graduate College Summer Fellowship!

- **Upcoming Thesis Seminars**
  Hannah Seberg (Cornell Lab, Anatomy and Cell Biology) “Transcription Factor AP2 paralogs in melanocytes and melanoma” - April 5, 2018 (Thursday) at 9-10am in 2117 MERF
  Sophia Gaynor - (Willour Lab, Psychiatry) “Genetic and Functional Approaches to Understanding Suicidal Behavior” - April 13, 2018 (Friday) at 9-10am in 2117 MERF
  Lisa Lansdon - (Manak Lab, Biology) “The role of structural variation in cleft lip and palate” - April 18, 2018 (Wednesday) at 1-2pm in 1459 PBDB

- **Special Topics in Genetics Seminar Series: The Genetics of Aging**
  - RE-BOOKED April 2, 2018 (Monday) at 4pm in location TBD “Central control of aging in Drosophila” - Scott Pletcher, PhD, William H. Howell Collegiate Professor of Physiology; Professor, Molecular & Integrative Physiology, University of Michigan, School of Medicine
  - April 9, 2018 (Monday) at 4pm in 101 BBE “Drosophila as a model of human neurodegenerative disease: Insight into stress” - Nancy Bonini, PhD, Florence R.C. Murray Professor, Biology, University of Pennsylvania
  - April 23, 2018 (Monday) at 4pm in 101 BBE “Stem cells, aging, and proteostasis: identifying interventions to extend life span” - Heinrich Jasper, PhD, Staff Scientist, Immunology Discovery, Genentech, Inc.; Professor, Buck Institute for Research on Aging
  - April 30, 2018 (Monday) at 4pm in 101 BBE “Buying time: Adventures in Suspended Animation” - Mark Roth, PhD, Principal Investigator, Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center

- **Student Seminar** dates are as follows. Lunch will be provided. Read abstracts.
  - April 2, 2018 (Monday) at 11:00am - 12:00pm, 1117 MERF: Sophie Gaynor & Stephanie Haase
  - May 14, 2018 (Monday) at 11:00am - 12:00pm, 1117 MERF: Emily Fox & Matt Cring

- **Graduate College would like your feedback**
  You have been hearing from university leaders in recent weeks, inviting you to participate in a survey to tell us about your experiences so far as a student at UI. We hope you will respond to their email messages by taking the survey. It will give us useful information for our department, and it will help us make sure the views of our department’s students are represented when the university looks at the survey results as a whole. You can take the survey by going to www.uiowa.edu/seru/tell-us. The survey takes most students about 25-30 minutes, and students who take the survey will be entered in a weekly prize drawing. For more information, see www.uiowa.edu/seru/students or contact seru@uiowa.edu.

- **Graduate Student Appreciation Week...April 2-6**
  The Graduate College has joined with the Graduate Student Senate and the Graduate and Professional Student government to host a week-long celebration of graduate students. Registration form to get involved and full schedule of events can be found here.

- **Summer Registration**
  Registration for summer 2018 is now open. Please register yourself if you have a need to be registered during the summer. Examples of this might include:
  ~ Received a Graduate College Summer Fellowship for 2018
  ~ Presidential or Deans Fellowship with support for summer 2018
  ~ Received Graduate College URM Pre-Comp Summer Mentor award for 2018
  ~ Graduate College Iowa Recruitment fellow with summer support
  ~ Planning to graduate during summer 2018
  ~ Taking comps during summer 2018
  Please complete this by April 2 — as I will need to request tuition payments by April 13. GENE:7301 (Graduate Research in Genetics) is available for registration in summer 2018.

- **Department of Biology Seminar Series** Spring seminar schedule can be found here

- **SAVE THE DATE**
  - May 14, 2018 (3-5pm) in 106 BBE: Genetics Program, 1st Year Rotation Talks (attendance expected and tracked of all GENE students)
  - May 23, 2018 (1-3pm) in 2117 MERF: Genetics 2018 Annual Business Meeting (students and faculty welcome)