

Graduates Working in Science (GWIS) 2026-2027

To be held in person the third Thursday of each month from 3 p.m. – 4 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

September 28, 2026

MONDAY

SMD Large Aud

2-6424

Mary C. Mullins, PhD, Professor, Department of Cell & Developmental Biology, Perelman School of Medicine, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA
“An Unlikely Scientist: Grit, Risk, and the Road to Academia”
Host: Dr. Marlies Rossmann (co-sponsored by the Department of Biology)

October 15, 2026

Lower Adolph Aud

1-7619

Ximena Barros Álvarez, PhD, Principal Scientist II, Structural Biology, Schrödinger Therapeutics Group, Boston, MA
“From Curiosity to Impact: My Journey Through Structural Biology, Drug Discovery, and Leadership”
Host: Dr. Makaía Papasergi-Scott

November 19, 2026

Lower Adolph Aud

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Isaac Fianu, PhD, Assistant Professor, Department of Biochemistry, Caltech, Pasadena, CA
“Beyond the Consensus Sequence: Thriving on a Non-Linear Career Path in Science”
Hosts: T32 past trainee, MaryClaire Haseley and Dr. Eric Wagner, PI

Dr. Isaac Fianu will also present a seminar in the Department of Biochemistry & Biophysics series on Wednesday, November 18th titled “The Early Finish: How Premature Transcription Termination Fine-Tunes Gene Expression” at 2 p.m. in K-307 (3-6408).

December 3, 2026

Lower Adolph Aud

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Eric Wagner, PhD, Professor, Department of Biochemistry & Biophysics, University of Rochester, Rochester, NY
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Makaía Papasergi-Scott, PhD, Assistant Professor, Department of Biochemistry & Biophysics and Department of Pharmacology & Physiology; Scientific Director, Structural Biology Imaging Resource, Center for Advanced Research Technologies, University of Rochester, Rochester, NY
“Financial Aspects of Directing a Research Lab at an Academic Medical Center”
Host: Dr. Lynne Maquat

GWIS is chaired by **Lynne Maquat, PhD** and co-chaired by **Makaía Papasergi-Scott, PhD**
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