



# Society for Viral Studies



GBM #1  
January 18th, 2022

Please sign-in up front!

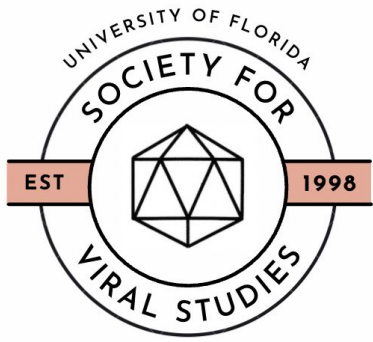
# What is the Society for Viral Studies?



We aim to encourage scientific discussion, research, and exploration with UF's undergraduate students who are interested in a career in science! We host a variety of meetings, guest lectures, socials, volunteer events, and trips with the common goal of developing the next generation of scientists. There is no major requirement to be involved and we do not charge dues.

Travel | Research | Mentorship | Volunteering | Leadership





# Active Member Requirements



## 01

Be a UF Student

## 02

Attend ~  $\frac{2}{3}$  of meetings

## 03

Attend ~  $\frac{1}{3}$  of events

### Benefits

- Priority for trip sign-ups
- Priority for committee positions

# Meet the Officers

**President - Hailey Ballard**



**Vice President - Brianna Garcia**

**Treasurer - Ryanne Thelwell**

**Secretary - Farah Ulfat**



**Public Relations Director - Emily Teodoru**

**Event Director - Erica Roberts**

**Trip Director - Erin Boudreau**

# Meet Our Faculty Advisor



**Dr. Niam Montazeri**

**Assistant Professor of Food Virology**

**Department of Food Science and  
Human Nutrition**

# This or That Icebreaker: Wings Edition!

**01**

Dry-rub or sauced

**02**

Bone-in or boneless

**03**

Drumsticks or flats

**04**

Mild or hot

**05**

Sweet or savory

**06**

Ranch or blue cheese



# Mentor-Mentee Program

Our Mentor-Mentee Program is open this semester for any new or interested members!

Be paired with an officer that aligns with your interests, personality, major, track, etc.



# Upcoming Guest Speakers



**Melissa Jones, PhD**



- Assistant Professor in the MCB Department
- Researches the relationship between human noroviruses and host bacteria

**Sarah Doore, PhD**



- Assistant Professor in the MCB Department
- Researches how the bacteriophage interacts with hosts

**Emily Helm;  
MD-PhD Candidate**



- MD-PhD Student in the College of Medicine; Immunology and Microbiology
- Researches norovirus virulence in mouse models



# COVID-19 Testing Information Outreach



## Project Overview

We will be educating the public on COVID testing and compiling the information they need to make it happen.



## Preparation Events

We will all get together to work on different aspects of the project.



## Volunteering

Any time spent tabling or behind-the-scenes will be counted as volunteering hours!

**Stay tuned to our new Slack channel for more information.**

# Spring Break Trip

March 5th:

- 6:15am-10:54am - Fly out
- 12pm--2pm - Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art
- 2pm-3pm - Lunch
- 4pm-6pm - Explore Elizabeth Park Gardens

March 6th:

- 10am-1:30pm - Connecticut Science Center
- 1:30pm-2:30pm - Lunch
- 3pm-4:30pm - Mortensen Riverfront Plaza

March 7th:

- 10am-11:30am - Cushing Brain Collection Tour
- 11:30am-12:30pm - Lunch
- 12:30pm-2:30pm - Explore Yale Campus
- 4:30pm-5:30pm - Mission Escape Room

March 8th:

- 1:40pm-9:08pm - Fly back

\*\*\*Please message Erin or any officer to be added into the trip channel if you are interested in going on the trip!





# Spring Break Trip Cost Estimates

Round-trip plane ticket: \$271

Airbnb: \$60

March 5th: \$5

March 6th: \$17

March 7th: \$30

**Total: \$383**

\*\*does not include meals & ubers

\*\*\*\*\*future fundraising event will be held to lower cost :)

# Scientific Literature: Journal Discussion



*AIM: Provide members with the tools to dissect and understand scientific literature!*

- Highlight various topics in virology
- Pick out & explain specific techniques within experiments
  - eg. Western blot, fluorescent antibody (FA) staining
- Open discussion among members!



# Various Announcements



Study Edge	Viral Merch	Textbook Library	Study Bank
Use the code “ufviral” and SVS gets 10% of your monthly payment!	Use the QR Code below to order, T-shirts, stickers, and graduation cords	Save money and borrow textbooks, PDFs, and lab supplies from SVS!	Check out the SVS Study bank for notes, quizlets, and other resources for classes taken by fellow members and officers!



# Campus Announcements/Opportunities

- **CALS Undergraduate Scholarship Applications are open now, and due 3/21**
  - <https://cals.ufl.edu/current-students/scholarships/>
- **CLAS Undergraduate Scholarship Applications open 2/19 and close 4/4**
  - <https://clas.ufl.edu/undergraduate/undergrad-scholarships/>
- **If you are conducting undergraduate research, consider applying to the University Scholars Program!**
  - <https://cur.aa.ufl.edu/university-scholars-program/>
  - **Highly favorable to rising seniors for the 2022-2023 year!**
  - **See Hailey with any questions**
- **The Czyz Lab is looking for a paid lab tech!**
  - <https://explore.jobs.ufl.edu/en-us/job/519938/ops-research-technician>

# Upcoming Major Events



## Panel Committee Application

Opens Monday, January 31st & Monday, February 7th at 11:59 pm

## Spring Healthcare Career Panel

Monday, March 28th at 7:30 pm | Reitz Union Room G325

## Careers in Virology Panel

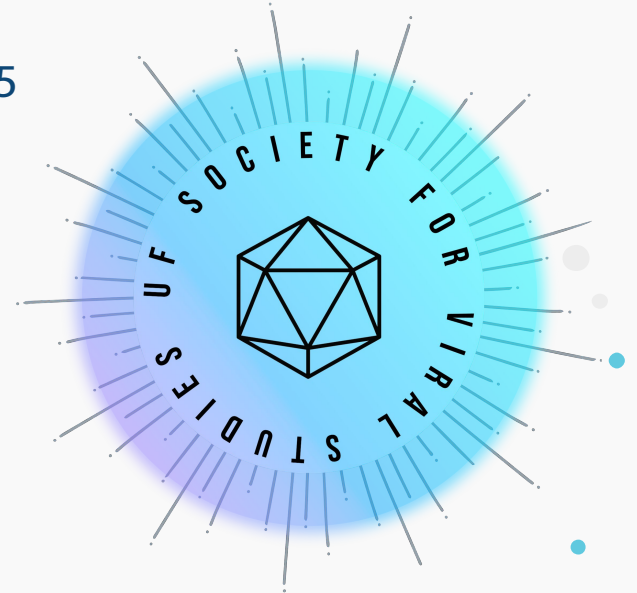
Date TBA

## Spring Banquet

Sunday, April 10th

## Guest Speaker - Emily Helm (MD-PhD Candidate)

Monday, April 11th at 7:30 pm | Reitz Union Room G325





# Other Upcoming Events – Dates TBA

## COVID Outreach Preparation Event

Very soon – Making poster, researching and working on website, etc.

## Mentor/Mentee Social

Details based on polling mentor/mentee pairs

## Fundraiser at Restaurant

Burger Fi, Yogurtology, or Jeremiah's Ice

## Other Event Possibilities

- Group Fitness Class, Game Night (virology-themed or regular), Krishna Lunch, Sporting Event, Study Social, Professional Workshop



# GBM Schedule

## SVS GBM Schedule



Join us in person or on Zoom!



Meetings start at 7:30pm

▲ GBM 1: 1/18  
REITZ 3305

▲ GBM 5: 3/14  
REITZ G325

▲ GBM 2: 1/31  
REITZ G325

▲ GBM 6: 3/28  
REITZ G325

▲ GBM 3: 2/14  
REITZ G325

▲ GBM 7: 4/11  
REITZ G325

▲ GBM 4: 2/28  
REITZ G325

Zoom ID: 228 622 3398



## The Maruniak Legacy

- ▶ **Balance your PIES**
  - ▶ **Physical, emotional, and intellectual wellbeing with sleep**
- ▶ **Remove “um” from your vocabulary**
- ▶ **Question everything**
- ▶ **When everyone says you can't, keep going**
- ▶ **Don't limit yourself; keep your options open**
- ▶ **Don't be scared to ask for help**



**Dr. Jim Maruniak**

**Club Founder**

# Final Announcements



## Facebook

Page: UF Society for Viral Studies  
[@virology.uf](#)

Group: UF Society for Viral Studies

## Join Slack

Scan QR code

See Hailey for  
assistance, or use  
directions in the email



## Website

[virologyuf.weebly.com](http://virologyuf.weebly.com)

## Next GBM

Monday, January 31st

7:30pm

Reitz G325 or on Zoom

## Instagram

[@virology.uf](#)