

The background features a dark blue gradient with several spherical virus particles, each covered in small surface proteins, scattered across the frame. A prominent dark blue horizontal band spans the width of the image, serving as a backdrop for the white text.

# Society for Viral Studies

GBM 3: October 4, 2021

# Highs and Lows

# Volunteering: Food Drive

- ▶ Please give Hailey any items for the food drive!
- ▶ Also collecting bottle caps throughout the semester

# 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

# Member Requirements

- ▶ UF student
- ▶ Attend  $\frac{2}{3}$  of meetings
- ▶ Attend  $\frac{1}{3}$  of events, including fundraisers

## Active Member Benefits:

- ▶ Priority for trip sign-ups
- ▶ Priority for non-executive board leadership positions

# Meet Our Advisor



**Dr. Niam Montazeri**

**Assistant Professor of Food  
Virology**

**Department of Food Science  
and Human Nutrition**

# Member Appreciation

Shout out a member for doing something cool!

It could be something like they got you food, you studied together, they got an A on an exam, anything!

The form will be in the email and the pinned post of polls on Slack

# Member Appreciation

Erica Roberts

Button-making master :)



# Mentor-Mentee Program

- ▶ Meet up with your mentor about once a month and take a picture to show your participation
  - ▷ Send pictures to Emily
- ▶ You should have heard from your mentor by now
  - ▷ If not, let us know!

# Committees

## Event Committee

- ▶ Erynne Peterson

## Trip Committee

- ▶ Amulya Nilakanta
- ▶ Urvi Patel

# UF Homecoming Festival

We will be tabling at the UF Homecoming Festival on Friday, October 8th from 10am-noon!

This is an opportunity to connect with both UF students and the local Gainesville community! We will be organizing outreach information, games, and other fun virology-related activities to get the community (especially elementary and middle-school kids) involved in STEM!

See Hailey after the meeting if you are interested in attending and helping organize what we will be doing!

# Trips

- ▶ Local: Fall
  - ▷ Cleveland Clinic's Lerner Research Institute
    - ▷ Focuses on emerging infectious diseases & cancer
  - ▷ November 5th-7th, mark your calendars!!
    - ▷ Meeting after GBM 4 for itinerary, discussion, sign up
    - ▷ If you are interested, see/message Erin to be added to Slack channel
- ▶ National: Spring
  - ▷ Connecticut: diseased brains & neurosurgery, physics, forensics, geology, etc.

# Button Making Social

Thanks to everyone who came to our button making social! The buttons we made will be available for purchase at the end of the meeting.



# Upcoming Events

- ▶ Viral Jeopardy!
  - ▷ Sunday, Oct. 17th from 3-4 PM
  - ▷ Zoom: <https://ufl.zoom.us/j/96879941197>

# Future Events

- ▶ Halloween social later this month
  - ▷ Plans are in the works
  - ▷ Any special requests?

# Yogurtology Fundraiser

- Today!
- We will be going as a group after the meeting



# Ongoing Fundraisers

- ▶ Study Edge
  - ▷ When you use the code “ufviral” 10% of the monthly payment goes to SVS!
- ▶ Merchandise order form for T-shirts, stickers, and graduation cords



# Viral Merchandise

Ordering is through a form that will be in the email and in the pinned post of polls on Slack

Venmo SVS Treasurer: @Ryenne-Thelwell

Options (without shipping):

- ▶ Shirts: \$15
- ▶ Stickers: \$2
- ▶ Graduation cords: \$10



# October Calendar

Today < > October 2021

Month

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
26	27	28	29 ● 12pm Office Hours: Ryani	30 ● 1pm Office Hours: Erica	Oct 1 ● 5:30pm Button Making St	2
3	4 ● 11 am Yogurtology Fundr ● 5pm Office Hours: Farah ● 7:30pm GBM 3	5	6	7	8	9
10	11 ● 11 am Office Hours: Haile	12	13	14 ● 5:30pm CALS Kickoff	15 ● 4pm Office Hours: Briann	16
17 ● 3pm Viral Jeopardy	18 ● 7:30pm GBM 4	19	20 ● 12pm Office Hours: Ryani	21 ● 1pm Office Hours: Erica	22	23
24	25	26	27	28 ● 12pm Office Hours: Emily	29 ● 5pm Office Hours: Farah	30
31	Nov 1 ● 7:30pm GBM 5	2	3	4 ● 1pm Office Hours: Erica	5 ● 12pm Office Hours: Emily	6

# Incentives

- ▶ Attend GBMs, events, fundraisers, and trips to be entered into a raffle for an SVS sticker!
  - ▷ We will be doing a raffle at every SVS event, including this GBM!
- ▶ Attend the most GBMs, events, fundraisers, and trips to win a \$20 gift card at the end of the semester

# Raffles

Win an SVS sticker!

- ▶ Button making social
- ▶ GBM 3

# GBM Schedule

- ▶ GBM 4: 10/18
  - ▷ Reitz 2315
- ▶ GBM 5: 11/1
  - ▷ Reitz 2315
- ▶ GBM 6: 11/15
  - ▷ Reitz 2315
- ▶ GBM 7: 11/29
  - ▷ Reitz 2315

# Weekly Wisdom: Virology in Public Health and Homelessness

Homeless populations face struggles that affect overall health, including:

- Access to personal hygiene
  - Hepatitis A, norovirus, and skin infections
- Limited shelter options
  - Influenza, mosquito-borne illnesses, and bed bugs
- Pressure into sex work
  - Syphilis, HIV, and hepatitis B



Interventions at the individual level include making resource kits, which include water bottles, nonperishable food, sleeping cushions, wipes, and socks.

# 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



# UF Research and Professional Opportunities

Applications are open for the [UF Center for Undergraduate Research](#) Emerging Scholars Program! The program is for freshmen and sophomores who are interested in adding a research experience to their curriculum. Students should not have previous university level research experience.

Applications are due November 19. Learn more at <http://ow.ly/I1IE50Gfio3>

# Volunteering: Making Plarn

- ▶ Plarn (plastic yarn) is made from plastic grocery bags and is woven into mats and donated to homeless shelters to use as sleeping mats

# Final Announcements

## Join Slack

Scan QR code

See Hailey for assistance, or use directions in the email



## Website

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

## Facebook

Page: UF Society for Viral Studies  
[@virology.uf](https://www.facebook.com/virology.uf)

Group: UF Society for Viral Studies

## Next GBM

Monday, October 18

7:30pm

Reitz 2315 or Zoom

## Instagram

[@virology.uf](https://www.instagram.com/virology.uf)

## Next Event

Viral Jeopardy

Sunday, October 17

3:00pm

Zoom: <https://ufl.zoom.us/j/96879941197>