

## Next Council Meeting

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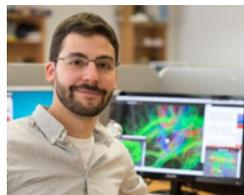
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### POSTDOC NEWS

ADVOCACY WORKS,  
SAYS FORMER SURPAS  
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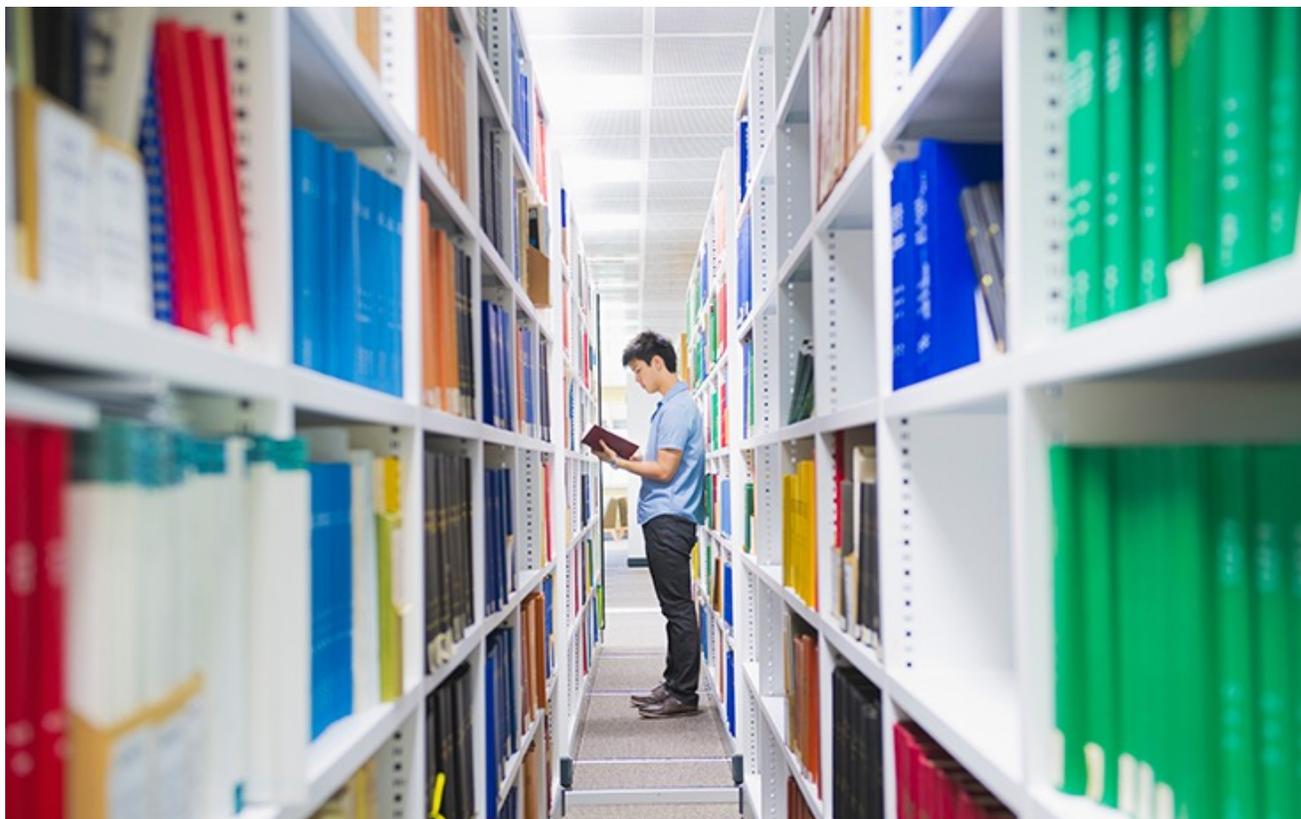
**RESEARCH SPOTLIGHT**  
SHARING BRAIN IMAGES



### SURPAS SNIPPETS

A ROOM OF ONE'S  
OWN: THE QUEST FOR  
A SURPAS CLOSET

# SURPAS MAILER



## What's up, post-doc?

- 10/12-13 SURPAS SYMPOSIUM [details](#)
- 10/13 POSTDOC HAPPY HOUR [details](#)
- 10/25 SURPAS COUNCIL MEETING [details](#)
- 11/4 SURPAS HIKE time/place TBA - stay tuned!
- 11/8 POSTDOC COFFEE SOCIAL 10am-11am, location TBA

Thanks to all who attended and helped with NPAW in September - we're already looking forward to next year! [details](#)

Attention all soccer-loving postdocs! SURPAS pickup soccer is now every Friday! [details](#)

## PostdocNews

Former SURPAS Co-chair Antoine de Morrée knows a thing or two about advocacy. Together with postdoc colleagues, de Morrée spearheaded the successful push to make the GoPass free for all postdocs. Prior to their efforts, the GoPass cost a whopping \$3000 per year. Got a spot for that in your budget?

Now, in an article in Nature published just this month, these champion postdocs are back to tell us what works when it comes to advocacy. [Take a look.](#)

## Research Spotlight

Stanford psychology postdoc Oscar Esteban has been working on new way of organizing brain-imaging data that simplifies analysis and helps researchers collaborate more effectively. [Take a look.](#)

We caught up with Oscar to ask a few questions:

*Give us the tagline for the movie trailer about your research:* The "Fixer Upper" of the neuroimaging laboratory: making sure your pipelines don't leak out reproducibility.

*Most memorable Stanford postdoc experience so far?*

Looking at a beautiful baby in the first sonogram of my wife's belly at Lucille's Hospital is unbeatable. Fun-fact: I had to help the OB find the appropriate menu in her ultrasound device. We bio-imagers, tend to create overly complicated software, maybe?

*Looking to collaborate with other postdocs on campus?* Sure! In the Poldrack lab we are interested in computational approaches to science as well as the implications for reproducibility. We use Sherlock a lot and worked with staff to make [singularity containers](#) available there (thank you Killian, Will, Mark et al.!).

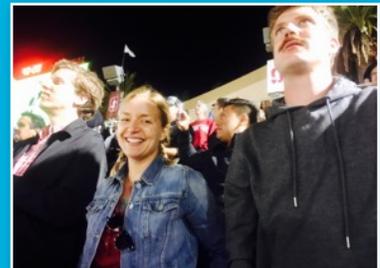
*Got a favorite lunch spot on campus?* On sunny days, I bring my lunch to a small table in a balcony of the Jordan Hall. I seldom miss my two espressos at Bytes Cafe: one with Ross around 10am, and a second after lunch.

## SURPAS Snippets

Here's what's on the radar for SURPAS this month.

- SURPAS Rules, rules, rules. The beautiful flow and efficiency of SURPAS as an organization is thanks to the vision of the

### *Postdocs at work and play*



Thanks for reading the inaugural issue of the SURPAS mailer!

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founding SURPAS postdocs, and the bylaws ([see here](#)) they drafted to guide us. But five years later, we're taking another look to integrate what we've learned and update the bylaws for SURPAS as-is. It's a lively conversation. Want to chime in? [Come to our next council meeting.](#)

- **DIVERSITY** Did you know that only 4% of Stanford postdocs are underrepresented minorities? And if you did know, can you believe it? A major focus of SURPAS this year is to change that. We can do this by making Stanford more welcoming for postdocs of all backgrounds, and initiating programs to reach and recruit a broader range of potential postdocs. And now, we'll have institutional help. D-CORE, the Stanford center devoted to diversity just opened this week. [Check it out.](#) And [join the Stanford Diversity committee](#) to help keep this important momentum going.
- **SURPAS** We know that postdocs love beer. We do our best to provide, while you all do your best to guzzle it up. But still sometimes there are leftovers, and believe it or not, SURPAS does not even have a storage closet to call its own, let alone a lounge. Got an idea about how we can get dedicated space on campus? [We'd love to hear from you.](#)
- **COMMUNICATION** Calling all wordsmiths! We're looking to expand the SURPAS communications committee. Do you have experience with newsletters, journalism, or media? Do you want to get some? We're looking for a few good folks to help with monthly emails, draft articles for media outlets like the *Stanford Daily*, and start up a SURPAS blog. [Join us!](#)
- **ADVOCACY** Word on the street is that postdocs want to be paid more. A chief ways Stanford funds fellowships and aid programs is through targeted fundraising from Stanford alumni. But... departing postdocs have never been considered alumni. Which means that fundraising targeted for *postdoc* programs is almost non-existent. We believe the time is right to challenge this. We are building a team of postdocs crusaders to fight for the right to alumni status. [Are you with us?](#)
- **LEADERSHIP** Captain, my captain! SURPAS is one captain short! In the spirit of cooperation and two-heads-are-better-than-one, SURPAS has always been run by two co-chairs. But for the past few months, our sole co-chair Anand has been picking up all kinds of slack. Are you up to the task? If you've always imagined yourself as a future CEO, department head, or group leader, now would be a great time to try that on for size. Nominees must be SURPAS council members in good status. [Find out more here.](#)

## Around Town

Here's a rundown of other postdoc-friendly events going on this month!

- **10/16** Panel Discussion: "Can We Talk about Charlottesville... and the Rise of Hate in America" ([CEMEX Auditorium 4-6 pm](#))
- **10/16** Canadian Thanksgiving Potluck ([Bechtel 7pm](#))
- **10/18** Gender Matters Symposium: Why Sex In Science Isn't Enough ([Koret-Taube 9:30am](#))
- **biweekly** Thursday afternoon Queer Coffee Chat (Y2E2 Coupa, 2pm 10/12 + 10/26; [email for details](#))
- **weekly** Friday Morning Coffee for international scholars and spouses ([Bechtel 10-12pm](#))
- **weekly** *Cafecito*: Weekly Friday Morning Coffee for Latinx scholars and allies ([El Centro 10-11am](#))