The good thing about science is that it's true whether or not you believe in it.
- Neil DeGrasse Tyson

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Our Upcoming Events

**Mark Dighton: Introduction to Practicing Law Institutes Patent Bar Review Course**
Monday, November 6th, 2017 | 4:30pm-5:30pm, Myron Taylor Hall

ASAP will be hosting a Skype discussion with Mark Dighton who will be sharing information on how to enter into the field of intellectual property and what steps are required to pass the patent bar exam. He is the Director of Law School Relations and the Administrative Director of the Patent Office Exam Course. This is a joint event between ASAP and the law school's Intellectual Property and Technology Student Association, and therefore the event will be targeted for law students. However, graduate students are also strongly encouraged to attend. Cookies and refreshments will be served. *Sponsored by GPSAFC and open to the graduate community.*

**Science Cabaret/Science Communication Workshop**
Friday, November 10th, 2017 | Time and Location TBD

This exciting science communication workshop will feature the following topics: professional online presence of scientists, training speakers for public engagement, emerging digital platforms, and the messaging triangle. This will be an informal workshop and formatted as a science café. ASAP will be cohosting the event with Mark Sarvary from the Department of Neurobiology and Behavior and Kitty Gifford, co-instructor of the Applied Science Communication course. The event will include beverages and refreshments. Additional details to come. *Sponsored by GPSAFC and open to the graduate community.*

**Take a Politican to Work Day**
December 2017 | Exact date TBD

Tompkins country legislature, Martha Robertson, chairs the Planning, Development and Environmental Quality Committee. She served as Chair of the Legislature and Chair of the Tompkins County Industrial Development Agency from 2010 – 2013.
She will be the next local politician to engage in ASAP’s unprecedented project called “Take a Politician to Work Day.” If you and your lab are interested in giving Martha a tour please contact Leah Pagnozzi at lap259@cornell.edu or Sabrina Solouki at ss3457@cornell.edu.

**Patent Law Review Panel**
Friday, January 19, 2018 | 11:00am-1:00pm

Join the ASAP and BEST program to hear about the field of intellectual property. This will be a formal discussion panel featuring patent agents, examiners and attorneys who all started off in a STEM field (science PhDs) and eventually transitioned to patent law. We have a very promising and diverse panel setup, including Cornell’s Intellectual Property Professor Oskar Liivak who obtained his PhD in Physics from Cornell University and his JD from Yale University. Lunch will be provided and students are encouraged to mingle with panelists during the lunch portion. *Sponsored by GPSAFC and open to the graduate community.*

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