

BIORHYTHMS



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New Stuff

Interested in the SEPC or what we do?? Do you have suggestions or comments for us? Come sit in on one of our meetings the first Monday of every month (11/5). We will be meeting in one of the private dining areas on the second level of the dining hall at noon-so just swipe your p-card and come on up! The more the merrier!

Look for changes coming soon on the Biology [SEPC website](#). We're in the process of updating things and putting new information about the SEPC, studying abroad and summer research.

Upcoming Events

There are biology seminars every Friday at noon, in room 2021. These seminars include student or faculty research presentations, grad school panels, or research presentations by visiting professors. Everyone is welcome and we have snacks! This week we have Marci Kirchberg '09, Marie Brault '09, and Patrick Murray '08 presenting on their summer research. If you are interested in molecular biology, biochemistry, or medicine, you should check this out.

Pre-registration starts on Monday (11/5). If you have any questions about the biology curriculum, course selection or major requirements feel free to track us down or send an email. We know a lot about the department and love to talk about it.

Keep your eyes open for the next study break coming up later this semester!

Alumni Insider

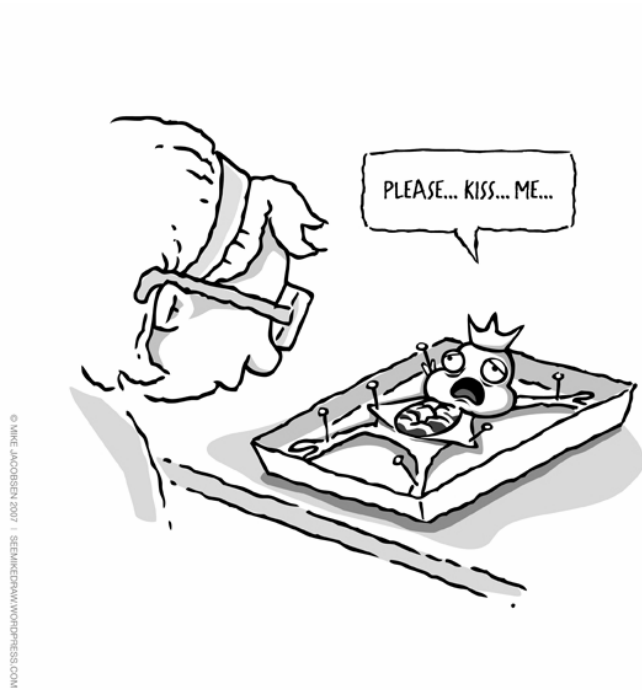
My name is Lilly Radoshevich and I graduated from Grinnell in 2004 with a biology and French double major. I am currently a third year graduate student in the Biomedical Sciences Program at the University of California, San Francisco. As you prepare for graduate school, I suggest critically thinking about why you want to attend and where you would like to spend the next five to six years of your life. For me, graduate school has been both grueling and rewarding but if I had picked this career because I did not know what else to do, the trials would have been much more difficult. On the other hand, the scientific opportunities that I have had at UCSF have been remarkable. Compared with other universities the labs are relatively small and as a result they have to be more collaborative to stay competitive. This fosters an open and welcoming environment for scientific dialogue and community. The most difficult part of my transition from Grinnell to UCSF has been the classes. Unlike Grinnell, professors here are not required to teach, which means that classes are often an amalgam of specific topics, chosen by each professor independently, and ultimately strung together without an overarching structure. Coming from an environment in which professors painstakingly craft courses with the students' benefit in mind, the transition was abrupt to say the least. To me graduate school seems to be a process that inspires self-motivated discovery and learning through research rather than traditional course work, which works well as long as you are ready for it. Finally, it is important that you pick a location that will suit you, as it will be your outlet and a larger part of your life than in college.

If you have specific questions please don't hesitate to ask! My email address is lradoshevich@gmail.com

Good luck and enjoy the rest of your time at Grinnell!

~ Lilly

Biology Comic of the Month



Random Fact of the Month

When you blush, your stomach lining also reddens.

From: <http://www.sciensational.com/>

Keep an eye out for future issues of BioRhythms! If you have any questions, please feel free to ask!

We can be contacted at [biosepc].

Your friendly BioSEPC,

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