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2026 Fall Symposium

Mark your calendars for our 2026 Fall Symposium, "***Climate Change and Public Health: Environmental Exposures and Emerging Health Risks***", taking place via Zoom on **November 5th** from 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM PST. We're bringing together an incredible lineup of experts spanning academic research, community advocacy, and applied toxicology:

- Dr. Carly Hyland, PhD (University of California, Berkeley)
- Dr. Ivano Aiello, PhD (San Jose State University)
- Dr. Rebecca Schmidt, PhD (University of California, Davis).

This event is taking place both in-person in the **Sierra Hearing Room** at the CalEPA Building (1001 I St, Sacramento CA, 95814) and online via Zoom. Please click on the link below for more information and to sign up. We look forward to your participation!



Register as an individual



Carly Hyland, PhD



Ivano Aiello, PhD



Rebecca Schmidt, PhD



Register multiple individuals

President's Message

Fall is shaping up to be a busy season for GETA! We're looking forward to bringing our community together for our Fall Symposium in November, while also creating more opportunities for students and early-career scientists through workshops and other events to share their work and connect with GETA members. Please be on the lookout for more GETA happenings in the months to come.

Thank you to our members and Board who continue to support GETA and help us build these opportunities. We hope to see many of you this fall.

Nathalie Pham, PhD, MS, DABT
President, GETA

Call for Abstracts!

GETA is now accepting submissions for our annual Best Abstract Competition. We invite undergraduate and graduate students, postdoctoral researchers, and early-career fellows to submit abstracts based on original research related to environmental and/or genetic toxicology.

Two abstracts will be selected: one student award (\$250) and one postdoctoral/early-career fellow award (\$300). Winners will also have the opportunity to give a 5-minute, in-person lightning round presentation at our Fall Symposium on **November 5, 2026**.

Abstracts are due **October 5, 2026**. Please see flyer and visit the GETA website for eligibility, abstract requirements, and information on how to apply.

Please click [HERE](#) to access the application and instructions!

GETA on LinkedIn

Follow us on LinkedIn [@GETA NorCal](#) for the latest on upcoming events, new publications, career opportunities, and emerging insights across toxicology and environmental health. We also invite GETA members to actively contribute—share your work, publications, and perspectives to help shape and elevate the conversation in this space!

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GETA Membership Benefits

DABT Information and Preparation Workshop

The Diplomate of the American Board of Toxicology (DABT) is a highly respected and recognized credential in the field of toxicology that provides professional recognition, career advancement opportunities, networking, and furthers your journey as a toxicology expert. However, preparing for the DABT is notoriously difficult and resources are limited.

GETA is hosting a DABT Information and Preparation Workshop in early December 2026. Whether you are early in your career and just looking to learn more about the DABT or you are ready to take the next step and start preparing for the exam, this Sacramento workshop is the perfect opportunity to learn more about the DABT, how to prepare, network with other prospective applicants, and get your questions answered by DABT-certified toxicologists! For more information, please contact Scott Tiscione (Scott.Tiscione@cdpr.ca.gov) or Kim Truong (Kim.Truong@oehha.ca.gov).

GETA Career Development Workshop

GETA Norcal is planning to host our first Career Development Workshop at UC Davis in mid-November 2026! This workshop will span opportunities in Industry, Government, and Academia with our experts coming together to discuss their backgrounds, career paths, and what makes each sector of toxicology different (or similar). If you are interested in participating as either a Career Expert or a Workshop Participant, please fill out the following short [form](#) before October 15. We look forward to seeing you all there!

Mentorship and Outreach Opportunities – Anthony Tercero

"Getting involved in mentorship and outreach has been one of the most enriching parts of my time as a scientist. These experiences have allowed me to connect with emerging scientists from diverse backgrounds and interests while learning to communicate my research in ways that are accessible, engaging, and relevant to younger students. They have made me a better science communicator and a more engaged and contributing member of my community" - Anthony Tercero, M.Sc. and Ph.D. Candidate in Integrative Genetics and Genomics, UC Davis.

The UC Davis Young Scholars Program and Sheldon High School Biotech Program both offer impactful ways to become involved in mentorship and outreach. They also give GETA an exciting opportunity to build lasting partnerships that could support students and strengthen our community for years to come. I strongly encourage GETA members to consider getting involved. If you're interested in working with either group, please complete this [mentorship survey](#).

If you have questions, please don't hesitate to contact me - adtercero@ucdavis.edu

GETA Members' Highlights

GETA's Mentorship Program is officially underway! This year's program connects mentees with experienced professionals across government, academia, and industry to share career guidance, professional insight, and opportunities for networking and growth.



A big thank you to all of our mentors for volunteering their time and experience to support the next generation of environmental and genetic toxicologists!

Join & Connect

Join GETA and be part of a dynamic community dedicated to advancing genetics and environmental toxicology! As a member, you'll gain access to valuable networking opportunities, professional development resources, and the latest research in the field. Additionally, students and postdoctoral fellows can join free of cost. GETA NorCal is a non-profit organization and appreciates any donations, which are tax-deductible! Visit [GETA NorCal](#) to learn more about GETA and become a member. Together, we can foster collaboration and drive meaningful impact in environmental science!



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2026 Open Board Positions

We are currently accepting (self-) nominations for the following GETA board positions:

- ◆ *President-Elect (3-year term)*
 - * *Assists with meeting logistics and membership activities and presides when the President is absent. Serves one year each as President-Elect, President, and Past President.*
- ◆ *Secretary/Newsletter Editor (2-year term)*
 - * *Maintains association records, takes minutes at board and association meetings, and prepares newsletters.*
- ◆ *Member-at-large Representative (2-year term)*
 - * *Represents Northern California GETA members by bringing their feedback, questions, and concerns to board meetings.*

To submit a nomination or ask about a position, contact Nathalie Pham, GETA President, at Nathalie.Pham@oehha.ca.gov.

Nominations are due November 13, 2026.

Career Opportunities

The following positions are open for your consideration:

- Staff Toxicologist position at [OEHHHA](#)
- Environmental Scientist positions at [DPR](#)
- Environmental Scientist positions at [DTSC](#)