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## Upcoming Events

No events scheduled for this week.

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## News

### **COVID-19: "Where are they now?"**

**Staff Member: Daphne Klemme  
(Senior Administrative Assistant)**

I am in Northford, CT. My at home office is the dining room table with a view of the living room and the world beyond the picture window. I keep busy working on purchase orders, expense reports, web page updates, and adding articles to the weekly



newsletter. My husband is working from home as well and my high school senior is attending school from home and has recently started a job as a grocery store clerk which gets her out of the house a few hours on her shift days. For fun I have discovered color-by-numbers on the tablet.



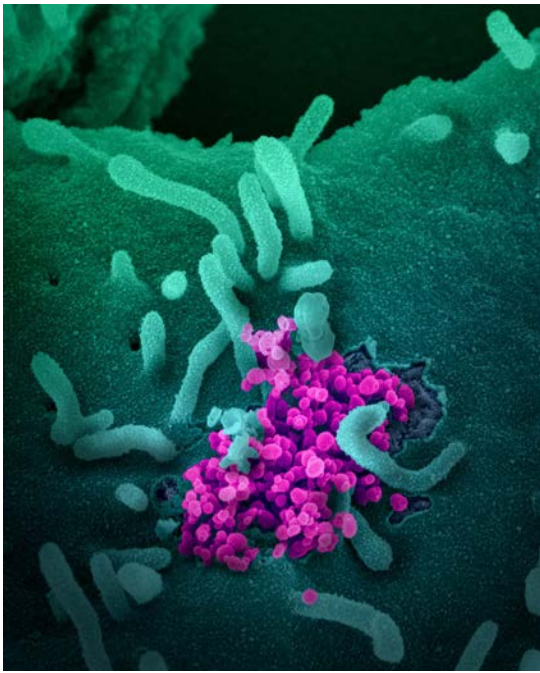
**Robby Blum defends thesis “Applying novel NMR techniques to many-body spin systems, and novel reconstruction techniques to NMR data”**

On March 9, 2020 Robby Blum successfully defended his thesis: “Applying novel NMR techniques to many-body spin systems, and novel reconstruction techniques to NMR data” (Advisor: Sean Barrett).

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**COVID-19 Update – A Message from President Peter Salovey on Direct assistance for New Haven**

The City of New Haven is preparing for the likelihood of a high number of cases of COVID-19 in the coming days and weeks. The Yale community is responding on a number of fronts: through the clinical work of our



doctors and nurses; the research and public service of our laboratory scientists, epidemiologists, and other public-health experts; and the devotion and care of a staff working tirelessly to keep Yale operational. In the days ahead, we will all be further challenged in ways we shall never forget.

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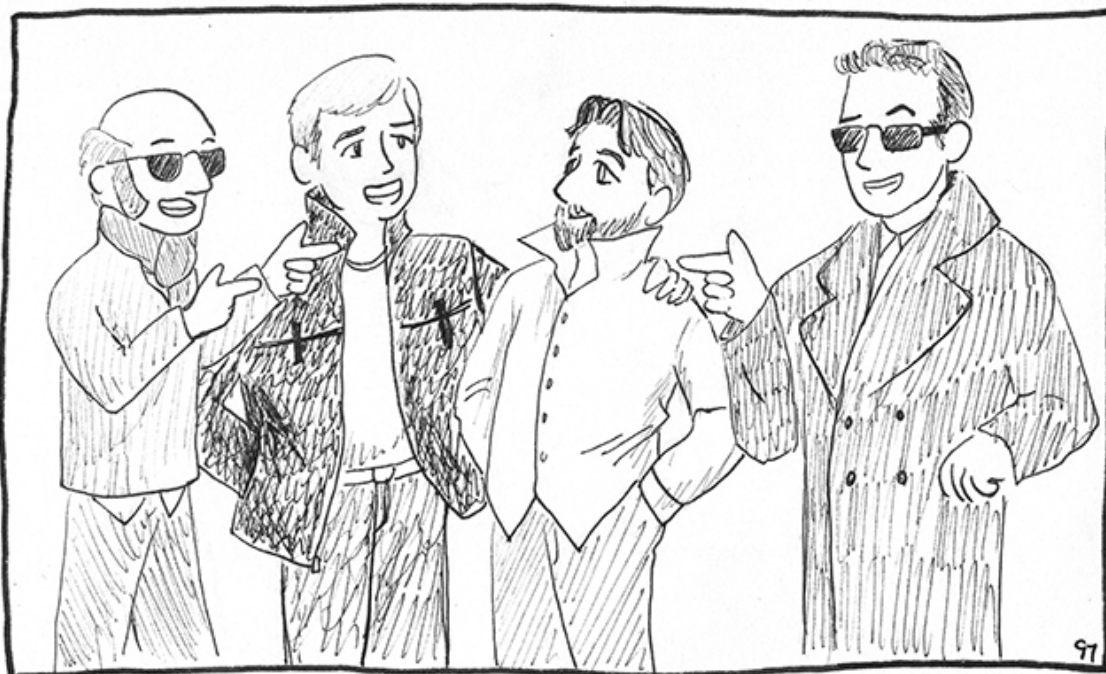
## Climate and Diversity Committee

A non-virus related article from our own SOM ( <https://insights.som.yale.edu/insights/male-scientists-praise-their-own-research-more> ) This new study shows that male scientists are more likely to use “novel,” “excellent,” and “unique” when writing about their research than women. However, the authors found no evidence that male scientists’ more frequent use of spin stemmed from their science being more novel or innovative. Why does this matter? Titles and abstracts influence what article we choose to read. Positive presentation may therefore draw more attention. Indeed, the authors found that the greater use of positive framing of results was linked to more citations and citations often serve one key metric used for hiring, promotion, pay, and funding decisions.

*If interested in joining the CDC, please contact [Helen Caines](#), Chair of CDC. You may contact the whole committee at [physics-cdc@mailman.yale.edu](mailto:physics-cdc@mailman.yale.edu)*

## Humor

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*Some of the physics professors decided to take 'supercool' in a new direction.*



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