

September, 2020 newsletter theme:

Dear Grey House team and esteemed colleagues,

Greetings lovely quaranteamates!

It's now 188 days into our mind-bending team-building adventure. Gosh.

I am NOT sending you this newsletter from our month-long cruise from Alaska to Norway, over the top of Russia!

Honest, I was surprised that almost all team members believed my fake story about the Russia cruise hoax. I'm not usually any good at practical jokes, but this one worked beyond my wildest dreams. I recycled the photos from our 2018 trips to Antarctica and Svalbard (which does have a Russian base on it, thus the signs in Russian language). I think everyone is just so desperate for a good holiday that we were all willing to suspend disbelief. Below is a genuine photo from the 2018 trip, you can see all I had to do was photoshop the penguins out, and voila!



What we did really do was journey to Bald Head Island, off the coast of North Carolina, for a short getaway, and here you see us on the ferry ride. Really!



Max and Emily are keeping my dad's dog, Josie, while we were gone.



Here's a ten-minute sabbatical for those so inclined!

https://www.the-scientist.com/speaking-of-science/ten-minute-sabbatical-67891?utm_campaign=TS_eTOC_2020&utm_medium=email&_hsmi=94467903&_hsenc=p2ANqtz-82UnBOMdJu_O5N9I6jItAorxQ1i7BV1ngqobWYteDBRnh0uyufzbYUZ0hSDwLf78i1VwfodTQ0Eupra5syob7pqnSKCg&utm_content=94467903&utm_source=hs_email

Meanwhile, here is all the OTHER news I have that's fit to print since 31 August:

FIRST THE HAPPY NEWS!

Honalee's plants have taken over her desk in Grey House!



Oscar got to go visit his grandparents in Denmark!



NEXT, THE UNHAPPY NEWS:

Our fearless leader, Richie, is unwell. We all send big hugs!



THIS WEEK'S Science-visualizations: From Sean in New Zealand:

Over here the arbiter of all things COVID is the Director General of Health Ashley Bloomfield – you can buy bags with his face on or opt for a more personal memory:

Ashley Bloomfield tattoo: Morrinsville woman's epic ink turning heads

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Dr Ashley Bloomfield has been immortalised in ink after a Kiwi woman decided to pay homage to the General Director of Health. Photo / Dave Mouat

He won the love of New Zealanders around the country and made many hearts swoon. Now Dr Ashley Bloomfield has been immortalised in ink after a Kiwi woman decided to pay homage to the director general of Health.

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The Curve Crusher - Tote Bag

BY THE BOLD.

Sold out \$20.00

Dr. Ashley Bloomfield, we salute you.

Immortalise NZ's hero of quarantine and grab yourself a sweet tote.

\$10 will be donated to Women's Refuge New Zealand with each sale of this product so they can keep providing women and children with a safe bubble.

Each tote sold will help to provide a Safe Night to a woman in need.

Find out more about Women's Refuge New Zealand [here](#).

Designed by The Bold. A design studio that specialises in branding, graphic design, and web development.

This is a pre-ordered product and will be printed and shipped within 10 - 15 working days from your purchase.

Worldwide tracked shipping available..

It says something about the size of New Zealand that over the pandemic I have written to him a number of times – and he has actually replied!!

Strange times.....

Sean

RESEARCH-PROJECT PROGRESS SINCE 31 August:

Helen and Radhika have revised and resubmitted: "DNA methylation signatures of adolescent victimization: Analysis of a longitudinal monozygotic twin sample" to *Epigenetics*. **Good luck!**

Kyle got an R&R from *Psychosomatic Medicine* on his manuscript on the Great Recession and Mortality. **Go Kyle go!**

Jasmin Emma, and Ben D. got a revise and resubmit from *Child Development Perspectives!* It was such a fast turnaround too. Very happy.

Tim Matthews and Louise Arseneault have revised and resubmitted "This is what loneliness looks like: a mixed-methods study of loneliness in adolescence and young adulthood" to the *International Journal of Behavioral Development*.

Temi and Avshalom have almost finished our grant application. More about which next week!

Aaron and Max have finished their third revise and resubmit for JAMA of "Association of childhood lead exposure with MRI measurements of structural brain integrity in midlife."

If you are working on something you want others to know about, you can let them know your own self. I'm on vacation on an island on the Outer Banks. Really.

Resources:

Duke's COVID-19 testing results for N of cases on campus and quarantined are updated every Monday and can be found here:

<https://coronavirus.duke.edu/covid-testing/>.

Don't Forget to check the American presidential race poll being updated daily by the Economist.

<https://projects.economist.com/us-2020-forecast/president>

FYI - VOTING INFO

North Carolina Residents.

You can check your NC voter registration status here:

<https://vt.ncsbe.gov/RegLkup/>

Register online if you have an NC license or DMV-issued ID here:

<https://www.ncsbe.gov/Voters/Registering-to-Vote>

Info on NC absentee voting, here:

<https://www.ncsbe.gov/Voting-Options/Absentee-Voting>

One stop website for residents of other states:

Register - <https://www.usa.gov/register-to-vote>

Early voting/absentee voting: <https://www.usa.gov/how-to-vote>

Have a serene week everyone, wherever you are! Temi



Penguin naps, photo by Avshalom