August Event Recap

With 40+ postdocs and the Vice Dean for Graduate Education Dr. Edward Scheinerman in attendance, the Farewell Lunch Party: Goodbye Outgoing and Welcome Incoming HW-PDA Board Members on August 23, 2017 in the Glass Pavilion was a success! On behalf of all Homewood postdocs, the incoming HW-PDA executive board members -- Dariush, Wen, Indra, Debjani, Yutaka, and Yumeng -- thank the outgoing executive board members -- Andrea, Xin, Miller, Soumik, and Fernando -- for their service last year. We thank our postdoc members for spreading the word out and joining us at this event. We look forward to serving all of you this year!

Upcoming Events & Opportunities on Homewood Campus & Elsewhere

NPawl Events on Homewood Campus Organized by HW-PDA

HW-PDA is finalizing events for NPAW from September 18 - 22. The list of events includes a seminar on clear communication and enunciation, professional headshots (for websites or LinkedIn profiles), elevator pitch competition with prizes, and dinner celebration. Details for the events and registration forms will be distributed via email and will be posted on the HW-PDA website and the HW-PDA Facebook page soon.

New Postdoctoral Fellow Orientation

The next new postdoctoral orientation is Wednesday, September 6, 12 - 1:30 pm. Please RSVP via email to Lynda Barker with your department or program. You will be then sent session details (location, etc.). A pizza lunch is typically included.

Fall 2017 Professional Development Program Modules

Enroll in the Fall 2017 Professional Development Program (PDP) modules to further your professional skills. The 7-week professional development modules are open and free to all Hopkins postdoctoral fellows. Find the full course descriptions in SIS or at https://engineering.jhu.edu/pdp. Direct questions to cle@jhu.edu. The following relevant modules are still open for registration:

- Build Effective Posters and Slides (EN.663.615): Thursday, 4:30 - 7 pm
- Managing People, Negotiating Outcomes and Resolving Conflict (EN.663.660): Tuesday, 3 - 5:30 pm
- Writing Articles and Technical Reports: TBD.
- Communicating Science to the Public (EN.663.643): Monday, 3 - 5:30 pm
- Improvisation for Enhanced Teamwork (EN.663.626): Thursday, 4 - 6:30 pm
The Practice of Consulting (EN.663.643): Thursday, 4 - 6:30 pm
Project Management (EN.663.643): Thursday, 4 - 6:30 pm

Highlighted Professional Development Opportunities

- The deadline for the 2017 SHPE Faculty Development Institute at the SHPE (Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers) National Conference is September 22, 2017. Travel grants up to $2000 are available. Visit here for more information on eligibility and the application process.
- The Johns Hopkins Diversity Postdoctoral Alliance Committee (DPAC) invites underrepresented minority (URM) trainees to submit abstracts for the 2nd Annual Excellence in Diversity (EiD) Symposium by September 15, 2017 for a chance to win travel awards to be used for a future conference. Instructions for abstract submission can be found on the symposium website.
- The deadline for the Scientific Writing Retreat offered as part of the Cold Spring Harbor ENABL scholarship program is September 8, 2017. Partial financial support is available for trainees (details).
- Upcoming grant deadlines for postdocs: Career Awards at the Scientific Interface (September 6, 2017), Physician-Scientist Institutional Program (September 28, 2017) & Career Awards for Medical Scientists (October 3, 2017).

Highlighted Social Events

- Former JHPDA co-president at Johns Hopkins Medicine, Stan Andrisse is spearheading a “Support College for All” rally in mid-October to ensure equality in higher education for formerly incarcerated people. Check out media coverages of Stan advocating for this cause and visit http://fromprisoncellstophd.org/ban-the-box for more information.
- The University of Maryland School of Medicine Postdoctoral Advisory Committee invites JHU postdocs to attend, free of charge, its 2nd Annual Postdoctoral Retreat on September 15, 2017, with keynote speaker Jorge Cham of PhD Comics. The Retreat also features Career Round Tables, Mini Mentoring Sessions, CV/Resume Workshop, and more! Please visit their program website for more details and register here.

Announcements

Call for Co-Social Chair Candidates for HW-PDA
Due to recent resignation of one of the HW-PDA co-social chairs, Naresh Dhanasekar, HW-PDA cordially invites nominations for motivated and enthusiastic postdocs to join us as a co-social chair. The chief responsibility of the co-social chair is working with the current social chair, Yumeng Hao, to organize and execute social events that bring the Homewood postdoc community together. You can nominate yourself or any Homwood Postdoc you know by filling out this nomination form by September 15, 2017 at 5 pm. A voting period will follow. We anticipate to fill the co-social chair position by October 1, 2017.

Important Resources
Our counterpart organization, Johns Hopkins Postdoc Association (JHPDA) supports and enhances the postdoctoral experience at East Baltimore and Bayview campuses. The JHPDA website is a wonderful resource with regular announcements for events and opportunities on and off campus.

The JHM Professional Development & Careers Office (PDCO) provides professional development and career services that include one on one career counselling appointments, grant writing workshops, career fairs, resume advice, LinkedIn clinics, mock interviews, and more. Be sure to check out the PDCO monthly event calendar and the jobs board on their website. In addition, the Homewood Career Center is working closely with HW-PDA this year to better serve career-related needs of Homewood postdocs.

The Office of Vice Provost for Research keeps a continuously updated repository of federal and private funding opportunities that are intended for postdoctoral investigators. This list was last updated on August 10, 2017. Be sure to also look through limited submission opportunities and early career opportunities. Additional funding opportunities can be found through Grant Alerts.

The Johns Hopkins Teaching Academy offers postdocs from all divisions across Johns Hopkins University, college teacher training and academic career preparation opportunities through courses, workshops, teaching practicums, teaching as research fellowship appointments and individual consultation. The three-day Teaching Institute in the summer is a particularly exciting opportunity to enhance university-level classroom teaching skills.

The Office of International Services (OIS) assists international students, scholars, researchers, clinicians, staff and faculty with visas and immigration issues. In addition, the OIS is working closely with HW-PDA this year to organize social and cultural events.

HW-PDA Executive Board

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Have any questions? Want to engage with the community and contribute to postdoc event planning, policy making, community building, and training? Have great ideas for future events? Feel free to email us and check out our:

✦ Website ✦ Facebook ✦ LinkedIn