



## October 2008 Newsletter

### ORIENTATION

New to Columbia?  
Need a refresher on benefits?

When: Tuesday, October 21  
8:30 — 10:30 AM

Where: Morningside Campus  
608 Schermerhorn

Please RSVP to:  
[postdocaffairs@columbia.edu](mailto:postdocaffairs@columbia.edu)

### APARTMENT FOR RENT

UWS ( West 110th Street)

2 bedrooms, 1.5 bath, stunning Central Park views, 24h doorman, lots of closets (closets by design), AC and shades in each room, new laundry room in the building (facing a private garden).

Close to transportation, supermarket across the street, dry cleaning in the building.

\$3400 a month, no broker fee!  
Please call: 917-2944461 or email [topjks@yahoo.com](mailto:topjks@yahoo.com).

### Halloween in NYC!!

Go see the Village Parade!!  
Starts at 7pm and runs along 6th Ave. between Spring & 23rd.

A comprehensive list of Halloween fun (for adults, kids and kids at heart) can be found at:

<http://gonyc.about.com/od/halloween/a/halloween.htm>

### OPA OCTOBER HAPPY HOUR

This month's happy hour will take place near the Morningside Campus. Details soon to follow!

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### CHILD CARE FAIR — OCTOBER 28

The School and Child Search Service and the Office of Government and Community Affairs are hosting the annual Columbia University Child Care Fair. The Child Care Fair provides an opportunity for families to gather information and talk to representatives from Upper West Side child care centers, family day care homes, preschools and nursery schools.

No registration is required; stop by anytime during the event.

Date: Tuesday, October 28  
Time: 4:00-6:30 p.m.  
Location: Morningside Campus  
Lerner Hall, Roone Arledge Auditorium

### Congratulations!!

A hearty congratulations to Professor Martin Chalfie, William R Kenan Jr. Professor and Department Chair of Biological Sciences. Dr. Chalfie, along with two others, was awarded the 2008 Nobel Prize in Chemistry "for the discovery and development of the green fluorescent protein, GFP."



### Dan David Prize

The Dan David Prize laureates annually donate twenty scholarships of \$15,000 each to outstanding doctoral and post-doctoral students of exceptional promise in the chosen fields.

2009 topics are: Astrophysics, Leadership, and Global Public Health.

Ten scholarships are awarded to doctoral and post-doctoral students at universities throughout the world and ten scholarships at Tel Aviv University. The Dan David Prize is granted according to merit, without discrimination based on gender, race, religion, nationality, or political affiliation

**Deadline: March 31, 2009**

For more information visit: [www.dandavidprize.org](http://www.dandavidprize.org)

**REMINDER: OPA is still looking for photos to feature on the OPA website. If you would like to contribute, please e-mail .jpeg files to [postdocaffairs@columbia.edu](mailto:postdocaffairs@columbia.edu). Please include a caption and how you would like to be credited on the site.**



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### NASA Postdoctoral Program (NPP)

Three application deadlines each year: November 1, March 1, and July 1

NPP offers unique research opportunities To highly talented national and international scientists and engineers to engage in ongoing NASA research in Aeronautics, Astrobiology, Astrophysics, Earth Science, Exploration Systems, Heliophysics, Planetary Science, and Space Operations.

- \* Approximately 60 Fellowships awarded annually
- \* One-year appointments, renewable up to three years
- \* Annual stipends start at \$50,000, with supplements for certain degree fields and high cost-of-living areas
- \* Annual travel budget of \$8,000
- \* Financial assistance for relocation
- \* Financial supplement for health insurance purchased through the program

Apply at <http://nasa.orau.org/postdoc>

### Survival Skills Workshops - Remaining Fall Schedule

The Graduate School of Arts and Sciences hosts "Survival Skills Workshops" that they kindly open up to all Postdocs. All programs are hosted in the Philosophy building on the Morningside Campus (on Amsterdam Avenue between Kent Hall and St. Paul's Chapel) in Room 301.

For details and pre-registration for all events, visit [http://www.columbia.edu/cu/gsas/calendar/ma\\_phd\\_events.html](http://www.columbia.edu/cu/gsas/calendar/ma_phd_events.html).

#### **Navigation and Survival Skills**

October 14	An Editor's Advice to Writers, 3:00 pm
October 16	Tips from Successful Fellowship Recipients, 3:00 pm
November 12	Managing Conflict in Academic and Professional Relationships, 3:00 pm
November 18	Becoming a Mentor, Not a Tormentor, 3:00 pm

#### **Preparing Future Faculty**

October 22	Academic Job Search From Start to Finish: Part 1— Application, Vita, Letters of Recommendation, Teaching/Research Statements and Portfolio, 4:00 pm
November 19	Academic Job Search From Start to Finish: Part 2 — Phone/Conference/ Campus Interviews and the Job Talk, 4:00 pm
January 28	Academic Job Search From Start to Finish: Part 3 — The Waiting and Negotiating Part, 4:00 pm
February 18	Untenured Faculty Life, Tenure Track and Adjunct Faculty Talk about the Job Search, First Year on the Job, and Teaching Expectations, 4:00 pm
March 11	Welcome to the Professoriate, Pedagogy, Power, Politics, and Pitfalls On Your Way to Tenure, 4:00 pm

#### **Work/Life Office Sessions for Parents (Current or future parents are welcome...)**

*Morningside Campus (All sessions at School and Child Care Search Service, 516 W. 112<sup>th</sup> Street)*

October 14	Special Needs: Advocating for Your Children in the IEP Process, 5:30 – 6:30 pm
October 16	NYC Public Schools Options: Admissions Processes and Timelines, 6:00 – 7:15 pm

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