



September 2008 Newsletter



We received him from a lab in U.S.

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HAPPY HOUR!

Thursday, September 4

7:00 p.m.

M1-5 (52 Walker Street)

This happy hour is being sponsored by the NYC Nature Network Group.

For more information, visit the Nature Network site:

network.nature.com/forums/nyc/2249

Win up to \$10,000.00!

The FQXi Inaugural Essay Contest

www.fqxi.org/community/essay

ROOM AVAILABLE

Seeking responsible non-smoke female for a furnished bedroom on Riverside Drive.

Walk to Columbia Presbyterian Hospital. Convenient to public transportation.

Please call 212-234-8589 and leave a message.

Sorry, no pets!

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

[InfoEd](#) is updated on a daily basis with new funding opportunities. If you need training on this search engine, please do not hesitate to e-mail me.

McKINSEY & COMPANY PRESENTATION AT COLUMBIA

Date: Tuesday, September 16, 2008

Time: 6:00 - 8:00pm

Location: Davis Auditorium, Morningside Campus, 116th & Broadway

Presentation Agenda:

- 6:00 - 6:30pm Introduction to McKinsey and our work, overview of recruiting steps
- 6:30 - 6:45pm Group Q&A
- 6:45 - 8:00pm Reception, McKinsey consultants available for small group and individual discussions (refreshments served)

RSVPs would be greatly appreciated. Please send to: Liz Verhagen, Recruiter (elizabeth_verhagen@mckinsey.com)

Fundamentals of the Bioscience Industry Program

The Center for Biotechnology is now accepting application for this program which is targeted toward graduate students and post docs seeking to transition into non-academic industry careers, and life science professionals that seek to enhance their productivity and opportunity for success in the corporate environment.

Information can be found at:

www.biotech.sunysb.edu/educWork/certprog/index.html

They are hosting a wine and cheese information session:

Wednesday, September 10, 2008
6pm-8pm

Nature Publishing Group Offices
75 Varick Street, 9th floor - New York, NY
RSVP required on website

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. Please include a caption and how you would like to be credited on the site.



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Survival Skills Workshops

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.

Navigation and Survival Skills

September 11	Working Effectively with Your Mentor, 3:00 pm
September 18	Writing Successful Fellowship Applications/Proposals, 1:30 pm
September 25	Publishing with a University Press, 3:00 pm
October 7	Writing Successful Fellowship Applications/Proposals, 12:00 pm
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

September 24	Strategic Planning for Your Academic Career, 4:00 pm
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. 112th Street)

September 9	Early Child Care Options: Admissions Processes & Timelines, 6:00 – 7:15 pm
September 11	Independent School Opportunities: Admissions Processes & Timelines, 6:00 – 7:15 pm
September 25	Diversity Admissions: NYC Independent Schools, 5:30 – 6:30 pm
October 7	Financial Aid: Independent School Education, 5:30 – 6:30 pm
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

Columbia University Medical Center Campus —701 West 168th Street, HSC - Room 312

September 17	Child Care, Independent and Public School Options: Admissions Processes and Timelines, 4:00 – 5:20 pm
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Questions? Comments? E-mail postdocaffairs@columbia.edu.