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**Career/Professional Development Events:**

- **Winter Career Counseling Sessions**

Did you know that the Office of Postdoctoral Affairs offers one-on-one career counseling to postdocs? These individualized sessions are intended for you to discuss career-related topics such as career exploration strategies and how to initiate a job search inside or outside of Academia. Alternatively, one could utilize this session to receive feedback on their CV, resume, and/or cover letter, or participate in a mock interview.

Winter Career Counseling Hours through January 16th: Mondays, 11am-2pm and Wednesdays, 1:30pm-3:30pm. Please see <http://postdocs.columbia.edu/careerdevelopment.html> for instructions on how to sign up for a career counseling session.

New career counseling session hours for dates beyond January 16<sup>th</sup> will be announced later in January along with additional instructions for sign up.

- **Panel on Careers in Industry**

A panel focused on careers in Industry will take place in the early evening of January 13<sup>th</sup> at Columbia University. This career panel session is part of a monthly career panel series for doctoral level graduate students and postdocs at Columbia University. The goal of the career panel series is to expose trainees to a broad range of career options available to them and provide a forum for trainees to learn about the experiences of individuals who have transitioned into these careers following their graduate or postdoctoral training. The panelists will respond to moderated questions in the first half of the event, after which questions from audience members will be addressed.

The Panelists have a variety of training backgrounds, including biomedical, computational/structural biophysics, chemical physics, and electrical engineering. The panelists include:

Alison Crawford, PhD  
Scientist at Regeneron Pharmaceuticals

Brian Tull, PhD  
Vice President, Research & Development at Lumioide, Inc.

Jennifer Johnston, DPhil  
Senior Scientist at Merck

Robert Abel, PhD  
Vice President, Scientific Development at Schrödinger Inc.

Maria Gorlatova, PhD  
Product Manager at D.E. Shaw Research

Date: January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015  
Time: 6:00-7:30 pm with networking reception from 7:30-8:30 PM with light refreshments.  
Where: Hammer Health Sciences Building, Room 301 (CUMC)  
RSVP: <https://calendar.columbia.edu/sundial/webapi/register.php?eventID=75627>

- **Postdoc Seminar Series - Next Session on Tuesday, January 20th**

A monthly seminar series given by Columbia University postdocs featuring:

**A “TED” style talk** - A 10-15 minute presentation designed for a broad audience. Lose the jargon and data rich slides and tell us the story of your research to convey its significance. This format is ideal for those on or soon to be on the job market.

**A traditional research seminar** – A 20-30 minute standard research seminar presentation. Set up the context of your research and then show us your experimental approach, data, and conclusions. We’ll give you feedback and perhaps a perspective you had not thought of before.

To occur at noon on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month - free lunch provided. All postdocs are encouraged to attend and learn about the research projects being undertaken by their Columbia postdoc peers.

*\*campus location, Morningside or Medical Campus, will vary based on speakers for session.*

**\*\*Our 3<sup>rd</sup> session will take place Tuesday, January 20th featuring the following talks:**

**Why we care about how a seizure ends**

(TED-style talk)

By Elliot Smith, *Department of Neurological Surgery*

And

**Phage-bacteria network analysis and implications for disease**

(Traditional research seminar)

By Nitzan Soffer, *Department of Environmental Health Sciences*

**CUMC**

Date: Tuesday, January 20<sup>th</sup>  
Time: 12:00pm—1:00pm  
Location: Hammer Building, room LL209 A/B

Speaker nominations for the February 17<sup>th</sup> session as well as sessions in Spring 2015 are currently being accepted.

Send your self-nominations to [postdocaffairs@columbia.edu](mailto:postdocaffairs@columbia.edu) with the subject line "Postdoc Seminar Series Speaker Nomination". *Nominations should include speaker's choice of "TED" style talk or traditional research seminar as well as preference for session date and campus to hold session (Morningside or Medical Campus).*

- **Faculty Applications Part I: the Academic CV – Workshop is now fully booked**

The Academic CV may likely be the first glimpse an academic search committee has of your application. The CV may convince a committee member to read on, or it may not. This ninety minute hands-on workshop will provide guidelines for building commanding and informative CVs (along with a few tips regarding the accompanying cover letter). Attendees will learn: 1) how to succinctly and persuasively present key qualifications and experience; 2) how to tailor the CV to a specific department and position; 3) how to format a CV appropriately; and 4) how to highlight individual achievements and interests so that your document stands out and gets noticed. Attendees will have opportunity to share CVs and to receive feedback and advice.

Date: January 15th

Time: 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.

Location: Morningside Campus, exact location TBD

Registration required: <https://calendar.columbia.edu/sundial/webapi/register.php?eventID=75831>

Limited to: 25

- **Postdoc Council Member Recruitment:**

Are you interested in representing your fellow postdocs and gaining leadership experience? If so, you might be interested in joining one of the postdoctoral councils that have been established for the Morningside and Medical campuses. Each postdoctoral council meets once a month (often times with free lunch) with the Office of Postdoctoral Affairs to discuss, plan, and help carry out social and career development events. Postdoctoral council members also represent their postdoc communities and can relay any suggestions/feedback to the councils and the Office of Postdoctoral Affairs. As a token of appreciation for serving on the postdoctoral council, Postdoctoral council members receive an annual membership to the New York Academy of Sciences (NYAS). If you are interested in serving on one of the postdoctoral councils, please send me an email at [rf2531@columbia.edu](mailto:rf2531@columbia.edu).

- **Office of Postdoctoral Affairs LinkedIN Group – Job ads and Career articles**

Do you have a LinkedIN account? If not, you should – networking is invaluable for landing the position you will seek following your training. If you do have a LinkedIN account, you should strongly consider joining the Columbia University Postdocs and Postdoc Alumni Group on LinkedIN. You can join the private group by searching for 'Columbia University Postdocs and Postdoc Alumni' under groups and submitting a request to join. The group has grown to 580 members, and beyond current Columbia Postdocs, there are also numerous Columbia Postdoc

Alumni members that are employed across many different career sectors. The Office of Postdoctoral Affairs frequently receives position openings and job ads from employers both within and outside of Academia and we post these job ads exclusively on the LinkedIn group page. We also post relevant and timely career articles and pieces about the job market, professional and career development topics, and advice columns. Join the group today to start taking advantage of this great resource!

- **Office of Postdoctoral Affairs Website**

Did you know that the Office of Postdoctoral Affairs (OPA) maintains a website ( <http://postdocs.columbia.edu/> ) containing a wealth of information for postdocs? What types of information can be found on the OPA webpage? The Postdoc handbook with policies and procedures around being a postdoc at Columbia, the OPA monthly events calendar, funding opportunities, as well as career resources with listings of groups to join, webpages to browse, and job search sites to utilize. This is by no means an exhaustive list, so be sure to take a spin through the OPA webpage to see what information is most relevant and helpful to you. If you feel there are pieces of information that should be added to the OPA webpage that are not currently there, please let us know, as we are always looking to provide the most relevant and useful information to Columbia Postdocs.

## Social/Networking Events:

- **Postdoc Weekly Coffee/Tea Hour – Morningside**

These coffee/tea hours are a great way for you to meet other postdocs and hear about upcoming events. The coffee/tea hour is informal and you can stop by for as long as you would like.

### Morningside

Date: Wednesday, January 7<sup>th</sup>  
Time: 3:30PM – 4:30PM  
Location: Schapiro/CEPSR 1021 (10<sup>th</sup> Floor)

- **New Postdoc Orientation**

In an effort to acclimate new postdocs to Columbia University, we would like to offer a first look at the resources available at the university. Discussion includes a brief rundown of benefits and the services available to Postdocs University wide and through the Office of Postdoctoral Affairs. Postdoc orientation is bi-monthly and rotates between the Morningside Campus and the Medical Center campus. Our January orientation will be held at the Medical Campus. If you know a new postdoc here, please share this information with them, as they might not yet be on the postdoc mailing list.

### CUMC

Date: Friday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Time: 4:30pm—5:30pm (Postdoc Happy Hour to follow in same room at 6:00 PM)  
Location: Hammer Building, room 404

Please RSVP with your name, UNI, and event title to [cupostdocs@gmail.com](mailto:cupostdocs@gmail.com)

- **Postdoc Wine and Cheese Happy Hour!**

Take a break from your research and join us for a postdoc wine and cheese Happy Hour!

Enjoy a selection of fruits, deserts, cheeses and wine... on OPA!

CUMC

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Time: 6:00pm-8:00pm  
Location: Hammer Building, room 404