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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: Tuesdays, 11am-2pm and Wednesdays, 2:30pm-4:30pm. Please see <http://postdocs.columbia.edu/careerdevelopment.html> for instructions on how to sign up for a career counseling session.

- **Panel on Careers in Consulting**

A panel focused on careers in consulting will take place in the early evening of January 30<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 include:

Katherine Lelli, PhD  
Consultant at Insight Strategy Advisors

James Lee, PhD  
Associate Consultant at Defined Health

Mi Wang, PhD  
Consultant at The Boston Consultant Group

Matthew Shindell, PhD

Consultant at Campbell Alliance

Marko Stankic, PhD  
Senior Consultant at Deloitte

Date: January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015  
Time: 5:30-7:00 pm with networking reception from 7:00-8:00 PM with light refreshments.  
Where: Morningside Campus, [Davis Auditorium](#) in the CEPSSR Building  
RSVP: <https://calendar.columbia.edu/sundial/webapi/register.php?eventID=76231>

- ***Faculty Applications Part II: the Academic Interview***

In large part, the recipe for a successful academic interview is a combination of preparation, practice, and confidence. In this workshop, attendees will learn about: 1) the different and distinct elements that make up an academic interview; 2) tips to help you prepare for your academic interview; 3) effective responses to questions that are commonly asked at academic interviews; 4) and appropriate behavior, dress, and follow-up etiquette that will help you present yourself as future faculty. Attendees will have opportunity to practice responses to key questions and to ask questions about areas of concern.

Date: January 29th

Time: 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.

Location: Morningside Campus, exact location TBD

Registration required: <https://calendar.columbia.edu/sundial/webapi/register.php?eventID=76285>

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:**

- **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

Date: Friday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Time: 6:00pm-8:00pm  
Location: Hammer Building, room 404