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- Postdoc Open Bar Happy Hour

**Career/Professional Development Events:**

- **Medical Science Liaison Career Talk**

  Alexandria Wise, PhD, a medical science liaison with Genzyme and a recent Columbia University Postdoc Alum, will give a talk on medical science liaison careers in the evening of Wednesday, June 10th. Alexandria will discuss what being a medical science liaison entails, offer advice for those interested in pursuing this career, and share information about her own career trajectory. She will give an informal talk for the first 30 minutes and then address questions from the audience.

  **Date:** Wednesday, June 10th
  **Time:** 6:00-7:00 PM
  **Location:** (CUMC) Hammer Health Sciences Building, Room 305

- **FBI Info Session and Recruitment Event**

  Representatives from the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) will visit Columbia University on Thursday, June 11th to lead an information session about careers in the FBI for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (S.T.E.M.) PhDs. The event will also serve as a recruitment event since the FBI New York Office (FBI NYO) is currently looking to hire several individuals with S.T.E.M. PhDs for positions within the FBI NYO. The FBI has provided the following information about the session on June 11th:

  We are unique individuals. We're a tight-knit team. We are independent thinkers. We share a common mission: to fight crime, to protect America’s security, to contribute to the nation’s Intelligence community, and to make our world better. Discover why now, more than ever, there is no other career like an FBI career.

  S.T.E.M recruitment: the FBI NYO is actively recruiting individuals with a S.T.E.M background for Analyst, Computer Scientist, Computer Forensic and Special Agent positions.

  S.T.E.M recruiting event at Columbia University: Special Agents with S.T.E.M degrees who work in various divisions in the NYO will discuss their backgrounds and a career at the FBI.
What to know before the information session.
The FBI has certain requirements for employment. All applicants must:

- Be a US citizen
- Qualify for a Top Secret clearance
- Not have a felony record
- Be current on any student loan payments
- Pass a polygraph
- Agree to work for at least one year
- Be in compliance with our drug policy

For more information, visit [www.fbijobs.gov](http://www.fbijobs.gov).

**Date:** Thursday, June 11th  
**Time:** 2:00-3:00 PM  
**Location:** (Morningside) Hamilton Hall, Room 302  

### How to conduct research that gets published and noticed – a monthly series for postdocs

Publishing one’s research in a top tier journal is often the goal for both a postdoc and their PI. This accomplishment, first and foremost, requires innovative and groundbreaking research. Not to be overlooked though, are the steps and processes taken when conducting the research that eventually may lead to a high impact publication. In this monthly seminar series we will examine the research life cycle for a postdoc from research design best practices through considerations for getting a publication noticed. Throughout the series we will use the theme of publishing one’s research to delve into topics related to conducting research with integrity. The series will run from the months of April through November occurring from 12-1 PM on the third Thursday of each month at CUMC with lunch provided. Further information about the entire series can be found at: [http://postdocseries.wikischolars.columbia.edu/home](http://postdocseries.wikischolars.columbia.edu/home)

The third session of the series will be held on Thursday, June 18th from 12-1PM and will focus on clean data collection and resources from the libraries around data collection and analysis. This session will be led by Ashley Jester, Ph.D., the Data Services Coordinator in the Digital Social Sciences Center

**CUMC**  
**When:** Thursday, June 18th, 12-1 PM (lunch provided)  
**Where:** (CUMC) Hammer Health Sciences Building, Room LL108A/B  

### 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 630 members, and beyond current Columbia Postdocs, there are also numerous Columbia Postdoc Alumni members that are employed across many different career sectors belonging to the group. 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!
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- 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: Thursday, June 11th
Time: 3:30PM – 4:30PM
Location: Philosophy Hall 301 (Graduate Student Center)

- Postdoc Day Hike

Join us on Saturday, June 13th for a postdoc day hike along the cliffs of the Hudson river. We will be hiking a segment of the Long Path which begins just over the George Washington Bridge on the New Jersey side and runs 356 miles north past Albany, NY. The long path passes by Columbia University’s Lamont campus, and we will use this as a starting point for our hike. We will begin our day by meeting at 8:40 AM on 120th street between Broadway and Amsterdam Ave in order to take the Columbia University Lamont campus shuttle bus to the Lamont campus. Please note that this is the only shuttle bus running to the Lamont campus on Saturdays. After taking a quick walk around the Lamont campus, we will travel south along the Long Path, taking in the tremendous views from atop the cliffs of the palisades of the Hudson river, the opposing NY shoreline, and eventually, NYC. We will hike ~14 miles along the Long Path to the George Washington Bridge, cross over the bridge and end our day at Columbia’s medical campus. The hike should take around 7-8 hours. For those interested in a less rigorous hike, there will be the option of hiking for a total of ~4 hours with a return back to the Lamont Campus to take the 5 PM Lamont Shuttle Bus that will drop off at the Morningside Campus. More information about the trail can be found at http://www.nynjtc.org/book/1-george-washington-bridge-nynj-state-line. This day hike will be limited to 30 postdocs as space is limited on the Lamont shuttle bus. Postdocs participating in the day hike must sign and return a release waiver. If interested in going on this day hike trip, please email cupostdocs@gmail.com with the subject line “Day Hike”.

- 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 held every other month and rotates between the Morningside Campus and the Medical Center campus. Our June orientation will be held at the Medical Center 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.
Morningside
Date: Friday, June 19th
Time: 5:30pm—6:30pm
Location: Hamilton Hall, room 302

Please email cupostdocs@gmail.com to RSVP.

- **Postdoc Open Bar Happy Hour – End of semester bash!**

  It’s that time again! Summer is upon us, the Spring semester is over, and it’s time you celebrated. Enjoy some appetizers, a few pints of beer, glasses of wine, or well drinks… on OPA! Open bar with free appetizers for 2 hours.

Morningside:
Date: Friday, June 19th
Time: 7pm—9pm
Location: The West End Lounge ([955 West End Avenue, at West 107th & Bway, NYC](https://www.google.com/maps/place/955+West+End+Avenue,+at+West+107th+&+Bway,+NYC) )