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Career Development Events:

Office of Postdoctoral Affairs

- **MPC Special Event: *Staying the Course and Creating New Pathways*—a talk by Shirley Malcom**

The Minority Postdoc Coalition (MPC) of Columbia University is honored to announce that Dr. Shirley Malcom will deliver an insightful talk on persistence even in the face of an uncertain future to the postdoctoral and graduate student community at Columbia University on August 6th. Dr. Malcom will also dedicate a portion of her talk to speak about exploring careers outside academia.

Dr. Shirley Malcom is head of the Directorate for Education and Human Resources Programs of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS). The directorate includes AAAS programs in education, activities for underrepresented groups, and public understanding of science and technology.

After working as a high-school science teacher and college professor, Dr. Malcom joined the AAAS as a research assistant to survey science education programs for minority students. While there she helped to organize a conference that resulted in a landmark report, *The Double Bind: The Price of Being a Minority Woman in Science*

(1976), which she co-authored. She has devoted much of her career since then to finding innovative ways to expand professional science opportunities for minorities and women.

Dr. Malcom is a fellow of the AAAS and the Academy of Arts and Sciences, a member of the National Academy of Sciences, and a former trustee of the Carnegie Corporation of New York. She served on the National Science Board, the policymaking body of the National Science Foundation and on the President's Committee of Advisors on Science and Technology. She holds 16 honorary degrees and in 2003, received the Public Welfare Medal, the highest award given by the National Academy of Sciences.

Date: Wednesday, August 6th, 2014
Time: 4:00pm—5:00pm (networking with light refreshments until 6pm)
Location: CUMC - Hammer Building, room LL203
Registration: <https://calendar.columbia.edu/sundial/webapi/register.php?eventID=72849>

- **Individual Development Plan (IDP) Program at Columbia University**

The Columbia University IDP program will assist NIH-funded graduate students and postdoctoral researchers with the implementation of IDPs. To learn more about what an IDP is and why they are critical for postdocs to develop, please read more [here](#). The IDP program developed at Columbia University has been designed for NIH-funded graduate students and postdoctoral trainees, with a particular goal of reaching graduate students in the third and fourth year of training and postdoctoral researchers in the first two years of training. However, the program will be applicable to non-NIH-funded graduate students and postdocs, particularly those in science, technology, mathematics, and engineering (STEM) fields.

The 2014 program will commence with a three-part seminar series on IDPs:

- **August 21st, 2014:** “The Individual Development Plan: Strategically Navigate Your Scientific Career”. This seminar led by Cynthia Fuhrmann, University of Massachusetts Medical School, will cover the importance of career management, how to conduct a self-assessment, the significance of an IDP, and best practices for developing an IDP.
- **September 10th, 2014:** “Bringing Your IDP To Life: Practical Career Strategies”. This seminar led by Keith Micoli, NYU School of Medicine, will cover career exploration, formulating career goals, and implementing an IDP.
- **September 26th, 2014:** “Beyond the Elevator Speech: Understanding the Power of Networking”. This seminar led by Melanie Sinche, Harvard University, will cover the importance of networking, effective networking strategies, the value of informational interviews, and how to conduct an informational interview.

In addition, optional workshops will assist trainees in the completion of an IDP. Program participants will provide elements of their IDPs to the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences or the Office of Postdoctoral Affairs to ensure compliance, and are encouraged to share portions of their IDPs with their faculty mentors.

Following the IDP seminar series, a monthly career panel and networking reception will allow trainees to learn about a variety of career opportunities both within and beyond academia. Postdoctoral researchers may also join peer mentoring groups to discuss their IDPs, career goals, and career exploration activities, and to receive support and feedback from their peers.

For more information about the Columbia University IDP program, including registration details, please visit: <https://www2.gsas.columbia.edu/idp/>

- **First Annual Columbia University Postdoc Research and Career Symposium**

The Columbia University Office of Postdoctoral Affairs is sponsoring the first annual Columbia University Postdoc Research and Career Symposium to be held on Wednesday, September 17th 2014. The event will feature a postdoc research poster session, data science career panel, and a networking and awards reception.

Postdoc Research Poster Session:

The poster session is intended for Columbia University Postdocs to share their research with their peers and faculty at Columbia University with the ultimate goal of fostering interdisciplinary collaborations. Postdocs from any of Columbia University's Schools, Departments, Institutes, and Centers are welcome to submit an abstract describing their research or scholarly projects for consideration of acceptance into the poster session. Postdocs that are considering presenting their research as a poster should submit an abstract of no more than 300 words as a PDF or word document to postdocaffairs@columbia.edu with the email heading of 'Abstract Submission' by August 20th, 2014.

Top poster awards, including a laptop, tablet, and iPad will be announced during the networking and awards ceremony. Posters will be judged by a judging committee consisting of postdocs and faculty. If you are interested in serving as a judge on the judging committee, please send an email to postdocaffairs@columbia.edu with the email heading of 'Judging Committee' by September 10th, 2014 and further information will be sent to you about the expectations for the judges on the judging committee.

Data Science Career Panel

The data Science Career panel is intended for Columbia University Postdocs to learn about how data science can be used to answer a wide-range of critical questions, what a data science career entails, and potential career opportunities in Data Science, as well to hear the career stories of four data scientists who all have direct ties to Columbia University. The data science career panel will feature four panelists, one of which, Dr. Chris Wiggins, will give an overview of the field of data science at the onset of the panel session. The data science career panel will consist of:

Dr. Chris Wiggins, Associate Professor in the [Department of Applied Physics and Applied Mathematics at Columbia University with additional affiliations with](#) Columbia University's [Institute for Data Sciences and Engineering](#), [Department of Systems Biology](#), and the [Department of Statistics](#). He is also the Chief Data Scientist for the New York Times. (<http://www.columbia.edu/~chw2/>)

Dr. Kenny Shirley, Researcher at AT&T labs (<http://www2.research.att.com/~kshirley/contact.html>)

Dr. Kiril Tsemekhman, Senior Vice President and Chief Data Officer at Integral Ad Science (<http://integralads.com/about-integral/management-team>)

Dr. Kathy Copic, Program Director for Growth at insight data science (<http://insightdatascience.com/>)

Networking and Awards Reception

The networking and awards reception will offer the opportunity for postdocs across Columbia University to network with faculty, their peers, as well as the data science career panelists. The top poster award winners will be announced during the reception. The event will feature a selection of wines, hor d'oeuvres, as well as other beverages.

Date: Wednesday, September 17th 2014

Location: Poster Session and Reception: Hammer Health Sciences Building (4th floor) River View Lounge, Data Science Career Panel: Hammer Health Sciences Building, Room 401

Time: Poster Session: 3:00-5:00 PM, Data Science Career Panel: 5:00-6:30 PM, Networking and Awards Reception: 6:30-8:30 PM

Event Flyer: [PD research and career symposium](#)

Full event details can be found at: <http://postdocs.columbia.edu/>

- **Regeneron Site Visit: What is it Like to Work in the Bio-Pharma Industry?**

What is it like to work for a bio-pharma company? OPA has set up an informational site visit to Regeneron Pharmaceuticals, Inc. in Tarrytown, NY for **Monday, August 25th** from 10:00am-3:00pm (excluding travel time).

Regeneron is a biopharmaceutical company that discovers, invents, develops, manufactures, and commercializes medicines for the treatment of serious medical conditions. This site visit will include a company overview session, various presentations, lunch, a Q&A, and an interactive facility tour.

A Columbia University Postdoc has volunteered to lead the trip to Tarrytown, NY via Metro North Train. The group will be meeting at the Harlem-125th Street station for an 8:25am train departure. Purchase of roundtrip tickets (\$26) will be at your own expense.

Please RSVP to cupostdocs@gmail.com. Further detailed instructions will be emailed to you separately.

Please note that space is limited

- **OPA Website, Events Calendar, LinkedIn group, and Facebook page:**

Are you interested in hearing about job opportunities? If so, see the LinkedIn blurb below.

OPA wants you to hear about our events through the medium that is the most convenient for you. For many of you this might be through email and the emailed weekly postdoc digest. For others though, perhaps seeing our events advertised on our office's website, our LinkedIn group, or our facebook page might be more appealing.

Did you know that the Office of Postdoctoral Affairs (OPA) has a website? Go to <http://postdocs.columbia.edu/> to view all of the resources and information that OPA has to offer you. On the OPA website you should check out our events calendar (<http://vesta.cumc.columbia.edu/postdoc/calendar/index.php>) for upcoming events.

Are you on LinkedIn? If you are, you should join the Columbia University Postdoc and Postdoc Alumni Group: (<http://www.linkedin.com/groups?gid=3814461&trk=group-name>) . We will be posting to this group page event descriptions as well as relevant career and job opportunities. For instance, we recently posted information about job opportunities with the consulting firm, BCG. If you are not on LinkedIn, you should set up an account, as LinkedIn provides a tremendous platform for networking, career exploration, and job searching.

Do you spend even a few minutes on Facebook a day? If so, then you should join the Columbia University Postdocs and Postdoc Alumni facebook group: http://www.facebook.com/#!/home.php?sk=group_137677722958203&ap=1 . We will be posting upcoming events on this facebook group page, which will show up in your facebook feed and allow you to receive group invites to our events.

- **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.

ASCENT Computer Science and Engineering Fellows Program at Columbia University

- **ASCENT Fellows program details:**

We are excited to announce the launch of [NYC ASCENT](#), a new program for Computer Science and Engineering postdocs. ASCENT is a program aimed at **Advancing Computer Science Careers through Enhanced Networking and Training**. Inspired by New York City's emerging tech markets and advances in the fields of computer science and engineering, Columbia University, Cornell University, the City University of New York, and New York University have formed a consortium to connect the growing community of computing science and engineering postdocs with entrepreneurs, technology professionals, and senior researchers in their field.

Funded by a grant from the [National Science Foundation](#) and the [Computing Research Association](#), this collaboration will provide professional development and increased networking opportunities for its members by implementing several best practice programs during the postdoc years. These will include training in how to obtain funding, how to get published, how to develop leadership skills, how to manage independent projects, and how to apply for jobs. The program will also provide travel awards and robust career services. At the end of his or her postdoc period, Fellows will receive ASCENT Certification, provided they have met the program requirements.

A postdoc is eligible to become, and receive certification as, an ASCENT Fellow if he or she:

1. Is a Computer Science or Computer Engineering postdoc at any campus of Columbia, Cornell, CUNY, or NYU;
2. Submits an ASCENT Fellow Application through the program web site;
3. Creates an Individual Development Plan and reviews/revises it with his/her mentor at least once annually;
4. Attends at least 8 of the 12 events, workshops, or seminars offered by ASCENT each year, including the Employer Fair and Career Symposium;*
5. Participates in periodic surveys regarding ASCENT programming and their postdoc experience.

Postdocs interested in participating in the ASCENT fellows program should fill out an ASCENT Fellow Application form on the program web site at www.nycascent.org. We believe that this experience will be a benefit both to the postdocs and to their faculty mentors.

While a postdoc's primary faculty host is their most important mentor, we anticipate that other faculty and researchers will also be able to contribute to the postdoc experience. With this in mind, we are creating a mentor pool for the CS&E postdocs, consisting of faculty members from our four participating institutions, as well as individuals from the local Computer Science and Engineering industries.

- **ASCENT Fellows Program Kickoff Event:**

We would also like to invite you to attend the NYC ASCENT Program's Kickoff event, which will be held at the Microsoft Technology Center, located at 11 Times Square, on Thursday, September 4 from 5:00-8:00pm. This will

be an opportunity for you to meet other faculty members, mentors, and postdocs involved with this program, as well as the program's PIs and Senior Personnel. Please RSVP [here](#) to attend the Kickoff Event.

Columbia University Human Research Protection Office Institutional Review Board (IRB)

Do your research plans involve human subjects research? If so, you should consider attending one of the IRB training sessions in August on the Morningside campus (listed below).

Postdocs at the medical campus might consider checking for future IRB training sessions at the medical campus here: <http://www.cumc.columbia.edu/dept/irb/>

New Faculty/Postdoc/Graduate Student Training

IRB 101: Human Subjects Research Protections & How to Submit a Protocol to the CU IRB- Morningside

Date: Wednesday, August 6, 2014

Time: Noon – 2:00 pm

Location: Hamilton 703

Register at: <https://calendar.columbia.edu/sundial/webapi/register.php?eventID=72412>

New Faculty/Postdoc/Graduate Student Training

IRB 101: Human Subjects Research Protections & How to Submit a Protocol to the CU IRB- Morningside

Date: Wednesday, August 20, 2014

Time: Noon – 2:00 pm

Location: Hamilton 703

Register at: <https://calendar.columbia.edu/sundial/webapi/register.php?eventID=72413>

Columbia University Center for Digital Research and Scholarship

- **Research Data Management (RDM) and Stewardship Community Meeting**

Do you work with data used or generated in scholarship or research?

Recognizing that everyone who does faces many of the same circumstances in dealing with these data, we thought an informal group could productively work together to find solutions for common challenges in research data management (RDM) and stewardship. To encourage this type of interest across Columbia University, CDRS is inviting those across the university & its affiliates who work with, or are interested in issues of, RDM to participate in building a community of interest and support.

The email list associated with this group is CU-RDM@lists.columbia.edu. Anyone is welcome to join this list by going to <https://lists.columbia.edu/mailman/listinfo/cu-rdm>

Our first meeting is on August 21 at 3pm in Butler Library, Rm 523. Please RSVP here <http://bit.ly/RDMMeetup>. We look forward to seeing you there!

New York Academy of Sciences (NYAS)

- **Afterschool STEM Mentoring Program**

The Academy's [Afterschool STEM Mentoring Program](#) is now accepting applications for the Fall 2014 semester. The program will train eligible graduate students and postdoctoral fellows engaged in STEM fields to teach hands-on science enrichment courses to middle school students in afterschool programs at organizations like the YMCA and the Boys and Girls Clubs. Mentor placements are available in New York City, Syracuse, Oswego, Utica, Albany, Stony Brook, NY, and Newark, NJ.

Mentors can choose to teach a life sciences or computing/physical sciences curriculum and can receive an Academy Fellow Teaching Credential for completing a semester of teaching and training.

Deadline for Fall 2014 semester is August 15. For more information or to submit an application, visit www.nyas.org/AfterschoolProgram.

Social Events:**Office of Postdoctoral Affairs**

- **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, August 6th
Time: 10:00-11:00 AM
Location: Philosophy 301 (Graduate Student Center)

- **Summer Movie Nights Out**

We are announcing the sign-up for the upcoming August Movie Night! OPA is providing free movie tickets. Then after the movie, Postdocs are invited to stay with the group and go out for some drinks or food at the individual's expense. There will be an additional movie night in September.

August Movie Night Out*

Date: Tuesday, August 12th
Movie: Guardians of the Galaxy (<http://marvel.com/guardians>)
Time: Around 7pm
(Further details will be emailed out to those interested with specific time and place)

**There are only 19 tickets available. To sign-up, email: cupostdocs@gmail.com*

- **Postdoc Mailing Lists**

To help facilitate communication between Postdocs and to only receive communication about the items you are interested in receiving from fellow Postdocs, you can join one of the four mailing lists. Please read about each group below and follow the steps below to join as many of them as you would like. Once you receive access to the group, you will be able to email other members of the mailing list.

postdoc_social@lists.columbia.edu

Share, plan and discuss social events going on at Columbia or around the city. Connect with other CU postdocs. Invite other postdocs to attend social activities and events around New York City, or alert the community when something is happening at Columbia that is not hosted by OPA.

postdoc_equipment@lists.columbia.edu

Do you have a piece of equipment that you are not using in your lab? Do you need something, but don't know where to get it, or don't want to spend a lot of money purchasing something? Send an email to this list to see if anyone can help you out. Of course, all exchanges should be legal and allowed by your lab or PI. OPA does not endorse selling/collecting money through these lists.

postdoc_families@lists.columbia.edu

Get in touch with other postdocs who have children and families. Learn about events and social activities for parents, and kid-friendly events for families. Exchange opinions and recommendations for babysitters, schools, after school activities, etc.

postdoc_housing@lists.columbia.edu

Are you moving? Looking for housing? Post here and see if other members of the postdoc community have any information to share!

To Sign Up for the Mailing Lists:

1. Visit the following link(s) corresponding to the list(s) you would like to join.
 - o https://lists.columbia.edu/mailman/listinfo/postdoc_social
 - o https://lists.columbia.edu/mailman/listinfo/postdoc_equipment
 - o https://lists.columbia.edu/mailman/listinfo/postdoc_families
 - o https://lists.columbia.edu/mailman/listinfo/postdoc_housing
2. Fill out the form at the website, and submit it
3. Subscription to these lists requires approval, and you will be notified once our office approves your subscription. If you are using a non-columbia email address, please also send an email to cupostdocs@gmail.com to alert us.

Once you are member, you will receive emails from other members. To send an email to the mailing lists, simply write an email to email address (listed above).

To unsubscribe, visit the same website you used to subscribe to the mailing list. Scroll to the bottom of the page, where you will see an unsubscribe option.

Women in Science at Columbia (WISC):

- **WISC Summer Happy Hour**

Date: Thursday Aug 7th, 2014

Time: 6-8PM

Location: The Heights Bar & Grill (Broadway between 111th and 112th, second floor)

Take a break from research and come join WISC on the rooftop for our summer happy hour! Reconnect with old friends, and enjoy **free drinks** and **free appetizers**! All STEM post-docs are welcome.

Questions about this event? Can't make it but want to learn more? Please contact Ju jy2487@columbia.edu or Ruth ras2217@columbia.edu and check out our website at womeninscienceatcolumbia.org

Research Seminars:

Office of Graduate Affairs Basic Sciences Weekly Calendar

No events yet posted this week. Check the calendar links below throughout the week to see if any seminars are added.

Alternate ways to view the calendar:

View the up-to-date Basic Sciences Weekly Calendar within Google Calendar:

1. At the bottom of your calendar list on the left, click the Add down-arrow button and select Add by URL.
2. Enter the Basic Sciences Weekly Calendar address in iCalendar format address in the field provided: <http://www.google.com/calendar/ical/gsas.cumc%40gmail.com/public/basic.ics>
3. Click Add.

Or to view the up-to-date Basic Sciences Weekly Calendar in a browser without signing in to Google Calender:

http://www.google.com/calendar/embed?src=gsas.cumc%40gmail.com&ctz=America/New_York

Or view our on-line Calendar in its original format at:

http://sklad.cumc.columbia.edu/gsas/interior.php?sub=5_1