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## Career Development Events:

### Office of Postdoctoral Affairs

- **First Annual Columbia University Postdoc Research and Career Symposium - abstract submission closed**

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 17<sup>th</sup> 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. 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](mailto:postdocaffairs@columbia.edu) with the email heading of 'Judging Committee' by September 10<sup>th</sup>, 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 17<sup>th</sup> 2014

Location: Poster Session and Reception: Hammer Health Sciences Building (4<sup>th</sup> 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/>

- **Postdoc Career Counseling Sessions and Workshops**

We are pleased to announce that Ruth Longobardi will be offering individual career counseling sessions this fall. To sign up for an appointment, please visit: <http://postdocs.columbia.edu/careerdevelopment.html#opa> and

download the 'attached request form' under the 'Career Counseling Service' section. You will need to submit this form to Ruth Longobardi ([rss30@columbia.edu](mailto:rss30@columbia.edu)) in order to sign up for an appointment.

Counseling sessions will take place Mondays, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. and Wednesdays, 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. More information about individual counseling is listed below.

Ruth will also be leading four small group workshops this fall: ***LinkedIn 101: Building Your Professional Community*** (September 29<sup>th</sup>), and ***The Extraordinary Job Candidate Workshop Series***. This series will include:

***The Extraordinary CV and Resume: From Academia to Opportunities Beyond*** (October 15<sup>th</sup>), ***The Extraordinary Cover Letter: From Academia to Opportunities Beyond*** (October 22<sup>nd</sup>), ***The Extraordinary Interview*** (November 14<sup>th</sup>). All four workshops will be limited to 20 attendees. Further workshop details including times, room locations, and registration information will be provided in the coming weeks.

Please Note: Beginning in October, sign up priority for career counseling sessions will be given to postdocs who have attended a fall workshop led by Ruth Longobardi! See details below:

#### September Career Counseling

September 2 – October 3:

Sign up will open to all postdocs on August 25.

#### October Career Counseling

October 6 – October 31:

Sign up for October counseling will open to all workshop attendees on September 29, immediately following ***LinkedIn 101: Building Your Professional Community***.

October hours will open to all postdocs who have not yet scheduled a fall career counseling hour on September 30.

October hours will open to all other postdocs on October 3.

#### November Career Counseling

November 3 – November 26:

Sign up for November counseling will open to all workshop attendees on October 22, immediately following ***The Extraordinary Cover Letter: From Academia to Opportunities Beyond***.

November hours will open to all postdocs who have not yet received career counseling this semester on October 23.

November hours will open to all other postdocs on October 29.

#### December Career Counseling

December 1 – December 23:

Sign up for December counseling will open to all workshop attendees on November 14, immediately following ***The Extraordinary Interview***.

November hours will open to all postdocs who have not yet received career counseling this semester on November 15.

December hours will open to all other postdocs on November 21.

- **OmniLearn Info Session: Teaching Opportunities in K-12 Science Education**

OmniLearn is dedicated to sharing the power and wonder of science with pre K-12 students, teachers, and parents. We collaborate with classroom teachers to bring the lab bench to public and private schools across the tri-state area. We stress rigor, critical thinking skills, and creative behaviors, by modeling Nobel Laureates and replicating established protocols using real equipments.

The National Research Council second draft of the Next Generation Science Standards has been adopted by 26 states. Our company develops activities to help teachers realize these standards. We are seeking graduate students and post-docs to work full or part- time with us to elevate American education and make all citizens scientifically literate.

Date: Wednesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>

Time: 5:30-6:30 PM

Location: (CUMC) Hammer Health Sciences Building, room LL205

Registration: <https://calendar.columbia.edu/sundial/webapi/register.php?eventID=73419>

- **Individual Development Plan (IDP) Program at Columbia University – registration still possible**

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](#) and [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 commenced with a three-part seminar series on IDPs:

- **August 21<sup>st</sup>, 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 10<sup>th</sup>, 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 26<sup>th</sup>, 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/>. Registration is still possible for the IDP program, however attendance at the September 10<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> seminars will be required to meet the program requirements for certificate of completion.

- **The Faculty Application and Interviewing Process – A talk by Assistant Professor Mimi Shirasu-Hiza**

Do you aspire to obtain a research intensive faculty position following your postdoctoral training? If so, you will want to attend this talk by Dr. Michele (Mimi) Shirasu-Hiza, Assistant Professor in the Department of Development and Genetics at Columbia University. Dr. Shirasu-Hiza completed her postdoctoral training from Stanford University in 2009 prior to joining Columbia University as an assistant professor with her research focused on understanding how the circadian clock regulates specific immune functions using *Drosophila melanogaster*. She will share with the audience her faculty search experience and offer advice to those charting this career path.

In this 60 minute talk Dr. Shirasu-Hiza will discuss how a postdoc can prepare themselves (well in advance) for applying for a faculty position, the nuts and bolts of the faculty job search process, putting together the application, expectations after submission, as well as demystifying the interview process. Plenty of time will be allotted following the talk for questions from the audience.

Date: Thursday, September 11<sup>th</sup>  
Time: 12:00-1:00 PM  
Location: (CUMC) Hammer Health Sciences Building, room LL203  
Registration: <https://calendar.columbia.edu/sundial/webapi/register.php?eventID=73434>

- **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. 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](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](mailto:rf2531@columbia.edu) .

## Columbia University Neuroscience Outreach (CUNO)

- [Calling All Brain Enthusiasts: CU Neuroscience Outreach \(CUNO\) Kickoff Meeting](#)

**Wednesday, September 3rd, 7:00-8:30pm at Kolb 729, 40 Haven Avenue, CUMC campus.**

CUNO will be showcasing the many ways to get involved in neuroscience outreach activities throughout the city. Food and light refreshments will be served!

Space is very limited so a RSVP is required. Please RSVP to [rf2531@columbia.edu](mailto:rf2531@columbia.edu) with subject line "RSVP for CUNO Kickoff Meeting"

For more information, contact Katie Shakman ([kbs2133@columbia.edu](mailto:kbs2133@columbia.edu)) or visit <http://www.columbiabrain.com/>.

## Columbia Technology Ventures

- **Patents101 - CUMC**

As the Columbia technology transfer experience demonstrates, patents can provide a successful vehicle for generating research funding for university inventions. Unfortunately, many seemingly harmless events occurring after the conception of an invention can jeopardize the right to file for a patent. Teresa Chen, JD, PhD, Associate General Counsel for Columbia University, will present a patent law primer focusing on what you need to know to preserve patent protection for your inventions.

### ABOUT THE SPEAKER:

Teresa Chen joined the Office of the General Counsel (OGC) in February 2014 as an Associate General Counsel. As a member of the OGC's patent and licensing group, she manages patent prosecution in the life sciences area. Dr. Chen comes to Columbia with specialized experience in patent law, previously working as a patent agent and as an associate at the law firm of Winston & Strawn from 2006 to 2014. Prior to joining Winston, Dr. Chen was an assistant professor at Albert Einstein College of Medicine. Dr. Chen received a B.S. in Biochemistry from Fudan University, a Ph.D. in Genetics and Development from Columbia University, and a J.D. from Fordham Law School. She is admitted to practice law in New York State and before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

Date: Friday, September 12<sup>th</sup>

Time: 9:30-10:30 AM

Location: Hammer Health Sciences Library, LL107

RSVP: <http://www.techventures.columbia.edu/events/patents-101-medical-center>

- **Patents101 – Morningside**

As the Columbia technology transfer experience demonstrates, patents can provide a successful vehicle for generating research funding for university inventions. Unfortunately, many seemingly harmless events occurring after the conception of an invention can jeopardize the right to file for a patent. Jeffrey M. Sears, PhD, Chief Patent Counsel for Columbia University, will present a patent law primer focusing on what you need to know to preserve patent protection for your inventions.

### ABOUT THE SPEAKER:

Jeff serves as Columbia's Chief Patent Counsel in the Office of the General Counsel's Patent and Licensing Group, where his practice encompasses all aspects of patent law, including portfolio management, strategic counseling, licensing and post-licensing compliance, litigation, and legislative and regulatory patent matters. Jeff holds an S.B. in physics from MIT, an M.A. and Ph.D. in physics from SUNY Stony Brook, and a J.D. from NYU. He is admitted to practice law in New York and before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

Date: Thursday, September 18<sup>th</sup>

Time: 1:00-2:00 PM

Location: Morningside Campus, Room will be announced at a later date

RSVP: <http://www.techventures.columbia.edu/events/patents-101-morningside>

**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](http://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.

**New York Academy of Sciences (NYAS)**

- **Scientists-in-Residence Program for Academic Year 2014-2015**

The [Science Alliance](#) of the New York Academy of Sciences and the [New York City Department of Education](#) are pleased to announce the second year of the Scientists-in-Residence program. Students who are exposed to science through active and inquiry based learning techniques are more likely to succeed and engage in science. An extremely effective active learning strategy for engaging students is to have them conduct authentic, hands-on scientific research.

The Scientist-in-Residence Fellowship Program enhances these science projects by matching a scientist with classrooms that will conduct authentic research. The scientist will work closely with cooperating teachers at selected NYC public schools to develop and implement rigorous, inquiry-based science research programs for at least one class of students. Regardless of their scientific discipline, scientists will serve as expert “consultants” on the scientific method, project design, and literature review.

The inaugural year of the Scientist-in-Residence program placed 11 scientists from 7 universities into 11 classrooms throughout New York City. Research topics that teacher-scientist pairs chose to explore with their classes included water quality, heating and cooling systems, biofuels, urban gardens, and yeast growth.

The Scientist-in-Residence Program seeks to:

1. Expand scientists' and STEM professionals' pedagogical skills and exposure to K-12 STEM teaching as a potential career
2. Increase STEM instructional capacity through long term science investigation projects and science research programs
3. Increase student exposure to authentic, hands-on science, STEM professionals, and STEM career pathways
4. Enhance participating teachers' pedagogical practices, instructional leadership/mentoring skills, and increased engagement among cooperating teachers

Graduate students and postdocs from STEM disciplines interested in expanding their teaching experiences and skills should apply to the fellowship program online. The deadline for submitting the application will be **September 22, 2014**. To apply for the Scientist-in-Residence program, please use the following link: [Scientist-in-Residence Application](#). Candidates must also provide a letter of support from their supervising scientist.

Competitive candidates will then be matched with classrooms located in NYC public schools that are within a 40 minute commute. Once candidates are accepted and matched with schools, each Scientist-in-Residence will meet with his/her teacher(s) in November to discuss ideas for research projects and a plan for implementation.

After training, Scientists-in-Residence will dedicate about 5 hrs. a week (including travel) from January to April and 5 trainings/meetings to work with teachers and classrooms to conduct research projects. Specific responsibilities will differ depending on the demands of the teacher and classrooms. At a minimum, all Scientists-in-Residence will collaborate with the teacher(s) to implement the project, supervise experiments, and support classroom instruction on project design and implementation.

- **What Every International Student and Postdoc Should Know About US Employment**

Monday, September 22, 2014 | 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Also Available as Webinar

Interested in hearing how H-1B sponsorship happens from the inside? Dan Beaudry, former head of campus recruiting at Monster.com, shares the potent job search system used by many international students and postdocs to find U.S. employment. H-1B's are won in ways you likely don't expect. What you'll discover in this presentation may surprise you:

- Learn how to secure H-1B sponsorship at companies that have a policy against sponsoring H-1B visas.
- Learn why 80 percent of open jobs are never advertised - and how to find them before anyone else.
- Learn why human resources is often an obstacle instead of a conduit to finding a U.S. job-and how to bypass it.

- Learn why submitting résumés online is not an effective use of your time-and how you can better invest that time.

For more information please visit [www.nyas.org/H1B2014](http://www.nyas.org/H1B2014)

- **Grantsmanship for Graduate Students and Postdocs**

Thursday, October 9, 2014 | 6:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Also available as Webinar

The ability to write research grants is now more important than ever. Therefore, graduate students and postdocs should be practicing grant writing skills early in their careers by applying for fellowships. Moreover, concise and persuasive writing skills are not only vital for a career in academia, but are essential for all career opportunities. For more information please visit: [Grantsmanship for Graduate Students and Postdocs](#) **(Also available as a Webinar)**

- **From Scientist to CSO: Experiencing the Scientific Method as your Guide to Career Success**

October 21 - December 13, 2014

Enhance your communication, leadership, and teambuilding skills that all employers value by taking From Scientist to CSO, one of the most popular courses offered at the New York Academy of Sciences.

For more information please visit: [From Scientist to CSO: Experiencing the Scientific Method as your Guide to Career Success](#)

- **Conflict Resolution Skills: In and Out of the Lab**

Sunday, October 26, 2014 | 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

In this weekend workshop you will learn critical skills and tools to cultivate more fulfilling and productive working relationships.

For more information please visit: [Conflict Resolution Skills: In and Out of the Lab](#)

- **Risky Business – A Pharmaceutical Industry Strategy Workshop**

Saturday, November 15, 2014 | 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM

This course gives professionals from inside and outside the pharmaceutical industry—including students and postdocs—a much better understanding of how the R&D and business development and licensing processes operate.

For more information please visit: [Risky Business – A Pharmaceutical Industry Strategy Workshop](#)

- **PepsiCo Journey through Science Day**

Monday, December 8, 2014 | 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

On December 8, 2014, the New York Academy of Sciences and [PepsiCo](#) will host a special Journey through Science Day at the Academy's headquarters in New York City. Fifty exceptional students and early career

scientists (MS, PhD, postdoc) will be selected for this unique opportunity to interact with PepsiCo's R&D leadership, learn about their efforts to develop products rooted in science-based nutrition, and get an exclusive glimpse of how science has shaped their careers. Additionally, each participant will be asked to present a poster on their research to highlight and share their own activities and interests with PepsiCo. There will be an award ceremony for the best posters at the end of the event.

We are looking to invite individuals with experience in the following key areas:

- Life Sciences: Nutrition, Biochemistry, Toxicology, Biology, and Pharmacology
- Engineering: Chemical Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Plastics Engineering, Packaging Engineering
- Food Science: Food Science specialties, Agriculture and Analytical Chemistry
- Material Science: Material Science, Polymer Science

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS: Deadline Monday, September 16, 2014. For more information please visit [www.nyas.org/PepsiCo](http://www.nyas.org/PepsiCo)

## **Social Events:**

### **Office of Postdoctoral Affairs**

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

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.

#### CUMC

Date: Wednesday, August 27<sup>th</sup>  
Time: 10:00 – 11:00 AM  
Location: Hammer Building, Room 404

- **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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](https://lists.columbia.edu/mailman/listinfo/postdoc_social)
  - o [https://lists.columbia.edu/mailman/listinfo/postdoc\\_equipment](https://lists.columbia.edu/mailman/listinfo/postdoc_equipment)
  - o [https://lists.columbia.edu/mailman/listinfo/postdoc\\_families](https://lists.columbia.edu/mailman/listinfo/postdoc_families)
  - o [https://lists.columbia.edu/mailman/listinfo/postdoc\\_housing](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](mailto: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.

## **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.

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Alternate ways to view the calendar:  
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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 Calendar:

[http://www.google.com/calendar/embed?src=gsas.cumc%40gmail.com&ctz=America/New\\_York](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:

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