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Career/Professional Development Events:

- **Fall Career Counseling Sessions and Workshops**

There are still a few October hours available for sign up (please see <http://postdocs.columbia.edu/careerdevelopment.html> for instructions).

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

Please note registration for the upcoming workshops *The Extraordinary CV and Resume: From Academia to Opportunities Beyond* and *The Extraordinary Cover Letter: From Academia to Opportunities Beyond* is now closed

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

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

- **Postdoc Seminar Series**

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 3rd 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 1st session will take place tomorrow featuring the following talks:**

Targets sensitizing lung cancer to chemotherapy and radiation therapy by exploiting synthetic lethal relationships in an RNAi high-throughput screen.

By Kunal Chaudhary, *Department of Radiation Oncology*

And

Novel insights of the mammalian brain transcriptome revealed by deep sequencing

By Qinghong Yan, *Department of Systems Biology*

CUMC

Date: Tuesday, October 21st
Time: 12:00pm—1:00pm
Location: Hammer Building, room 305

We will accept speaker nominations for the next three sessions:

November 18th, January 20th, February 17th

Send your self-nominations to 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).*

- **Patenting & Licensing of Early-Stage University Technology**

For those of you who are new to tech transfer, our core objective is to facilitate the transfer of inventions from academic research to outside organizations for the benefit of society on a local, national and global basis. Each year, CTV manages more than 350 invention disclosures from faculty, 70 license deals and 15 new start-ups, involving approximately 45 multi-disciplinary, full-time staff across Columbia's two campuses. CTV currently has over 1200 patent assets available for licensing, across research fields such as bio, IT, cleantech, devices, nanotechnology, and material science.

Columbia Technology Ventures has a particular focus on start-up companies. Over the years, CTV has been involved with launching over 150 companies based on Columbia's technologies. Of these companies, over 40 have received VC funding, with 27 successful acquisitions or IPOs to date.

ABOUT THE SPEAKER:

Orin Herskowitz is the Vice President of Intellectual Property and Technology Transfer for Columbia Technology Ventures. Prior to joining CTV as Chief Operating Officer in early 2006, Orin spent seven years with the Boston

Consulting Group's New York office and, before that, founded and managed a media services start-up company. Orin holds a BA from Yale University and an MBA from the Wharton School.

This event is co-sponsored by Columbia's [Irving Institute for Clinical and Translational Research](#), and the [Office of Post-Doctoral Affairs](#).

Morningside:

October 21, 2014

Speaker:

Orin Herskowitz, Executive Director, CTV
Columbia University, Morningside Campus
Warren Hall, Room 311

01:00pm

[Register here](#)

CUMC:

October 22, 2014

Speaker:

Orin Herskowitz, Executive Director, CTV
Columbia University, Medical Center Campus
Hammer Health Sciences Library, Lower Level, Room 106

11:00am

[Register here](#)

- **Communications Skills Workshops for Non-Native English Speakers**

Pronunciation and Intelligibility

It may be surprising to learn that suprasegmentals such as rhythm, intonation, and emphasis have a greater influence on intelligibility than pronunciation of individual vowels and consonants. In this workshop, we practice these suprasegmentals as well as focus on problematic individual sounds based on participants' native languages.

Morningside

Date: Thursday, October 23rd

Time: 12:00pm—2:00pm

Location: Teachers College (525 W. 120th St), Thorndike Hall, room 157
(ask security at front entrance for directions)

http://www.tc.columbia.edu/media/media-library-2014/top-level-assets/27697_Entrance_Level_Map.pdf

Registration required: <https://calendar.columbia.edu/sundial/webapi/register.php?eventID=74827>

CUMC

Date: Tuesday, October 28th

Time: 12:00pm—2:00pm

Location: Hammer Building, room LL209A&B

Registration required: <https://calendar.columbia.edu/sundial/webapi/register.php?eventID=74828>

Speaking and Listening

These two skills go hand in hand and improvement in one area promotes improvement in the other. In this workshop, we practice listening with a clean, clear channel, and we work on building self-monitoring skills for accuracy, and fluency for flow.

CUMC

Date: Thursday, October 30th
Time: 12:00pm—2:00pm
Location: Hammer Building, room LL108A&B

Registration required: <https://calendar.columbia.edu/sundial/webapi/register.php?eventID=74829>

Morningside

Date: Tuesday, November 4th
Time: 12:00pm—2:00pm
Location: Teachers College, specific room TBD (will notify those who register)

Registration required: <https://calendar.columbia.edu/sundial/webapi/register.php?eventID=74830>

- **NIH GRANT WORKSHOPS FOR JUNIOR FACULTY AND POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCHERS**

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2014

SPEAKERS:

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GOAL: To provide guidance on applications for NIH career development (K awards) and crafting effective specific aims

OBJECTIVES: *By the completion of this session, participants will be able to:*

- Choose the appropriate type of career development or training award for their career stage and situation
- Complete and submit an application for a NIH career development award using strategies for a successful grant proposal
- Write an effective specific aims page

You may attend one or all of the sessions. Registration for each session is required.

Title: “Navigating NIH: an overview of NIH and the grant review process”

Date: Friday, October 24, 2014

Time: 10:00 am - 11:30 am

Location: Hammer Health Science Center, Room HSC 312

Registration (required): <http://tinyurl.com/CUMC-NIH>

This session provides a guide to navigating NIH, the grant review process, and the essential steps to complete and submit an application.

Title: “Know your K (K01, K08, K23 Awards)”

Date: Friday, October 24, 2014

Time: 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

Location: Hammer Health Science Center, Room HSC 301

Registration (required): <http://tinyurl.com/CUMC-KAward>

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) Mentored Career Development (“K”) Awards are a primary grant mechanism for supporting new investigators. This workshop explores the range of K Awards and the components of the application for the awards.

Title: “NIH Grant Workshops - Know your Kangaroo: Pathway to Independence K99/R00”

Date: Friday, October 24, 2014

Time: 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Location: Hammer Health Science Center, Room HSC 301

Registration (required): <http://tinyurl.com/CUMC-K99R00>

This session provides an overview of the NIH program that provides promising postdoctoral scientists the opportunity to receive both mentored (K) and independent research support (R) from the same award. It will feature success stories from colleagues who have received these awards.

Title: “Writing Effective Specific Aims”

Date: Friday, October 24, 2014

Time: 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Location: Hammer Health Science Center, Room HSC 301

Registration (required): <http://tinyurl.com/CUMC-Aims>

The most important section for the development of a NIH grant application is the *Specific Aims* section. This section becomes the master plan for the rest of your proposal and a key part that all the reviewers will read.

This session will provide insight into the elements of a strong *Specific Aims* section with time being provided for participants to work on specific aims for projects and/or proposals being developed.

For more information about these sessions, please contact us at: Office_Acad_Affairs@cumc.columbia.edu

- **The Story Collider: Science and Narrative**

Monday November 10

We are pleased to bring The Story Collider to the Columbia campus, with a presentation and follow-on workshop that will focus on science, storytelling, and making academic research compelling for an audience of non-specialists.

Effectively communicating scientific work with a wide variety of people is becoming more and more crucial in today's world, and storytelling can be a powerful tool when it comes to bridging the gap between scientists and the general public. The Story Collider's Ben Lillie and Erin Barker will share what they've learned preparing hundreds of science storytellers for the stage, in cities ranging from New York to San Francisco to London, to help you tell your stories and use them to enhance your talks and communication with the public.

A Story Collider presentation in Davis Auditorium will be followed by a three-hour workshop in Studio@Butler, in which workshop participants will have the chance to build and share their stories and receive personalized feedback.

This event is part of the ongoing Art of Communication series at Columbia University, and is co-sponsored by the GSAS Teaching Center, the Digital Science Center and the Center for Digital Research and Scholarship at Columbia University Libraries, the Office of Postdoctoral Affairs, and the Fu Foundation School of Engineering and Applied Science.

Registration

Story Collider presentation: Nov. 10, 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m., Davis Auditorium - **[Register for this presentation](#)**
This presentation is open to all interested members of the Columbia University community.

Story Collider workshop: Nov. 10, 3:00 - 6:00 p.m., 208b Butler Library -

This workshop is for current doctoral students and postdoctoral research scientists, scholars, and fellows at Columbia who also attend the Story Collider presentation. Registration is limited and by invitation only. To request a spot, please send an email to gsas-teachingcenter@columbia.edu with a brief indication of your interest and priorities for communicating science.

- **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.

Social Events:

- **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: Thursday, October 23rd
Time: 3:00PM – 4:00PM
Location: Hammer Building, room 404

- **Postdoc Happy Hour!—Morningside**

It's that time again! Join us in ringing in this Fall with a few drinks...on OPA!
We'll have drink tickets—while they last!

Morningside

Date: Friday, October 31st (Halloween!)
Time: 6:00pm—8:00pm
Location: Amsterdam Restaurant (lounge area downstairs)
(1207 Amsterdam Ave)