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Career/Professional Development Events:

- **Columbia University Science Honors Program Teaching Opportunities Info Sessions**

Professor Jeremy Dodd, the Director of the Columbia University Science Honors Program (SHP), will offer info sessions on both the Morningside and Medical Campuses to introduce postdocs to SHP and the teaching opportunities that SHP offers for Columbia University postdocs.

The Columbia University Science Honors Program (SHP) is a highly selective program for high school students who have a strong interest in the sciences and mathematics. The SHP holds classes at Columbia from 10:00 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. on Saturdays throughout the academic year. Courses are primarily in the physical, chemical, biological, behavioral, and computing sciences; and instructors are scientists and mathematicians who are actively engaged in research at the University. For more information about SHP and the types of courses that SHP offers please visit: <http://www.columbia.edu/cu/shp/>

Morningside:

Date: Thursday, November 6th
Time: 3-4 PM
Location: Hamilton Hall, room 516

CUMC:

Date: Monday, November 17th
Time: 10-11 AM
Location: P&S Building, room 16-405

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

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.

- **Career Counseling Small Group Workshop - *The Extraordinary Interview***

Very often the recipe for a successful interview is a combination of practice, preparation, and confidence; it is about knowing what to expect while being prepared for the unexpected. This workshop will focus on: 1) how to practice and prepare for interviews; 2) different types of interviews, both academic and beyond, and different styles of interviewing; 3) sample questions and effective responses; 4) appropriate behavior, dress, and follow-up etiquette. Attendees will have opportunity to practice responses to several key questions and to ask questions about areas of concern. This workshop is limited to 20 participants and registration is required as space is very limited.

Date: Friday, November 14th
Time: 12-1 PM
Location: (CUMC) Hammer Building, room 305
Registration: <https://calendar.columbia.edu/sundial/webapi/register.php?eventID=75057>

- **Fall 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.

Fall Career Counseling Hours: Mondays, 11am-2pm and Wednesdays, 1:30pm-3:30pm. Please see <http://postdocs.columbia.edu/careerdevelopment.html> for instructions on how to sign up for a career counseling session.

November career counseling sessions are currently available for sign up by all postdocs who have not yet participated in a career counseling session this semester. Postdocs that have already had a career counseling session this Fall and wish to schedule a follow-up session for November can sign up for a session starting October 29th.

December career counseling sessions will be available for sign up first by the attendees of the November 14th workshop, *The Extraordinary Interview* (see workshop info above). Additional December career counseling session sign up dates will be released later in November.

- **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.*

We are currently accepting nominations for a ‘TED’ style talk speaker for the next sessions on November 18th.

As well as speakers for February 17th as well as sessions in Spring 2015.

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).*

- **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.

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>

- **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 – 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, October 30th
Time: 3:00PM – 4:00PM
Location: CEPSR 1021 (10th Floor)

- **Postdoc Happy Hour!—Morningside**

Join us Halloween evening for the next OPA sponsored Happy Hour! Come enjoy a few drinks...on OPA! We'll have drink tickets—while they last! Costumes are encouraged (but not required) and Halloween candy will be provided.

Morningside

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