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## Career/Professional Development Events:

- **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.

December career counseling sessions are currently available for sign up by postdocs who have not yet received career counseling this semester. These appointments will open to all postdocs this Friday, November 21.

- **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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> session will take place tomorrow featuring the following talks:

**Postdocs for the Ethical Treatment of Data: Avoiding Common Statistical Abuses**

(TED-style talk)

By Kenneth McCallum, *Department of Biostatistics*

And

**RNA Processing Dysfunction in Spinal Muscular Atrophy**

(Traditional research seminar)

By Francesco Lotti, *Department of Pathology & Cell Biology*

CUMC

Date: Tuesday, November 18<sup>th</sup>  
Time: 12:00pm—1:00pm  
Location: Hammer Building, room 303

Speaker nominations for the February 17<sup>th</sup> session as well as sessions in Spring 2015 are currently being accepted.

Send your self-nominations to [postdocaffairs@columbia.edu](mailto: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).*

- **Panel on Careers in Non-Profits and Foundations**

A career panel focused on careers in Non-Profits and Foundations will take place in the early evening of December 5<sup>th</sup> at Columbia University. This career panel event is the first of a monthly career panel series for doctoral level graduate students and postdocs at Columbia University that will take place on the Morningside and Medical Campuses. The goal of the career panel series is to provide a forum for trainees to learn about a broad range of career options available to them and the experiences of individuals who have transitioned into these careers following their graduate or postdoctoral training. The panelists will respond to moderated questions in the first half of the event, after which questions from audience members will be addressed. Each panel event will conclude with a brief networking reception featuring light refreshments.

The Panelists for the Non-Profits/Foundations session include:

Greg Recine, Ph.D.

Director, Physical Sciences, Sustainability, and Engineering at the New York Academy of Sciences

Samantha Hutten, Ph.D.

Associate Director, Research Programs at the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research

Rachel Bernard, Ph.D.

Program Officer at the American Council of Learned Societies

Claude Schofield, Ph.D.

Director of Discovery Research at the [National Multiple Sclerosis Society](#)

Date: December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2014  
Time: 5:00-6:30 pm; networking reception to follow until 7:30 PM with light refreshments.  
Where: Hammer Health Sciences Building, Room 301 (CUMC)  
RSVP: <https://calendar.columbia.edu/sundial/webapi/register.php?eventID=75298>

- **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).

### 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, November 20<sup>th</sup>  
Time: 3:00PM – 4:00PM  
Location: Hammer Building, room 310

- **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 bi-monthly and rotates between the Morningside Campus and the Medical Center campus. Our September orientation will be held at the Morningside 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.

#### CUMC

Date: Thursday, November 20<sup>th</sup>  
Time: 4:00pm—5:00pm (immediately following CUMC Postdoc Coffee Hour)  
Location: Hammer Building, room 310

Please RSVP with your name, UNI, and event title to [cupostdocs@gmail.com](mailto:cupostdocs@gmail.com)