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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.

- **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](http://www.nmssociety.org)

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).

- **Office of Postdoctoral Affairs LinkedIn Group – Job ads and Career articles**

Do you have a LinkedIn account? If not, you should – networking is invaluable for landing the position you will seek following your training. If you do have a LinkedIn account, you should strongly consider joining the Columbia University Postdocs and Postdoc Alumni Group on LinkedIn. You can join the private group by searching for 'Columbia University Postdocs and Postdoc Alumni' under groups and submitting a request to join. The group has grown to 580 members, and beyond current Columbia Postdocs, there are also numerous Columbia Postdoc Alumni members that are employed across many different career sectors. The Office of Postdoctoral Affairs frequently receives position openings and job ads from employers both within and outside of Academia and we post these job ads exclusively on the LinkedIn group page. We also post relevant and timely career articles and pieces about the job market, professional and career development topics, and advice columns. Join the group today to start taking advantage of this great resource!

- **Office of Postdoctoral Affairs Website**

Did you know that the Office of Postdoctoral Affairs (OPA) maintains a website ( <http://postdocs.columbia.edu/> ) containing a wealth of information for postdocs? What types of information can be found on the OPA webpage? The Postdoc handbook with policies and procedures around being a postdoc at Columbia, the OPA monthly events calendar, funding opportunities, as well as career resources with listings of groups to join, webpages to browse, and job search sites to utilize. This is by no means an exhaustive list, so be sure to take a spin through the OPA webpage to see what information is most relevant and helpful to you. If you feel there are pieces of information that should be added to the OPA webpage that are not currently there, please let us know, as we are always looking to provide the most relevant and useful information to Columbia Postdocs.

**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, December 4<sup>th</sup>  
Time: 3:00PM – 4:00PM  
Location: Hammer Building, room 404

- **Postdoc Holiday Party!**

Please join us on Thursday, December 18th for our annual postdoc holiday party. There will be food and an open bar for two hours!

**Date:** Thursday, December 18, 2014

**Time:** 7:00pm—9:00pm

**Place:** [The West End Lounge](#), 955 West End Avenue (corner of 107th Street and West End Avenue right off Broadway Avenue)

We will be in the private room to the left of the main bar

Please RSVP to: <https://calendar.columbia.edu/sundial/webapi/register.php?eventID=75542>

*Remember to bring a Photo ID that has your date of birth (e.g. driver's license)*



- **Postdocs with Kids Holiday Party!**

Join us for a family holiday party that is sure to entertain your kids! Meet other postdocs with kids. A clown and magician from Professional Kids Entertainment will be back this year for singing, dancing, games, face painting, balloon animals, and a magic show! They will be bringing their cotton candy and bubble machines too! Sandwiches, snacks and refreshments will be served.

**Date:** Friday, December 19, 2014

**Time:** 4:00p-6:30pm

**Place:** room 312, Hammer building, 701 W. 168th St. (Corner of 168th street and Fort Washington Avenue)

Please RSVP to: <https://calendar.columbia.edu/sundial/webapi/register.php?eventID=75541>

