



Remember!
The deadline to file your taxes is
April 15, 2009

If you are having any problems related to your W2, 1099-MISC or 1042-2, please contact me as soon as possible at postdocaffairs@columbia.edu.

Spring Orientation Dates

New to Columbia?
Want a refresher on benefits?

Orientalions are from 9:00 -
10:30 am

CUMC: April 14, 2009
PH 17-101

MS: May 19, 2009
614 Schermerhorn



My lab is moving to Harvard, may be we will never see each other again!

National Postdoc Experience Study

Columbia has been selected as a pilot institution to participate in a national study of postdoctoral researchers. Your responses will help us understand how the postdoctoral appointment helps prepare individuals for a career in research. The study is being conducted by the Survey Science Group and they will be contacting each of you in the beginning of May to fill out a questionnaire that should take between 10—15 minutes to fill out. There will be a raffle of approximately 3 iPod shuffles for those who fill out the survey so stay tuned!

Professional Grant Development Workshop

Master the techniques of writing superior and winning proposals

Proposal Writing I – May 4-6, 2009

City College of New York

New York, New York

Sponsored by:

The Grant Training Center

Online at: <http://www.granttrainingcenter.com/>

This intensive three-day grant proposal workshop is geared for: 1) those who wish to strengthen their grant writing skills and 2) beginners who wish to acquire and master the techniques of preparing, writing and winning proposals from various funding agencies. The center of attention will be on how to effectively tell the story that leads to funding, be it for the researcher in the sciences and social sciences, educator and non-profit professional.

Workshop fee: \$595.00, including tuition, materials, certificate of completion, and continental breakfast. Rebate of \$50.00 per person is given for two or more registrants from the same organization.



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Career Workshops - Upcoming Schedule

Tuesdays, April 14, 21, 28

Enhancing Your Relationship: A Workshop for Couples

5:30 to 7:00 p.m., CPS, Lerner Hall, 8th Floor, Conference Room

Do you already have a strong foundation for your committed relationship, but want to see it get even better? This might be the workshop for you! This hands-on, sequential 3-session workshop will provide practical tools for couples who wish to strengthen their relationship. Topics include:

- Understanding Relational Expectations and Beliefs
- How to Nurture the Positives in the Relationship
- How to Improve Problem Solving Ability and Communication Skills

For Couples only. To reserve a spot or for more information, please e-mail: Dr. Yaniv Phillips at py2120@columbia.edu or Dr. Lakeasha Garner at lq2418@columbia.edu.

April 14

IIE Scholar Rescue Fund World Report Event Launch at the United Nations, 1:15 to 2:45 p.m., Conference Room 5, UN Headquarters, New York

Academics Under Threat The Scholar Rescue Fund World Report, funded by the Carnegie Corporation of New York, is an effort to share with a larger community the breadth and nature of the persecution of scholars around the globe. It is based on data from the first five years of activity of the Scholar Rescue Fund (SRF). SRF is a program within the Institute of International Education (IIE) which provides support and safe haven to threatened scholars. Scholars in any field and from any country may apply for one-year fellowships (renewable up to one additional year) to continue productive academic work at safe host institutions anywhere in the world. **Event page:** <http://www.ony.unu.edu/events-forums/forums/2009/unu-midday-forum-academics-und.html> **To register:** <http://unurescuedscholars.eventbrite.com/> For questions about the event please email the Scholar Rescue Fund: SRF@iie.org

April 15

Planning Your Academic Job Search: A Conversation with the Authors of *The Academic Job Search Handbook*, 3:00 to 5:00 p.m., Room 309, Havemeyer Hall

Julie Vick (Penn) and Jenny Furlong (Columbia), co-authors of [The Academic Job Search Handbook](#), will discuss what graduate students and postdocs need to know as they conduct their searches for faculty positions. They'll discuss topics such as:

- Looking for a faculty position in the current economic climate
- When is a postdoc the right next step?
- Timing your search strategically
- Drafting strong written materials.

Please RSVP/register for this event at the following link:

<https://calendar.columbia.edu/sundial/webapi/register.php?eventID=31733>

April 27

Inside the Academic Job Search Committee, 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. Philosophy 301, Graduate Student Center

Columbia faculty in the life sciences discuss their expectations of candidates for tenure track faculty positions as members of an academic search committee—a great opportunity to explore your preparation for the academic job search. For further information regarding this event, please contact Richard Kurz by sending email to rk347@columbia.edu.

For a full listing of events and workshops, visit the
OPA website:

<http://postdocs.columbia.edu>



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Postdoc Opportunities

Mellon Postdoctoral Fellowship in Asian Religions - Washington University (STL)

The Fellow will be expected to conduct his or her own research and writing while in residence. In addition, as a member of the Religious Studies Program, the Fellow will teach three courses per year, including an introductory-level course in Buddhist traditions and/or Asian Religious Traditions, and upper-level courses on aspects of the religions of South and East Asia, especially Buddhism. Please send a cover letter, curriculum vitae, statement of teaching philosophy, overview of research interests (electronic documents welcome) and three letters of recommendation.

Contact Info: Search Committee, Religious Studies Program, Campus Box 1065, Washington, University in St. Louis, One Brookings Drive, St. Louis, MO 63130

Website: <http://www.wustl.edu/>

DOD Prostate Cancer Research Program - Health Disparity Training Award

Health Disparity Training Awards provide research traineeship opportunities to individuals in the early stages of their careers under the guidance of an experienced prostate cancer health disparity researcher.

Application Deadline: April 29, 2009

FY09 PCRP Focus Areas

Imaging: Development of new imaging technology for the detection, prognosis, and treatment of prostate cancer.

Biomarkers: Discovery and validation of biomarkers for the detection, prognosis, and progression of prostate cancer, including determination of therapeutic response.

Therapy: Identification of new targets, pathways, and therapeutic modalities or molecules for the treatment of prostate cancer.

Genetics: Understanding the genetics and epigenetics responsible for prostate cancer susceptibility, disease progression, and treatment outcomes.

Tumor Biology: Understanding the etiology of prostate cancer, including the heterogeneity and microenvironment as it relates to initiation, progression, and prognosis.

Survivorship: Studies on the impacts of treatment, nutrition, metabolism, and exercise on the well being of prostate cancer patients and their families.

Eligibility

Postdoctoral Ph.D. PIs

- Must have 3 years or less of postdoctoral fellowship experience by October 1, 2009.

Postdoctoral M.D. PIs

- Must be able to participate at a minimum of 40% level of effort for the performance period of the traineeship; and By August 1, 2009:
- Must be enrolled in an accredited intern training program; *or*
- Must be enrolled in an accredited residency or fellowship training program with at least 2 years of training remaining; *or*
- If not enrolled in an accredited intern, residency, or fellowship training program, must be within 3 years of the last formal training.

For complete details, email postdocaffairs@columbia.edu.

Kauffman Entrepreneur Postdoctoral Fellows

Application Deadline: May 1

This program provides a unique opportunity for postdocs in science and technology fields to launch their innovative research from the lab to the marketplace. Twelve selected individuals at U.S. institutions will be mentored by leading science entrepreneurs, along with legal, business, and financial experts, with the ultimate goal to develop their own startup companies.

For complete details: www.kauffman.org/postdocs



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Economic Stimulus Post-Doctoral Job Opportunities at Duke University, NC

Duke University anticipates receipt of award funding from the 2009 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), also known as the Economic Stimulus Act. Postdoctoral positions may be available as a result of this funding.

If you would like to express interest in a potential postdoctoral appointment at Duke, please visit <http://www.hr.duke.edu/jobs/stimulus/>. Postdoctoral position listings may also be found at http://www.postdoc.duke.edu/openings_at_duke.php

Post-Doctoral Fellowship, Digital Humanities (History) University of Illinois at Urbana – Champaign

The Illinois Informatics Institute (I3), Illinois Program for Research in the Humanities (IPRH), and Department of History at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign seek to fill a one-year post-doctoral position in informatics (with an emphasis on humanities and history-based research) for the 2009-10 academic year.

The jointly-appointed I3 Post-Doctoral Fellow/Visiting Assistant Professor will undertake, publish, and present research; teach one course in the Department of History on a relevant topic to be negotiated; and collaborate with others on the University of Illinois campus to strengthen informatics engagement with the IPRH and the Department of History. Qualifications include: a Ph.D., completed between August 16, 2006 and August 16, 2009; demonstrated engagement with informatics in the research and teaching of history; willingness to participate in informatics-related programming at I3, IPRH, and the Department of History during the fellowship year; and residence within the Champaign-Urbana area during the term of the appointment (required).

Application guidelines can be found online at www.iprh.illinois.edu. For information, please contact Dr. Christine Catanzarite, Senior Associate Director, IPRH at catanzar@illinois.edu or (217) 244-7913 or visit <http://www.iprh.illinois.edu>.

Mellon Post-Doctoral Teaching Fellowship in Early American History College of the Holy Cross

Deadline: April 20, 2009

With the continuing support of a generous grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, the Department of History at the College of the Holy Cross seeks to fill a postdoctoral teaching fellowship to begin in August 2009. Candidates will normally have received their doctoral degrees no earlier than 2006 and must demonstrate commitment to pursuing careers as teacher-scholars in a liberal arts setting.

This full-time fellowship appointment will be for two years and is non-renewable. Under the mentorship of a tenured faculty member, the fellow will teach three courses per year and pursue scholarly projects. The fellow will have access to funds to support research and travel, will be offered the opportunity to enroll in courses offered by the Colleges of Worcester Consortium's Certificate Program in College Teaching, and will also participate in on-campus faculty development activities that foster excellence in teaching and scholarship. The fellowship offers a competitive salary and includes full benefits. The precise area of specialization is open. The successful candidate will teach existing courses on colonial America and the American Revolution as well as one or more courses in his or her area of specialization.

Applicants should submit a letter of application which includes a statement of teaching philosophy and research interests, current curriculum vitae, and three letters of recommendation to Prof. Karen Turner, Chair, Department of History, College of the Holy Cross, One College Street, Worcester, MA 01610. Original graduate and undergraduate transcripts must be on file with the College before an offer can be extended. For more information, contact Karen Turner, Chair, Department of History, kturner@holycross.edu.



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FUNDING FOR RESEARCH ACTIVITIES BASIC ISSUES IN OBTAINING SUPPORT

Those not wishing to formally register are welcome to audit the course.

Spring 2009, M9780, Call No. 97951, Pass/Fail, One Credit
Thursdays, 5pm-7pm, CUMC - Hammer Health Sciences Center, Room 303

Remaining lectures for the semester...

Apr 16

Experiences of a peer reviewer and critical review of a sample grant application.

Apr 23

Practice of seeking grant support: Tips from experienced researchers at Columbia
Topics will include: finding sources of support, grant writing, career development, how to make the transition from post-doc/fellowship to first independent research position, K awards, basic science research in a clinical dept, and institutional resources

Apr 30

How to Write: Discussion of proper grammar and composition. Critical review of selected writing pieces.

For more information visit: http://sklad.cumc.columbia.edu/gsas/ac_programs/fund-crs.htm

A message from the Office of Work/Life...

We are pleased to announce the launch of the work/life electronic bulletin board, available on the new Office of Work/Life website at <http://worklife.columbia.edu/forum>.

The electronic bulletin board is for anyone with a UNI to share information on a variety of work/life topics, including parenting/child care, carpooling, adult/elder care, subletting and buying/selling household items. Your participation on the bulletin board can help make this a valuable resource for the Columbia community. Please take a moment to register, view and post on the board.

Additionally, you may visit the Work/Life website to learn about the wide range of policies, programs and services available for officers, support staff and graduate students at the University: <http://worklife.columbia.edu>.

Best regards, Carol Hoffman, Associate Provost and Director of Work/Life



Upcoming Work/Life Events

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| April 23 | K-5 Elementary School: Public and Independent School Opportunities
5:30-7:00 p.m.
School and Child Care Search Service - 516 West 112 Street |
| April 28 | Middle and High Schools: Public and Independent Schools Opportunities
5:30-7:00 p.m.
School and Child Care Search Service - 516 West 112 Street |
| May 7 | College Planning Information Session
5:30-7:00 p.m.
Alfred Lerner Hall, Broadway Room |



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Want deals on tickets, shopping, vacations, movies and more?!

Columbia has partnered with Working Advantage to offer exclusive discounts and rates to its employees.

Sign up to received daily or weekly emails:

<http://workingadvantage.com>

Columbia ID: **99042065**

Miller Theater @ Columbia

Continuing their 20th Anniversary Celebration!

Located right here on campus at Broadway and 116th Street, Miller starts its Spring 2009 season this Saturday. Sign up for the mailing list today at:

<http://www.millertheatre.com/MailingList/Default.aspx>.

As a member of the Columbia University community, you can attend all Miller Theatre-produced events for a discounted price:

CU POSTDOCS RECEIVE A 40% DISCOUNT OFF SINGLE-TICKET PRICES!
(2 tickets per valid ID)

Discount Broadway Tickets

To request ticket passes, please send OPA (postdocaffairs@columbia.edu) an email indicating: Name of Show, Office Address, and Number of Tickets. I will send the ticket passes via Intercampus Mail. The coupons must be brought to the box office where they can be exchanged for valid tickets.

Show	Voucher valid until:	Price Range
The 39 Steps	June 14	\$49.00 - \$65.00
Avenue Q	April 26	\$46.50 - \$65.00
Chicago	May 3	\$66.50 - \$76.50
Irena's Vow	May 31	\$49.00 - \$69.00
The Little Mermaid	May 23	\$61.50 - \$91.50
Mamma Mia	May 24	\$67.50 - \$77.50
Mary Poppins	June 21	\$37.50 - \$87.50
The Marvelous Wonderettes	June 14	\$37.50
New York City Ballet	June 21	\$15.00 - \$55.00
Phantom of the Opera	July 4	\$26.50 - \$66.50
Rock of Ages	May 31	\$49.50 - \$67.50

Questions? Comments? E-mail postdocaffairs@columbia.edu.