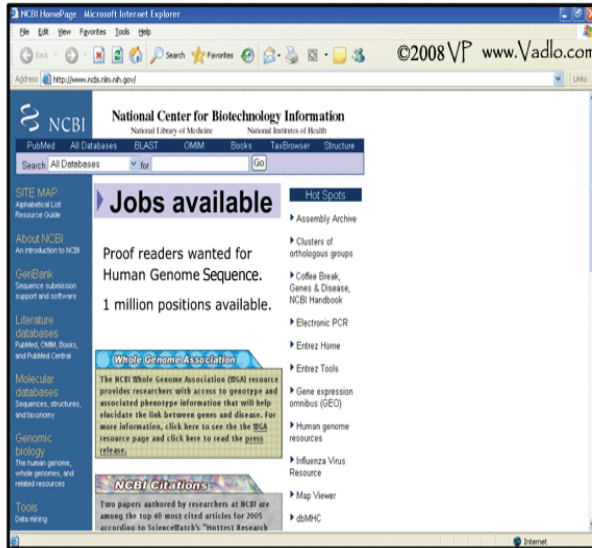




# December 2008 Newsletter

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*How NIH can bail us out of the worst economic crisis.*

## CALLING ALL PAST FELLOWSHIP RECIPIENTS...

If you were awarded an external fellowship award (e.g., NSF, Ford, Javits, Fulbright, Wenner-Gren, etc.) in the past three years, would you send me a copy of your successful fellowship application for the purpose of sharing it with Columbia GSAS students who aspire to your success?

These will NOT be posted on the web and NO copies will be distributed.

These will remain on file in GSAS (who have been kind enough to open all their events to postdocs this year). You may remove all identifying information, including any personal demographic information that you submitted. (It's just the essay or narrative that they want.)

You may e-mail your proposals to me ([postdocaffairs@columbia.edu](mailto:postdocaffairs@columbia.edu)) or bring a copy to 109 Low.

## Set your bookmark...

The new OPA website is now live! While the old URL is still active, you can bookmark the new site directly at <http://postdocs.columbia.edu>.

The new site will be updated regularly with events, funding opportunities and employment opportunities. Please use this site as a resource for your postdoc needs. It is a work in progress so any comments and suggestions would be appreciated.

A new addition to the OPA site is the Columbia University OPA Forum. This was created as an opportunity to promote dialogue among postdocs. You must be a Columbia postdoc or an affiliate of a Columbia postdoc to use the OPA Forum. In order to register, please use your Columbia email address to be verified. Registration can take anywhere from 5 - 8 business days.

*Happy Holidays!!  
from  
OPA*



## OPA HAPPY HOUR!

**Celebrate the Holidays with your fellow postdocs!**

**Where: Coogan's Bar & Restaurant (4015 Broadway)**

**When: Thursday, December 18  
7:00—9:00 PM**



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### Survival Skills Workshops - Upcoming Schedule

The Graduate School of Arts and Sciences hosts "Survival Skills Workshops" that are also open up to all Postdocs. All programs are hosted in the Philosophy building on the Morningside Campus (on Amsterdam Avenue between Kent Hall and St. Paul's Chapel) in Room 301.

For details and pre-registration for all events, visit:  
[http://www.columbia.edu/cu/gsas/calendar/ma\\_phd\\_events.html](http://www.columbia.edu/cu/gsas/calendar/ma_phd_events.html).

#### **Preparing Future Faculty**

- January 28      Academic Job Search From Start to Finish: Part 3 — The Waiting and Negotiating Part, 4:00 pm
- February 18    Untenured Faculty Life, Tenure Track and Adjunct Faculty Talk about the Job Search, First Year on the Job, and Teaching Expectations, 4:00 pm
- March 11       Welcome to the Professoriate, Pedagogy, Power, Politics, and Pitfalls On Your Way to Tenure, 4:00 pm

# Discount Broadway Tickets

Looking for a fun activity during the holiday season?

In conjunction with the School Theater Ticket Program, OPA is happy to offer discounted Theater tickets to postdocs.

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

Show	Expiration Date	Price Range
Alfred Hitchcock's "The 39 Steps"	January 4, 2009	\$49.00 - \$59.00
Avenue Q	December 24, 2008	\$46.50 - \$66.50
Big Apple Circus	January 18, 2009	\$25.00 - \$45.00
Chicago	February 1, 2009	\$66.50 - \$76.50
Equus	February 5, 2009	\$49.50 - \$74.50
Grease!	January 31, 2009	\$71.50
Monty Python's Spamalot	January 15, 2009	\$59.00 - \$69.00
New York City Ballet	March 1, 2009	\$15.00 - \$55.00
New York Philharmonic	January 9, 2009	\$30.00 - \$40.00
Pal Joey	January 16, 2009	\$24.25 - \$79.50
Stomp	December 18, 2008	\$39.00
Thirteen	January 18, 2009	\$46.50 - \$66.50



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### BUSINESS CARDS

Interested in Columbia University Business Cards?

You can order them directly through Columbia Printing Services at a discounted rate of \$45 for 250, \$50 for 500, plus tax. In order to get this rate you must order directly from the a Columbia University Print Services location:

Morningside: Journalism Building  
Room 106

CUMC: P&S 2-466

### Funding Opportunities

**The H.L. Holmes Awards** give recipients the opportunity to conduct post-doctoral studies under outstanding research persons at world famous graduate schools or research institutes. Research must be undertaken in the fields of **chemistry, physics, biology or mathematics** as they relate to medical and biological processes.

Each Award will cover a one or two-year period, depending on available funding and the research proposal. An Award can have a monetary value of up to \$100,000 CDN per year. The Award shall support all costs directly related to approved research projects, except travel expenses.

For award and application information, visit: [http://www.nrc-cnrc.gc.ca/aboutUs/holmes\\_e.html](http://www.nrc-cnrc.gc.ca/aboutUs/holmes_e.html). **Deadline: 31 January 2009**

### **The New York Stem Cell Foundation** - Three Year Postdoctoral Fellowships in Basic, Pre-clinical and Translational Stem Cell Studies

NYSCF invites applications from postdoctoral fellows from institutions within New York State to cultivate research that will explore the basic biology and therapeutic potential of stem cells derived from humans and model organisms. The main goal of this initiative is to foster research that will advance the understanding and eventual use of stem cells for the treatment of human disease. NYSCF encourages applications focused on basic, pre-clinical, and translational studies in stem cell research and preference will be given to those applicants studying human embryonic stem cells.

Three to four fellowships will be awarded, determined by the quality of applications as judged by a panel of expert reviewers. The fellowship provides a stipend of \$50,000 and a travel allowance of \$2,000. Supplies for up to \$25,000 will be provided to fellows studying human embryonic stem cells. **Deadline: 16 January 2009**

For more information, visit:

[http://www.nyscf.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=331&Itemid=66](http://www.nyscf.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=331&Itemid=66)

Questions? Comments? E-mail [postdocaffairs@columbia.edu](mailto:postdocaffairs@columbia.edu).