



# Tax Season is Here!

## Tax Workshop for Postdoctoral Research and Clinical Fellows

Sponsored by the Office of Postdoctoral Affairs

Monday, March 23, 6:30—8:00 p.m.  
Morningside Campus 702 Hamilton Hall

For all postdocs receiving stipends, this session is for you. The February Session was well attended and most postdocs in attendance found it very helpful. Come learn all you need to know about filing your taxes from Alan Koslin, H&R Tax Accountant.

He will discuss...

- What forms need to be filled out for both the IRS and the state or states for those with income from more than 1 state or those who may live out of NY but have NY income
- What deductions are allowed and how to claim them
- Whether income is considered scholarship, wages or self employment
- How to deal with other income i.e. interest, dividends, unemployment etc.
- Filing status and dependents



**Remember!**

**The deadline  
to file your  
taxes is  
April 15, 2009**

## Tax Workshops for International Postdocs

Sponsored by the International Affairs Office

Friday, March 6 and Thursday, March 26 4:00—5:30 p.m.

Both sessions will be held in Alumni Auditorium in P&S on the Medical Center Campus.

## Tax Workshops for Non-Resident NY State Tax Returns

Sponsored by the International Students and Scholars Office

Wednesday, March 18, 4 – 6:30 pm 501 Schermerhorn  
Friday, April 3, 4 – 6:30 pm. Location to be determined

*Please note, all presenters are not affiliated with Columbia University. OPA and Columbia are not responsible for the information disseminated at this session and the presentations is strictly for informational purposes only. **We encourage postdoctoral fellows to consult with a personal accountant or tax advisor** regarding the potential tax consequences from their receipt of stipends since Columbia and the Office of Postdoctoral Affairs cannot provide individual tax advice.*



## March 2009 Newsletter

### Career Workshops - Upcoming Schedule

March 5      **Alternative Careers for MAs, ABDs, and PhDs in the Humanities/Social Sciences:** Alumni Panel, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m., CCE Conference Center

Individuals with advanced degrees in the humanities and social sciences will share how they have utilized their degrees for careers outside of the traditional academic path.

Speakers will include (more to be added):

- Erika Halstead, Program Associate, New York Council for the Humanities (Graduate work in Comparative Literature)
- Chauncy Lennon, Senior Vice President, Asset Building, Seedco (PhD in Anthropology)
- Jason Uechi, Director of Product Management, Consumer Services, Sense Networks (PhD in Music)

March 11      **Preparing Future Faculty:** Welcome to the Professoriate, Pedagogy, Power, Politics, and Pitfalls On Your Way to Tenure, 4pm, 301 Philosophy

March 24      **Networking 101,** 5:00 - 6:00 p.m., CCE Conference Center

Participants will learn how to approach employers, create an "elevator speech" and network effectively at a Career Fair.

March 30      **Inside the Academic Job Search Committee,** 6:00 to 7:30 p.m., 301 Philosophy

Columbia faculty in the social 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.

March 31      **New Strategies for Managing the Fit between Your Career, Work, and Family Life,** 6:00 to 9:00 p.m., CCE Conference Room

How does one balance parenting with employment? This workshop allows parents to explore various career options and work arrangements that are more conducive to raising children. Participants evaluate their life and career values, goals, priorities, skills and interests through insightful discussions, exercises, and assessment tools. These results are then applied to the working world and family-friendly employment possibilities

Mondays, March 23, 30, April 6, 13

#### **Procrastination Workshops**

5:30 to 7:00 p.m., Lerner Hall, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor, Conference Room

Do You Procrastinate? What Can You Do About It? This four-session\*, hands-on workshop will address procrastination and time management difficulties which affect your studies and your life and enable you to pinpoint the problem and address its solutions. To reserve a spot or for more information, please e-mail Dr. Yaniv Phillips at [py2120@columbia.edu](mailto:py2120@columbia.edu).

\*You must attend the first meeting and are expected to attend all 4 meetings.

**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](mailto: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](http://www.kauffman.org/postdocs)



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### Limited Submission Opportunity

#### Charles H. Revson Foundation Senior Fellows in Biomedical Science Program

#### Internal Proposal Deadline – 11:59 PM on Monday, March 16, 2009

**WHAT:** The program is designed to meet two pressing concerns: the need for additional sources of support for the third and fourth years of post-doctoral work and the improvement and strengthening of science and scientific research in New York City. Candidates must apply for the fellowships under the guidance of a Sponsor - a scientist (tenured, or tenure-track position) capable of providing mentorship to the Fellows. The Sponsor should be actively engaged in the planning, execution, and supervision of the proposed research and should encourage the Fellow to report the results of the research in scientific journals and meetings. Fellows may be engaged in experimental basic or clinical research in any area of the biomedical sciences.

**PROGRAM EMPHASIS:** Basic or Clinical Biomedical Research (**Third and fourth year post-docs only**)

**WHO:** The following eligibility terms apply.

- Candidates must hold an MD or PhD
- Candidates must have entered their period of postdoctoral training between June 1, 2006 and August 31, 2007
- Candidates must be working under the guidance of a Sponsor – a scientist (tenured or tenure-track position) capable of providing mentorship to the fellow.
  - The Sponsor should be actively engaged in the planning, execution, and supervision of the proposed research
- Candidates must be US citizens or legal residents in the United States. Candidates need not be permanent residents.

**WHEN: Internal Proposal Deadline – 11:59 PM on Monday, March 16, 2009**

Final Proposal Deadline – Midnight on Wednesday, April 15, 2009

**HOW:** The internal proposal must include the following components.

- Cover Page listing the candidate's name, department, contact information and citizenship status. In addition please provide the sponsor's name.
- Candidate's CV with bibliography
- Sponsor's CV or NIH-format Biosketch with bibliography
- Letter of Recommendation from the candidate's sponsor
- Research Plan (not to exceed 5 pages, 1.5 spaced in 12-point type font) that should:
  - Provide a summary of the research proposed, including information on work done to data
  - State specific research objectives
  - Describe concisely the method of approach for the proposed research
  - Explain the significance of the proposed research to the field
  - Demonstrate the relevance of the candidate's background and previous work, as well as the background and previous work of the sponsor

**Note:** The five-page limit refers only to the proposal itself.

**DEPARTMENTAL LIMIT – INTERNAL PROPOSALS: NA**

**INSTITUTIONAL LIMIT – FINAL PROPOSALS: 2**

The subject heading of the email should be "Revson Senior Fellows". Please PDF all items of the internal proposal to [gcc19@columbia.edu](mailto:gcc19@columbia.edu) with a cc: to [jb2636@columbia.edu](mailto:jb2636@columbia.edu) by **11:59 on Monday, March 16, 2009**.

For additional information, please contact: Greg Culler at [gcc19@columbia.edu](mailto:gcc19@columbia.edu) or 212-854-6285.



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### 4th Annual Columbia University IRB Educational Conference

**Tuesday, March 17, 2009, 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.  
Low Library**

The annual conference is designed to address challenges faced by the IRBs and investigators at Columbia University. Nationally recognized speakers provide practical knowledge and solutions to many of these issues. This year, the conference will focus on modern issues regarding data and tissue repositories. With the help of nationally recognized IRB professionals, we hope to provide increased awareness of and practical solutions to these challenges.

We are fortunate again to have many excellent speakers on the agenda and several topics that will provide advanced education on challenging issues that our IRBs have been confronted with over the past year or two. The conference agenda and online registration form are available on the IRB website:

<http://www.cumc.columbia.edu/dept/irb/>.

#### Spring Orientation Dates

#### New to Columbia? Want a refresher on benefits?

Orientations are from 9:00 - 10:30 am

CUMC: April 14, 2009  
PH 17-101

MS: March 17, 2009  
614 Schermerhorn

May 19, 2009  
614 Schermerhorn

#### FYI...

Columbia is adopting a new Human Subjects Protection training program. As of March 4, 2009, any human subjects researcher, including students, postdocs and others, who has not previously completed one of the current CU human subjects protection training courses in Rascal will be required to complete CITI (Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative) training as a prerequisite for IRB approval.

At this time, if you already completed training in human subjects research at Columbia, you are not required to complete the CITI training, other than the CITI module for research with children if you will be engaged in such research.

In order to ensure documentation, you must access the course via the Rascal Training Center at

<https://www.rascal.columbia.edu/tclogin.html>

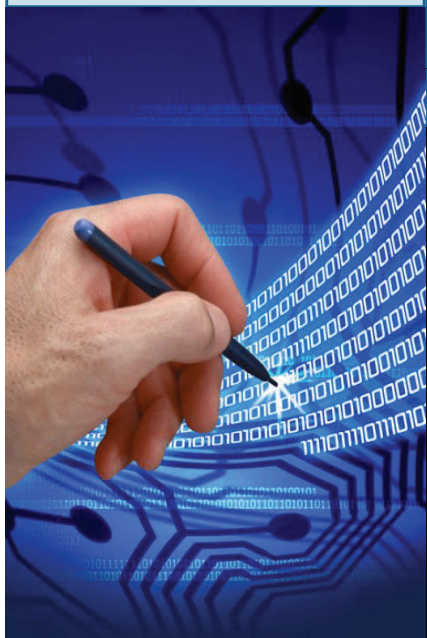
Questions? Email: [irboffice@columbia.edu](mailto:irboffice@columbia.edu) or [research-compliance@columbia.edu](mailto:research-compliance@columbia.edu)

### CU Scholarly Communication Program

#### *"Scholarship in the Digital Age: Information, Infrastructure and the Internet"*

Christine Borgman, Professor of Information Studies at UCLA and author of two widely praised books on digital technology and scholarship, will speak at Columbia University.

The talk, sponsored by Columbia University's [Scholarly Communication Program](#), will take place on Tuesday, March 24, 2009, at 3 p.m. in Butler Library Room 203 on Columbia's Morningside Campus. This event is free and open to the public, though anyone without a Columbia University ID must [RSVP](#) to [kp2002@columbia.edu](mailto:kp2002@columbia.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

#### Mar 12

Types of support and review processes for research and training activities: Government Agencies

#### Mar 19

- a) Types of support and review processes for research and training activities: Voluntary Health Organizations, Foundations, Industry, Clinical Trials, and Development
- b) Identifying sources of funding:

#### Apr 2

Planning & organizing a research proposal (NIH application used as a reference)

#### 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/qsas/ac\\_programs/fund-crs.htm](http://sklad.cumc.columbia.edu/qsas/ac_programs/fund-crs.htm)

Today's economic conditions and financial crisis are causing stress and uncertainty in many aspects of our lives. The University recognizes that people in the Columbia community might be facing some difficult challenges as they think about and plan for what seems like an uncertain future.

To assist you and members of your household with the complex situations that you may be facing, Columbia University is pleased to announce that we've contracted with a new vendor—Harris Rothenberg, International (HRI)—to manage our Employee Assistance Program (EAP). Typical issues the EAP will address are family and relationships, drugs and alcohol, work stress, financial strain, emotional difficulties and adult/elder care. Many employers and universities offer similar programs and they are particularly important during difficult times.

The EAP provides confidential counseling, assessment and referral services for you and members of your household. This service, staffed by professional counselors, is available 24 hours/day, 7 days/week, 365 days/year, nationally and internationally, and is effective as of February 2, 2009. There is no charge to you for use of this program. Please click on the following link for additional information:

<http://www.hr.columbia.edu/hr/documents/ben-eap/pdf-ver.pdf>





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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)

### St. Patrick's Day Parade in NYC!!

St. Patrick's Day is serious business in New York City.



The New York City St. Patrick's Day Parade will take place on Tuesday, March 17, 2009 starting at 11 a.m. on 5th Avenue around 44th Street. Toward the north end of the St. Patrick's Day Parade route are the best viewing spots: you can avoid the crowds that throng the sidewalks below 59th Street. The upper steps of the Metropolitan Museum of Art provide a great view or you can get a close-up view of the marchers where the St. Patrick's Day Parade turns east on 86th Street. The St. Patrick's Day Parade ends at 86th Street, around 2 or 3 p.m.

## Discount Broadway Tickets

Looking for a fun indoor activity during the winter 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 Intercampus Mail. The coupons must be brought to the box office where they can be exchanged for valid tickets.

Show	Expiration Date	Price Range
Mary Poppins	April 3, 2009	\$30.00 - \$90.00
Phantom of the Opera	April 4, 2009	\$26.50 - \$71.50

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