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1. CIRTL March Events
CIRTL is the Center for the integration of Research, Teaching and Learning. [http://www.cirtl.net](http://www.cirtl.net)
Committed to advancing the teaching of STEM Disciplines in higher education.

CIRTLCast Series: Creating an Inclusive STEM Research Environment
Developing a Teaching Philosophy Workshop

Register by April 6 to attend this two-part, online workshop.

Whether you’re looking for work, pursuing tenure, or simply trying to refine your teaching practices, having a teaching philosophy can help you advance at every stage of your academic career. In this workshop, you will learn how to write an effective, peer-reviewed teaching philosophy statement that reflects your teaching beliefs and experiences, approaches to student learning, and examples of best practices in evidence-based instruction.

This workshop includes two online sessions that all participants are required to attend, on Wednesday, April 13 and Wednesday, April 27. Review our workshop info page for additional schedule details.

Register for the workshop here: go.wisc.edu/0orufh.

2. Applying Cognitive Science to Improve Teaching (2 dates!)

Wednesday, March 23, 2016; 3:30pm-5pm, Farrell Teaching & Learning Center Room 214, Medical Campus
Or
Thursday, March 24, 2016; 11:30am-1pm, Green Hall L0159, Danforth Campus

This workshop will introduce participants to cognitive-science research on learning and memory that is relevant to teaching at the university level. Participants will learn how to design and implement classroom activities that incorporate retrieval practice, which may improve learning and help students monitor their own learning. This is a foundational workshop for the WU-CIRTL program.

Presenter: Denise Leonard, Ph.D., Assistant Director
Sponsored by The Teaching Center

3. Jumpstart Program on Writing a Teaching Philosophy Statement

Graduate students and postdocs are invited to participate in this four-week program, which will combine instruction in writing a TPS with the opportunity to participate in small, peer-review writing groups. Participants will write three drafts of the TPS over the four-week period.

Prerequisite: Writing a Teaching Philosophy Statement workshop

Participation in two seminars and two small-group meetings is required. We will host parallel sessions on both Medical and Danforth campuses:

Danforth Campus - Wednesdays, March 23 - April 13, 4:00-5:30pm Request Registration
Medical Campus - Thursdays, March 24 - April 14, 3:30-4:45pm Request Registration

Can’t make it to these sessions? We will offer a summer seminar series with flexible dates for peer-review group meetings, running mid-June through late July.

Questions? Please contact Emily Cohen-Shikora, PhD, The Teaching Center, at ecohensh@wustl.edu. Sponsored by The Teaching Center

4. Skandalaris Center Intrapreneurship Event

Entrepreneurship isn’t for everyone... but that’s where intrapreneurship comes in. Join Skandalaris Center for Entrepreneurship for a panel discussion on Entrepreneurship or Intrapreneurship: Which is for you? Panelists from Boeing, Anheuser-Busch, MasterCard, and more share how they have innovated at the corporate level. After the panel, there will be time for you to network with the panelists one-on-one. Snacks will be provided.

March 23rd, 6-8pm, Frick Forum, Knight/Bauer Hall, Danforth Campus


5. Women in Innovation & Entrepreneurship Series

March 24, 2016, 3:30-4:30 pm, Holden Aud, Farrell Learning & Teaching Center

Seminar & Guest Speaker: Sheila Grant, Ph.D., Associate Dean of Research, University of Missouri, College of Engineering & Dept. of Bioengineering; Co-Founder of EternoGen Aesthetics, Balancing Positions in CTO & Academics, Taking a Lab Technology to the Marketplace. Questions? Email otm@dom.wustl.edu Click to RSVP.

6. AWN Brown Bag: Internal Competitions

Tuesday, March 29, 2016, 12:00-1:00, FLTC 213

The Academic Women’s Network invites you to a Brownbag Discussion: "Demystifying Internal Competitions for Young Investigators" with guest speakers Dr. Susan Dutcher & Dr. Erik Herzog.

7. 12th Annual Postdoc Scientific Symposium
Join us at the 12th Annual Symposium! This is a great opportunity to interact with your fellows postdocs, make friends and find collaborators. Hear the postdoc speakers, visit the poster session, and there will be lunch & a reception! Please register by noon on Friday, March 25th! The entire University community is invited to attend. Full Symposium details are at http://dbbs.wustl.edu/Postdocs/PostdocSymposium/Pages/default.aspx. Register at https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1LEcME_o5-POCOEtEQiLgGbz89t83L7EijaryKI_G0gg/viewform

Keynote speaker: Adam Ruben, Ph.D., http://adamruben.net
Adam is the author of the Experimental Error column in Science, as well as the book Surviving Your Stupid, Stupid Decision to Go to Graduate School. He will also be selling and signing books during the poster session.

**Dr. Adam Ruben will also be giving a science talk at 9am in Holden: Development of a Live, Attenuated Malaria Vaccine

8. Workshop on Microarray and NGS Data Analysis in Partek® Genomics Suite with Pathway
A Field Application Scientist from Partek will lead a full day training workshop on March 31, 2016. This workshop will focus on Microarray and NGS Data Analysis in Partek® Genomics Suite with Pathway. The topics and agenda to be covered during the workshop are listed below:

Morning Session (9:30am – 12:00pm):
- Software Overview, import .CEL files and perform QA/QC of imported data
- Detect differential expression (ANOVA) and gene list creation
- Biological interpretation and data visualization (PCA, histogram, dot plot, volcano plot, interaction plot, heatmap etc.)

Afternoon Session (1:00pm – 3:30pm):
- Live demo on NGS downstream analysis starting with .BAM files
- Q&A, and hands-on session, where you can get help working with your own data or practice with data from Partek

Registration is required, to register, please complete the workshop registration form. Questions? Contact Maze Ndonwi at ndowimaze@wustl.edu or 314 362 4737

9. ProSPER St. Louis Science Center Site Tour and Career Panel
Where: St. Louis Science Center
When: Friday, April 1
Time: Depart WU 1:45p; depart SLSC ~4-5p
RSVP by midnight on March 28: RSVP here
ProSPER has organized an exclusive opportunity for ProSPER members and WU graduate and professional students to visit the St. Louis Science Center on Friday, April 1st. Join us for an on-site tour and career panel with SLSC directors, including STEM content director Cindy Encarnacion, Ph.D. The panel will discuss strategies to engage all visitors and the psychology used to evaluate the effectiveness of exhibits. This will be followed by an open Q&A session between the ProSPER tour group and panelists. Topics will be flexible and will depend on the interests of attendees. The site tour will follow the panel, and we will conclude with entrance to a feature of your choice! Choose from an Omnimax film, Planetarium show, or entrance to the Above and Beyond special exhibition (NASA).

RSVP is required for this event. All WU graduate and professional students are welcome to attend. Attendance is capped at 40 people, so sign-up today! Please RSVP here. Once we receive your RSVP, we will send additional information on the background of the panelists. Contact us with any questions at prosper@wustl.edu. http://gradpages.wustl.edu/prosper

10. Net Impact and CollaborateUp Nourishing 9 Billion SolutionLab
Net Impact and CollaborateUp are coming to Washington University in St. Louis to host the Nourishing 9 Billion SolutionLab on Friday, April 1st. The event will have attendees from several universities focus on how we can make our food supply chains more sustainable...even carbon positive! Attendees will get paired into teams and get immersed in a highly-interactive design thinking process to come up with ideas, products, and services -- eventually pitching their ideas for feedback from experts.

BEST PART: You will have the opportunity to work alongside food system experts and network with professionals in the field during a free post-event dinner.

This half-day event is limited to 100 undergrad/graduate students or postdocs but is an amazing opportunity for them to gain invaluable professional skills, network, and have fun all at the same time! For more details and to apply, visit this link.

Please share this with friends, colleagues, and students you think would be interested in attending the event.
If you have any questions, contact Matt at mturner@netimpact.org. They are looking for people in public health, nutrition, ecology, life sciences, business, engineering, sustainability, etc.

11. WUPS recruitment events: Postdoc symposium 3/31 and WUPS meeting 4/4
The WU Postdoc Society is actively seeking members!! The WU Postdoc Society will have an informative poster about the association during the Annual Postdoc Symposium on March 31st, 2016. Please stop by to get information, know how to get involved, fill survey about the social and career events hosted by the association this fiscal year. Any interested postdocs are also
welcome to the next WU Postdoc Society Meeting held on Monday, April 4th, 2016 at 12noon, FLTC 210. Lunch will be served. If you have any questions please contact Nelly Joseph-Mathurin at n.joseph@wustl.edu
Sponsored by the Wash U Postdoc Society

12. Green Card - Information Session for PhDs and Postdocs
Join us for an active discussion with immigration experts and successful postdoctoral applicants about green card applications, the do's and don'ts, where to find help and which application process might be right for you. The event will be held on Tuesday April 5th, 2016, 1:30pm - 3:00pm in the Erlanger Auditorium, McDonnell Medical Sciences Building. Pizza and drinks will be served, please register at http://goo.gl/forms/TvVaWrfFSMJ
Sponsored by the WU Postdoc Society

13. KGI Pathways to the Life Science Industry Webinars
The Keck Graduate Institute (KGI) is delighted to invite you to attend our Pathways to the Life Science Industry Webinars. Many PhDs could use practice in the development of advanced cognitive skills and broadened perspectives to effectively contribute in the life science industry. In this webinar series, we present examples of career pathways as we emphasize the integration and application of knowledge regarding products, processes, the regulatory environment, intellectual property, the markets, and financial matters.
Don't miss these unique opportunities to learn about the careers in the life sciences industry that leverage your unique scientific training and place you on a trajectory to leadership.
April 6, 11am – 12noon, Central Time (12:00p-1:00p EST, 9am-10amam PST)
Professional Development for Scientists: Tacit Knowledge and Current Events
James Sterling, Ph.D., Director of the Postdoctoral Professional Master’s Program, Keck Graduate Institute, Claremont, CA
Register Now: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2121804926099112962
Students who apply and are admitted to KGI's Postdoctoral Professional Master’s program may be eligible for up to $500 travel reimbursement to visit KGI. Please contact the admissions office at admissions@kgi.edu more details.

14. Improv for Professional Communication
Thursday, April 7, 2016, 10 am-noon, FLTC 214
Improve your communication skills in this interactive Improv for Professional Communication workshop led by Nicholas Tamarkin, Ph.D. The NIH and National Postdoctoral Association (NPA) emphasize the need for scientists to connect with diverse audiences; employers from all sectors value confident speakers and active listeners. The workshop focuses on acquiring interpersonal tools vital to conveying the impact of groundbreaking research to lawmakers and the public. You will learn improvisational techniques that will help you think on your feet for networking, teaching, and teamwork, and participate in simple theater exercises that build confidence while emphasizing clear and effective communication. By practicing these basic skills, you can improve your own presentation methods, developing effective strategies for leadership, persuasion, and conflict resolution.
Nicholas Tamarkin has acted on Broadway and performed in Europe and the United Kingdom with the Natural Theater Company. A Chicago-based improver and actor for many years, he has directed at the Second City Skybox and performed at the Improv Olympic in Chicago (among other theaters) as well as at the Upstream Theater and the Black Repertory Theater in St. Louis. A former professor of acting and directing at Michigan State University, he also co-founded the improvisation troupe Mama’s Pot Roast at Wash U as an undergraduate in 1992.
Space is limited. To register, email DBBS/OPA Education Coordinator Jessica Hutchins at jhutchins@wustl.edu.

15. NSPG Congressional Visit Day
Join ProSPER’s National Science Policy Group for their 2016 Congressional Visit Day, April 12-14, 2016 in Washington, D.C. ProSPER has some funds to help send one of our members to this great event. Click here to let us know of your interest!
ProSPER: Promoting Science Policy, Education, and Research https://gradpages.wustl.edu/prosper

16. TL1 Postdoctoral Fellowship in Accelerated Innovation
Clinical Research Training Center Institute of Clinical and Translational Sciences
Request for Applications - TL1 Postdoctoral Fellowship in Accelerated Innovation
Application Deadline: April 1, 2016 - Program Start Date: June 1, 2016
The Clinical Research Training Center is seeking applications for TL1 Postdoctoral Fellowship in Accelerated Innovation. The objective of the fellowship is to demystify the processes of commercialization of new technology/translational discoveries by learning how to move projects to the next stage of commercialization and how to establish value-creating milestones, costs, and timelines. These postdoctoral opportunities are rooted in an exciting culture of start-up companies and commercialization of biotechnology. Applicants will choose between one of the following two program tracks:
Track 1: Entrepreneurship
This position will study the translation of biomedical research into viable technologies and startups. Applicants should identify whether they plan to work with their own ideas and/or commercializable products during this appointment or if they will work with their mentor’s projects. Primary Mentoring within the Skandalaris Center will be under the direction of Dr. Michael Kinch and will focus on learning and experiencing new ways to translate scientific discoveries into commercializable products and innovations in order to improve human health. The objective is to better equip trainees to distill and advance the most promising opportunities to improve human health through innovation and entrepreneurship.

**Track 2: Research Innovation and Technology Transfer**

Fellowship training will focus on identifying past and current trends with the goal of identifying novel opportunities for future improvement via entrepreneurial activities. By blending innovation in both the research and commercial strategies underlying the approval of new biomedical products, Center for Research Innovation in Business (CRIB) seeks to anticipate future unmet needs and opportunities to ensure and maximize the efficiency and continuity of new medical innovations. Primary mentoring in the CRIB will be under the direction of Dr. Michael Kinch and will identify and analyze the sources of innovation responsible for creation of medical interventions, including pharmaceuticals, vaccines, and medical devices.

**A PhD, MD, MD/PhD, or DVM obtained and a record of academic accomplishment is required. Competitive salary and benefits are offered. Applicants must be citizens or non-citizen nationals of the United States, or have been lawfully admitted to the United States for permanent residence. Appointments for this position will typically be held for two years.**

Applications and additional information may be found at: crtc.wustl.edu/tl1postdoc/

17. Armenise-Harvard Career Development Award

The purpose of the Giovanni Armenise-Harvard Foundation is to support the research of promising young scientists, to contribute to the creation of new areas of research in the biological sciences in Italy, and to strengthen and develop collaborative relationships between Italian scientists and those at Harvard Medical School in Boston (HMS).

The Career Development Award consists of three-to-five years of funding allocated to an independent investigator at a host institute in Italy. The program is aimed at young and talented scientists, to enable them to contribute significantly to their areas of research. Funding will become available July 1, 2017. Applicants must:

- be young emerging basic scientists with demonstrated productivity and the ability to function as an independent investigator (Previous experience working with or at HMS is desirable but not an essential requirement)
- have a minimum of three years of post-doctoral research experience in basic biological sciences (including at least two years abroad) and be no more than 10 years from having received a PhD, i.e. the degree should have been received no earlier than July 15, 2006 and no later than July 15, 2013
- be researchers outside of Italy (both in the application stage and at the time of acceptance of the award), who wish to become part of the community of researchers in Italy
- have an agreement for the development of a novel research project in a suitable host institution in Italy (preferably other than the institution where the candidate has already done doctoral study, post-doctoral research or held a job)
- not have a pre-existing contract, independent of this grant, with a prospective host institute in Italy. Applications from candidates who have already been offered an appointment at an Italian host institute will not be considered.

The Career Development Award is $200,000 per year and the funds may cover the costs related to compensation of the researcher (commensurate with the position occupied at the host institution), salaries of the other members involved in the indicated research project, and equipment/infrastructure.

The Career Development Award Program intends to enable researchers to join the Italian scientific community to pursue a specific research project. Therefore, the nominee cannot accept concurrent grants in support of the same research project at the host institution. Exceptions to this may be made only under exceptional circumstances and should be communicated promptly to the Armenise-Harvard Foundation.

**Deadline for the submission of applications is July 15, 2016**

Further information and application forms for all programs are available at: Career Development Award or by contacting Elisabetta Vitali, The Giovanni Armenise-Harvard Foundation, Elisabetta_vitali@hms.harvard.edu

18. Lasker Foundation Essay Contest

The Lasker Foundation has announced its essay contest. The 2016 competition asks medical students, interns, residents, fellows, doctoral students, postdoctoral researchers, and others to write on the topic, "Which fundamental discoveries in basic medical research have not been clinically explored and translated into better human health?" First prize is $10,000 and a trip to New York to meet the 2016 Lasker Award winners. Second- and third-place prizes are $5000 and $2500, respectively. All monetary prizes are to be used towards educational expenses. **The deadline is April 25.**

For more information and to apply: http://www.laskerfoundation.org/programs/lasker-foundation-essay-contest/

19. Science & SciLife Lab Prize for Young Scientists
We believe that excellent young researchers deserve a little extra attention and endorsement. If you are a recent PhD graduate (within last two years), you could be the next winner of the Science & SciLifeLab Prize for Young Scientists. **Submissions are now open for 2016 entries.**

Doctoral graduates may submit an essay based on their thesis work. Four winners, in different categories, will be selected for this international award.

**Application deadline: August 1, 2016**

Categories: Cell and Molecular Biology | Ecology and Environment | Genomics and Proteomics | Translational Medicine

Apply now for your chance to win the 2016 Science & SciLifeLab Prize for Young Scientists!

The winners will be published by Science, share 60,000 USD in prize money and be awarded in Stockholm, Sweden in December.


20. Eppendorf & Science Prize for Neurobiology

The annual Eppendorf & Science Prize for Neurobiology is an international award which honors young scientists for their outstanding contributions to neurobiological research based on methods of molecular and cell biology. The winner and finalists are selected by a committee of independent scientists, chaired by Science’s Senior Editor, Dr. Peter Stern. Researchers who are not older than 35 years are invited to apply.

You could be next to win this prize and to receive

> Prize money of US$25,000
> Publication in Science of an essay by the winner about his/her research
> Full support to attend the Prize Ceremony held in conjunction with the Annual Meeting of the Society for Neuroscience in the USA
> An invitation to visit Eppendorf in Hamburg, Germany
> Up to three finalists are honored, too!

**Application Deadline: June 15, 2016**

Learn more at [www.eppendorf.com/prize](http://www.eppendorf.com/prize)

21. Volunteers Needed for Behavioral Interviewing Workshop – Wednesday, April 20, 2016, 2:30 pm

DBBS alumna and Monsanto Genotyping Platform Lead Julia Honold, Ph.D. will lead a workshop on behavioral interviewing, an interview style that is common in industry and other non-academic fields. Postdocs are needed for demonstration interviews at this event. Ideal candidates are either currently on the job market or are preparing for a job search. They will be given sample interview questions to prepare in advance and will be asked to respond to one of these questions at the event in front of Julia and the live audience. Julia will give feedback to the volunteer interviewees at the event as well. If you would like to gain valuable interviewing practice by participating in a demonstration interview, please email Jessica Hutchins, DBBS/OPA Education Coordinator: jhutchins@wustl.edu.

22. BEC Bench to Business Challenge 2016

Want to try your hand at entrepreneurship? Submit your applications for the B2BC by March 24th!

**BEC’s 2nd Annual Bench to Business Challenge:** The BEC Bench to Business Challenge 2016 is a fun, low-pressure introduction to entrepreneurship! All stages of ideas - from concept to advanced - are welcome. Individuals or teams with early stage ideas are especially encouraged to apply. No experience necessary!

For rules, entry forms, and places to find ideas, [click here](http://www.eppendorf.com/prize)

*Sponsored by the BioEntrepreneurship Core*

23. Become a Leader of Future Educators!

Biomedical postdocs are needed to lead the teaching-oriented Future Educators group. This is a group for graduate students & postdocs who are interested in STEM teaching and mentoring. Members are not necessarily committed to pursuing a teaching-focused career. The group will meet periodically to discuss ideas related to teaching and mentoring in a research-based setting, and can serve as a resource for locating teaching opportunities in the St. Louis area and around the country. In the past, the group has also organized workshops on writing a teaching philosophy statement and how to choose a TA-ship. The new leaders will organize events and maintain the Future Educators listserv. If you would like to lead this group, please contact Jessica Hutchins at jhutchins@wustl.edu.

24. The Medical School Musical still needs musicians: Guitar, Bass Guitar, Drums!

The Medical School Musical needs musicians! We are still looking for guitar, bass guitar and drums players for our upcoming production of Legally Blonde! Rehearsals will be a few hours a week on Sunday afternoons until the week of the show when rehearsals will be every evening (Sunday April 10th-Wed April 13th). The shows will be April 14th-16th at 8pm. To get involved please contact our music director Jon Bee at jonbeebee16@gmail.com.
25. Citizen Science at Bard College
Citizen Science is a scientific literacy program required of all first year students at Bard College, regardless of intended major. Held in January, this intensive academic program introduces our students to scientific thinking by engaging them in problem-based learning classroom, computing and laboratory experiences. We are currently accepting applications for short-term faculty positions from excellent scientists with a demonstrated interest in excellent undergraduate education. The time commitment is a five day training session in June and three weeks in January. More information can be found at our website (http://citizenscience.bard.edu/), and the job posting can be found at: http://www.bard.edu/employment.descriptions?listing_id=3835956
For full consideration, applications must be received by 4/25/16. Applications will be reviewed upon receipt, and we will continue to accept applications after 4/25 until all positions are filled.
NOTE: Current postdoc Dr. Sarah Petersen participated in this program in January 2016 and is happy to answer questions about it. You can email her at petersens@wustl.edu.

26. Allied Minds Fellows Program
Allied Minds, a publicly traded early-stage venture firm (www.alliedminds.com), is seeking applicants for the Allied Minds Fellows Program. Allied Minds Fellows provide support to our investment team and portfolio companies across a wide range of topics and projects including technology scouting, technical diligence, market discovery and investment analysis. This is a paid opportunity with flexible work hours (5-10 hours per week). We welcome exceptional graduate students and post-docs, from top programs and institutions.
The deadline to submit an application for the Allied Minds Fellows Program is April 15th, 2016 at 5pm EST. To learn more about the Program, please visit our website: http://www.alliedminds.com/fellows.
If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us at fellows@alliedminds.com.

27. FASEB 2016 Postdoctoral Preparation Institute
The Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology (FASEB) is sponsoring the 2016 Postdoctoral Preparation Institute (2016 PPI) on June 2-3, 2016 at the Bethesda North Marriott Hotel & Conference Center in Bethesda, MD. The 2016 PPI is intended to bring together postdoctoral investigators who will soon be seeking their first independent positions. A key objective of the 2016 PPI is to provide insights about the various career pathways PhD-trained scientists may consider as they prepare to transition into independent careers in the biomedical research workforce. The broad landscape of career opportunities includes areas such as science policy, science writing, intellectual property law and patents, industry, consulting and entrepreneurship, academic research/teaching, science education, nonprofit sector and government.
The 2016 PPI will provide a range of information and resources which postdocs will need in order to make a successful transition to independence, including making the right career choice, finding the right institutional fit, applying for a position, succeeding in the job interview and seminar, negotiating a startup package, networking and forming collaborations, and balancing research with many other commitments.
While the transition to independence is a challenge for all postdocs, young investigators who are members of groups that are identified as underrepresented in the biomedical or behavioral sciences may have an especially difficult time finding and establishing themselves in their first independent positions. For this reason, emphasis will be placed on members of these groups; however, participation in this program is not limited to these groups of individuals. The 2016 PPI is intended for postdocs who are within 12- to 18-months of completing their postdoctoral training appointments.
Travel awards (up to a maximum of $1,500) will be provided for all eligible and selected applicants.
Additional information and application forms can be found at twdprograms.org.
Deadline to apply is May 6, 2016. Hotel reservation deadline is May 11, 2016.

28. Title IX Pregnancy Accommodation - Postdoc Survey
Your participation is requested in a survey on postdocs’ experiences as new parents. Researchers at U.C. Hastings’ Center for WorkLife Law are surveying postdocs who welcomed a child into their home during their postdoc years as part of an effort to advance institutional support for postdoc parents. The survey results will be used, in partnership with the National Postdoctoral Association, to develop and advocate for best practices to support postdocs who are new parents.
If you became a parent while a postdoc, you can participate in this survey so that the world can know more about the experiences of postdoc parents—and how to better support and advocate for your needs. All responses will be kept anonymous unless you explicitly consent to reveal identifying information in the survey.
Click here (https://www.research.net/r/PostdocParents) to take the survey, or to access more information on the survey and the researchers. The survey is open for a limited time - please respond by March 25th.

29. Survey on Early Career Researchers - Participants wanted
An invitation to early career researchers...from the sciences and social sciences to take part in an international study on scholarly communications. We are seeking early career researchers (ECRs) from the sciences and social sciences to take part in an international research study funded by the Publishing Research Consortium.

We wish to interview researchers currently located in either the UK or the USA who are not older than 35 and who either have received their PhD and are currently in a research position or have been in research positions but are currently working towards a PhD. In neither case should researchers be in established or tenured positions. We are aware that ECRs are variously defined by institutions, funding bodies and countries, but the protocol for our research makes it necessary to abide by these definitions.

The study is majoring on the key scholarly activities of information use and seeking behaviour, citing, publishing, peer review, sharing/collaborating and reputation building, with a special focus on the impact open access publishing, social media, online social networks and emerging reputation mechanisms have on these activities.

The interviews will be conducted once a year, starting in 2016, for three years by phone, Skype or face-to-face depending on your preferences and location. They will last about 50 minutes and will not be recorded. The write-up of the interview will be shared with you. Nothing will be attributed to you personally in reports to the funders, nor in presentations or articles we may publish.

In recognition of your assistance, in addition to sharing the results with you, we would like to offer you an Amazon voucher/book token etc. worth £50 or its dollar equivalent for each of the three years you will be participating in the project.

If you are interested in participating please send your latest c.v./resume to Anthony Watkinson, principal consultant at CIBER Research. We need to construct a viable sample and a c.v./resume should provide us the information we need to avoid too heavy a concentration on a particular discipline.

Harbingers
Publishing Research Consortium 2015–2018
Are early career researchers the harbingers of change? Will digital natives who embark on a career in research, carry the new information-seeking behaviour into the workplace with profound change to scholarly communication? Or will they, recognising their position as apprentices and reliant on guidance from mentors, be cautious and less adventurous than established colleagues? There is a complex of factors to consider here, a whole range of demographics and characteristics.

The Publishing Research Consortium has commissioned CIBER to carry out a world-wide, longitudinal study over three years of these 'digital natives' — researchers under 35 who have yet to achieve established or tenured positions.

The key question for all publishers is “on what basis do these researchers go about selecting the journal to which they submit?”. To answer that we will investigate the impact of open access publishing, social media and online networks on the process of reputation building. Does a change in the mechanisms of information seeking and use, citing, sharing, and collaborating presage a revaluation of the social capital of publishing and peer review?

Funded by The Publishing Research Consortium and led by David Nicholas the international research team includes: Anthony Watkinson, Eti Herman, Jie Xu, Abrizah Abdullah, Blanca Rodríguez-Bravo, Chérifa Boukacem-Zeghmouri, and Marzena Świgonić.

30. Postdoc T-shirts!
We have new postdoc T-shirts! They are charcoal gray with a white WU logo on the front, and the word postdoc with the STEM departments on the back. Cost is $5 each, cash only. Stop by the Office of Postdoctoral Affairs (OPA) to purchase one, there is usually someone available between 9 and 4pm. Questions? Email postdoc@wusm.wustl.edu.

Don’t forget to check out the DBBS Jobs Board at http://dbbs.wustl.edu/jobs. We have posted Career positions and postdoctoral positions both at WU and elsewhere. The board is self-service, so feel free to post jobs, or forward the site to others who may want to post a job.

We are on Facebook & Twitter! The audience for both accounts is current WU postdocs but they are open anyone, so please like our FB page and follow us on Twitter! We’ll be posting info about OPA & WUPS events and Career Center activities as well as other events and items of interest to postdocs. You can find us at:

Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/OPA.WUSTL, Washington University Office of Postdoctoral Affairs
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We also have a LinkedIn Group for current & alumni postdocs – Washington University in St. Louis Postdocs - please join if you haven’t already. This is a private group for career development and networking and is meant to help postdocs keep in touch, especially after they complete their postdoc.

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