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The 12th Annual Postdoc Symposium was a great success – check out the photos on the Facebook page:
https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.998248440210484.1073741840.309930509042284&type=3

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

April 12, 2016 2PM ET/1PM CT/12PM MT/11AM PT
CIRTL Reads: Visuals in STEM Teaching and Learning
April 13, 2016 1PM ET/12PM CT/11AM MT/10AM PT
CIRTLCast Series: Creating an Inclusive STEM Teaching Environment
Preparing for the College Students of Tomorrow in Engineering
April 14, 2016   12PM ET/11AM CT/10AM MT/9AM PT
**Teaching in the US:** Developing Your Own Teaching Philosophy by Incorporating Your Cultural Background

April 20, 2016   1PM ET/12PM CT/11AM MT/10AM PT
**CIRTLCast Series:** Creating an Inclusive STEM Teaching Environment Improving Outcomes in Chemistry Through Holistic Instruction for First-Generation, Low-income, and Minority Students

April 27, 2016   1PM ET/12PM CT/11AM MT/10AM PT
**CIRTLCast Series:** Creating an Inclusive STEM Teaching Environment Leveraging Authentic Teaching and Research Practices for Successful NSF and NIH Proposals

2. **Bench2Business Challenge and Demo Day 2016**
BEC and IdeaLabs are thrilled to host a Business pitch workshop leading up to our flagship events Bench2Business Challenge and Demo Day 2016! Hosting the workshop will be two very eminent and capable speakers; Dan Reus (Openly Disruptive) and David Shifrin (Filament Life Sciences Comm), who'll help practice how to "sell" your idea/product to a crowd of possible investors/backers. You don’t have to be an expert, nor do you need to be participating in the two following events!

*Time:* April 11th 2016, 5:30 PM onwards

*Venue:* Holden Auditorium, FLTC, Medical campus

RSVP at [https://gradpages.wustl.edu/bec/rsvp](https://gradpages.wustl.edu/bec/rsvp)

**Sponsored by The BioEntrepreneurship Core and IdeaLabs**

3. **BioResearch Product Faire™**
April 13, 2016, 10 am-2:30 pm
Find new lab products and improved analytical equipment, learn about new research techniques, and network with other researchers and outside science professionals. Our life science biotechnology events boast a wide range of relevant and high quality vendors to ensure that you find the products you need to meet your research goals. At this event, you and your colleagues will find industry professionals and the newest lab technology available.

Register at: [http://lab.biotech-calendar.com/washu-researcher](http://lab.biotech-calendar.com/washu-researcher)

4. **Cross-Cultural Communication in the Lab**
April 13, 2016, 1-2pm, Holden Auditorium
The international and collaborative aspects of the biomedical research enterprise can enrich scientific inquiry but can also lead to miscommunications and obstacles to productivity among the researchers. A panel of international students and scholars will share their experiences navigating cross-cultural communications in the U.S., moderated by Cathy Raymond, Assistant Director of English Language Programs (ELP) at Washington University. Topics may include communication issues for non-native speakers of English, cultural and linguistic causes of misunderstandings, as well as practical take-away strategies for resolving these situations. This discussion builds on February’s Cross-Cultural Competency Workshop: A Framework for Understanding Cultural Differences, presented by Karen Schwelle, Director of ELP.

Register at [http://dbbs.wustl.edu/Resources/Pages/calendar_event.aspx?EvID=4470](http://dbbs.wustl.edu/Resources/Pages/calendar_event.aspx?EvID=4470)

**Sponsored by the Office of Faculty Affairs, WU’s English Language Program (ELP), the Office of Postdoctoral Affairs, and the Division of Biology & Biomedical Sciences**

5. **Teaching at a Liberal Arts Institution Event**
*Teaching at a Liberal Arts Institution*, a conversation with Rick Moog, Professor of Chemistry at Franklin & Marshall College
Do you wonder what it is like to teach and work at a liberal arts institution? Come to the next conversation hosted by the [Graduate Teaching and Learning Community](http://dbbs.wustl.edu/Resources/Pages/calendar_event.aspx?EvID=4470) to chat with guest faculty Rick Moog, a leading scholar in chemistry education spending his sabbatical year from Franklin & Marshall College here at WUSTL’s Center for Integrative Research on Cognition, Learning, and Education (CIRCLE). Join us for this happy hour and talk with other graduate students.
Wednesday, April 13, 2016 from 4:00pm - 5:00pm at the Liberman Graduate Center (DUC 300), Danforth Campus

**RSVP to this event**

**Sponsored by the Teaching Center**

6. **Designing Collaborative-Learning Materials**
**STEM Pedagogies Workshop for advanced graduate students and postdocs**
Thursday, April 14th 2016; 11:30AM - 1:00PM at Green Hall, Room L0159 (Danforth Campus)
In this workshop, participants will discuss strategies for designing and structuring effective material for collaborative- learning activities in STEM courses. Participants will work together to refine collaborative-learning activities and materials. This is an elective workshop for the WU-CIRTL program.

**Presenter:** Jacinta Mutambuki, Ph.D., STEM Education Postdoctoral Research Associate
7. Global Health & Infectious Disease Trainee Symposium
April 14, 2016
Check-in: 12:30 pm | Talks: 1:00 to 4:15 pm | Reception: 4:15 to 5:15 pm
McDonnell Sciences Building, Erlanger Auditorium, Medical Campus
The fourth annual Global Health & Infectious Disease Conference is Friday April 15th and will focus on “Shrinking the Cure and Prevention Divide that Separates Populations from Life-Saving Drugs and Vaccines.”
https://publichealth.wustl.edu/events/global-health-and-infectious-disease-conference

Tickets are now on sale! Come watch your friends and classmates from the Wash U school of medicine, physical therapy, occupational therapy, PACS (audiology), biostatistics, and DBBS perform in the 11th annual Med School Musical, Legally Blonde!
The beloved 2001 Reese Witherspoon comedy gets the full Broadway treatment! Legally Blonde follows the story of Elle Woods, a UCLA sorority sister who is dumped by her boyfriend for being too blonde. Determined to not lose her one true love, Elle pursues him to the hallowed halls of Harvard Law. Accompanied by her dog Bruiser, her hair stylist, and her very own Greek Chorus, Elle must face the challenges of love and Law School without losing herself along the way.
Performances will take place at 8:00pm, Thursday April 14th, Friday April 15th and Saturday April 16th in the Spencer T. Olin Residence Hall gymnasium on the Washington University School of Medicine campus. Invite your friends, family, coworkers and anyone else!
Tickets: In advance - $8 for Wash U students, $12 for non-students; At the door - $12 for Wash U students, $16 for non-students Contact Runjun at kumarr@wusm.wustl.edu to reserve tickets at the advance price, or look for ticket sales in the FLTC lobby the week of the show.

9. Creating and Sharing a Teaching Portfolio
Teaching Center Professional Development Workshop
This workshop will explore different ways to reflect on, document, and share your teaching experiences and qualifications for the academic job market by compiling a teaching portfolio. Discussion will include the essential components of a teaching portfolio and guidance on organization and communication of evidence about your teaching, whether it is paper-based or digital.
Tuesday, April 19, 2016 from 4:00pm - 5:30pm, Seigle 301, Danforth Campus
Request Registration
Sponsored by the Teaching Center

10. Tips for Behavioral Interviewing
April 20, 2016, 2:30 pm, Holden Auditorium
Two former WU graduate students who have successfully transitioned into industry will present on Tips for Interviewing. The event held in Holden Auditorium will feature Katie Adastra, Ph.D., Monsanto IT Outreach lead and BALSA alumna, as well as Julia Honold, Ph.D., Monsanto Production Genotyping Lead, and an overview from Monsanto HR generalist Ryan McCrea. They will talk about how to prepare for interviews and will conduct mock interviews with preselected volunteers. Join us for a rare opportunity to gain interviewing insights from industry professionals!
Register at: http://dbbs.wustl.edu/Resources/Pages/calendar_event.aspx?EviID=4472

11. Cross-Cultural Communication in Clinical Settings
April 21, 2016, 11am-12pm, Holden Auditorium
Medical practice and research require relationships with clinicians, patients, and advocates from a broad variety of cultural backgrounds. While these interactions can enrich our work and our daily lives, they can also lead to confusion, frustration, and obstacles to productivity. A panel of international students and scholars will share their experiences navigating cross-cultural communications in the U.S., moderated by Will R. Ross, MD, MPH, Associate Dean for Diversity and Professor of Medicine, Nephrology/Internal Medicine. Topics may include communication issues for non-native speakers of English, cultural and linguistic causes of misunderstandings, as well as practical take-away strategies for resolving these situations. This discussion builds on February’s Cross-Cultural Competency Workshop: A Framework for Understanding Cultural Differences, presented by Karen Schwelle, Director of ELP.
Register at http://dbbs.wustl.edu/Resources/Pages/calendar_event.aspx?EviID=4471
Sponsored by the Office of Faculty Affairs, WU’s English Language Program (ELP), the Office of Postdoctoral Affairs, and the Division of Biology & Biomedical Sciences
12. Strategies for Successful Manuscript Publishing
OFA Career Development Programming Thursday Topics – Communication
Thursday, April 21, 2016, noon-1:00 p.m.
Location: Schwarz Aud, Maternity Hospital Building (map)
Taught by Karen Dodson, MBA, Manager of Professional Development and Academic Publishing Services, Instructor for the Grantsmanship and Scientific Writing and Publishing classes taught to clinical faculty in the Clinical Research Training Center and Managing Editor for the American Journal of Physiology-Endocrinology. Included in this session: Tips on writing for peer reviewers, selecting the right journal for your work and ways to optimize a successful review process.
https://facultyaffairs.wusm.wustl.edu/events/communication-strategies-for-successful-manuscript-publishing
Sponsored by the Office of Faculty Affairs

13. Women in Innovation and Entrepreneurship (WIE) Series
Thursday, Apr. 21 | 3:30 PM (date/time is tentative)
Suite 110 and Venture Cafe, @4240 Building
Seminar: Successful Traits of Female Inventors & Entrepreneurs
For more info, please contact us at 314-747-0920 or via email, otm@dom.wustl.edu

14. Delmar Loop Social Impact Hackathon
Calling all creative problem-solvers! The Skandalaris Center is co-hosting the Delmar Loop Social Impact Hackathon, April 22nd-24th.
Attendees will brainstorm and generate ways to create an Innovation Neighborhood in the Loop—that is, a neighborhood that attracts and retains creative geniuses and accelerates socioeconomic growth. $3,000 in cash prizes is up for grabs! Mark your calendar and check out the event website for more information.
Sponsored by The Skandalaris Center

15. Free Bowling courtesy of Wash U Postdoc Society
April 28th, 6:30pm. Moolah Lanes. One round of bowling on us!
You can form teams (max 6 per lane) or join up as individuals.
RSVP at http://goo.gl/forms/QRX108BTmc
Sponsored by the Wash U Postdoc Society

16. OUTgrads Trivia Fundraiser
Please join OUTgrads and the Metro Trans Umbrella Group for a Trivia Fundraiser on Friday, April 29 at 7PM. As usual, we'll have lots of refreshments, awesome prizes, and six rounds of trivia questions!
Friday, April 29th at 7PM in the Shell Cafe (WashU Medical Campus), enter at Olin Dorms, 4550 Scott Ave.
Cost: $10 to enter (cash only); $2 for 1 raffle ticket, $5 for 3 tickets
IMPORTANT: This event is 21+, please bring ID!
Click here for more info - we hope to see you there!
OUTgrads is the University-wide group for lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, queer (LGBTQ) graduate & professional students at Washington University in St. Louis.

17. AWN Spring Dinner
The Academic Women’s Network (AWN) invites you to their Spring Dinner.
“Trust, Shoes and the End of the Week” with featured Speaker Katrina Armstrong, MD, Chair of the Department of Medicine and Physician-in-Chief at Massachusetts General Hospital
Thursday, May 5, 2016
6:00 PM Reception, 6:30 PM Dinner, 7:15 PM Program & Awards
Bar Italia, 13 Maryland Plaza, St. Louis, MO
$40 AWN Member, $45 Non-Member, $50 On-Site
The Academic Women’s Network was established in 1990 by women faculty at Washington University School of Medicine to serve as a liaison between women faculty and the university administration, promote professional interactions and career development, and assist & mentor women faculty and trainees in science & medicine.

18. W.M. Keck Fellowship
DBBS Faculty are invited to nominate their WU postdocs for one year postdoctoral fellowships ($45,000) through the 2016 Keck Postdoctoral Program in Molecular Medicine at Washington University. The following limitations apply:
- Nominees must not have completed more than two years of postdoctoral training, excluding clinical training, as of July 1 (the preferred applicant is either just beginning or early in the postdoctoral training period).
- Applicants must not hold any other named fellowship.
- Only U.S. CITIZENS are eligible.
- Nominations are limited to one per advisor. Consideration will be given to those mentors not recently awarded a Keck Fellowship. For more information, please contact your advisor. To check that your advisor is a member of DBBS, please visit http://dbbs.wustl.edu and click on “Faculty” and search the listings.

Deadline is Wednesday, April 13, 2015.

19. McDonnell Center for Cellular and Molecular Neurobiology Postdoctoral Fellowship

The McDonnell Center for Cellular and Molecular Neurobiology is offering its second annual Postdoctoral Fellowship Program to support outstanding postdoctoral investigators within the Washington University neuroscience community. Applications are welcomed from postdoctoral fellows whose research fits within the Center’s overall mission, which is to improve our understanding of the basic mechanisms underlying nervous system function in health and disease. Applications must originate from postdoctoral investigators with at least one year of postdoctoral training in a laboratory at Washington University at the time of application. There are no requirements of citizenship or permanent residency status. Funding up to $30,000 will be available for one year and will begin on July 1, 2016. Funds must be used toward salary and fringe support. Please visit http://neuroscienceresearch.wustl.edu/Pages/Postdocfunding.aspx for more information and application instructions.

Deadline is 5pm on April 29, 2016.

20. Breast Cancer Research Program Forum – Call for Posters

The Siteman Cancer Center Breast Cancer Research Program will be holding its annual forum on Friday, May 6, 2016 at the Cori Auditorium. We invite all graduate students, postdoctoral fellows, clinical fellows, and faculty to participate in the breast cancer poster session (set-up at noon; poster session 2-3pm). Basic, translational, and clinical breast cancer projects are welcome. Posters should be 3ft x 4ft (H x W). A $250 prize will be given for the best poster presented by a trainee (below level of instructor) at the forum at 3pm.

Please submit a poster abstract (200 words or less) by 4pm on April 22 to Kyle Neeley at neeleyk@wustl.edu. Late submissions will not be accepted and a maximum of 20 abstracts will be accepted. Abstracts will be used in the forum program, and for poster location assignment. Include your title, department, and a complete list of authors and affiliations.

This year’s keynote speaker will be Lisa Carey, MD, from the University of North Carolina. The participation of faculty and students is key to the success of this forum. We look forward to seeing you there.

Sincerely, Elaine Mardis, Kathy Weilbaecher & Jason Weber

21. NRMN Grant Proposal Writing & Professional Development Coaching Groups

Apply now for two intensive grant proposal writing coaching groups starting in July 2016! NRMN's grantwriting groups are more than just 1-2 day workshops! Each model is an intensive program for junior investigators to work closely with experienced faculty members and peers on National Institutes of Health (NIH) grant proposals.

Junior Investigators developing an NIH or NIH-style research grant proposal, apply as a mentee:

NRMN Steps Towards Academic Research - deadline extended to April 19, 2016 Cohort Dates: July 2016-June 2017

NRMN Proposal Preparation Program - deadline May, 5, 2016 Cohort Dates: July-October 2016

22. 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 intense 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://citizen science.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

23. 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.

### 24. CIRTL Summer Courses, Workshops & Teaching Institutes

This summer CIRTL is offering a range of courses, a workshop, and several in-person teaching institutes at our member institutions. **Registration opens Monday, April 11** and closes Monday, May 9, and is required for all our summer activities. Keep reading for more details! CIRTL is the Center for the integration of Research, Teaching and Learning. [http://www.cirtl.net](http://www.cirtl.net)

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<td>This 8-week MOOC begins Wednesday, June 1</td>
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<td>Learn about evidence-based instruction through our Massive Open Online Course (MOOC), taught by faculty from across the CIRTL Network. Unlike the rest of our online classes, the MOOC is entirely asynchronous, meaning students can work independently throughout the 8-week course.</td>
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<td>Develop teaching practices to support all learners - including those with disabilities - in this class taught by instructors from the University of Rochester. Students will study effective pedagogies and disability regulations to learn the basics of accessible course design. The class will meet weekly for 6 weeks; all participants are required to attend these live, online sessions.</td>
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<td>Learn how you can incorporate hands-on creativity into your STEM classroom in this course, taught by instructors from the University of Pittsburgh. This class will meet weekly for 4 weeks, and all participants are required to attend these live, online sessions.</td>
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<td>Learn how to craft an academic CV that emphasizes your strengths while speaking to NIH and NSF priorities in this workshop led by instructors from the University of Texas at Arlington. In addition to attending the live, online workshop on June 14, participants will be required to do some preparatory work beforehand, and some wrap-up work after.</td>
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**Summer Teaching Institute (Johns Hopkins University)**
*In Baltimore, MD from Tuesday, May 24 through Thursday, May 26*
This three-day intensive institute, hosted at Johns Hopkins University, addresses common themes and challenges in teaching and education at the post-secondary level. Through faculty presentations and group work, participants will learn about innovations and research in undergraduate education.

**STRIPE Teaching Institute (University of Colorado Boulder)**
*In Boulder, CO from Monday, June 13 through Friday, June 17*
Take part in this week-long teaching institute at the University of Colorado Boulder, specially designed for STEM postdocs. Participants will learn to apply engineering principles of design, build, test and iterate to their curriculum development, drawing from relevant literature and techniques.

**Evidence-Based Teaching Institute (Vanderbilt University, August 2016)**
*In Nashville, TN on Thursday, August 18 and Friday, August 19*
Learn the basics of evidence-based teaching in this day-and-a-half institute at Vanderbilt University. Participants will cover a range of topics related to teaching-as-research, including how people learn, challenge-based learning, course design, assessment, classroom management, classroom technology, and scholarly resources.

**25. 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](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](https://www.facebook.com/OPA.WUSTL), Washington University Office of Postdoctoral Affairs

**Twitter:** @WUSTLPostdoc, WUSTL Postdoc Office [http://twitter.com/wustlpostdoc](http://twitter.com/wustlpostdoc)

We also have a [LinkedIn Group](https://www.linkedin.com/groups?g=10139756) for current & alumni postdocs – [Washington University in St. Louis Postdocs](https://www.linkedin.com/groups?home=true&gid=10139756) - 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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