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1. 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

2. 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 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

3. 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?EvID=4472

4. BEC’s 2nd Annual Bench to Business Challenge
Wednesday, April 20th
Holden Auditorium, FLTC, Medical Campus
Registration: 5pm, Event Begins: 5:30pm
http://gradpages.wustl.edu/bec/events/4287
The ideas have been submitted and the teams are ready to go, so please come watch as our B2BC competitors pitch for the opportunity to win $2000 in prizes! This event is open to the public and dinner will be provided. Please RSVP  here.  
Want to get more involved with the BEC and the St. Louis biotech entrepreneurship scene? Run for a BEC officer position! Elections will be held May 4th. Watch  our website  for details!

5. 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?EvID=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

6. 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

7. Women in Innovation and Entrepreneurship (WIE) Series
Thursday, Apr. 21 from 3-4pm (note time change!)
Suite 110 and Venture Cafe, @4240 Building (4240 Duncan Ave.)
Seminar: Successful Traits of Female Inventors & Entrepreneurs
For more info, please contact us at 314-747-0920 or via email,  otm@dom.wustl.edu
8. Inspiring Innovation: Forbes 30 Under 30 Venture Capitalist
The Skandalaris Center has teamed up with WUTE.VC to host their final venture capital talk of the year, *Inspiring Innovation: Forbes 30 Under 30*. We’re delighted to host 2016 Forbes 30 Under 30, **Arteen Arabshahi**, a venture capitalist from LA-based early stage fund, Karlin Ventures. Arteen will discuss his transition from “entrepreneur” to “venture capitalist”... all before the age of 21. He is both a powerhouse and inspiration in the entrepreneurship community, and we are thrilled to have him on campus and learn from his story! **April 21st, 5:30pm-7:00pm**, Frick Forum/Emerson Auditorium. *Refreshments will be provided* RSVP: [bit.ly/ArteenAtWashU](http://bit.ly/ArteenAtWashU)

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9. Delmar Loop Social Impact Hackathon
Join us for the Delmar Loop Social Impact Hackathon NEXT WEEKEND, 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! We have some awesome speakers lined up and a fun-filled schedule. We’re excited to offer some great technology at the event! Cisco has donated access to their open source platform, Mantl.io, to all Hackathon participants. So if your idea involves technology, you will have the means to make it! Registration is $10, but students get in FREE. Email us for the code! (Jessica at stanko@wustl.edu)

Reserve your spot now and check out the [event website](http://delmarloophackathon.com) for more information.

**Co-sponsored by The Skandalaris Center**

10. Boeing Patent Challenge FINALS!
The Boeing Patent Challenge teams have been working on their ventures all semester long, and we’re excited to share their final ideas with the community! Join us for presentations, awards, networking, and a celebration reception. We’re bringing in recruiting companies, so bring your resume! **April 25th, 5:00pm**, Emerson Auditorium. *Refreshments will be provided*. RSVP: [bit.ly/BPCfinals](http://bit.ly/BPCfinals)

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11. IDEA Labs Demo Day
IDEA Labs will welcome student and postdoc innovators from around the country to the first national Demo Day April 25 from 6-9pm. Postdocs will see demonstration from IDEA Labs-involved students/postdocs of prototypes of their inventions to solve healthcare problems. Keynote address: Robert Langer, MIT

For more information, location, and RSVP go to [http://idealabsincubator.org/demo-day/attend](http://idealabsincubator.org/demo-day/attend)

12. 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](http://goo.gl/forms/QRX108BTmC)

**Sponsored by the Wash U Postdoc Society**

13. Science Writing Career Talk
Friday, April 29, 2016, 1:30 pm, Holden Auditorium

Do you have the right stuff to be a science writer? Learn how to transform your communication skills into a writing career at this **Science Writing Career Talk on Friday, April 29 at 1:30 pm in Holden Auditorium. Molecular Biology Writer at *Science News* and DBBS alumna Tina Saey, Ph.D. will be joined by St. Louis-area freelance health and science writer Jeanne Erdmann.** The two will discuss what they do in their current positions, how they got there, and which Ph.D.-level skills are useful for writing careers.

Register at: [http://dbbs.wustl.edu/Resources/Pages/calendar_event.aspx?EvID=4256](http://dbbs.wustl.edu/Resources/Pages/calendar_event.aspx?EvID=4256)

14. OUTgrads Trivia Fundraiser
Please join OUTgrads and the [Metro Trans Umbrella Group](http://metrotransumbrella.org) 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](http://metrotransumbrella.org) - 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.**

15. 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.

16. Course Design Institute for Graduate Students and Postdocs
This institute is designed for graduate students and postdocs who are preparing for future faculty positions, and is best suited for those who are currently designing a course to teach or preparing a sample course for the job market. The Course Design Institute has been designed to provide participants with ample time to learn about, discuss, and implement strategies for student-centered, inclusive course design. During the Institute, participants will
- Design or redesign a course built on learner-centered design principles;
- Create and revise learning objectives for their course;
- Draft an assessment plan, including a description of major assignments and exams;
- Consider inclusive teaching strategies throughout the course design process, and
- Begin drafting a syllabus
This institute will be broken into two 3-hour workshops, held on Tuesday, May 3, 9:00am -12:00pm and Thursday, May 5, 9:00am – 12:00pm at the Danforth Campus. In each session there will be ample time to discuss and begin the development of materials. Registants are required to attend both sessions.
To apply, please go to: https://teachingcenter.wustl.edu/course-design-institute/
The application deadline is Thursday, April 28, 2016 at 11:59 pm. Because this institute relies heavily on group work and interaction, there is a 12-person registration minimum.
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17. FDA Commissioner’s Fellowship Program
FDA invites outstanding health care professionals, scientists, and engineers to apply to its two-year Fellowship Program, where they will receive regulatory science training and the chance to conduct cutting-edge research on targeted scientific, policy, or regulatory issues under the mentorship of an FDA senior scientist. The program is geared towards people who have already completed a doctoral level degree (M.D., D.O., D.V.M., D.C., D.D.S., D.P.M., Pharm. D., Dr.P.h., or Ph.D.). Please visit http://www.fda.gov/AboutFDA/WorkingatFDA/FellowshipInternshipGraduateFacultyPrograms/CommissionersFellowshipProgram/default.htm for more information and to apply.
Applications are due May 12, 2016.

18. 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.

19. Postdoc Tuition Benefit
Registration for Summer 2016 and Fall 2016 classes are open!
Summer has five sessions with multiple start/end dates. Please review carefully when registering. Summer classes are generally more intense than Fall or spring, and meet twice as often for twice as long. Fall classes begin August 29th. Register now to guarantee your seat in the class!
More info about how to register and what you can take at http://dbbs.wustl.edu/Postdocs/PoliciesBenefits/Pages/PostdocTuitionBenefit.aspx

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 neelyyk@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. Poster Judges Needed!
Want to give back to the community? Make a difference in the life of a budding scientist or engineer? Looking for a one-time commitment of just a couple hours? Volunteer to judge the 2016 Academy of Science - St. Louis Science Fair!

DATE: Wednesday, April 27th
TIME: Anytime between 10:00 am until 8:30 pm (takes about 2 hours)
WHERE: Queeny Park, Greensfielder Recreation Complex, 550 Weidman Road, Ballwin, MO 63011
Click here for more information and to register. You can make a difference!

22. Blockchain Conference
Join professionals from leading industry startups, financial services institutions, logistics services providers and companies with global supply chains for a breakthrough event that explores blockchain applications for supply chains, global payments, insurance services and capital market operations. Volunteer and receive FREE admission. Email Casey Lawlor at casey@fluent.network for more information. Conference is June 12-14 in St. Louis. Tickets are available at www.godistributed.com/trade.

23. 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-November 2016

24. 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 12-18 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.

25. 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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### Cross-Network Courses

**Advancing Learning through Evidence-Based STEM Teaching**

*This 8-week MOOC begins Wednesday, June 1*

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.

**Disabling Difference in the STEM Classroom: The Disability & Universal Course Design You Need to Know for Inclusion**

*On Wednesdays starting June 15. Weekly online meetings at 2:15-3:30PM ET/1:15-2:30PM CT/12:15-1:30PM MT/11:15AM-12:30PM PT*

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.

**Integrating Creativity, Innovation, and Design Thinking in STEM Courses**

*On Wednesdays starting July 6. Weekly online meetings at 1-2:30PM ET/12-1:30PM CT/11AM-12:30PM MT/10-11:30AM PT*

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.

**Basics of Online Learning and Teaching**

*Online meeting times and dates are TBD*

Learn the basics of online pedagogy and develop your own online teaching materials in this class, taught by instructors from the University of Georgia and the University of Texas at Arlington. This class will blend live, online sessions (which participants are required to attend) with independent work over the course of 11 weeks. Additional details TBD.

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### Cross-Network Workshops

**Writing an Academic Resume**

*Wednesday, June 14 at 11AM-1PM ET/10AM-12PM CT/9-11AM MT/8-10AM PT*

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 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.

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### In-Person Teaching Institutes

**Evidence-Based Teaching Institute (Vanderbilt University, May 2016)**

*In Nashville, TN on Thursday, May 19 and Friday, May 20*

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.

**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.

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26. 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.

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Twitter: @WUSTLPostdoc, WUSTL Postdoc Office http://twitter.com/wustlpostdoc
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