April 25, 2016
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Future Events
SAVE THE DATES:
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- Career Talk with Adrian Land, FDA Microbiologist 5/17 at 9:30am
- Postdoc Spring Fling, June 9th at 4pm!

Fellowships, Awards & Contests
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1. 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 Sponsored by The Skandalaris Center

2. 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 from MIT’s Robert Langer, PhD, the most cited engineer in history. For more information, location, and RSVP go to http://idealabsincubator.org/demo-day/attend
Record Article: https://medicine.wustl.edu/news/idea-labs-hosts-first-national-demo-day/

3. 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 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
Summertime Institutes: Every summer, CIRTL institutions host a variety of in-person institutes where grad students and postdocs can attend multi-day, intensive sessions aimed at improving their STEM teaching. Grad students and postdocs from across the CIRTL Network are invited to attend these institutes, and institute hosts reserve a certain number of spots specifically so that CIRTL members can attend. Visit http://www.cirtl.net/Institutes for more information.

4. Genomics and the Era of Personalized Medicine - Last Panel
TITLE: The Future of Genomic Medicine
PANELISTS: Todd Druley, MD, PhD – Assistant Professor of Pediatrics & Hematology; Jonathan Heusel, MD, PhD – Associate Professor of Pathology & Immunology and Ramaswamy Govindan, MD – Professor of Medicine.
DATE and TIME: Wednesday, April 27 at 4pm
LOCATION: Holden Auditorium, Farrell Learning and Teaching Center
For more information check out the seminar series website. QUESTIONS? Email: ndonwimaze@wustl.edu

5. Bowling courtesy of Wash U Postdoc Society
Thursday, 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. All spots are currently filled. Please email Laura, smithsonl@wustl.edu or Nelly, n.joseph@wustl.edu, if you have questions.
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6. 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

7. 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
Save time - purchase tickets in advance! Click here to purchase tickets in advance using a credit card or pay with cash at the door! (You will be charged a small fee for the credit card transaction, so we can donate the full ticket amount to MTUG.)
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.

8. WU Postdoc Society Meeting
Monday, May 2, 2016 at 12noon in FLTC 210
The WU Postdoc Society is actively seeking members!! If you are interested in getting involved in the WU Postdoc Society, please join us on the first Monday of the month at 12:00pm in FLTC 210. All postdocs are welcome - we hope to see you there! If you have any questions, please contact Nelly Joseph-Mathurin at n.joseph@wustl.edu.
Sponsored by the Wash U Postdoc Society

9. Trust & Teamwork
Wednesday, May 4, 2016, 1 pm, Holden Auditorium
Everyone desires to be part of a highly-motivated, high-morale and high-performing team. Teams that are highly motivated and positive are not only fun to be part of, but they also accomplish far more than teams that are struggling with morale. In this
workshop with Lynn Dull from the WU Human Resources Applied Leadership team, participants will learn how trust is an essential element of successful work outcomes through review of:

- A contextual definition of trust
- Myths and realities of trust
- How low trust and high trust both occur in the workplace

The session objective is to identify skills needed to help make teams more cohesive, motivated and productive.


10. ProSPER Trivia Night

Where: iTap CWE, 16 S. Euclid Ave.

When: Thursday, May 5; trivia starts at 8 pm, but you can arrive anytime after 7 pm

Just as the semester is wrapping up, ProSPER is hosting a fun night of trivia at iTap in the Central West End! Have you been reticent to come to ProSPER social events in the past because you're worried about having awkward conversations with people? Yeah, we've all been there (though I can assure you that we here at ProSPER are pretty fun to talk to). Well then this trivia night is for you because we will all be more concerned with trying to pull obscure facts from the cobwebbed recesses of our brains to worry about anything else. Just bring your brain and ProSPER will provide delicious pizzas from Racanelli’s. We hope to see you there!

Contact us here with any questions:
prosper@wustl.edu or [http://gradpages.wustl.edu/prosper](http://gradpages.wustl.edu/prosper) or on Facebook as WU ProSPER

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11. 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.

12. 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.

Registrants are required to attend both sessions.

To apply, please go to: [https://teachingcenter.wustl.edu/course-design-institute/](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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13. 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](http://www.fda.gov/AboutFDA/WorkingatFDA/FellowshipInternshipGraduateFacultyPrograms/CommissionersFellowshipProgram/default.htm) for more information and to apply.
Applications are due May 12, 2016.

14. 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.

15. 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

16. 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!

17. KGI Pathways to the Life Science Industry Webinars
The Keck Graduate Institute 3-part webinar series focusing on Pathways to the Life Science Industry was a great success! You can listen to recordings of each session via the links below.
Part 1: A View from Industry with Ross Grossman, VP of Human Resources at Regeneron
Part 2: Careers in Industry with Steve Casper, Dean of the School of Applied Life Sciences at KGI
Part 3: Key Industry Knowledge with Jim Sterling, PPM Program Director at KGI
We also welcome you to join us for our PPM visit day on May 6. You will have the opportunity to meet bioscience industry professionals, KGI faculty, current students, and admissions staff and tour the campus. Learn more and register here. Postdocs and PhD students are eligible for a travel reimbursement of up to $500 to attend! Interested PDA advisors and PDO leaders are also welcome to attend. Email admissions@kgi.edu for more information.

18. 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.

Did you know that there is a new career consultant for WU biomedical Ph.D. students? Marcia Mellitz, MBA, can help you develop a personal career plan, create job search materials, make strategic networking connections, and prepare for interviews. She specializes in careers in industry, entrepreneurial companies, non-profits, venture capital, government, and academia. Marcia has deep roots in the St. Louis STEM community and founded the Center for Emerging Technologies in the mid-1990s. She is a local and national leader in the commercialization of technologies and has been an advocate for STEM entrepreneurs and start-ups. You can meet with her at any point in your grad studies. To schedule a meeting, call the Career Center at 314-935-5930, ask to meet with Marcia, and specify which campus you are on.

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:

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We also have a LinkedIn Group for current & alumni postdocs –  [Washington University in St. Louis Postdocs](https://www.linkedin.com/groups/565836/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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