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1. 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.
Register: http://dbbs.wustl.edu/Resources/Pages/calendar_event.aspx?EvID=4489

2. BEC Ice Cream and Officer Elections
Join BEC this May 4th for some fantastic local ice cream and drinks, including make-your-own floats with Fitz's root beer or champagne.
Time: 5:30 PM on May 4th (Wed)
Location: McDonnell Sciences Courtyard
Incidentally, we will be casting votes for next year's officers; being part of BEC leadership provides excellent opportunities for graduate students and post-doctoral fellows to network with members of the St. Louis start-up community, gain entrepreneurial mentorship, and help shape the fledgling entrepreneurship community at Washington University.
Even if you do not plan to run, we would appreciate your participation and your vote!
Event details and nominations form: https://gradpages.wustl.edu/bec/events/3617
3. 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:
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4. Crucial Conversations Workshop
Tuesday, May 10, 2016, 2 pm, Holden Auditorium
Crucial conversations have three elements: opposing opinions, high stakes and strong emotions. They are interactions that happen to everyone; they're the day-to-day conversations that affect our lives. What makes these conversations crucial – more than challenging, frustrating, frightening or annoying – is that the results could have a huge impact on the quality of life.
Despite the importance of these crucial conversations, we tend to back away from them fearing we will make things worse; we are masters of avoiding tough conversations. In this workshop led by Lynn Dull from the WU Human Resources Applied Leadership team, you will learn skills and techniques to assist you in being more effective when having crucial conversations.
Please register at http://dbbs.wustl.edu/Resources/Pages/calendar_event.aspx?EvID=4490

5. Career Talk with Adrian Land, FDA Microbiologist
Tuesday, May 17, 2016, 9:30 am, Holden Auditorium
Are you interested in working for the FDA or another government agency? Join Adrian Land, Ph.D., Forensic Microbiologist at the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for a career talk on Tuesday, May 17, 2016 at 9:30 am in Holden Auditorium. Adrian was a postdoc at Washington University and has also worked for the National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration and Belhaven University. He will discuss what he does in his current position, how he got there, and what Ph.D. students and postdocs can do to prepare for careers in government.
Bagels and coffee will be served.
Please register at http://dbbs.wustl.edu/Resources/Pages/calendar_event.aspx?EvID=4255

6. OFA Seminar: Science Support: Software and Database Resources for Faculty Research
Professional Impact Series
Thursday, May 19, 2016 from noon-1:00 p.m.
Location: Schwarz Aud, Maternity Hospital Building (map)
For more information or to suggest topics, contact Karen Dodson at karen.dodson@wustl.edu or 362-4181.
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7. Mathilde Krim Fellowships in Basic Biomedical Research
The goal of amfAR’s Mathilde Krim Fellowships in Basic Biomedical Research is to:
- Facilitate the exceptional postdoctoral researcher’s transition to an independent career in HIV/AIDS research within an academic institution or non-profit organization
- Support two years of postdoctoral basic biomedical research (phase I)
- Provide the possibility of one additional year of research funding during the first year of an independent research position (phase II)
Visit the website for more information: http://www.amfar.org/RFP-4-13-16
Deadline: May 10th to request portal access, letter of intent due May 12th

8. 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
9. 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

10. Human Gene Mutation Database - HGMD License Survey at WUSTL
To honor requests from Researchers on campus, Becker Library and the McDonnell Genome Institute are investigating whether sufficient interest exits to support a group or site license for Human Gene Mutation Database (HGMD). HGMD is a resource for comprehensive data on published human inherited disease mutations that can be adapted to a broad range of research applications.
Are you interested in participating in a group or site license for HGMD? If so, contact Maze Ndonwi at ndonwimaze@wustl.edu or 314 362 4737 to indicate interest. Learn more about the HGMD at https://www.qiagenbioinformatics.com/products/human-gene-mutation-database/.

11. CIRTL’s Summer MOOC Now Open for Registration
Click here to read more and register
CIRTL’s Massive Open Online Course (MOOC), Advancing Learning through Evidence-Based STEM Teaching, is now open for registration! In this course, which begins June 1, faculty from across the CIRTL Network will teach students how to develop their own evidence-based approaches to STEM teaching and learning.
At the core of improving teaching and learning is the need to accurately determine what students have learned as a result of teaching practices. This is a research problem, to which STEM instructors can effectively apply their research skills and knowledge. In this MOOC, students will learn about Teaching-as-Research (TAR), CIRTL’s framework for solving teaching and learning problems. By the end of the course, students will design a TAR project based around a specific research question they have from their own STEM classes. Practitioner-level students in the CIRTL Network are invited to take this course as a means to develop a TAR proposal ready for implementation.
The MOOC will run on the EdX platform starting June 1, and has an 8-week duration. Interested students can review the MOOC’s syllabus here, or register here.

12. Bain & Company Advance Into Consulting
Come join us at events exclusively for PhDs, MDs, JDS, and medical interns/residents/fellows interested in consulting. Learn more about our industry and see why Bain & Company is consistently recognized globally as a “best place to work.” We recognize leaving your chosen field could be quite the leap of faith, so we’d like to invite you to test out the waters at one of our ADVANCE INTO CONSULTING events that we’re hosting this July 2016 in the following locations:
Wednesday, July 6th: New York, NY
Thursday, July 7th: Boston, MA
Wednesday, July 13th: Chicago, IL
Thursday, July 14th: Atlanta, GA
Thursday, July 14th: San Francisco, CA
We will also host a few sessions via webinar for those that are not able to attend an in-office event.
The deadline to apply for AIC is Wednesday, June 1, 2016. http://www.joinbain.com/aic
Advanced degree candidates who are interested in our 2017 full-time opportunities must apply by August 5, 2016 via our online application. We will review all applications received and will contact those candidates selected to interview. Visit http://www.joinbain.com/apply-to-bain/other-advanced-degrees/default.asp for more information.

13. 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.

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