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Volunteer for the Presidential Debate – Sunday, October 9, 2016
The 2016 Presidential Debate Volunteer applications are out! Volunteers support a number of important aspects of the debate and are critical to the success of the event. WashU students, faculty, postdocs and staff enrolled or employed in the fall of 2016 are eligible to apply to be a Debate Volunteer. Application deadline is 5pm, June 17, 2016.
Also, if you are interested in helping out with voter registration and engagement, please email the Voter Engagement Fellow, Cassie Klosterman, at washuvotes@wustl.edu to find out more.

1. 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
2. IMSD-BEC Biotech Double-Header: Breaking Into Biotech & How to Build a Biotech Startup From Scratch  
**When:** May 11, 5-7 pm  
**Where:** Moore Auditorium  
**Speakers:** Rudy Bellani, PhD, Co-founder and CEO of Oyster Inc. AND Dave Messina, PhD, COO CoFactor Genomics  
Rudy Bellani will lead a data-driven conversation on how to get a job in biotech, including the many roles available to PhDs, the major market trends, the techniques employers are asking for, how to find a job, and how to best position yourself when applying. Dave Messina will explain the process of getting a biotech startup up and running.  
Food will be served!  
For more information please contact Cherilynn Shadding, PhD (cshaddin@genome.wustl.edu) or Jim Skeath, PhD (iskeath@genetics.wustl.edu)  
RSVP [here](#)!

3. 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.**  

4. International Happy Hour for Postdocs  
Join us for the International Happy Hour!  
**When:** Wednesday, May 18th, 2016 at 5:00 pm  
**Where:** FLTC Hearth, Med School Campus  
Let’s come together to celebrate our international postdoc community! We will have a quiz and international themed snacks!  
We hope to see you there!  
RSVP here: [http://goo.gl/forms/o4ppjyjtj](http://goo.gl/forms/o4ppjyjtj)  
Contact us for any questions: wustlpostdocs@gmail.com  
*Sponsored by the WU Postdoc Society*

5. 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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6. Naturejobs Webcast: From Bench to Business  
**Wednesday, May 25, 2016 from 8AM PST, 11AM EST, 4PM BST, 5PM CEST**  
Expert tips on taking your research from ideas to commercial products  
Making the transition to become an independent researcher in academia is crucial to achieving future success. A major part of that journey starts with securing your own funding. Join us for an informative live 60 minute webcast, in which four speakers will explore the full pathway on how best to secure funding from bench to business.  

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](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 http://www.fda.gov/AboutFDA/WorkingatFDA/FellowshipInternshipGraduateFacultyPrograms/CommissionersFellowshipProgram/default.htm for more information and to apply. Applications are due May 12, 2016.

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. Call for Wire Together, Fire Together Representatives (WTFT Reps)
Interested in encouraging budding neuroscientists? Join Wire Together, Fire Together Representatives (WTFT Reps)! WTFT Reps is a neuroscience “buddy system” designed to welcome underrepresented undergraduates into the network of neuroscientists through quality, one-on-one interactions. Representatives will engage a participant from the BP-ENDURE St. Louis Neuroscience Pipeline, a program that provides education and research experiences to URM undergraduates interested in neuroscience. You’ll serve as valuable sources of advice and information for these students as they consider graduate school and acclimate to the neuroscience research environment. However, different from a bench mentor, WTFT Reps are friends and benefit from interacting with smart, younger peers. We’ll provide you with $300 to cover the costs of casual outings like coffee, lunch and other social activities.

Expectations for WTFT Reps:
- Meet your undergraduate at least three times during the summer.
- Reach out to your student three times during the academic year.
- Spend at least half of the allotted funds on activities with your buddy.
- Offer help and proactive support.
- Complete an exit survey.

Timeline:
- Application deadline: May 20, 2016
- Information session: June 10, 2016 at 3:30PM
- First meeting with your buddy: June 10, 2016 from 4:00-5:30PM

Ready to apply? Send a brief paragraph describing your motivation for becoming a WTFT Rep to Pipeline Program Coordinator Diana José-Edwards (diana.jose-edwards@wustl.edu) before May 20, 2016.

11. 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/.

12. OUTgrads Call for Board Members
OUTgrads, the university-wide group for graduate students, faculty, and staff of all genders and sexual orientations, is looking for postdoc representatives on the 2016-17 executive board. Specific responsibilities can be tailored to your interest (e.g. professional development, social events, community outreach), and the time commitment is generally a few hours per month. Check out http://outgrads.wustl.edu for more information about OUTgrads, and contact andrew.fishell@wustl.edu to learn more about board positions.
13. SfN Brain Awareness Video Contest
The Society for Neuroscience’s Brain Awareness Video Contest was started by the Public Education and Communication Committee (PECC) in 2011 to encourage the production of brief, creative and educational videos about the brain that could be used as teaching tools for the general public. Each year, we receive engaging submissions on a variety of neuroscience topics, from participants of all ages and backgrounds. The winner will receive $1,000 and a trip to Neuroscience 2016. Submissions for the 2016 contest are due June 16. More on the contest, including rules, prize information, and links to past winning videos, can be found at www.brainfacts.org/bavc.

14. 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.

15. Takeda Pharmaceutical Recruiting Event for Japanese-Speaking Postdocs
Date: June 17th 2016
Location: Millennium Pharmaceuticals, Inc., 40 Landsdowne Street, Cambridge, MA, USA, 02139
Who should attend: Postdocs and PhDs interested in Medicine, Pharmaceuticals, Science, Engineering, Sports science, Agriculture
Graduation: Current students (graduate by 2017) and recent graduates (within 5 years)
Language: Japanese (Business) & English (Business)
Job positions: various positions, Doctors, R&D, other professionals positions (Medical / Pharmaceutical)
Details about this event: http://www.business-paradigm.com/bpc/doctors_takeda.html

16. 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.

17. ASCB MAC Career Development Workshop
July 16-18, 2016, University of North Carolina Chapel Hill
The American Society for Cell Biology Minorities Affairs Committee (MAC) is accepting applications for the 11th Annual Junior Faculty and Postdoctoral Fellows Career Development Workshop. The application deadline has been extended until May 20, 2016. The workshop is open to junior faculty and postdoctoral fellows who are interested in academic careers at research-intensive or teaching institutions. Full Travel Support to attend is available for members of underrepresented groups in the sciences, members of disadvantaged populations, faculty (regardless of ethnicity) at minority-serving institutions, and individuals with interest and experience in expanding access and educational opportunities to under-represented students. The workshop will cover: Professional Conduct, Tenure, Grantsmanship, Mentorship, Leadership, Collaborations, Time Management, Writing, and Lab Setup/Management. Click here for more information and to apply to the career development workshop. If you have questions, contact Desirée Salazar at dsalazar@ascb.org.
18. 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.

19. 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:
Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/OPA.WUSTL Washington University Office of Postdoctoral Affairs
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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