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1. Oystir Webinars
Oystir.com is a new free website helping PhDs find jobs. Co-founder and former McKinsey consultant Rudy Bellani, PhD will be hosting a series of webinars on biotech, consulting and PhD career development. Registration is limited to the first 100 sign ups and they are giving a special early invitation to Wash U postdocs.
The full list of events is at oystir.com/events. Here are a select few:

Build a Stellar LinkedIn Profile
Tue, Sep 8, 2015 8:00 PM ET
Are you getting the most out of your LinkedIn profile? Find out how to stand out from the crowd with tips for optimizing your profile to get connected, noticed by recruiters and hired.
2. Fellowship Writing Workshop

Registration Deadline is Tuesday Sept. 8th!! We’ve updated our annual grant writing workshop, combined it with the each graduate student workshop, and there will be lectures and small groups at both campuses. There will be two lecture sessions, and then three small group sessions. You must attend the two lectures in order to participate in the small groups. Lecture 1 will be 9/9 (med) or 9/14 (Danforth) and Lecture 2 will be 9/16 (Med) or 9/17 (Danforth) with small groups starting 9/23.

Postdocs should register for the Advanced sessions. The deadline to sign up for the lectures and small groups is September 8th.

In order to attend the Small Group Sessions you must attend both Seminar 1 and 2 and register for the small groups sessions. However, all are welcome to attend the first seminar without an obligation to attend the small group sessions.

Seminar 1: "Grant Logistics & Panel Discussion"
Medical Campus - September 9\(^{th}\), 3pm-5pm or Danforth Campus - September 14\(^{th}\), 3-5pm

Seminar 2: "Writing Personal Statements"
Medical Campus - Sept. 16\(^{th}\) 3pm-5pm or Danforth Campus - September 17\(^{th}\) 3pm-5pm

Students/Postdocs should attend only one “Seminar 1” and one “Seminar 2” session. You may attend at either campus, no matter where you spend most of your lab time.

Small Group Mentoring Sessions
9/23*, 10/7, and 10/21 from 4-5:30pm at both campuses

*Recognizing that this is Yom Kippur, we will have some groups that do not meet on 9/23 in order to allow for observance of the holiday and participation in this workshop.


Registration is required and the deadline is Sept. 8th.

3. Preparing for the WU Career Fairs

Preparing for the Career Fairs
September 09, 2015, 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm, Becker 521

Don’t let the thought of the WU Career Fair freak you out! Get a few tips on how to work a career fair, from researching employers ahead of time to presenting yourself to an employer. Hosted by the WU Career Center

This workshop is being held in preparation for the Fall Internship and Job Career Fair on Thursday, September 17 from 4 to 8 p.m. and Friday, September 18 from 10 to 2 p.m. in the Mallinckrodt Center.

4. AWIS Planning Meeting

If you are interested in getting involved with AWIS, We would like to invite you to attend our planning meeting, to discuss and plan exciting events for the fall. Whether you want to be involved as a steering committee member, offer suggestions for events, or just attend to see what AWIS is like, we welcome you to attend. There is parking on the street, as well as in the lot close by.

What: AWIS Planning Meeting
When: Wednesday, September 9
When: 7 - 8:30 PM
Where: Cambridge Innovation Center, Address: 4240 Duncan Avenue [Google Maps Here]

If you plan to attend, please RSVP to awis.stl@gmail.com.

5. CIRTL Events & Classes

The Center for the Integration of Research, Teaching, and Learning (CIRTL) is an NSF Center for Learning and Teaching in higher education. Washington University is a member of the CIRTL Network.

CIRTLcasts are one-hour, once-a-week sessions throughout the academic year. These sessions are organized around a monthly theme covering some aspect of STEM, pedagogy, and diversity.

Sessions are 1:00-2:00PM ET/12:00-1:00PM CT/11:00AM-12:00PM MT/10:00-11:00AM PT on Wednesdays from September through April; there will be no session in December. On the day of a session, we’ll update our event page with a link to the session’s Blackboard room. Simply find the session in the event calendar and click "Join this session.” If you’re new to Blackboard, make sure you review our Blackboard instruction page to familiarize yourself with the software ahead of time.

September’s topic: Effective and Inclusive Research Mentoring

9/9: Fundamental Principles of Good (and Bad) Mentoring
9/16: Handling Tricky Mentoring Situations
9/23: Setting Clear Expectations and Creating Mentoring Partnership Agreements
9/30: Creating Inclusive Lab and Research Groups

Upcoming topics: October: Fostering Critical Thinking in the STEM Classroom; November: Building a Rewarding Academic Career
CIRTL Reads is a monthly online journal club that expands Network participants’ understanding of STEM teaching and learning by discussing recent articles in pedagogy and current trends within STEM. Readings will be posted on the series Moodle page, and participants are asked to submit discussion questions to the CIRTL Reads discussion leader, Dr. Adam Blanford (gtptiger AT colorado.edu), at least 24 hours before the scheduled session.

Sessions are 3:00-4:00PM ET/2:00-3:00PM CT/1:00-2:00PM MT/12:00-1:00PM PT on the second Wednesday of every month from September through April. Ahead of each session, you’ll need to go to Moodle to read the month’s article; to access the 2015-2016 CIRTL Reads Moodle page, please submit a request form. On the day of a session, we’ll update our event page with a link to the session’s Blackboard Collaborate room. Simply find the session in the event calendar and click "Join this session." If you’re new to Blackboard Collaborate, make sure you review our Blackboard instruction page to familiarize yourself with the software ahead of time.

September 9, 2015: Transforming Graduate Training in STEM Education
October 14, 2015: Understanding Student Pathways in Context-Rich Problems
November 11, 2015: Instructor Pedagogy and Student Attitudes
December 9, 2015: Flipped Classrooms in Higher Ed

CIRTL Fall 2015 courses
CIRTL courses are an opportunity to engage in an interactive and synchronous or hybrid online learning experience with other students and instructors from across the CIRTL Network. Graduate students and postdoctoral fellows in a STEM or SBE (social, behavioral, economic) field and from a CIRTL Network institution are given priority registration.

Registration is open until Wednesday, Sept. 2nd.
Fall 2015 Courses:
- Teaching with Technology
- Service-Learning in STEM Classrooms:
- Introduction to Pedagogy and Practice
- Developing a Teaching Portfolio
- Diversity in the College Classroom
- Creating Assessments and Evaluation Plans Short Course

Registration open at www.cirtl.net/upcoming courses. Please e-mail registration@cirtl.net with any questions or concerns about the CIRTL courses.

6. Spotlight on Women in Medicine & Science
September 10, 2015, 12:45-2:45, Schwarz Auditorium
Ana Maria Arbelaez, M.D., Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, Elaine Mardis, Ph.D., Professor of Genetics and Angela Brown, M.D., Associate Professor of Cardiology will highlight their work in diverse fields of science as well as share the unique challenges they have faced in their careers in academic medicine. The closing discussion panel will focus on career challenges with Victoria Fraser, M.D., Chair of Medicine and Lilianna Solinica-Krezel, Ph.D, Chair of Developmental Biology. Please register at https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SWIMS2015.

7. CMB Programs Mini-Symposium
Dear Wash U Postdocs,
I would like to encourage all of you to attend the CMB Programs mini-symposium, which will be held Thursday, Sept. 10th from 2-5 in EPNEC. The Symposium Program follows below and is highlighted by a keynote address by Marty Chalfie, Nobel Laureate. In addition, this year we will hold add a postdoc category to the raffle - to enter the raffle, you have to add your name to the postdoc hat (or beaker) at the front of EPNEC Auditorium b/w 1:45-1:59 and be present when your name is called after the student talks at 3 pm. Prize is a $50 gift certificate to a CWE restaurant.

From 2-3pm, the symposium will feature four student talks -
- Valerie O'Brien (Molecular Microbiology), Labs of Scott Hultgren and Amanda Lewis
  “Bladder remodeling affects susceptibility to recurrent urinary tract infections”
- Jim Pearson (Developmental, Regenerative & Stem Cell Biology), Lab of Daniel Kerschensteiner
  “Reverse genetic screen of synapse development and function in the mammalian retina”
- Laura VanArendonk Blanton (Molecular Genetics & Genomics), Lab of Jeff Gordon
  “Human gut bacteria transmitted from malnourished children that rescue growth”
- Yu Zhu (Molecular Cell Biology), Lab of David DeNardo
  “Regulation of tumor-associated macrophages in pancreatic cancer”

From 3:00 to 4:00, we will have a student poster session in EPNEC.
From 4:15-5:15, Mary Chalfie will give the keynote lecture on GFP: Lighting Up Life.
I hope many of you will be able to make it for part or all of the symposium.
Take care, Jim Skeath
8. BEC Fall 2015 Kick-Off Event
BEC welcomes you all to its Fall 2015 Kick-Off Event, with Dr. Michael S. Kinch’s talk on Innovation & entrepreneurship at Wash U.
When: Thursday, September 10th, 2015, 6:30-7:30pm
Where: Connor Auditorium, Farrell Learning and Teaching Center, WashU School of Medicine Campus
Dr. Kinch, the newly appointed Director of the Center for Research Innovation in Business at Washington University, will give an overview of the innovation process in biotechnology and talk about entrepreneurship opportunities available at WashU. Dinner and a networking session will follow Dr. Kinch’s remarks.
Please register at https://gradpages.wustl.edu/bec/rserv

9. ProSPER Happy Hour
Washington University in St. Louis Graduate Students Promoting Science Policy, Education, and Research (ProSPER) is a university-wide graduate student group that promotes the use of science in policy-making through science advocacy and literacy, facilitating inter-professional communication, and increasing scientist participation in policy. The group holds a variety of events, including member education events, case studies on how scientists have been involved in science advocacy, and panel discussions.
When: 6:00 - 8:00 pm on Thursday, September 10, 2015
Where: Llywelyn’s Pub in the Central West End
Come and enjoy food and fun and meet your fellow ProSPER members!
http://gradpages.wustl.edu/prospert

10. Connections Happy Hour
WHAT: Connections Happy Hour
WHEN: Thursday, September 10th, 5-7 PM
WHERE: International Tap House (ITAP); Central West End
Connections is a student-led initiative that promotes inclusion and encourages its members to explore their diverse identities. Meet new people, broaden your world view, and share your experiences with interested graduate students, post-docs, and staff.
To learn more contact: dbbsconnections@gmail.com Facebook - Wash U Connections Twitter - @WU_Connections

11. WashU Postdoc Society Meeting
Monday, September 14, 2015 at 12noon, 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 for a meeting on Monday, September 14th at 12:00p in the FLTC, Room 210. All postdocs are welcome - we hope to see you there! If you have any questions, please contact Lydia-Ann Harris at LAHARRIS@dom.wustl.edu.
Sponsored by the Wash U Postdoc Society

12. Career Center STEM SLAM
S.T.E.M. SLAM
Tuesday, Sept. 16, 6:00 - 7:30 pm, Brauer Hall Atrium (Danforth Campus)
Hear employers across several industries 'open mic' pitch their job opportunities. Each of the 27 organizations attending will have 45 seconds to showcase their opportunities and jobs on the mic. Immediately following, you will have a chance to speak with employers and ask questions. View all attending employers here. Hosted by the WU Career Center.

13. WU Fall Career Fair
Now expanded to two days! Thursday, September 17 from 4:00 - 8:00 p.m. and Friday, September 18 from 10:00 - 2:00 p.m.
Mallinckrodt Center, Danforth Campus
Sponsored by the Career Center at Washington University in St. Louis and the National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE)
The Danforth Campus will host local and national organizations for two days for the Fall Internship & Job Career Fair held in Mallinckrodt Center. Employers will only participate in one day of the fair to allow for more employers to participate. Both days will be unique opportunities for students to engage a variety of employers.
Registered employers include: Employers will be hiring for both internships and full-time positions.
Click here to view the registered employers for Thursday, Sept 17.
Click here to view the registered employers for Friday, Sept 18.
“The Career Fair is a great opportunity for all of our students to connect with a diverse array of employers, from corporations to nonprofits, for internships and full-time positions,” said Mark Smith, Associate Vice Chancellor and Director of the Career Center. The week before the fair, many organizations will host information sessions allowing students to find out more about their organizations. Students are encouraged to research positions and sign up for events by logging into CAREERlink, the Career Center’s interactive database of jobs and internships. Additional help is available during Quick Question drop-in hours and Quick Advising Hours. The fair will provide WUSTL students a unique opportunity to meet and interview with dozens of potential employers in a short amount of time. All WUSTL students and alumni are invited to attend. Professional attire (a suit) is strongly recommended.
4. OUTgrads Happy Hour
WHAT: OUTgrads September Happy Hour
WHEN: Thursday, September 17th, 5-7:30 PM (Trivia starts at 8!)
WHERE: International Tap House (iTAP): Central West End (We'll be on the third floor)
Join OUTgrads at the International Tap House for our September Happy Hour. Don’t forget to stay for iTAP’s weekly trivia, starting at 8PM! All are welcome!
OUTgrads is the university-wide group for lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, queer (LGBTQ) graduate & professional students at Washington University in St. Louis.

15. Postdoc-PI Happy Hour
National Postdoc Appreciation Postdoc Week is Sept. 21-25! To celebrate, all postdocs and their faculty advisors are invited to join us for the Annual Postdoc-PI Happy Hour on Monday, Sept. 21st at 4:30pm in the FLTC Hearth. Snacks, cake, beer & wine will be served! Please register at http://dbbs.wustl.edu/Resources/Pages/calendar_event.aspx?EvID=3799

16. Panel Discussion: Diversity Statements
Tuesday, Sept. 22nd from 2-3pm in FLTC 214
Are you applying for faculty positions and seeing directions to include a diversity statement outlining your philosophy for fostering a learning environment that is inclusive of all students? Or asking you to highlight your efforts or plans to support inclusivity and diversity in the context of an undergraduate liberal arts institution? Join us for a panel discussion to discuss what this means and how to best incorporate these required items into your application. Sarah Petersen, PhD, Postdoctoral Fellow, Developmental Biology will talk about how she’s handled it on her applications and strategies she’s used. Michelle Repice, PhD, Assistant Director, Academic Services and Emily Cohen-Shikora, PhD, Program Manager from The Teaching Center will talk about what they’ve seen nationally and online to help navigate these new requirements. Please register at http://dbbs.wustl.edu/Resources/Pages/calendar_event.aspx?EvID=3885
This seminar is part of the Faculty Career Search Seminar Series.

17. Evidence-Based Entrepreneurship Workshop Series
Fridays, 12pm – 1:30pm, Sept. 25 through Nov. 6th.
Cori Auditorium, McDonnell Medical Sciences Building, Medical Campus
Join us and learn to identify viable new venture concepts, build plans for a sustainable and scalable enterprise and get ventures off the ground. Attendance at all sessions is recommended as the curriculum builds upon itself.
http://crtc.wustl.edu/degrees/seminars.html
For questions or to register, contact crtc@dom.wustl.edu.

18. The Future of Research: how early career researchers can shape the biomedical research landscape
SAVE THE DATE - Monday, October 5th at 1:30pm with Dr. Jessica Polka. More information and registration coming soon!

19. CyTOF Symposium
I would like to invite you to attend a CyTOF symposium we are holding on campus on Thursday 10/22 from 8:30am-4:30pm in the Eric P. Newman Education Center. This event is co-sponsored by CHiPs and Fluidigm.
We have an exciting agenda planned for the day, including four outstanding invited speakers - Sean Bendall, Jonathan Irish, Evan Newell, and Catherine Blish. A speaker from Cytobank will discuss data analysis issues. Kevin Brown from Fluidigm will review CyTOF basics for new users and will also be available for individual meetings on Friday 10/23. These meetings will be particularly useful for those who are just starting to think about designing a 30+ marker panel.
You can register for the meeting here.
Feel free to email me, Dr. Steve Oh at Stoh@dom.wustl.edu if you have any questions. Thanks.

20. Infectious Diseases Scholars Gateway
We are excited to offer the Infectious Diseases Scholars Gateway course in the spring of 2016. The ID Gateway exposes trainees in multiple programs to important translational questions and potential career paths in infectious disease. Speakers and discussions explore a broad range of topics relevant to infectious disease research and clinical care, including pathogenesis, diagnostics, biodefense, epidemiology, and development of therapeutics. The course also includes clinical experiences such as participating in rounds with infectious disease physicians.
The ID Gateway course is open to PhD & MSTP students and postdoctoral fellows in any department or program. Graduate and MSTP students are expected to have successfully completed either the graduate or medical microbiology course, although this
Applications must be received by Debra Warren, the ID Gateway Administrator by Friday, October 9, 2015.
Questions should be directed to Debra at 314-286-2764 or dewarren@dom.wustl.edu.
All applicants will be notified of the Course Directors decisions by the first part of November, so that accepted students can register for the course for the spring 2016 semester.

ID Gateway Program Directors: Dr. Robyn Klein, rklein@dom.wustl.edu and Dr. Celeste Morley, morley_c@kids.wustl.edu

21. WU Cancer Genomics and Outcomes Research STRENGTH Program
An Online Training Program for Residents, Fellows & Jr. Faculty
The STRENGTH (Short-Term Education and Growth Through Hands-On Experience) Program is currently seeking applications. This online training program is designed for postdoctoral scholars (PhDs or MDs) who are still training or Junior Faculty who are interested in pursuing patient oriented cancer research. The STRENGTH program will provide didactic training which includes online learning modules, hands-on lab experience, ongoing mentor research, career development seminars and some funding for research-related expenses and travel to scientific meetings. For more information please visit The STRENGTH Program webpage for more information. This R25 education program applies state-of-the-art techniques to educate postdoctoral researchers in the emerging disciplines of cancer genomics and outcome research for cancer prevention, treatment and control. Short-term educational and research experience programs are combined to provide a comprehensive foundation for postdoctoral clinicians and researchers interested in pursuing academic careers in cancer genomics and outcome research. Eligible applicants must be citizens or non-citizen nationals of the United States, or have been lawfully admitted to the United States for permanent residence. STRENGTH Program scholars must have the support of a mentor from the approved list, visit the website for the list. The Application Deadline is October 1st. More information at http://crtc.wustl.edu/training-programs/postdoctoral-programs/197-oncologyr25.html

22. AAAS Science & Technology Policy Fellowships (STPF)
Providing opportunities for scientists and engineers to learn first-hand about policymaking while contributing their knowledge and analytical skills in the federal policy realm.
The AAAS Science & Technology Policy Fellowships (STPF) provide opportunities for professional development and public service. AAAS, as part of its mandate to advance science and serve society, operates the S&T Policy Fellowship Program. The aim is to foster scientifically informed, evidence-based policy and practice by involving scientists and engineers from a broad range of disciplines, backgrounds and career stages, and to build leadership for a strong S&T enterprise that benefits all people. Fellows use their knowledge and analytical skills while learning first-hand about policymaking and implementation at the federal level. Executive, Congressional, and Judicial Branch Fellowships Application deadline is November 1, 11:59 p.m. ET Enhancing Policy, Transforming Careers: An Online Chat Series with S&T Policy Fellows: October 8 at 2 p.m. EDT General fellowship overview: http://www.aaas.org/news/enhancing-policy-transforming-careers-online-chat-series-st-policy-fellows?utm_campaign=2015-Chat+Series&utm_medium=web&utm_source=aaas.org&utm_content=july30_event. Past events are archived.

23. Siteman Cancer Center Prevention & Control Research Program 2015 Fall Symposium
Wednesday, September 30th, 2015 8:30 am –1:30 pm
The Prevention & Control Program will be holding a Fall symposium on Social Dynamics and Policy Influencing Health. We invite all graduate students and postdoctoral fellows from WUSTL (Danforth and Medical Campus) and SLUCPHSJ to participate in the poster session. All poster topics related to cancer prevention & control, as well as dissemination & implementation, are welcome. Posters will be on display from 8:30am - 1:30pm with viewing sessions throughout the event. Posters should be no larger than 3′x4′ (HxW). A $250 prize will be awarded for the best poster presented.
Please submit a poster abstract (150 word limit) by 5:00pm on Friday, September 18th to Jaclyn McGuire (mcguirej@wustl.edu). Include your name, department, school, and a complete list of authors and affiliations.

24. Institute for Public Health Annual Conference
November 19th http://publichealth.wustl.edu/about/conference
CALL FOR POSTERS!! This year’s conference will focus on public health threats of all kinds. We will look at preparing for threats, learning from past threats, protecting vulnerable populations from threats, and more. We invite you to submit poster abstracts that relate to this theme. We are also accepting abstracts on general public health topics. Poster space is limited. Deadline September 18, 2015 at 5pm. Submit your abstract.

25. Voter Registration
If you would like to vote in the November 4th election, you must be a registered voter in the jurisdiction where you currently live. Below you will find links to St. Louis City and St. Louis County for information on how to register. For more information on voting, please visit the appropriate website:
Residents of St. Louis County:  http://www.stlouisco.com/YourGovernment/Elections/VoterRegistration

A few notes on voting:
• All US citizens 18 years of age or older, are eligible to vote (provided they do not have any felony convictions).
• If you are currently a registered voter in another jurisdiction, you may still register to vote in St. Louis as long as you agree to give up your existing registration.
• When you vote, you must present to the poll workers one of the following: a voter identification card, driver's license, US passport, WU student ID badge, a utility bill or a bank statement with your name and address.
• Registering to vote does not increase the chance that you will be called for jury duty. Jury duty rolls are compiled from driver's license records, voter rolls and payroll tax records. Thus, your name will be in the jury duty pool by virtue of the fact that you are being paid by Washington University.

POSTDOCTORAL HOODIES!
We are down to the last box of postdoc hoodies. Stop by the office between 9am-4pm to purchase your hoodie, on sale for $15 each, cash only please and exact change is appreciated. We have sizes Small, Medium and Large in navy blue. Now is the time to buy! 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.

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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