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1. BEC Coffee Hour: “Academia and Entrepreneurship” 11/8
Join BEC for coffee hour and breakfast as Dr. Kareem Azab discusses the synergies between academia and entrepreneurship, and how he manages to strike a great balance. Learn how the technologies you are developing and the skills you are acquiring could be invaluable components in an entrepreneurial endeavor while giving you an edge in academia.

Time & Venue: November 8th, 8:30 AM @ FLTC Hearth, Medical Campus
Please RSVP!

2. The Chalk Talk 11/8
Tuesday, November 8, 2016, 2 pm, Holden Auditorium
If you are planning to pursue an academic faculty position, you may be asked to give a chalk talk as part of the interview process. But what is a chalk talk? What information should be included? What are the characteristics of a good chalk talk? Join us for a panel discussion to explain the mysteries of the chalk talk. Our panelists will share their experiences in giving chalk talks and will provide tips on how to prepare for one. Panelists:
Sebala Kutluay, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Molecular Microbiology
Tim Peterson, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Internal Medicine - Bone & Mineral Diseases
Erica Scheller, D.D.S., Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Internal Medicine - Bone & Mineral Diseases
Jeffrey Millman, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Internal Medicine - Endocrinology/Metabolism
This event is part of the Faculty Career Search Series.
Register: http://dbbs.wustl.edu/Resources/Pages/calendar_event.aspx?EvID=4877

3. WUPS Postdoc Coffee Hour & Career Talk – Danforth campus, 11/10
Thursday, November 10th, 2016 4:30pm-6pm, Green Hall L0159 (Danforth Campus)
Join the Wash U Postdoc Society for its first Danforth Campus Career Talk & Coffee Hour. Arlene Taich, Ph.D., of the Career Center and specializing in Graduate and Postdoctoral Scholar Career Development, will lead a discussion regarding career paths, both traditional and non-traditional, for postdocs. Coffee, refreshments and snacks will be served.
RSVP: https://goo.gl/V3g2k1

4. NIH Mock Study Section 11/15
November 15, 2016, 12:00 pm-4:00 pm, Location TBD
The Office of Training Grants hosts Mock Study Sections twice a year, which are designed to simulate an actual NIH study section. NIH clinical and translational R, K, and F series grant applications submitted to the Mock Study Section will be reviewed, critiqued, and scored by three internal faculty members as well as other study section members, and the feedback will be distributed to applicants prior to the NIH grant deadline.
Event information: https://crtc.wustl.edu/otg/nih-mock-study-section/

5. Academic Women’s Network Fall Dinner “Upick2: Dinner and Dialogue” - 11/15
Tuesday, Nov 15, 2016 @ 6:00 pm
Bar Italia Ristorante, 13 Maryland Plaza, Central West End
- Choose two topic tables of interest
- Enjoy lively discussions with colleagues from all over the medical school
- Includes wine, dinner, and dessert
- All WU faculty, postdocs, fellows and housestaff are welcome!
AWN members $40 / non-members $45 / on-site $50. Go to awn.wustl.edu to register and pay on line (by 11/14/16) and/or to join AWN. For other payment options contact: rivera_k@kids.wustl.edu.

6. WashU Epigenome Day 11/21
Washington University School of Medicine will host the first WashU Epigenome Day on November 21, 2016 from 10am to 5:30pm. WashU Epigenome day 2016 is free and open to the public and includes a keynote address by Bing Ren, PhD, Professor of Cellular and Molecular Medicine at University of California, San Diego, two seminars and two workshops, focusing on genomics resources generated by large consortia including ENCODE and Roadmap/Epigenomics projects. Visit the WashU Epigenome Day 2016 webpage https://becker.wustl.edu/epigenomeday for details on the event schedule and to reserve a seat to attend the workshops. For additional information, contact Maze Ndonwi at ndonwimaze@wustl.edu.

7. Lab Set-up 12/1
Thursday, December 1, 2016, 2 pm, Holden Auditorium
Setting up your first lab can be an overwhelming project. Dr. Gretchen Meyer, Assistant Professor, Physical Therapy & Neurology, will share her experiences in setting up a lab including administrative and scientific details to think about to ensure that your lab gets off to a successful start.
This seminar is part of the Faculty Career Search Seminar Series.
Register: http://dbbs.wustl.edu/Resources/Pages/calendar_event.aspx?EvID=4908

8. NIH Peer Review Briefing for Basic Research Applicants and Reviewers 12/2
Friday, December 02, 2016, 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM
Attend on Campus (No registration required)
Danforth Campus: Hillman Hall, Room 70
School of Medicine: McDonnell Sciences Building, Cori Auditorium
The National Institutes of Health’s (NIH) Center for Scientific Review (CSR) will host three different “online briefings” on peer review for: fellowship grant applicants; R01 applicants; and researchers who are proposing and/or reviewing basic science applications. The CSR is the portal for receipt and referral of NIH grant applications, and, for the majority of those applications, carries out the peer review process for assessing scientific and technical merit. All of the briefings will be approximately one hour long, including a 30 minute question and answer period. The NIH Director and other NIH/CSR officials will reaffirm NIH’s commitment to basic research and help applicants and reviewers do their part in proposing and reviewing basic research.
9. NIH Webinar on NINDS Diversity Career Development K22 Award 12/13
What You Need to Know About the NINDS Diversity Career Development K22 Award: Tips for Preparing Your Application
Tuesday, December 13, 2016 2:00 pm Central Standard Time
Learn about the NINDS K22 diversity career development award from successful applicants and a reviewer of these mechanisms. This webinar will take you through the process of putting together an application for the Diversity Advanced Postdoctoral Career Transition Award (K22) all the way from writing your application to anticipating and responding to reviewers comments. Hear from two K22 awardees on how they crafted their applications, and learn from a reviewer about common mistakes and helpful tips. This webinar is intended for potential applicants and mentors to NINDS diversity K22 grants.
Registration required: https://nih.webex.com/nih/onstage/g.php?MTID=ed1bff7e922ffe0174438f82d9ed56f0

10. Regeneron Prize for Outstanding Research – due 11/15
Washington University is being invited to nominate two graduate students and two post-doctoral fellows for the Regeneron Prize for Outstanding Research. The mission of the prize is to recognize and honor Excellence in Biomedical Science conducted by graduate students and post-doctoral fellows.
Prize details: One graduate student and one post-doctoral fellow will be selected to receive the Regeneron Prize for Outstanding Research each year. Each prize will include a check for $50,000. In addition, prize winners will receive a $5,000 donation to their home institution to help support their seminar series. Semi-finalists and finalists for each prize will be awarded $5,000 (approximately 8-10 applicants for each prize will be selected for this distinction).
Instructions for Internal Selection
If you wish to propose a candidate for Washington University's nomination(s), please forward the following materials for internal review:
1. Cover page
2. Applicant's curriculum vitae (including publications)
3. Research proposal (two single-spaced pages) describing a "dream" project that you would want to do within the field of biomedical science. As a guideline, applicants should imagine what research they would do if they had access to the resources and technologies available in the Regeneron environment. Applicants should include a description of the design of the project as well as its potential to make an impact in biomedicine.
Nomination materials should be submitted electronically as a single PDF to: internalselections@wustl.edu at (or near) 11:59 P.M. November 15, 2016.
*Please note that the application from the selected candidate is anticipated to be due January 2017. The research proposal guidelines for the 2016 competition are available here as a guide.

11. American Association of University Women (AAUW) fellowships – due 11/15
One of the world's largest sources of funding for graduate women, AAUW is providing more than $3.7 million in funding for more than 230 fellowships and grants to outstanding women and nonprofit organizations in the 2016–17 academic year. American Fellowship for postdoctoral study due November 15, 2016; International Fellowship for postdoctoral study due December 1, 2016.

12. Burroughs Wellcome Fund Pre-term Birth Initiative
The Preterm Birth Initiative was created to increase the understanding of the biological mechanisms underlying parturition and spontaneous preterm birth and will provide up to $600,000 over a four-year period ($150,000 per year). The principal investigator must be a postdoctoral fellow in the final 1-2 years of postdoctoral training or hold a faculty appointment (assistant/associate/professor-level status) at a degree-granting institution in the U.S. or Canada. This initiative is designed to bring together a diverse interdisciplinary group with expertise in genetics/genomics, immunology, microbiology, and proteomics along with the more traditional areas of parturition research such as maternal fetal medicine, obstetrics, and pediatrics to address the scientific issues related to preterm birth. The formation of new connections between reproductive scientists and investigators who are involved in other areas will give preterm birth research a fresh and unique look.
Application deadline: December 1, 2016
Please contact Deepa Srikanta (srikanta@wustl.edu) with any questions.

13. iBiology Young Scientist Seminars (YSS) Competition
Are you a postdoc or graduate student in any field of biology with a compelling research story that you want to share with the world? Do you want to learn how to give one of the best science talks of your career from the Alan Alda Center for Communicating Science? Then apply to the Young Scientist Seminars by December 15, 2016!
The Young Scientist Seminars (YSS) is a video series produced by iBiology that features young scientists giving talks about their research and discoveries. As with all iBiology videos, the YSS videos are freely available online and widely viewed by an international audience of students, scientists, educators, and the public. The winners will receive a $500 honorarium. More information: https://www.ibiology.org/young-scientist.html?utm_source=Broadcast&utm_campaign=Broadcast-YSS-Application

14. WUSTL Grants Library
The Office of Training Grants (OTG) has developed a Grants Library to serve as a centralized resource for grant writers and investigators at various career stages. This site contains:
- Awarded training, career, and research grant applications (NIH, private, and institutional)
- General stock language and proposal templates and tools
This resource is available on Box to all Washington University faculty, staff, and students with a WUSTL key.

15. Postdoc Tuition Benefit
Registration for spring 2017 courses opens November 9! Classes begin January 17th.
Benefits-eligible Postdoctoral Research Scholars/Associates are eligible for the Postdoctoral Tuition Remission Benefit. Postdocs may take undergraduate classes (classes that begin with a 1, 2, 3 or 4) at University College for career development purposes. Postdocs may take up to 4 credits per semester and a passing grade is required. Please visit http://ucollege.wustl.edu and click "Registration" to access course listings, registration procedures and other policies and procedures. Classes must relate to your professional development. Visit http://dbbs.wustl.edu/Postdocs/PoliciesBenefits/Pages/PostdocTuitionBenefit.aspx to review the policy and registration procedures.

Courses You May Be Interested in:
Science Classes in U29 Biology (Cancer Biology, Biochemistry, Genetics, etc.)
Statistics (U20 Math)
Introduction to Public Speaking (U48 Comm 211 or U30 Spch 211)
Programming with Python (U82 CIM 133)
English Language Programs classes (U15 ELP)
- 102: Pronunciation for Clear Communication II, Tuesdays and Thursdays 6:00-7:30 PM
- 202 Talking to Americans: Casual and Professional Conversations, Mondays 5:30-7:00 PM
- 213 Fundamentals of Research Writing for the Sciences, Mondays 4:00-7:00 PM
- 270 Presentations Skills for the Sciences, Thursdays, 6:00-8:00 PM

16. Join the National Postdoctoral Association (NPA) for FREE!
As you may know, Wash U is a Sustaining Member of the National Postdoctoral Association (NPA) and one of the greatest benefits is you can become an Affiliate Member of the NPA for free! We encourage everyone to take advantage of this opportunity to help you network with other postdocs across the country and gain access to members-only resources that can help further your career.

Signing up is simple. Click on this link and register with your @wustl email address. Once you click "Submit," the NPA Membership Manager will review your Affiliate membership within five working days and you will receive an email when it has been approved.

As an NPA Affiliate Member, you are entitled to these benefits:
- Subscription to NPA e-alerts, a periodic news announcement, and The POSTDOCket, the NPA's official quarterly newsletter
- Reduced registration fees to the NPA Annual Meeting & eligibility for the NPA travel award program
- Access to members-only NPA web content, such as career planning resources and policy information
- Access to NPA member groups to connect & network with fellow NPA members
- Discounts to some services and products.
- Opportunities to serve and contribute your expertise on a variety of NPA committees
- National representation on postdoctoral issues

17. The NIH Loan Repayment Programs (LRPs) are now accepting applications! - deadline extended!
The escalating costs of advanced education and training in medicine and clinical specialties are forcing some scientists to abandon their research careers for higher-paying private sector careers. The LRPs counteract that financial pressure by repaying up to $35,000/year (for 2 years) of a researcher’s qualified educational debt in return for a commitment to engage in NIH mission-relevant research. Since tomorrow’s medical breakthroughs will be made by investigators starting their research careers today, the LRPs represent an important investment by NIH in the future of health discovery and the wellbeing of the Nation. The new deadline to submit your application is December 1. Visit www.lrp.nih.gov for more details and to apply.
The Saudi Research Science Institute (SRSI) hosts talented high school students from throughout Saudi Arabia for six stimulating and academically challenging weeks. SRSI combines theoretical course work and research. Ideal tutor candidates will have a Masters’ and/or Ph.D. degree in science, computer science, technology, engineering, or mathematics (STEM) fields. Teaching and/or tutoring experience desired. Position is a seven (7) week, live-in position at KAUST, located 1 hour north of Jeddah at the Red sea, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. Applicants should be sent to search committee at SRSITutorApplications@kaust.edu.sa Include cover letter, resume and list of 3 references including name, title, relationship to candidate, email address and phone number. Review of applications will begin on December 1, 2016. Anticipated program dates are July 4- Aug 21, 2017
Direct questions to Debra Carlson Wood: Debra.carlsonwood@kaust.edu.sa

19. Join Society for Affective Science (SAS) Student Committee
SAS is an emerging society aimed at connecting scientists across disciplines to advance the study of emotional phenomena. By joining our active student/postdoc member base, you join a collaborative community through which you can learn about cutting-edge research, pursue opportunities for professional development, and network within one of the fastest-growing fields of study. Who should join? Anyone who studies (or has an interest in) affect, mood, or emotion. While many of our members are affiliated with psychology, our corps also includes researchers of linguistics, sociology, neuroscience, cognitive science, computer engineering, law, anthropology, and more. We would love to add to that list as we broaden our membership! How do I join? We have an exciting future ahead of us! If you consider yourself a part of the affective research community, we invite you join SAS as we move forward. You can register as a member here (https://www.society-for-affective-science.org/join/), and you can learn more about SAS student opportunities here (https://society-for-affective-science.org/students). Like us on Facebook (https://www.facebook.com/affectScience/) or follow us on Twitter (@affectScience) to get all the latest news and updates.

Abstract Submission Open! Also... save the date! The SAS 2017 Annual Conference will be held at the Westin Waterfront Hotel in Boston from April 27 through 29. Registration and abstract submissions are now being accepted through Friday, November 18. Watch this space for more updates: https://www.society-for-affective-science.org/2017AnnualMeeting.

20. 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.

OPA is on Twitter & Facebook! 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: Twitter: @WUSTLPsDoc, WUSTL Postdoc Office http://twitter.com/wustlpostdoc Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/OPA.WUSTL, Washington University Office of Postdoctoral Affairs 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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