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On Tuesday, May 2nd at 5:30 pm in Moore Auditorium, the IMSD program together with the Micro Program PhD students will co-host a career panel at which Dr. Jo Handelsman will talk about her career path, including her work on Science Policy at the White House under the Obama Administration and likely her efforts on promoting gender equality in science (see below). Food will be served! Jo Handelsman is currently the Director of the Wisconsin Institute for Discovery at UW-Madison. She was formerly the Associate Director for Science at The White House in the Office of Science and Technology Policy under the Obama Administration. A short synopsis of a study Jo completed on gender inequality in science can be found here [http://www.nature.com/news/inequality-quantified-mind-the-gender-gap-1.12550]. The study itself can be found here: [http://www.pnas.org/content/109/41/16474.abstract]. This series is sponsored by the IMSD Program. Cherilynn Shadding, PhD (cshadding@wustl.edu), Jim Skeath, PhD (jskeath@gene/cs.wustl.edu)
2. The Teaching Center’s Annual Recognition Reception 5/3
Wed., May 3, 2017, 3:30-5:00 pm (formal remarks and recognition will start at 3:45)
Rettner Gallery, Laboratory Sciences Bldg., Danforth Campus
For details and to RSVP, please click here: https://teachingcenter.wustl.edu/events/2017-recognition-reception-grad-students-postdocs/. Honorees include those who have completed one or more of the following during 2016-2017:
- The Teaching Citation
- Program in Pedagogy (PIP)
- WU-CIRTL Program for Future Faculty in STEM (Community Member, Associate, Practitioner, Scholar Level)
- Service on The Teaching Center’s Graduate-Student Advisory Group

3. WashU Postdoc Society Monthly Meeting 5/4
Thursday, May 4, 2017, 9 am, FLTC 214
Join the WashU Postdoc Society for our monthly meeting where we discuss Postdoc Life related issues and plan social and career development events. Free coffee! Questions? Contact us at postdocsociety@wustl.edu.

4. Communicating through Improv 5/4
Thursday, May 4, 2017, noon-1:00 p.m., FLTC 500
OFA Career Development Programs

5. ProSPER Meeting 5/4
When: Thursday, May 4, 6:00 - 7:00 pm
Where: Room 300, Danforth University Center, Danforth Campus
*For those on the Medical Campus, there is a westbound metro train that leaves from CWE Station at 5:48 pm
Join us for pizza and to plan for the final activities of this semester! Items on the agenda include: the Early Career Transitions Symposium, the Missouri Botanical Gardens site visit, the upcoming Happy Hour, and the open ProSPER Secretary position. We hope to see you there!

Events Next Week

6. Immigration Seminar 5/11
Thursday, May 11, 2017, 3 pm, Cori Auditorium
Interested in applying for U.S. permanent residency? Join us on Thursday May 11th at 3 PM in Cori Auditorium (McDonnell Medical Sciences Building) and get all your questions answered regarding U.S. immigration policies, application procedures and options for WashU applicants. Postdocs and students are welcome! Pizza, soda and water will be provided. Sponsored by The WashU Postdoc Society. RSVP https://goo.gl/brj0qH
Speakers:
- Kathy Steiner-Lang (1st speaker - lawyer)
- Kelly E. Simon (2nd speaker - lawyer)
- Chandana Buddhala, Ph.D. (3rd speaker - successful applicant)

Future Events

7. OFA Career Development Programs 5/18
Thursday, May 18, 2017, noon-1:00 p.m., Schwarz Auditorium (map)
Summary of all Thursday Topics

8. 2nd Annual Institution-Wide Gene Variant Symposium 6/16
Functional Genomics and the Path from Genetic Variation to Clinical Translation: Friday, June 16th from 1:00-5:00 PM in Moore Auditorium (WUSM-North Building)
Please save the date and register for the second annual institution-wide Gene Variant Symposium organized by the Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Research Center at W.U (co-sponsored by St. Louis Children’s Hospital). Significant time is allocated to panel discussions and audience participation to raise understanding and awareness of the state of science, and to discuss our opportunities as a community of scientists to use, improve, and benefit from available technologies. There is no fee for this event, which includes a reception of refreshments and hors d’oeuvres, though we do ask for your registration to ensure adequate accommodations. Please see the attached flier and visit http://iddrc.wustl.edu/genes for more information and registration.
Fellowships, Awards & Contests

9. Mathilde Krim Fellowships in Basic Biomedical Research – Portal access request due 5/9
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 nonprofit 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)
Applicants must hold a research or clinical doctorate completed between three and six years prior to April 14, 2017.
Maximum Funding: $150,000
Performance Period: October 1, 2017 – September 30, 2019
Deadlines: Request Instructions and Portal Log-in (REQUIRED) – 3:00 PM EDT, May 9, 2017; Letter of Intent Submission - 3:00 PM EDT, May 11, 2017
More information: www.amfar.org/Krim-5-11-17

This funding is designed to encourage specialization in the field of SCI; Fellowships are intended to provide mentored training in SCI research to early-career investigators. The Fellowship Applicant (Fellow) should be mentored (or co-mentored) by an investigator experienced in SCI research. Fellows must have attained their doctoral degree or an equivalent terminal professional degree by the LOI submission deadline and have held that degree no longer than five years prior to the FGA submission deadline. For Fellows with an MD, the five-year eligibility period begins after completion of the residency program. LOI due May 12, 2017. Full application due October 6, 2017. More information: http://chnfoundation.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/SCIRTS-2018-Application-Guide-draft_27-Feb_FINAL-3.8.17.pdf

11. Alex’s Lemonade Stand Foundation A Award (pediatric Oncology)
Four-year grant (with a 5th year possibility) designed for the early career scientist who wants to establish a career in pediatric oncology research. Applicants must have an MD and/or PhD degree and must not have achieved a position higher than Assistant Professor. Applicants holding NIH K08, K99, R00, or R01 awards are not eligible to apply. Deadline: May 22, 2017.

12. Eppendorf & Science Prize for Neurobiology
The Eppendorf & Science Prize for Neurobiology awards one young scientist (35 years or younger) for the most outstanding neurobiological research based on methods of molecular and cell biology conducted by him/her during the past three years. Prize money: US$25,000. Visit the website for more information. Entry Deadline is June 15, 2017.

13. Muscular Dystrophy Association Development Grant
Intended as seed money to help launch the scientific programs of promising new neuromuscular disease researchers. Development grants total $60,000 per year, for one to three years. For senior postdoctoral researchers on the brink of becoming independent investigators. Application deadline: June 15, 2017
More information: https://www.mda.org/research/funding-opportunities

WU Opportunities

14. Postdoc Mentors Needed for YSP Summer Focus – Apply by May 1!
The Young Scientist Program's Summer Focus is looking for postdocs to mentor rising seniors in high school over the summer. You may be familiar with the WUSTL Young Scientist Program (YSP), a volunteer-based organization where members of the WashU community (predominantly graduate students) work with St. Louis youth to enrich science education. YSP runs an eight-week long program every summer for rising high school seniors to expose these students to research and work in a laboratory. In addition to working in the lab, each student is given a personal tutor and participates in a writing course to increase his or her scientific comprehension. Every year we look for enthusiastic mentors to host a high school student in their lab. Would you be able to mentor one of our Summer Focus students this summer? While mentoring is a time commitment, previous volunteers have cited mentoring as a valuable and rewarding experience and an excellent opportunity to improve teaching and leadership skills. Above all, hosting a Summer Focus student is a fantastic, meaningful way to boost scientific literacy within the St. Louis public school system. If you or any members of your lab have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at yspsf.assistantdirector@gmail.com, or Rebecca Cunningham at yspsf.director@gmail.com.
15. Neuro TGIF in the Summer?
The Neuroscience Community meets each Friday at 4pm (currently 4:30pm) during the academic year to swap stories with colleagues over snacks and drinks. During the summer, the graduate students who run the program are busy with qualifying exams and getting their research started. It has been suggested we could continue the gatherings periodically if a few postdocs were interested in helping coordinate. If you are interested, please contact Erik Herzog (Herzog@wustl.edu) or Larry Snyder (lsnyder@wustl.edu) to learn how you can help.

Summer dates for 2017 are as follows:
- May: 19th
- June: 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd (No TGIF on the 30th – Holiday weekend)
- July: 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th
- August: 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th

16. Join the OUTgrads board 2017-2018
OUTgrads invites you to join the board for 2017-2018. We currently have a position open to join the executive board as Vice-President. Our activities include but are not limited to social events around STL, professional development, community outreach and fundraising. If you are interested in getting involved in any capacity, please contact David Anderson at davidandersoniii@wustl.edu

17. OUTMed: a forum for WU LGBTQ-identified faculty, trainees, employees and allies
The Department of Medicine is pleased to announce the creation of OUTMed, a forum for LGBTQ-identified faculty, trainees, employees and allies. Our goals include: increasing the visibility of the LGBTQ community at the School of Medicine, creating opportunities for mentorship and networking among our LGBTQ community and allies, and providing a forum for discussion of topics pertinent to LGBTQ-related healthcare and research. We invite faculty, trainees and employees from all Departments and Programs at Washington University School of Medicine to join us in these activities and future programming. Please share this email with anyone who may be interested. To stay up to date on these events and other LGBTQ-related events and issues on the Washington University School of Medicine campus, please consider joining our listerv here. Individuals who sign up to be on the listserv do not have to be on the future public OUTlist. If you are a resident, fellow, employee or faculty member who would like to contribute ideas or help with planning of our programs please contact Kara Sternhell-Blackwell, Director of LGBTQ Initiatives in the Department of Medicine, at kblackwell@wustl.edu.

18. Master of Population Health Sciences (MPHS) Degree Program
Applications are now being considered on a rolling basis for fall 2017 courses available in the Washington University School of Medicine Master of Population Health Sciences (MPHS) degree program. These courses are open to those with doctoral-level clinical degrees, including: MD (residents, fellows and attendings); PhD; DO; OTD; DNP; and PharmD. Course descriptions are available online. For registration and tuition information, contact Joyce Linn, MPHS program coordinator, at (314) 362-5501 or linnj@wustl.edu. To learn more about the MPHS program, visit www.mphs.wustl.edu.

19. Save the Date: 10th Annual Institute for Public Health Conference – 9/27
Wednesday, September 27, 2017
Eric P. Newman Education Center, Medical Campus
Noon - 5 pm
The Institute for Public Health's annual conference and poster session provides an opportunity for students, academics, and professionals to expand their knowledge and network. The final event of the conference will be an installation ceremony and reception for the directorship of the Institute for Public Health named in honor of Larry J. Shapiro, MD, former executive vice chancellor for medical affairs and dean of the School of Medicine. The inaugural holder of the directorship is current Institute director, Dr. William Powderly. The ceremony and reception will begin at 5 pm.
Free and open to all. Mark your calendar today!

Other Opportunities
20. NIH Health Disparities Research Institute
Applications Due: Friday, May 12; Apply Here
Once again, the National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities will be hosting a Health Disparities Research Institute (HDRI) from August 14-17, 2017 in Bethesda, Maryland. The program will feature lectures, mock grant review, seminars, and small group discussions on research relevant to minority health and health disparities. It will also include sessions with NIH scientific staff engaged in related health disparities research across the various institutes and centers.
- The HDRI program is intended for early stage research investigators. Applications will only be accepted from post-doctoral fellows, assistant professors, or individuals in similar early stage research career positions who are engaged in minority health and
health disparities research. Early career researchers from diverse backgrounds interested in the conduct of health research, within academic, community-based, non-profit, and other non-academic settings, are encouraged to apply.

21. Allen Institute for Brain Science Next Generation Leaders Program
The Allen Institute for Brain Science is looking for the Next Generation Leaders. A Next Generation Leader may be selected from any basic scientific, biomedical, or technological field, but must be passionate about understanding the complex problems facing brain research today. Candidates should have demonstrated innovation and have potentially transformative research programs or ideas.

REQUIREMENTS:
- PhD or MD in relevant field
- Currently in a postdoctoral position or obtained Assistant Professor position within previous 2 years
- Strong publication record

Learn more and APPLY TODAY! Deadline for applications is June 9, 2017.

22. Midstates Early Career Workshop
Registration for the Midstates Early Career Workshop is open. This is an excellent opportunity for advanced graduate students and postdocs who are interested in teaching at a liberal arts college. Travel and meeting expenses are provided by the Consortium. Details and the registration form can be found at this link: Midstates Early Career Workshop 2017

FYI
23. New WUPS Facebook Page!
The WashU Postdoc Society has launched a new Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/WUPostdocs/ (@WUPostdocs). Like them on Facebook to stay up-to-date with the latest events, seminars, and relevant information for WU postdocs!

24. Postdoc T-shirts!
We have 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. Email postdoc@wusm.wustl.edu to schedule a time to purchase a shirt from the Office of Postdoctoral Affairs (OPA).

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