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When: June 1, 2017 9 am
Where: FLTC 214

Join us for our monthly meeting to elect new officers for the 2017-2018 fiscal year.

Call for officer nominations: WashU Postdoc Society is a great opportunity to gain leadership and team-building experience while increasing your networking opportunities and improving your postdoctoral experience.

All postdoctoral researchers (as defined by Washington University Human Resources) can nominate.

Please follow this link for submitting your nominees by Wednesday May 31, 2017- 12 PM.
https://goo.gl/forms/q6FhI80TYnNCygU23

Members of the WUPS Executive Council will vote during the monthly meeting on June 1, 2017 at 9am.
**Events Next Week**

2. Institute for Public Health Summer Seminar Series - starts 6/6
   As part of the 2017 Institute for Public Health Summer Research Program, the seminars are open to all.
   
   **Professional Communication**
   June 6 | 3:30 - 5 pm
   **The Science of Team Science**
   June 7 | 4 - 5 pm
   **The Role of Law in Global Public Health**
   June 14 | 4 - 5 pm
   
   Schedule of All Seminars: [https://publichealth.wustl.edu/series/summer-research-program-seminars/](https://publichealth.wustl.edu/series/summer-research-program-seminars/)

3. BioEntrepreneurship Core (BEC) Year-End Event & Officer Elections
   Tuesday, June 6th 5:00 PM
   Shaffer courtyard (McDonnell sciences building)
   Rain location, shell lobby
   Join us for voting and ice cream, floats, beer & wine. Nominate someone for office now!

**Future Events**

   WUSTL's Center for High Performance Computing (CHPC) and Becker Library are offering the Computing 101 workshop series again in June. While these workshops are focused on using the CHPC, the knowledge gained could be applied to other computing environments. These workshops are geared toward researchers that are new to computing and the command line interface. During each workshop session important background concepts related to computing are introduced in a simple presentation format, followed by hands-on exercises. While this series is geared toward beginners, all experience levels are welcome to attend. This series will include the three workshops listed below.
   
   - **#1 Tools to Connect and Move Data & Getting Around the Linux Command Line Interface (6/14/17)**
     Goals: to develop a basic understanding of the tools needed to connect to the CHPC and transfer data back and forth, and become familiar with the Unix file system and basic Unix commands
   - **#2 Text Editors and Shell Scripts (6/21/17)**
     Goals: to gain knowledge of some of the options for text editors and learn how to write and execute basic shell scripts
   - **#3 Running Jobs on the CHPC Cluster (6/28/17)**
     Goal: to learn how to write and submit batch scripts to run applications on the CHPC cluster
   
   Register for as many as you’d like. Registration is required for all workshops. Go to our webpage to register and to learn more (slides and handouts from prior sessions of this series are available on the website): [https://becker.wustl.edu/services/science-support/research-computing-workshops](https://becker.wustl.edu/services/science-support/research-computing-workshops). Contact Malcolm Tobias and Xing Huang at the CHPC and Maze Ndonwi and Marcy Vana at Becker Library with any questions.

5. 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](http://iddrc.wustl.edu/genes) for more information and registration.

**Fellowships, Awards & Contests**

6. SfN Travel Awards
   Applications for travel awards to the annual SfN meeting now are open. Please note: Unlike past years, there is no internal competition and no need for a chapter endorsement. Applications are directly to SfN.
   
   **Deadline for the online application is June 4.** [http://www.sfn.org/Awards-and-Funding/Individual-Prizes-and-Fellowships/Professional-Development-Awards/Trainee-Professional-Development-Awards?_hsenc=p2ANqtz-9YP6QNO3cpYlSfcQzNDR7G1O7qSx-biruhDYkn8jIG-Cunq8pP8ABf6m1XoTQyTi02yfa8_nuZinv0lu-8kOE_Duniw&_hsmi=51864715](http://www.sfn.org/Awards-and-Funding/Individual-Prizes-and-Fellowships/Professional-Development-Awards/Trainee-Professional-Development-Awards?_hsenc=p2ANqtz-9YP6QNO3cpYlSfcQzNDR7G1O7qSx-biruhDYkn8jIG-Cunq8pP8ABf6m1XoTQyTi02yfa8_nuZinv0lu-8kOE_Duniw&_hsmi=51864715)
7. **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.**

8. **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](https://www.mda.org/research/funding-opportunities)

9. **Glenn/AFAR Postdoctoral Fellowship Program for Translational Research on Aging**
The program was developed to address the current concerns about an adequate funding base for postdoctoral fellows (MD, MD/PhD and PhD) who specifically direct their research towards translational findings and who will demonstrate how their research will have direct benefits to human aging. Postdoctoral fellows at all levels of training are eligible. Up to ten one-year fellowships will be awarded. The award levels range from $49,000 to $60,000, based on years of relevant experience. **LOI due: June 16, 2017.**
More information: [https://www.afar.org/research/funding/glenn-postdoc](https://www.afar.org/research/funding/glenn-postdoc)

10. **Children with Cancer UK Postdoctoral Fellowships (non-clinical)**
We are seeking Fellowship applications from outstanding post-doctoral researchers seeking to develop an independent career in childhood cancer research. Our Fellowships are for five years and include salary costs, plus additional support of up to £20,000 per annum to support basic laboratory costs and attendance at relevant conferences and meetings. Applicants’ research must be in line with at least one of the objectives set out in our research strategy:

1. To improve knowledge of the genetic and environmental causes and relevant biological mechanisms of childhood cancers.
2. To identify diagnostic and prognostic biomarkers for childhood cancers.
3. To optimise and develop more effective and less toxic treatments for children with cancer, with a special focus on those forms of cancer that still carry a poor prognosis.

**Preliminary Applications due: June 20, 2017**

11. **Whitney Foundation Postdoctoral Fellowships**
The Foundation supports early postdoctoral research training in all basic biomedical sciences. To attain its ultimate goal of increasing the number of imaginative, well-trained and dedicated medical scientists, the Foundation grants financial support of sufficient duration to help further the careers of young men and women engaged in biological or medical research. The Foundation expects that fellowship training will be obtained in an academic setting. The selection of a commercial or industrial laboratory for the training experience is not acceptable. **Application due: June 30, 2017**
More information: [http://hhwf.org/research-fellowship/](http://hhwf.org/research-fellowship/)

**WU Opportunities**

12. **Register for Fall 2017 English Language Program Courses**
In the English Language Programs (ELP), we provide classes and academic support designed to strengthen English language skills and help non-native English speakers succeed at Washington University in St Louis. We offer courses throughout the year to refine presentation skills, academic and research writing, communication skills, advanced conversation skills, and more. Our ELP courses and tutorials offered in University College are free for anyone eligible for the Postdoc Tuition Benefit. We also offer appointment-based support, workshops, conversation practice, and placement testing at no charge to the university community. [https://oiss.wustl.edu/english-language-programs/](https://oiss.wustl.edu/english-language-programs/). Here are the courses which will be offered on the Medical Campus in fall 2017:

- **U15 213 ELP: Fundamentals of Research Writing for the Sciences**
  **Meeting Time:** Wednesday 4:00-7:00 PM (Room TBD)
  **Course Description:** This course covers grammar, structure, style, and information flow for research articles in the natural sciences. Participants use their own current work to practice writing, proofreading, and editing all sections of a research article. Participants also learn how to make the most of current language learning technology, including textual databases that enable them to find answers to their questions about elements of usage and structure typical for writing in their fields. Several editing workshops and individual tutorial meetings are built into the course to address language issues common to the course participants and to help strengthen participants’ skills at editing their own writing.

- **U15 270 ELP: Presentations Skills for the Sciences**
  **Meeting Time:** Tuesday 6:00-8:00 PM (Room TBD)
Course Description: In this course for students and professionals in scientific fields who are nonnative speakers of English, participants develop their oral presentation skills. Organization, presentation style, pronunciation, and cross-cultural issues are addressed. Videotaping, individual feedback, and plenty of practice form the basis for assessment. By the end of the class, participants will have produced and practiced a complete presentation about their own research interests.

Free opportunities for additional language practice:

- **Medical Campus Book Club:**
  The English Language Programs hosts a medical campus book club in the Farrell Teaching and Learning Center. The book club meets every other Thursday from 5 until 6 pm throughout the year with the exception of a short summer break. All are welcome! Please email the book club facilitator if you are interested or would like more information: Cathy Raymond, craymond@wustl.edu.

- **Medical Campus English Corner:**
  Thursdays from 6:15-8:15 pm. Come join us for weekly opportunities to practice speaking English informally. Meetings take place at Kaldi’s in the Farrell Learning and Teaching Center. All are welcome!

13. 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.

14. 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

15. Teaching Opportunities at SIUE
Southern Illinois University Edwardsville is looking for someone interested in teaching Microbiology and Evolution. Email Vance McCracken (vmccrac@siue.edu) your CV and cover letter if you are interested.

Course details:
1. Microbiology (BIOL 350) meets Tues/Thurs, 2:00-3:15, in Science Lab 1105). There is a lab coordinator for the class who deals with most of the lab duties. Currently, there are 55 students enrolled.
2. Evolution (MWF 10:00-10:50, in Peck Hall 0306). Currently there are 17 students enrolled.

16. Guest Lecturer Needed at Harris-Stowe
Harris-Stowe State University is looking for a graduate student or postdoc guest lecturer for introductory Biology on Monday June 12, 2017. This is a freshman-level discovery-based molecular/cell biology laboratory that meets from 1:00-4:40. Please contact Dr. Jana Dorfman Marcette, Assistant Professor of Biology. P: (314) 340-3348, C: (314) 750-3127, marcettj@hssu.edu

17. 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.
18. 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
Register by June 26, 2017.

19. iBiology Searching for Beta Testers: Planning Your Scientific Journey
iBiology announces the release of the beta version of its new course Planning Your Scientific Journey. The course aims to teach life science trainees how to choose a good scientific problem as well as how to plan their journey ahead. By the end of the course, students will have a plan for how to approach their scientific question and other research goals, and an agenda for a meeting with their mentor to get feedback on their plan. The course starts June 5, 2017. Graduate students and postdocs are encouraged to apply to become beta testers; advanced undergrads, faculty as well as career and professional development practitioners are also invited to become beta testers. “Planning Your Scientific Journey” is a free online course that is funded by NIGMS.

20. NIH Loan Repayment Program
NIH Loan Repayment Programs will begin accepting applications beginning September 1.
Interested in applying to the NIH Loan Repayment Programs (LRPs)? If so, there are several things you can do to help you get prepared:
1. Visit the LRP Contact and Engage website prior to the cycle opening. This website lists the mission and priority areas and program officer contact information for each NIH Institute that participates in the LRPs.
2. Contact the program officer at the NIH Institute and Center that you wish to review your application. NIH program officers are your primary source of information for scientific, funding and programmatic information that will be helpful to you as you apply to the NIH LRPs.
As a reminder, the NIH Loan Repayment Programs are a set of programs established by Congress designed to recruit and retain highly qualified health professionals into biomedical or biobehavioral research careers. The NIH LRPs pay up to $35,000 annually of qualified educational debt in return for a commitment to engage in NIH mission-relevant research. For information about eligibility requirements, visit https://www.lrp.nih.gov/eligibility-programs. The NIH LRPs will begin accepting applications on September 1 – November 15.

FYI
21. 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!

22. 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).

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