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   Please join the Division of Public Health Sciences, Department of Surgery, on Wednesday, July 12, at 12:00 p.m. for a presentation by Jennifer Hay, PhD, member and attending psychologist at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center. The presentation will take place at the Taylor Avenue Building on the medical campus. Dr. Hay will discuss how understanding the context, timing, and variation in health decisions may inform the development of highly nuanced, precision prevention strategies across diverse populations. For additional information or questions, please contact Deborah Curtis at curtisd@wustl.edu.

2. Food For Thought: GMO, Food Security and Pesticides 7/12
   July 12, 2017, 4 p.m. - 5 p.m.
   Taylor Avenue Building, Rm 2131, Medical Campus
   This talk will be offered by Eliza Halcomb, MD, Assistant Professor, Emergency Medicine, Section Chief of Medical Toxicology, Emergency Medicine and Director Global Health Initiatives, Emergency Medicine, as part of the Institute's Summer Program Seminar Series.
   More info: https://publichealth.wustl.edu/events/food-thought-gmo-food-security-pesticides/
3. WashU Med Masters Toastmasters 7/13
Thursday, July 13, 2017 • 12:00 pm
Medical Campus, Mid Campus Center (MCC), 2nd floor Conf. Room 2057.
Meets on the second and fourth Thursday each month. Toastmasters International is a learn-by-doing workshop. The club offers opportunities to network with Toastmasters in the greater St. Louis area and around the globe at regional meetings and international conferences. Contact: Ariana Jasarevic at jasarevic_a@wustl.edu.

4. WUSTL Speaks Toastmasters Club on the Danforth Campus 7/19
Wednesday, July 19, 2017 • 12:00 pm
NEW SUMMER LOCATION – From May 17 to Aug. 9 – Umrah Hall, Room 140.
Come see what Toastmasters is all about! This friendly public speaking club is a great place to develop your presentation and leadership skills, as well make new friends from across Wash U’s campus.

5. WashU Postdoc Society Monthly Meeting 7/20
Thursday, July 20, 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.

July 20, 2017, 12 p.m. - 1 p.m.
Taylor Avenue Building, Rm 2131, Medical Campus
This talk will be offered by Timothy McBride, PhD, Professor, Brown School, Co-Director, Center for Health Economics and Policy, as part of the Institute’s Summer Program Seminar Series.

7. Public Health Visiting Professorship Lecture: Shoba Ramanadhan, ScD 7/21
Please join the Division of Public Health Sciences, Department of Surgery, next Friday, July 21, at 12:00 p.m. for a presentation by Shoba Ramanadhan, ScD, research scientist at Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health. The presentation will take place at the Taylor Avenue Building on the medical campus.
Participatory implementation science – ongoing, iterative collaboration between researchers and stakeholders to improve the pathway between research and practice – offers an important opportunity to address cancer and other health disparities. Dr. Ramanadhan will present findings from recent studies conducted in partnership with community-based organizations serving vulnerable populations in Massachusetts. She will focus on capacity-building and social networks in the context of developing infrastructure in community-based organizations to build and leverage the cancer prevention and control evidence base. For additional information or questions, please contact Deborah Curtis at curtisd@wustl.edu.

8. Illumina Scientific Panel 7/21
We are a little less than month away from the Illumina Scientific Panel at the Washington University Neuroscience TGIF on July 21st, 2017. As a reminder, the goal for this event is help us understand how scientific trends might shape customer needs over the next 5-10 years. Postdoctoral fellows or faculty members are welcome to join, and Illumina will provide each participant with a $50 Starbucks or Amazon gift card (your choice). Scientific discussions are limited to 10 attendees and will be held in an informal 1-hour panel format. I hope you will be able to join us. Please respond to Paul Bromann as soon as possible to ensure your reservation and gift card (pbromann@illumina.com)
  Date: Friday, July 21st, 2017
  Time: 4:30-5:30 PM
  Location: McDonnell Sciences 801 (Medical Campus, 8th Floor)

Fellowships, Awards & Contests
9. Science & SciLifeLab Prize for Young Scientists
The Prize is awarded annually to one young scientist for outstanding life science research for which he/she was awarded a doctoral degree in the previous two years. The topic of the entrant’s thesis research must be in one of the following categories: Cell and Molecular Biology, Genomics and Proteomics, Ecology and Environment, Translational Medicine. Eligible entrants must have been awarded their doctoral degree in 2015 or 2016, and the subject of their thesis should match one of the Subject Tracks below. The winners from each category will compete for the grand prize. Prize money: US$30,000 for the grand prize winner, US$10,000 for each of the category winners. Publication: The grand prize winning essay will be published in Science and essays from the each of the category winners will be published online. Application deadline: July 15, 2017
More info: http://www.sciencemag.org/prizes/scilifelab/rules
10. Damon Runyon-Dale F. Frey Award for Breakthrough Scientists
The Damon Runyon Fellowship identifies the nation’s top postdoctoral fellows and provides funding that enables them to complete their training under the mentorship of a leading senior scientist and encourages them to follow their own bold ideas. At the end of the Fellowship, there are often a select few who have greatly exceeded the Foundation’s highest expectations. These spectacular young scientists are the most likely to make paradigm-shifting breakthroughs that transform the way we prevent, diagnose and treat cancer. To catapult their research careers—and their impact on cancer—the Foundation will make an additional investment in these exceptional individuals by selecting them as recipients of the Damon Runyon-Dale F. Frey Award for Breakthrough Scientists.

Application due: July 17, 2017
More information: https://www.damonrunyon.org/for-scientists/application-guidelines/breakthrough

11. Children’s Discovery Institute Postdoctoral Fellowships
Fellowships for up to $30,000/yr for up to two years are available for especially promising postdoctoral trainees to complete a research project under the direction of a mentor on an issue relevant to the goals of the CDI. LOI due August 1, 2017

WU Opportunities
12. *New Short Course* U29 Bio 4867: Career Planning for Biomedical Scientists
Postdocs should register online for Section 2: https://acadinfo.wustl.edu/ucollege/?term=FL2017&dept=U29
Section 2 Meeting Time: Mondays 2:00 pm-4:00 pm, October 23-December 4, 2017
Course Description: This is a 6-week course for postdoctoral researchers (Section 2) who want to jump-start career planning and professional skills needed for a broad range of scientific careers. This course will guide you through the process of self-assessment, career exploration, and goal-setting for long-term success. You will work on a team to research the scientific career path of your choice. Each team will study the specific required knowledge, skills, and attributes of their career interest or employment sector. As part of this research project, you will have the opportunity to network with alumni or local leaders in your chosen field, gaining valuable real-world insights and creating essential professional connections. Section 2: Recommended for postdocs who have been in their lab for at least 6 months. Meets October 23, 2017-December 4, 2017.
Info on Postdoc Tuition Benefit: http://dbbs.wustl.edu/Postdocs/PoliciesBenefits/Pages/PostdocTuitionBenefit.aspx

13. 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://oisss.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!

Other Opportunities
14. SACNAS 2017 Research Presentation Opportunities
2017 SACNAS is an exciting opportunity to share your research with a community vested in your success. As a presenter you will connect with peers, mentor judges, and professionals. Apply for the opportunity to advance your science with valuable feedback, networking, and inspiration. Summer application period is now open. Deadline: Friday, July 14, 5 pm PT.
http://www.lrp.nih.gov, or contact your local Washington University LRP ambassador, Kathryn Knoop, at kknoop@wustl.edu

15. Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Meetings & Courses Program
The Meetings & Courses division at Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory (CSHL) is pleased to announce the ENABL scholarship program (Empowering Nextgen Advanced Biomedical Leadership). This program provides partial financial support for trainees to participate in one of our immersion laboratory courses followed by a professional development workshop, all of which are held annually. This notice is to alert you that application deadlines are approaching for two of the designated courses/workshops:
- Antibody Engineering, Phage Display, & Immune Repertoire Analysis (deadline July 15th)
- Scientific Writing Retreat (deadline September 8th)
To be considered for the scholarship program, you need to 1) apply for a designated laboratory course (see below), 2) submit a financial aid request as part of your application materials, and 3) be accepted into and complete the course. You’ll then be eligible to receive additional scholarship support should you decide to apply for a subsequent professional development workshop. The order of courses does not matter: you can participate in a workshop followed by a laboratory course if you choose. It is also not necessary to participate in both the same year; this scholarship program is currently funded through 2019. Finally, the scholarships are not binding: you can accept and use a scholarship for a laboratory course without participating in a subsequent professional development workshop.
Questions? Feel free to contact Charla Lambert in the CSHL Meetings & Courses Program.

16. Share Your Science *Free* online course
Are you a scientist? Do you want to share your knowledge and insights with millions of readers worldwide who are passionate about learning and the wonders of the natural world? Learn the art of blogging and reach policy makers, business leaders, educators and other thought leaders who are shaping the world with science. Apply today for a no-cost 10-week online program with Scientific American and Alan Alda Center for Communicating Science at Stony Brook University.
The course is open to scientists at the post-doc level and higher (no graduate students). There is no cost to participate, but only 12 applicants will be accepted on a rolling basis. Educational credit will not be given for course completion. Sessions begin Fall 2017 and Spring 2018 (dates TBA). Application deadline: July 31. More info and to apply: http://www.aldakavilearningcenter.org/application-share-your-science

17. NIH Loan Repayment Program
NIH Loan Repayment Programs will begin accepting applications beginning September 1.
Interested in having the NIH pay off your Student loans while you remain in academic research? Check out the NIH loan repayment program at www.lrp.nih.gov, or contact your local Washington University LRP ambassador, Kathryn Knoop, at kknoop@wustl.edu, for more information.
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 LRP pays 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 LRP begins accepting applications on September 1 – November 15.

FYI
18. 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!

19. 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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