

OSU PDA Monthly Meeting Agenda

July 19, 2017; Biomedical Research Tower, Room 134, 12-1pm

Background: The PDA was established in January 2013 with support from the Office of Research, is run by Postdoc volunteers, and supported by Postdoc Advisory Council (PAC) advisors from the Office of Research and colleges throughout the university. The purpose of PDA is to address the needs and concerns of its members by:

Providing representation and liaison between its members and the administration

Advocating for constructive changes in the research environment and in policies that affect the lives of postdocs and their families

Promoting the academic and non-academic career goals of its members

Building a community of postdocs by promoting interaction between postdocs on academic, social, cultural and political issues

National Postdoc Association (NPA)

Attendees

Yoshie Narui
 Jess Irons
 Alix Leblanc
 Megan Zavorka Thomas
 Manoj Gottipati
 Mary Beth Wandel
 Noah Weisleder
 Daniel Kiss
 Felice Pepe
 Marcela Hernandez
 Faith Brennan
 Sujeet Kumar
 Amara Greer-Short
 Mahesh Chemudupati
 Nathalie Houssin
 Sara Koenig
 April Joice
 Atsuko Uchida

Department

Chemistry
 Psychology
 Pharmaceutics
 Pharmaceutics
 Neuroscience
 Plastic Surgery
 Physiology
 BCP
 CCC
 ASC
 Neuroscience
 Microbiology
 DHLRI
 Microbiology
 Optometry
 DHLRI
 Pharmacy
 Neuroscience

General PDA Business

Yoshie Narui & Jess Irons

- Travel awards
Announcement for the travel award went out on 07/07/17. Application for the travel award is being worked out and will be sent out in Aug. Manoj is working on an initial draft. Looking for volunteers to evaluate the applications. Interested can contact the PDA Co-Chairs, Yoshie and Jess
- Congrats to Brenda Reader, winner of the Postdoc of the Year Award!
- Welcome to Angela Filous, new Professional Development co-chair!
- OPA Update: Congratulations to Noah Weisleder, Director of the OPA!
OPA is up and running as of 07/17/17. OPA will be under the Office of Research and the Graduate school. Physical space for the office will be available soon (central campus). Primary goal of the OPA will be to continue working with PDA and the PAC

Postdoc Advisory Council (PAC)

Marcela Hernandez

- Academic and Professional English Workshop (6/26 – 8/18)
2 level program will be offered this year based on the fluency of the candidate
- Professional Profile Clinic (7/20, 9am – 1pm)
Walk-ins are welcome. 130 ppl signed up last year and a similar turn out is being expected this year

- Academic Job search series (7/17 2:30pm)
- **Peer writing groups workshop is coming up. Follow up workshops on academic position search**
- Mentoring awards close soon

Working group report is being wrapped up to send it out to Provost regarding postdoc salary at OSU

Secretary

Laura Chavez

Next monthly meetings are as scheduled:

- **Wed. 8/16**, 12 – 1pm, Research Commons 352
- **Wed. 9/20**, 12 – 1pm, BRT 134
- **Wed. 10/18**, 12 – 1pm, Research Commons 352

Treasurer

Elaine Wells-Gray

- Current balance is: \$9157 (pending confirmation)
- Reimbursements: Give Elaine the original receipt and a copy of the event flyer (wells-gray.1@osu.edu)

Communications

Manoj Gottipati

- Please send event updates, with the flier, as early as possible so they can be put up on the website and Facebook page
- If anyone is interested in expanding our social media efforts, please contact Manoj (or stay after the meeting to discuss) gottipati.5@osu.edu

International

Faith Brennan and Mona El Refaey

- We are working on a plan to host a tax expert to give advice to postdocs on how to fill and file tax paperwork. The plan is to make this event at the end of the year or earlier next year.
- We will work closely with HR and Amanda Giandinoto to send out the postdoc guide to the new hired postdocs.

Professional Development

Amara Greer-Short and Angela Filous

- **August/September:** [Title TBD]. Topic on teaching opportunities. – Angela Filous
Teaching opportunities at OSU. Most likely to be held in September
- **October 5th:** “The Cycle of Innovation”. Hosted by the Technology Commercialization Office. RSVP to Tracy Preston (preston.317@osu.edu).
Free lunch will be provided. Information to RSVP will be sent out soon
- **November/December:** [Title TBD]. Topic on research opportunities. – Sujeet Kumar
Industry speaker. If you have any specific suggestions as to what you would like to be covered in the seminar, please contact the professional development co-chairs

Social

Atsuko Uchida and Rudra Purusottam

- Coffee break and Happy hour in July will be canceled because it is difficult to coordinate the schedule.
- The next coffee break is planning early in August. The location will be at CBEC. It will be the first trial to do this event from afternoon at the location
- Happy hour is scheduled on Aug 25th. (The location TBD)
Preference on location? Contact the social co-chairs if you have any suggestions/recommendations. April suggested that something on bus route might be helpful if the event is far from campus
- Summer Picnic will be at the Park of Rose on Sep 2nd (Sat) or 9th (Sat) evening around 4-7pm.
2nd is labor day weekend and 9th is a home football game at OSU. So the event may be preponed to one of the weekends in late August
- We need some volunteers for these events. Please let us know your convenience!

Policy and Advocacy**Mary Beth Wade and Sara Koenig**

- An executive summary of the results from the FLSA survey will be submitted to Provost McPherson and Dr. Whitacre within the next two weeks. We are coordinating submission to be timed with the report from the Graduate Assistant and Postdoc Working Group.
A resolution is being worked out in discussion with McPherson and Dr. Whitacre. A separate report from PAC will also be submitted to Provost McPherson and Dr. Whitacre about the same topic.
- A faculty survey on FLSA implementation will be sent out by the end of the month.

Development**Nathalie Houssin**

- Vendor show (Tues Oct 17) needs PDA volunteers. Please save the date and a google sign sheet will go out soon.
- Planning for the biggest vendor show yet. We reserved the BRT Lobby as well, so we will invite over 40 vendors.
- Payment protocol for vendors has been worked out with Fiscal, and vendor invitation letter has gone out. We are asking for independent sponsorship of travel awards.
- Possible website through Kerry Hodak and Student Life Technologies. We can use this for vendor info and pre-registration.
- For food, we are planning ½ Adriatico's pizza (all cheese or mushroom), and ½ pulled chicken (+ sides) through the department of Animal Sciences. They will fit our budget and cater the chicken for free.
- VWR will still buy raffle prizes (gift cards) and sign in giveaways (bag + gifts inside).