

## OSU PDA Monthly Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, March 21st, 2018; BRT 130, 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 the Office of Postdoctoral Affairs (OPA), the 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

Mahesh Chemudupati  
Jeffrey Skidmore  
Amara Greer-Short  
Angela Filous  
Sara Koenig  
Jess Irons  
Marcela Hernandez  
Manita Guragain  
Nima Mansouri  
Daniel Ankrah  
Manoj Gottipati  
Noah Weisleder  
Nathalie Houssin  
Chiran Ghimire  
Laura Baltierra  
Kirti Kaul  
Jalal Siddiqui

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### General PDA Business

Jessica Irons and Sara Koenig

- Budget  
Budget for this year is finalized
- NPA Annual Meeting  
6 awards were given by the OPA to postdocs to attend the conference. Details of the awardees are in the OPA newsletter dated 03/19/18
- OPA Orientation volunteers  
We need in need of volunteers to give a brief presentation about PDA during the monthly postdoc orientation organized by the OPA starting May 2018. Interested personnel can contact the PDA co-chairs
- Committee positions available  
We need postdocs to fill several committee positions. Interested postdocs can contact the PDA co-chairs or the current co-chairs of the committee they are interested in

### Office of Postdoctoral Affairs (OPA)

Marcela Hernandez

- Career Services to start July 1<sup>st</sup>  
Email advertisement will be coming soon
- Mentoring Up (3/22)

There is a conflict of this event with another PDA event (BioOhio). But there will be a recording available for ppl who are interested but cannot attend this event

- DOSU Program

There is an additional component now in the DOSU program. Postdocs who are involved will get classroom teaching training at OSU

#### International

Faith Brennan and Mona El Refaey

- Tax session done! Success! Big thanks to Jeff Mason. About 30 postdocs showed  
There is recording available for ppl interested. Fatima sent it out on the PDA listserv on 03/21/18
- Immigration session planned for May
- Buy portable microphone/recorder for meetings  
Manoj will look into buying a portable microphone for PDA future meetings

#### Policy and Advocacy

Leanna Perez and Douglas Cheung

- TBD

#### Social

Atsuko Uchida and Rudra Purusottam

- March coffee break: March 6th from 12:00pm to 1:30pm, at BRT134. 18 people participated in the event. It was the lower attendance than that we expected. (Please let us know any idea how we can increase the number of attendance)
- April coffee break: Tuesday, April 3rd. 9:30am-11am at CBEC Room #267
- April Happy hour: Friday, April 20th. 6:00pm- Old North Arcade (2591 North High Street, Columbus OH 43202)
- We are planning to have the spring hike with Wooster campus postdoc. One of the candidate of the location is the "Mohican State Park". The location is a little far from here. Please let us know your opinion about this hiking frankly.
- Recruiting social committees — Please let us know if you know someone to be interested in our activities.

#### Professional Development

Amara Greer-Short and Angela Filous

- TBD  
Mahesh will be replacing Amara as a professional development committee co-chair
- BioOhio – tomorrow at Noon

#### Development and Events

Nathalie Houssin

- Fall PDA/OUR&CI mentoring
- PDA promotion during vendor show  
Planning for this event is underway. An announcement for volunteering will be sent out soon

#### 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](mailto:gottipati.5@osu.edu)

#### Travel awards

- New round opening in April  
Initial email announcement was sent out last week and multiple reminders will be sent before and during the application period
- New volunteers  
Postdocs interested in volunteering to review the travel award applications can contact Manoj ([gottipati.5@osu.edu](mailto:gottipati.5@osu.edu)). This will be considered as PDA involvement for future awards

**Treasurer****Nathalie Houssin**

- Current available balance \$7144.14
- Reimbursements: Give Nathalie the original receipt and a copy of the event flyer ([houssin.1@osu.edu](mailto:houssin.1@osu.edu))

**Secretary****Laura Chavez**

Next monthly meetings are as scheduled:

- April 18<sup>th</sup>, Research Commons 352
- May 16<sup>th</sup>, James L045