

## OSU PDA Monthly Meeting Agenda

October 18<sup>th</sup> 2017; Research Commons 352, 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  
Manoj Gottipati  
Faith Brennan  
Nathalie Houssin  
Rudra Purusottam  
Angela Filous  
Mahesh Chemudupati  
Asmita Murumkar  
April Joice  
Fatima Vakil  
Dan Kiss  
Mary Beth Wandel  
Rudra Purusottam

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Psychology  
Neuroscience  
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BCP  
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### General PDA Business

**Yoshie Narui and Jess Irons**

- Elections for Executive Board  
We are looking for a new social co-chair. Atsuko will be stepping down from her current position. Interested people can contact the PDA co-chairs.  
Sara Koenig will be the new co-chair of the PDA starting Nov 2017, replacing Yoshie Narui
- Travel award application is now open! Remains open until 10/31.  
Application is now open and will stay open until 10/31/17. All the information pertaining to the travel award is on the PDA website. For questions, please contact the PDA at [postdocassociation@osu.edu](mailto:postdocassociation@osu.edu)
- Postdoc soccer team  
People interested in joining intramural sports can contact Jess Irons to form a team.

### Office of Postdoctoral Affairs

**Noah Weisleder/Marcela Hernandez/Fatima Vakil**

- Working group for compensation and benefits update  
Provost and co are meeting soon to revisit this issue. We are hoping to get a positive update on this early Spring.
- Discussion about attendance  
There is a very low turnout of postdocs to the events organized by the PDA/OPA/OUAB. Any suggestions for good days/times are appreciated. Please contact Fatima.  
2 ideas were proposed – 1) send a survey to postdocs to get their suggestions about attendance and 2) charge a small fee for people who register and reimburse them if they attend the event.  
A suggestion for the survey was proposed. Designing a survey such that the events can be pooled into

groups – resume building, job search etc.

- Weekly e-mail and OPA newsletter  
Flashy headlines and a short paragraph describing the event with a link to the detailed article.

### Professional Development

Amara Greer-Short and Angela Filous

- "Managing the Transition from Academia to Industry" by Dr. Erandi De Silva, OSU (Nov. 8th, 11 am, BRT 105A)
- We met as a committee to discuss future topics for the upcoming semester. Any other topics of interest please bring to the attention of the co-chairs.
- Co-chairs will be meeting with the OPA (Noah and Marcela) on Oct. 23rd to finalize responsibilities moving forward

### Policy and Advocacy

Mary Beth Wade and Sara Koenig

- Finalizing faculty FLSA survey
- Waiting on postdoc FLSA response from Provost Bruce McPheron and VP Caroline Whitacre, then will summarize survey for dissemination to postdocs
- Need a new co-chair

### Development

Nathalie Houssin

- 31 suppliers have given confirmation they are attending and 17 have already paid (for their booth)
- Advertising part is starting now with flyers (prepared by Lina Osmani) that should be posted on announcement boards and inside elevators (need some volunteers for that). We will also advertise through the different mailing lists (MBSC/LCS) and OnCampus Today.
- **We still need a few more volunteers for setup** (with strong arms) for helping to lift heavy things for vendors but the other timeslots have filled up (we still have some spots for the last timeslot to help with the clean-up)
- We will have 2 BuckID swipes for signing-in attendees.
- Food & Drink: 37 Buckeye Pizzas from Adriatico's + Coke products (donated & purchased)
- VWR will purchase gift cards for the raffle. PDA will purchase 5 x \$10 gift cards. Raffle prizes will be drawn once an hour from sticker cards that are chosen and completely filled out (name and email). To follow up with the show, Lina is preparing a VWR survey that will be sent out and respondents will have a chance to win an additional gift card.

### International

Faith Brennan and Mona El Refaey

- PDA international information flyer is now done and up on our website!
- The OIA has agreed to direct new international post-docs to this website
- Further help with distribution from OPA, if possible? It would also be helpful to domestic scholars.
- Ideas for an end of year event  
International postdoc potluck (holiday party) with PDA supplying some common supplies.

### Social

Atsuko Uchida and Rudra Purusottam

- Ice cream social was held in DHLRI on Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>. We had over 70 attendees!
- September Happy hour was held at Woody's in the Ohio Union from on Sept. 22nd. Unfortunately, we had around 10 people in attendance, but everyone enjoyed the food! (Thanks for OPA support!)
- We are planning the October Happy Hour for Friday, Oct. 27th. (Location: TBA)
- We are planning the next Coffee Break at the first week in November. CBEC room reservation is not available, so we are looking for an alternate location (maybe Research Commons)

### 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

**Treasurer**

**Elaine Wells-Gray**

- Current balance is: \$8,445 (not including vendor payments)
- Reimbursements: Give Elaine the original receipt and a copy of the event flyer (wells-gray.1@osu.edu)

**Secretary**

**Laura Chavez**

Next monthly meetings are as scheduled:

- **Wed. 11/15**, 12 - 1pm, BRT 134
- **Wed. 12/13; one week earlier than usual due to December holidays – 12-1pm Research Commons**