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Committee Updates

Outreach

-Biology on Tap is a monthly science pub night focused on scientific outreach for adults. Events have two speakers, and we usually get an audience of around 100 people.

Talks are ~20 minutes long and are geared toward slightly inebriated non-scientist adults. Talks are not intended to be a conference presentation of your own work, but rather a talk about concepts, systems, or organisms.

Would you like to speak at Biology on Tap? Fill out the form at <https://goo.gl/forms/ML6qvh17uUrVuFKj1> and let us know!

Professional Development

Outside Academia -

State positions: MSU-PDA will be hosting two MI State PhD Staff Scientists to discuss careers outside of academia. Visits will take place the week of Oct. 29th (stay tuned for more details) and will include an informal round table discussion and lunch.

Science policy: PhD Career Services and the MSU BEST program has a seminar series to explore careers available to PhDs outside academia.

First seminar (Oct. 10, 12-1:30pm, Chittendon Hall Commons): DeAndra Beck to share her experience

Postdoctoral Accomplishments

-Johannes Weber (Computational Mathematics, Science and Engineering Dept.) recently published his work "[Color screening in \(2+1\)-flavor QCD](#)" in Physical Review D.

in science policy. Dr. Beck is the MSU Associate Dean for Research, was an AAAS Science Policy Fellow and worked in several other positions where she had the opportunity to shape domestic and international policy for the U.S. government. To learn more and to register: <https://grad.msu.edu/events/phd-parade-federal-science-policy>

Awards Committee

Spring 2019 Travel Award

Applications due Friday, October 5th at 5pm. For conferences taking place between January 1st and June 30th, 2019.

To apply -

- visit the PDA Travel Award [webpage](#),
- fill out the official application form and make sure to check out the guidelines,
- submit your application as a PDF file by email to grad.awards.pda@msu.edu

Social committee

October

October 20th: Tailgating on campus before MSU v. Michigan Football game (details to come)

November

November 17th, 2-6pm: Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner



Thank you for attending the 2018 National Postdoc Appreciation Week workshops and lunch! We had a great time, and hope you did too.

- MSU PDA committee

Committee Updates Continued...

Leadership Opportunities

The MSU-PDA is currently looking for subcommittee volunteers. Please email pda@grd.msu.edu for more information about becoming a member.

Newsletter committee

We are soliciting short commentary pieces for the newsletter. Topics can include anything deemed relevant to postdocs at MSU. Including: professional development opportunities and/or advice, “a day in the life” blog-type pieces, book reviews, etc.

Please send an article pitch to: grad.newsletter.pda@msu.edu

MSU Presidential Search: input sessions

Input sessions are being organized by the Presidential Search Committee. There are two ways you can take an active role in this process—[online input forms](#), or attending a session (schedule below).

Your input on important issues pertaining to the university is essential for the MSU postdoc community to be more visible and better served by MSU.

Remaining College Input Sessions -

- Wednesday, Oct. 3: Human Medicine, Veterinary Medicine, Law
- Thursday, Oct. 4: Agriculture and Natural Resources, Natural Science, FRIB

Open Forums for the Campus Community -

- Wednesday, Oct. 10, 6 to 7:30 p.m., Kellogg Center, Room Big Ten A
- Thursday, Oct. 11, 6 to 7:30 p.m., Kellogg Center, Lincoln Room



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Postdocs at the Annual Picnic (July 2017)

The MSU PDA is an association of postdoctoral fellows from all disciplines across the Michigan State University campus.

Contact us: grad.msu.edu/pda

Special Opportunities

Outreach/Teaching

Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) is offering a one-week advanced program in medical careers concentrated curriculum for gifted, IS4GT, Intensive Studies for Gifted and Talented. This option is available for 7-9th grade students. This would be 30 hours of curriculum (with a research component) during the week of June 24-28, 2019. Classes would focus on medical careers for the week for 6 hours, with one to two hours of computer-lab research time built into the end of the day for the students to conduct research.

In the past we have had the students do a literature review research on a certain medical condition (ex. Epilepsy). The students would be in groups and create a poster that they would present at a poster presentation fair before the closing ceremony on Friday evening. We are thinking that this year may be nice to have the students learn more about research and the importance of research.

We would love to have postdocs to lead this research. It would be approximately 3pm – 5pm Monday, June 24th through Friday, June 28th.

Please contact Jessica Bilodeau (bilodj32@msu.edu), Assistant Director, if you are interested.

Conferences

On behalf of the Harvard Medical School Office for Diversity Inclusion and Community Partnership and the Biomedical Science Careers Program (BSCP), we wish to invite you to submit an abstract for the eighteenth annual New England Science Symposium (NESS) to be held on Saturday, April 6, 2019 from 7:30 AM to 4:30 PM at Harvard Medical School in Boston, Massachusetts.

The deadline to submit abstracts: January 4, 2019.

There is no registration fee for this symposium, but pre-registration is required.

To submit abstracts or to register: <http://www.NewEnglandScienceSymposium.org>

For more information, please contact Rodolfo Ramos at rodolfo_ramos@hms.harvard.edu or 617.432.5580.

Additional Professional Development resources

Check out more Professional Development events at grad.msu.edu/calendar

Additional events/workshops open to postdocs can be found at the COGS website: <https://cogs.msu.edu/calendar/>

For additional events and resources for postdocs, check out the PDA website grad.msu.edu/pda.