



Division of Graduate Medical Sciences

Office of Postdoctoral Affairs

The office of Postdoctoral Affairs is pleased to announce Speaker Series. The series aim to provide the postdocs with information and resources and to exchange of ideas and the intellectual enrichment of the postdoctoral community. Our third event speakers are: Erroll Rueckert, PhD MGH Postdoc Association Co-Chair (2010-2011) and Tooba Cheema, MGH Postdoc Association Co-chair (2010-2011).

Title: **The Industry Exploration Program (IEP)**

Date: Thursday, July 7, 2011

Time: 8:30 – 10:00 AM

Location: Room R115, 72 East Concord St.

Additional Information [Registration Required](#), Breakfast Provided.

The Industry Exploration Program (IEP) is a program that the Mass General Postdoc Association started last year in association with the MassBioEd Foundation. The program has been a resounding success, and several other postdoc associations have shown an interest in joining or replicating our program (i.e. UC Berkeley, Scripps, etc.).

We are initiating the process to expand the IEP program in the Boston area, which involves,

- including more postdocs from various academic institutions
- engaging with more companies for site visits

The aims of the presentation are:

- 1) inform people about the Industry Exploration Program
- 2) build enthusiasm amongst postdocs at BU for joining the program
- 3) address any questions or constructive criticism as we work toward expanding the program.

Bios:

Erroll Rueckert is a postdoctoral research fellow in the department of psychiatry at HMS and the Center for Human Genetic Research at MGH, and an associate research fellow at the Stanley Center for Psychiatric Research within the Broad Institute. He received a PhD in neuroscience from Columbia University Medical Center (New York, NY) and a BA in biology from Reed College (Portland, OR). Erroll

was the co-chair of the MGH postdoc association (MGPA) 2010-2011, and is the founder of the Broad NextGen Association for Postdoctoral and Graduate Student Trainees (started May 2011). Amongst other activities, Erroll is driving the current effort to expand the MGPA-MassBioEd Foundation's Industry Exploration Program.

Tooba Cheema is currently a postdoctoral research fellow funded by the American Brain Tumor Foundation in the department of neurosurgery at Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH). She received her PhD in pharmacology from the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor and her BS in biochemistry from Tufts University. Tooba has been an active member of the Harvard Medical School Postdoc Association organizing social and career events. She was also the co-chair of the MGH postdoc association (MGPA) 2010-2011, where she coordinated programs with MGH faculty, MassBio, and industry partners to enhance career development, networking and mentorship for the postdoc community. She is actively involved in developing and expanding the MGPA-MassBioEd Foundation's Industry Exploration Program beyond its pilot phase.

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