



Division of Graduate Medical Sciences

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The Office of Postdoctoral Affairs "Speaker Series" aims to provide BUSM postdocs with information and resources to succeed here on campus and beyond. The series encourages the exchange of ideas and the intellectual enrichment of the postdoctoral community. This month's event is: **US Tax and Immigration Issues for Foreign Postdocs**

Title: US Tax and Immigration Issues for Foreign Postdocs
Speakers: Sharon Shaff, Waldron Rand and Roy Watson, Jr., Watson Law
Date: Wednesday, March 7, 2012
Time: 2:00 – 3:30 P.M.
Location: Wilkins Board Room, 72 East Concord Street (BU School of Medicine Building) Evans 120
Registration: [Registration Required Email: Yolanta@bu.edu](mailto:Yolanta@bu.edu)

Workshop Description:

Sharon Shaff's presentation is specifically tailored to the US tax implications for postdocs. Her discussion will address:

- **Determination of residency status for US tax purposes and the relevance of that label**
- **Tax withholding and compliance issues for International postdocs**
- **Statutory and tax treaty opportunities for reducing US tax**

In addition, Roy Watson, an immigration law expert will be available for questions.

Bio: Sharon Shaff is a partner with Waldron Rand. She has extensive expertise in the area of taxation, including international taxation, tax research, the alternative minimum tax, and tax planning and compliance for both individuals and privately held companies. Prior to joining the Firm, Sharon served in the private client services department at Arthur Andersen, LLP, working with high-net-worth individuals on family wealth planning and income tax compliance, with a focus on stock option analysis. Sharon is an active member of KS International (KSi), an association of top international accounting practices focused on serving clients with international taxation and business needs. She is also an active member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) and the Massachusetts Society of Certified Public Accountants (MSCPA), serving as a volunteer on their respective international taxation committees. Sharon graduated Summa Cum Laude from Tufts University and earned her Master of Science degree in Taxation with high distinction at Bentley College's McCallum Graduate School of Business. She is currently studying towards her Advanced Graduate Certificate in International Taxation.

Roy Jack Watson, Jr. is a graduate of Brandeis University, with a B.A. in Economics, (1971); a J.D. from Boston College School of Law, (1975); and an M.P.A. from the Harvard Kennedy School of Government, (1983). Roy is founder and past Editor-in-Chief of the *Immigration Case Reporter (ICR)*, published by Matthew Bender, Inc., and sent to over 1,000 lawyers in 5 countries to provide the latest information and changes in the field of immigration law. Roy has authored numerous articles on a variety of employment based and other immigration law topics, and is a frequent lecturer on business-relevant immigration law issues. Roy is Past President of the New England chapter of the American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA), and has served on numerous AILA national committees during his 35 years of active practice of immigration law. Roy is a past Chair of the immigration law committees of both the Massachusetts Bar (MBA) and Boston Bar (BBA) Associations, and the founder and first Chair of the Immigration Law Section for the MBA.

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