

Division of Graduate Medical Sciences

Office of Postdoctoral Affairs

The Speaker Series aim to provide the postdocs with information and resources and to exchange of ideas and the intellectual enrichment of the postdoctoral community. Our next event speaker is Francine Montemurro of the Office of the Ombuds who will be speaking on function and what the Office of the Ombuds can offer you.

Title:	Meet BU Ombuds, Francine Montemurro and learn about the Office of the Ombuds
Date:	Thursday, November 17, 2011
Time:	8:45 – 10:00 AM
Location:	72 East Concord St., Room R-115
Additional Information	Registration Required, Breakfast Provided.

Brief Description: There are times when you as a post-doc may face an especially difficult or complicated problem –one that must be handled with great sensitivity and confidentiality. The Boston University Office of the Ombuds is a safe place for you to have voice concerns, problem-solve, and have off-the-record conversations on just about any kind of problem you may have related to life, work, or study at BU. It's an independent, impartial, informal, and confidential resource available to everyone at BU. We are pleased to offer you the opportunity to meet Francine Montemurro, Boston University's Ombuds and find out more about the Ombuds office.

Bio: *Francine Montemurro* was appointed Boston University's first Ombuds In September 2009. After receiving her bachelor's degree from the State University of New York (SUNY) at Binghamton, Montemurro earned a JD from Syracuse University. She established the Office of the University Ombudsman at SUNY Binghamton 1997. She served as the Ombudsman there for 12 years, acting as an independent, impartial and confidential resource for students, faculty and staff and as an adviser to University officials. She has extensive experience in alternative dispute resolution, including providing interventions and workshops on mediation and conflict management, teaching at the undergraduate and graduate levels, and providing workplace, community, family, and victim-offender mediation.

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