



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 second event speakers are: Assistant Professor, Connie Phillips; Associate Director, Gloria Vachino, and Dr. Rachel Weiss of Biomed Program and CityLab Academy who will be speaking on Teaching and Mentoring Opportunities at BUMC.

Title: **Teaching and Mentoring Opportunities through Biomed Program and CityLab Academy**

Date: Thursday, June 16, 2011

Time: 8:30 – 10:00 AM

Location: Room R115, 72 East Concord St.

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

The undergraduate [Biomed program](#) resides at Boston University School of Medicine. This Metropolitan College program offers a B.S. degree as well as two advanced certificates in biotechnology and clinical research. Courses in the Biomed program include basic science courses, such as biochemistry and immunology, to technical courses such as cell culture and microbiology. Classes are held in the late afternoon and they attract a very diverse population of students. Courses are held throughout the year and instructors are drawn from the BUSM community of faculty and students.

[CityLab Academy](#) is a smaller program within the Biomed program. CLA is a free, two-semester, entry level program in biotechnology for the Boston community. CityLab Academy targets high school graduates who are often underprepared for the rigors of college. Instructors, teaching assistants and mentors for CLA students largely come from the BUSM community.

At this seminar, we will more fully describe these two programs and how BUSM Post-Docs can participate.

Bios:

Gloria Vachino is Associate Director of [CityLab Academy](#), Faculty and Academic Developer of the Biomed program. Before transitioning into teaching in 1999, she spent 14 years as a lab scientist at Tufts New England Medical Center and Genetics Institute. Since 2001, she has taught undergraduate courses in biotechnology, drug discovery and biomedical laboratory science through Boston University's Biomedical Laboratory and Clinical Science program and currently teaches Essential Math for Biotech. She has also taught lab and academic courses for 5 years in the Cambridge Biomedical Careers Program through Just A Start Corp. / Bunker Hill Community College, and conducted workshops for high school and community college educators. Ms. Vachino holds a Master of Science degree in Immunology from Tufts University's Sackler School of Graduate Biomedical Sciences and has a joint honors Bachelor of Science degree in Biology and Psychology from the University College of Wales in Great Britain.

Dr. Rachel Weiss serves as the mentor coordinator for [CityLab Academy](#). In addition, she provides counseling services to students enrolled in CityLab Academy, a 1-year certificate program in biotechnology and laboratory science, as well as the Biomedical Laboratories and Clinical Science Bachelor's degree program in the Metropolitan College at Boston University. In 1991, she received her Master degree in counseling psychology from Northeastern University, and in 1996, she earned her doctorate in counseling psychology from Boston University. She specializes in counseling college students, as she worked in a number of college counseling centers in the greater Boston area. In addition, she taught psychopathology in the GMS program at Boston University School of Medicine in the Behavior Science and Mental Health Counseling Master's program.

Assistant Professor Connie Phillips directs the undergraduate program in Biomedical Laboratory & Clinical Sciences for Boston University School of Medicine and Metropolitan College. She also directs [CityLab Academy](#), a free 12-credit job training and education certificate program in biotechnology that can transition into the BS in Biomedical Laboratory & Clinical Sciences. Phillips has led the development of other biotechnology programs at the University, and has extensive experience teaching the biological sciences to high school and adult students. She currently chairs the Metropolitan College Academic Policy Committee. Assistant Professor Phillips directs the undergraduate program in Biomedical Laboratory & Clinical Sciences for Boston University School of Medicine and Metropolitan College. She also directs CityLab Academy, a free 12-credit job training and education certificate program in biotechnology that can transition into the BS in Biomedical Laboratory & Clinical Sciences. Phillips has led the development of other biotechnology programs at the University, and has extensive experience teaching the biological sciences to high school and adult students. She currently is a member of the Metropolitan College Academic Policy Committee.

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