



Division of Graduate Medical Sciences

**GMS OPDPA PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SERIES:  
PUBLIC SPEAKING AND PRESENTATION SKILLS**

**Wednesday  
February 19<sup>th</sup>**

**Speaker: Heather S. Duffy, Ph.D.**

**Location:** Room L-109A/B, BU School of Medicine, Instructional Bldg.

**Time:** 12:30 – 1:50 P.M.

**Email:** [Yolanta@bu.edu](mailto:Yolanta@bu.edu) to register

Lunch will be served

**Description:** In every career the ability to speak in public is important. The better your skills at public speaking, the more the community recognizes you as a leader in your field. This Presentation Skills program helps develop the skills to become an top notch public speaker. The presentation skills program examines the development of slides that are easy to follow and give the maximum information about the data. In addition we delve into the practical aspects of speaking such as proper pointer use, dress, enunciation, answering questions from the audience and more. We also talk about "nerves" and how to give a talk calmly and to even enjoy it! In one hour students and postdocs can learn to give better job talks, works in progress and conference presentations all of which will help them become the most sought after leaders in their fields.

**Speaker Bio:** Dr. Duffy received her PhD from Albert Einstein College of Medicine in 2001, graduating Magna cum Laude in Neuroscience with studies focusing on the molecular biology and signaling of gap junction molecules in both the brain and the heart. She was a faculty member at Columbia University's College of Physicians and Surgeon before being recruited to Harvard Medical School in 2008. Her primary area of interest in science was in the molecular basis of cardiac arrhythmias. In addition Dr Duffy has extensively focused on professionalism in science and in career development. In this role she is the co-chair of the Early Career Committee of the Basic Science council of the American Heart Association and will take over as chair of this committee this coming year.

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