



## Division of Graduate Medical Sciences

### Office of Professional Development and Postdoctoral Affairs

The OPDPA speaker series aim to provide the postdocs and Ph.D. students with information and resources and to exchange of ideas and the intellectual enrichment of the trainees' community.

**Title:** **Difficult Discussions and Conflict Resolution in the Work Place**  
**Speaker:** Joanne Kamens, Ph.D., Executive Director, Addgene  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 15, 2014  
**Time:** 12:30 – 2:00 p.m.  
**Location:** Room L-214, 72 East Concord St., BU School of Medicine  
**Additional Information** Registration required Email: [Yolanta@bu.edu](mailto:Yolanta@bu.edu)  
Lunch will be provided

#### Description:

Conflicts small and large arise in our lives on an almost daily basis and a good number of these require some discussion for successful resolution. This two part workshop starts with an introduction to the topic of communication issues in the work place with an emphasis on communication barriers between the genders. Hearing and understanding what is being said to you as well as effectively getting your message across can make a big difference in productive resolution of conflict. The second part of this interactive workshop will introduce you to some basic methods for conflict resolution and communication of "bad news".

#### Speaker's Bio:

Dr. Kamens received her PhD in Genetics from Harvard Medical School then spent 15 years at BASF/Abbott, ultimately serving as Group Leader in Molecular Biology. In 2007 she joined RXi Pharmaceuticals as Senior Director of Research Collaborations. In 2011, Dr. Kamens became the Executive Director of Addgene, a mission driven, non-profit dedicated to helping scientists around the world share plasmid reagents. Dr. Kamens founded the current Boston chapter of the Association for Women in Science. Dr. Kamens was Director of the Healthcare Businesswomen's Association Boston Group Mentoring Program for 3 years. She serves on a number of other non-profit boards and speaks widely on career development topics.



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