



Division of Graduate Medical Sciences

Office of Postdoctoral Affairs

Speaker Series

Work/Family Balance

Date: Thursday, May 19, 2011 **Time:** 8:30-10:00 am

Boston University Medical Campus, L-109A

Breakfast Provided

Speaker:

Joanne Kamens, PhD

Senior Director of Research Collaborations, RXi Pharmaceuticals

Figuring out how to juggle any career with the non-work part of life can be challenging but for a working scientist, there never seems to be a way to do it all. The goal of this program is to give you some things to think about that could make a real difference in your success at work and happiness in general

Teaching & Mentoring Opportunities for Postdocs

Date: Thursday, June 16, 2011 **Time:** 8:30-10:00 am

Boston University Medical Campus, R115

Breakfast Provided

Speakers:

Connie Phillips, MA, MPH Program Director BU School of Medicine/MET College Biomedical Laboratory & Clinical Sciences

Gloria Vachino, Associate Director of CityLab Academy

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The Industry Exploration Program (IEP)

Date: Thursday, July 7, 2011 **Time:** 8:30-10:00 am

Boston University Medical Campus, TBA

Breakfast Provided

Speakers:

Erroll Rueckert, PhD

Massachusetts General Hospital Postdoc Association Co-Chair & Executive Administrator

Tooba Cheema

MGH Postdoctoral Research Fellow

Simon Schlachter

MGH Postdoctoral Research Fellow

The Industry Exploration Program (IEP) is a program that the MGH Postdoc Association started last year in association with the MassBioEd Foundation. Our program has been a resounding success, and several other postdoc associations have shown an interest in joining or replicating our program. We are initiating the process to expand the IEP program in the Boston area, which involves, including more postdocs from various academic institutions and engaging with more companies for site visits.

"Skills for Successful Networking to Advance Your Career"

Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2011 **Time:** 8:45-10:00 am

Boston University Medical Campus, R103

Breakfast Provided

Speakers:

Jane Liebschutz, MD MPH FACP Associate Professor of Medicine and Social and Behavioral Sciences

Boston University Medical Center

Maria Isabel Dominguez, PhD Assistant Professor of Medicine Hematology-Oncology Section Department of Medicine Boston University School of Medicine

Why network to gather professional contacts?

Because it is the only way you will be able to get national and international recognition, two criteria needed for promotion to associate and full professor. In the medical sciences, including clinical and basic sciences, as well as educational scholarly work, collaboration is a standard and necessary part of advancing to the next level.

National Postdoc Appreciation Week

Ice Cream Social

Date: Monday, September 19, 2011 **Time:** 3:30-5:00 pm

Boston University Medical Campus, Talbot Green

Lab Time Management: a Practical Perspective

Date: Thursday, October 27, 2011 **Time:** 8:45-10:00 am

Boston University Medical Campus, L-203

Breakfast Provided

Speakers:

Barbara Nikolajczyk, Ph.D. Associate Professor in the Department of Microbiology and Medicine
Boston University Medical Center

Rachel Weiss, Ph.D. Serves as the Mentor Coordinator for the CityLab Academy

Learn how to develop practical skills and using them in managing time in multi-tasking that includes juggling experiments, grant writing, publishing, and professional development.

Meet BU Ombuds, Francine Montemurro and Learn About the Office of the Ombuds

Date: Thursday, November 17, 2011 **Time:** 8:45-10:00 am

Boston University Medical Campus, R-115

Breakfast Provided

Speaker

Francine Montemurro was appointed Boston University's first Ombuds in September 2009.

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.

Pathways to U.S. Permanent Residence for International Postdocs

Date: Thursday, December 8, 2011 **Time:** 1:30 – 3:30 pm

Boston University Medical Campus, Evans 120 Wilkins Board Room

Speakers

Sharryn E. Ross, Senior Partner, Ross Silverman LLP

Jeanne E. Kelley, Director of the Boston University International Students and Scholars Office

Brief Description: Workshop is intended for international postdocs in the United States in nonimmigrant classifications. Will cover long-term immigration alternatives, strategies and timing considerations for postdoctoral researchers preparing to apply for U.S. Lawful Permanent Residence and will also provide an overview of BU sponsorship policies and procedures.

Postdoc Holiday Party 2011

Date: Friday, December 9, 2011

Time: 4:30 – 6:30 pm Room L-109A/B/C

Postdoc Holiday Party is your chance to mingle and enjoy being with each other during one of the coolest party of the year. Postdoc Holiday Party 2011 highlights include:

- Food prepared by Mannie from the Checquers Cafe
- Delicious deserts brought to us by some of you
- Music
- Company of each other
- Yankee swap/Raffle

Building Your Personal Brand

Date: Wednesday, January 25, 2012

Time: Noon – 1:50 P.M.

Location: Room L-112, 72 East Concord St.

Additional Information: [Registration Required](#)

Supplementary Material will be distributed before and at the workshop.

You will have an opportunity to become a member of WEST

Speaker: Ilene Fischer, Executive Director of WEST (Advancing Women in the Business of Science and Technology)

Workshop Description:

WEST's Executive Director, Ilene Fischer will lead this program that she developed when she worked with Management guru, Tom Peters. It is based on his work: "Brand Called You." Please see a link to an article published in the ***Fast Company*** <http://www.fastcompany.com/magazine/10/brandyou.html>.

In this program you will:

- Understand branding and its importance in the fullest sense.
- Understand and define your personal brand and design a strategy that increases your distinction and inspired performance
- Learn what you want to be known for and how to express and be recognized for your talent at work

Refining your Resume for Industry

Date: Thursday, February 23, 2012

Time: 3:00 – 5:00 P.M.

Location: Room L-201/L203, 72 East Concord St., BU School of Medicine Bldg.

Additional Information [Registration Required](#)

Workshop Description:

Lauren Celano will talk about the differences between industry resumes and academic CV's and best practices for writing a cover letter. She will focus on format, areas to highlight, what companies look for, the importance of tailoring your documents, and other tips so that your details stand out from the crowd when applying for jobs.

In this program you will:

- **Focus on industry formatting for resumes**
- **Learn best practices for cover letter preparation**

- Learn about what companies look for in a resume and cover letter and what they value
- Learn how to highlight your experience
- Learn why it is important to tailor your documents
- Tips on how to differentiate yourself with your resume and cover letter

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](#)

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.

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Date: Monday, April 9, 2012 **Time:** Noon – 1:00 pm
 Boston University Medical Campus, L-109
 Lunch Provided

Speakers:

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