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FALL 2009
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2; 10:00 am – NOON - WORKSHOPS
"Academic Job Search Kickoff"
Co-sponsors: The Career Development Center & The Sheridan Center for Teaching & Learning

- 10:00 – 11:00 am
  How to Find the Right Post-doc, Salomon 202
  Knowledgeable faculty panelists will offer advice and strategies for taking your next career step within academia.
  The Academic Job Search Demystified, Career Development Center

- 11:15 – 12:15 pm
  Cover Letters and CVs, Salomon 202
  How to’s and tips for presenting yourself on paper most effectively

Special Workshop: “Put Your Science to Work! Practical Career Strategies for Scientists and Engineers"
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16; 1 – 3:30 pm
Location: Hunter Lab, Carmichael Auditorium
Speaker: Peter Fiske, Ph.D.
Notes: Undergrads, Grad Students, and Postdocs welcome to attend
Co-sponsor: The Office of the Vice President for Research, & Career Development Center
Details: Scientist and author Peter Fiske, PhD, will speak to pre- and postdoctoral scholars regarding their career planning and job-hunting process. With the dire state of the world economy, savvy career planning is now more important than ever. Most advanced degree scientists possess an arsenal of highly marketable, transferable skills that qualifies them for any number of career paths both in and beyond academia. Doctorate-trained scholars possess many of the traits and skills that are of highest value in any workplace.

"Postdoctoral Resource and Networking Reception”
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16; 3:30 – 6:00 pm
Location: Andrews Dining Hall
Notes: For postdocs at Brown, pre-registration requested: Co-sponsor: The Graduate School
Details: This event will showcase resources available to postdocs at Brown University. The two-hour session includes welcomes from senior administration, short presentations from HR Vice President Karen Davis, and Sheridan Center Associate Director Kathy Takayama. In addition there will be a dozen resource stations and time to meet and network with new and continuing colleagues. Beer, wine, and light snacks will be served. There will also be opportunities for questions, concerns and comments during the session.

"EndNote/Library and other Electronic Resources" Training
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25; 12:05 – 1:00 pm
Speaker: Frank Kellerman, Scholarly Resources Librarian, Sciences Library
Location: Hecker Room, Rockefeller Library
Co-Sponsor: Rockefeller Library
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Details: Come learn about the necessary electronic tools and library resources that will ensure proper time management through tedious tasks, such as building reference lists in several formats for different professional journal types. Frank will show you how to navigate through some citation managers to keep your research and references in order.

"EndNote/Library and other Electronic Resources" Training
MONDAY, OCTOBER 5; 4:00 – 5:15 pm
Speaker: Frank Kellerman, Scholarly Resources Librarian, Sciences Library
Location: Hecker Room, Rockefeller Library
Co-Sponsor: Rockefeller Library
Details: Come learn about the necessary electronic tools and library resources that will ensure proper time management through tedious tasks, such as building reference lists in several formats for different professional journal types. Frank will show you how to navigate through some citation managers to keep your research and references in order.

Careers in Science Writing with alum Virginia Hughes ’05
MONDAY, OCTOBER 26; 7 pm
Location: Career Development Center, Hemisphere Building, 167 Angell Street
Sponsor: Career Development Center
Details: Are you excited by the pace of science and passion of scientists? Intrigued by the ever-increasing intersection of science, ethics, and politics? Frustrated by the way complicated scientific findings are often garbled by the media? Passionate about writing? Virginia Hughes would have said yes to all of these questions when she graduated from Brown in 2005. Join Ginny to learn about a career path that started at Brown and now includes writing for scientific journals, magazines and the web. You’ll also learn about obvious and not so obvious opportunities in science writing, as well as avenues for graduate study in the field.

Presentation: "Accelerating Life Science Discovery Through Enhancing A Diverse Perspective at the Bench"
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29; 1:30 pm
Speaker: Laina King, PhD; Director, Diversity in Life Science Programs at Keystone Symposia
Place: Nathan Marcuvitz Auditorium Sidney Frank Hall, Room 220
Co-Sponsor: The MCB Graduate Program
Details: Dr. King will discuss the various initiatives in diversity underway at Keystone Symposia. Keystone Symposia is an education and life science conferencing organization providing cutting-edge research meetings nationally and internationally for nearly 4 decades.

Panel Discussion: "Negotiating your Postdoc/Faculty/Job Offer"
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10 2009; 4 pm
Location: Career Development Center Hemisphere Building, 167 Angell Street
Register: (requested, not required
Co-Sponsor: The Career Development Center
Details: Congratulations! You received a post-doc or faculty offer! Now what? With whom do you
negotiate? What are the benefits that are included in the package? What benefits are negotiable? What about resources and equipment necessary to do your research? How do you compare multiple offers? What is the timeline for negotiating an offer? Confused? Our faculty panel has some answers! Join us in the Career Development Center library to get answers to these questions, and more. Registration requested by not required.

Food and drinks provided!

**Guest Lecture "Negotiating Interpersonal Landmines on the Pathway to a Successful Career"**
**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11th; 5–7 pm**
**Speaker:** Alecia D. H. Monroe, M.D. Vice Dean for Educational Affairs, USF College of Medicine
**Location:** BioMed Center, Rm. 202
**Details:** Please join Dr. Monroe, formerly the Associate Dean for Diversity at Brown's Warren Alpert Medical School, for a workshop on mentoring including conflict resolutions and other key aspects of the trainee-mentor relationship.

Food and drinks provided!

**Workshop: "Developing an effective education plan for NSF CAREER awards"**
**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11; 12 – 1:30 pm**
**Location:** Sheridan Center, 96 Waterman Street
**Register:**
**Co-Sponsor:** Sheridan Center
**Panelists:** Anastasia Volovich - Assistant Professor of Physics, Rashid Zia - Assistant Professor of Engineering, Carlos Aizenman - Assistant Professor of Neuroscience
**Details:** This workshop is for junior faculty and postdocs in all fields of science, engineering and mathematics. Successful CAREER proposals are expected to demonstrate creative and effective integration of research and education plans. In this workshop, we will:
1. Discuss strategies for writing a successful education plan for your CAREER proposal
2. Hear from panelists about successful CAREER proposals and the review process
3. Learn about resources for effective integration of teaching and research

**SPRING 2010**

*Skill Training Module: “Beyond the Hypothesis: Experimental Design & Critical Analysis”*
**JANUARY 11th - 15th, 2010 (Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri); 4 - 6 pm**
**Faculty Trainer:** Suzanne de la Monte
**Senior Scholar:** Victoria Ruiz
**Location:** J. Walter Wilson Room 201
**Details:** Develop skills in mechanistic hypothesis setting and experimental design.

*Skill Training Module: “Designing and Delivering Scientific Presentations”*
**JANUARY 11 - 15, 2010 (Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri); 12 - 2 pm**
**Faculty Trainer:** Kathy Takayama
**Senior Scholar:** Courtni Newsome
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**Location:** Eddy Auditorium, BMC 291  
**Details:** Gain insight and practice in effective oral communications of scientific results.

*Skill Training Module: “Defending Your Research Proposal & Critiquing Those of Others”*  
JANUARY 19 – 22, 2010 (Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri); 4 – 6 pm  
**Faculty Trainer:** Jonathan Reichner  
**Senior Scholar:** Angel Byrd  
**Location:** Eddy Auditorium, BMC 291  
**Details:** Strategies in selecting a strong thesis topic; evaluating your progress; giving and receiving advice.

**Workshop: "Navigating the Publication Process"**  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 21, 2010; 4 – 5 pm  
**Panelists:** Nancy Thompson, Associate Dean, Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies, Art Landy, Professor, MCB; Anatoly Zhitkovich, Associate Professor, Pathology & Laboratory Medicine; Frank Kellerman, Scholarly Resources Librarian; Mary Fennell, Professor, Sociology and Community Health  
**Location:** Eddy Auditorium, BMC 291  
**Details:** A panel of presenters will cover important issues in preparation, review and revision of publications including manuscript text and figure preparation, authorship criteria, journal selection/impact factor, cover letters, peer review and responding to critiques. This overview is intended for early career individuals in biology and public health.

*Skill Training Module: “Resources, Tools and Basic Techniques in Molecular Biology”*  
TUESDAYS, FEBRUARY 23 – MARCH 23, 2010 (2/23, 3/2, 3/9, 3/16, 3/23); 3 – 5 pm  
**Faculty Trainer:** Michael McKeown  
**Senior Scholar:** Leon Toussaint  
**Place:** J. Walter Wilson, Room 303  
**Details:** Gain insight into when to apply particular methods and resources for genomic/proteomic approaches.

**Guest Lecture: “THINKING LONGTERM: Incorporating Core Competencies into the Postdoc Experience”**  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2010; 4 – 5:30 pm  
**Speaker:** Cathee J. Phillips, Executive Director, National Postdoc Association  
**Location:** Solomon 001  
**Co-Sponsor:** The Graduate School  
**Details:**  
* What are the 6 core competencies?  
* What sets me apart on the job market?  
* What do I need to take away from my Brown training?  
* How do I assess my progress?  
* How does my mentor assess my progress?  
Reception immediately following

**Panel Discussion: Women in Science**
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2010; 3:30 - 5:00 pm  
Panelists: Nancy Thompson, Associate Dean of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies; Diane Hoffman-Kim, Associate Professor in Molecular Pharmacology, Physiology & Biotechnology; Iris Bahar, Associate Professor of Engineering  
Location: Career Development Center, Hemisphere Building, 167 Angell Street  
Co-Sponsored: Career Development Center and the Brown Science Center  
Details: Come and join us for an afternoon panel discussion on the evolving roles and challenges of women in the sciences. Refreshments will be served!

MEDIA Workshop: "Presenting/Communicating Your Science to the Public and Press"  
MONDAY, MARCH 15, 2010; 4 – 5:30 pm  
Speaker(s): Richard Lewis, Office of Media Relations  
Location: Chancellor’s Dining Room  
Co-Sponsor: The Graduate School  
Details: You will learn:  
• How to explain your research to the public  
• How to speak with a journalist: What to Say and What Not to Say  
• How media specialists get the word out about your work

Informational Tax Workshop for Non Immigrants  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17, 2010; 9:00 - 11:00 am  
Speaker: Miguelina Chevalier, Senior Tax Specialist, Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and Rita Gandhi, Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)  
Location: Career Development Center Library, 167 Angell Street  
Sponsor: Office of International Student and Scholar Services  
Details: This session is geared toward nonimmigrant students and scholars, who after going through CINTAX or filling out their resident tax forms still have questions related to their annual federal tax return. If applicable please bring your tax forms (eg-1040 NR (EZ) downloaded from CINTAX, 1040 (EZ) if resident for tax purposes, Form 8843, W-2 and/or 1042S). Please note: International students and scholars who are considered nonresidents for tax purposes are expected to utilize the online federal tax filing program CINTAX (accessible through the OISSS website prior to coming to the session). Questions pertaining to CINTAX should be directed to the CINTAX Support Center at support@cintax.us. State income tax questions should be addressed directly with the Rhode Island Division of Taxation.

Tax Workshop for Graduate Students and Postdocs  
THURSDAY, MARCH 18, 2010; 4:30 - 6:00 pm  
Speaker: Beth Murphy, Assistant Director, Office of Financial Aid  
Location: Wilson Hall 102  
Sponsor: The Office of Financial Aid  
Details: Do you have questions about how to prepare your taxes this year? Join Beth Murphy for an
overview of how to deal with issues relating to filing taxes with fellowships, stipends, or just regular income.

*Skill Training Module: “Professionalism: Maximizing your Impact in Professional Settings”
APRIL 19th - 23rd (Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri) 2010; 9:00 – 11:00 am
Faculty Trainer: Nancy Thompson
Senior Scholar: George Aninwene
Place: Sayles Hall, Room 204
Details: Recognize and acquire behaviors that promote career success in biology and public health.

Workshop: “Are You Considering A Non-Academic Career”
MONDAY, APRIL 19, 2010; 4 – 5:30 pm
Panelists: Don Chickering, Vice President of Engineering at Seventh Sense Biosystems; Frank DeSilva, Scientific Review Officer, National Institutes of Health; Kathryn Gann, Vice President of Scientific Development, Scientific Advantage, LLC; Jim Palardy, Senior Analyst, ABT Associates; Laura Smith, Health Service Researcher, RTI International; Jing Liu, Biomedical Scientist Intern at Celeros Inc.
Location: Career Development Center, Hemisphere Building, 167 Angell Street
Co-Sponsor: Career Development Center
Details:
- Learn how to use your PhD in Biology or other science PhD outside of academia
- Learn how other Brown PhDs have gone on to successful leadership positions
- in diverse career paths
- What to consider before entering into the non-academic arena
- Key questions to ask yourself
Refreshments will be served!

*Skill Training Module: “Scientific Presentation of Biological Data”
JUNE 7th, 9th, 11th, 2010 (Mon, Wed, Fri) 2:00 – 4:00pm
Faculty Trainer: Sharon Swartz
Senior Scholar: Joe Bahlman
Place: CIT, Room 269
Details: Learn how to construct effective graphs that maximize meaningful content and interpretation while simultaneously minimizing distractions.

Mentoring Monthly: F-Series Fellowship Submissions - Info Session for Grads and Postdocs
FRIDAY, JUNE 25, 1:00 - 2:00pm, 2010
Instructor: Wendy Virgadamo
Place: BioMed Center, Room 081
Details: Will you be submitting an F-series fellowship soon (F30/31 or F32/33) and need some guidance on navigating all the instructions, resources, and regulations associated with the application? Join Wendy Virgadamo from the Office of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies for a walk through the application forms and process to familiarize you with what you’ll need, where you’ll need to get it from, and the resources available to you as you go through the submission process. While this session is not geared toward R36 or
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K-series applications, much of the forms and content are similar, and may prove useful for those submissions as well.
Refreshments will be served, please join us!

*Skill Training Module: “Scientific Writing: Key Principles”
JUNE 21, 23, 25 (M, W, F) 3:00 – 5:00pm, 2010
Faculty Trainers: Wayne Bowen, Thais Salazar-Mather
Senior Scholar: Cristina Lopez-Fagundo
Place: Smith-Buonanno, Room G13
Details: Learn strategies to effectively communicate in writing the what, why, how, and outcomes of your work.

*Skill-based training modules. Registration required.
TO REGISTER go to this page: http://biomed.brown.edu/imsd/ and click on the registration link for the desired module. (The registration site is protected; you’ll need to log-in using your Brown User ID.)