

MSU Postdoctoral Association

Monthly Newsletter

February 2, 2018



Special opportunity

- **Postdoc Focus group discussion**

Tuesday, February 6th 2018 from 4:30pm to 6:00pm in 110 Chittenden Hall.

The Graduate School is engaging in an energetic strategic planning process with an outside consultant firm facilitating the semester-long process. As part of the process, the external facilitator will conduct targeted focus group discussions, one of which includes postdocs.

To help the future plans of the new Dean of the Graduate School, we need a very strong postdoc presence. It is a great opportunity to share your ideas, concerns and experience as a postdoc at Michigan State University.

RSVP by email at pda@grd.msu.edu

Outreach


Upcoming opportunities

- [Astronomy on Tap](#) - Everything you ever wanted to know about astronomy while enjoying a fresh beverage! Takes place once a month.
Next event **Feb 13 7:30pm @ The Loft**
Are you interested in giving a short (15 min) public talk on an astronomy related topic?
Contact aotlansing@gmail.com
- [Biology on Tap](#) - Currently looking for speakers! Sign up [here!](#)
 - Contact tracymmontgomery@gmail.com for more information.
- Science night events at local elementary schools
Feb 2, Feb 22, Mar 23, 2018 (evenings)
- Darwin Day Roadshow events (**Feb 23, March 5-9, March 12, May 21**) at middle/high schools around Michigan (all within about an hour drive of Lansing). Need volunteer speakers (10 min talks)
 - Contact Travis Hagey to volunteer or get more information (hageyt@egr.msu.edu)

Future events

- MSU Science Festival
<http://sciencefestival.msu.edu/>
April 7, 2018 (all day)
Contact Travis Hagey (hageyt@egr.msu.edu)
- Fascination of Plants Day (**May 19, 2018**)
- [Middle School Math and Science Day](#) (**Saturday March 3, 2018, 1 pm - 4:00 pm**)

Professional Development Event(s)

- **Managing Your Digital Presence**
Wednesday, February 7, 2018 - 5:30-7:00pm, 110 Chittenden Hall
Your online presence, or lack thereof, in today's job market can mean the difference between getting a job or not. This workshop will help you enhance your ability to communicate your professional strengths clearly and coherently across digital platforms.
Registration is required. [Click here to register.](#)
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- **How to Create Your Own Career Path**
Friday, February 9, 2018 at 8am, Atrium Food Safety and Toxicology (Room 162)
Join us for breakfast with Dr. Emily Roberts. Dr. Roberts received a PhD in biomedical engineering and currently helps graduate students who receive stipends and post-docs to improve their finances during their training and do not defer financial success until they start their 'real jobs'. Dr. Roberts is an example of someone who took charge of her own career and created her own path and she is willing to share some of her experiences with the MSU postdoc community during breakfast. If you want to learn more about Dr. Roberts check her website: <http://pfforphds.com/>
RSVP at pda@grd.msu.edu
 - **Personal Finance Seminar by Dr. Emily Roberts**
Friday, February 9, 2018 - 10:00am to 11:30am, 115 International Center
Register here <https://grad.msu.edu/node/1071/register>
 - **National Postdoctoral Association: Annual conference in Cleveland, OH April 6-8, 2018**
Online registration open until March, 23rd 2018
Register here <http://www.nationalpostdoc.org/events/EventDetails.aspx?id=851713>

Monthly Social Event(s)

- Come and join fellow MSU Postdocs on **Saturday February 17th 2018, 2pm-4pm** for fun in the snow at **Hawk Island Snow Tubing Hill 1601 E Cavanaugh Rd, Lansing, MI 48910**. All ages are welcome! Group admission is \$8/person (4+ people) or \$10/per person for 2 hours. There is also a small parking fee (\$3 for Ingham County residents) so carpooling is recommended! For any other information, email at pda@grd.msu.edu
- **Keep up to date with social activities and more by joining the [MSU-PDA Slack community!](#)**

It's tax season

- MSU started to send out tax forms - so better think early about taking care of them than too late
- Filing taxes in a foreign country can be quite confusing. Thus, **international postdocs** have the opportunity to get support from the MSU College of **Law Tax Clinic**.

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- **Walk-in advising** is available **every Friday 10am-12pm** in the International Center. For more information, see [OISS homepage](#).

Job Opportunity

- An open position at Frederick National Lab. The Scientist I position will support a newly established High Content Tissue and Cellular Characterization Lab at the Frederick National Laboratory for Cancer Research. The new facility will revolve around single cell analysis of circulating tumor cells utilizing a high-definition imaging system. Here is the link to for the open position:
[http://jobs.leidos.com/ShowJob/Id/1383481/Scientist-\(NCI\)/](http://jobs.leidos.com/ShowJob/Id/1383481/Scientist-(NCI)/)

The MSU PDA is an association of postdoctoral fellows from all disciplines across the Michigan State University campus.

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