

MSU Postdoctoral Association

Monthly Newsletter

June 11, 2018



Professional Development Event(s)

Dr. Tracy Costello is the current Chair of the Board of Directors of the National Postdoctoral Association, where she leads the NPA's efforts to enhance the postdoctoral experience at both the local and national levels and provide a national voice to postdoctoral scholars. As Director of Postdoctoral Affairs at Moffitt Cancer Center, she creates brand new programs to enhance the postdoc experience beginning with recruitment, implementation of individual development plans and professional development training through one-on-one career coaching. For more information about Dr. Costello visit her [LinkedIn Profile](#)

Event: "Interview as the Candidate They Want to Hire"

Date and Time: Monday, June 18, 2017 - 12:00-1:30 p.m.

Location: Room 1400 Biomedical Physical Sciences

Description: Interviewing is a key aspect of the job search. In this workshop, Dr. Costello will provide resources and tips to ace an interview: how to prepare effectively and create a positive first impression, how to successfully respond to common interview questions and ask thoughtful questions, how to navigate alternative interview methods and professionally follow up with an employer.

Event: Workshop and QA: "I'm nearly done with my PhD, now what?"

Date and Time: Tuesday, June 19, 2017 - 10:30 -12:30 a.m.

Location: Room 1400 Biomedical Physical Sciences

Description: If you are nearly done with your PhD (or first postdoc) and are thinking about what comes next, join us for this workshop and Q&A! Dr. Costello will talk about key aspects of the search for postdoc positions and share advice on how to find the best postdoc for you. She will also provide information and resources about the postdoc experience at the Moffitt Cancer Center, Tampa, FL.

Implicit Bias Certificate Program

This series is brought to you by the Office of Inclusion and Intercultural Initiatives. The three courses allow participants experiential opportunities to thoroughly examine implicit bias and begin the work of interrupting their own biases as well as those embedded within systems at MSU. The courses must be taken in order and all three courses must be completed to receive a certificate of completion. Learn more about the Implicit Bias Certificate Program.

- Course 1: Creating an Inclusive Environment
Wednesday, June 13 9:00 a.m. to Noon
- Course 2: Implicit Bias and Microaggressions
Wednesday, June 20 9:00 a.m. to Noon
- Course 3: Preparing for the Next Encounter
Wednesday, June 27 9:00 a.m. to Noon

Outreach

- **Sunday, June 24: Bee Palooza**, [sign up to volunteer today!](#)
Don't have time to volunteer, but want to know more about bees? Join us for an afternoon of activities to celebrate the wonderful world of pollinators!
Visit www.beepalooza.org for more details.

Special Opportunities

Funding

The **CPRIT TRIUMPH Postdoctoral Fellowship** in health/life sciences, imaging physics or biomedical engineering from the MD Anderson Cancer Center is currently accepting applications through June 30, 2018.

Additional information regarding eligibility, application process, and their program is found at www.mdanderson.org/CPRITTRIUMPH, or contact Dr. Kari Brewer Savannah, Program Manager with questions at ksavannah@mdanderson.org.

Conferences

The 2018 National **Postdoc Association Regional Meeting** is set to take place on October 6th, 2018 at the University of Michigan. Registration will open in July.

Monthly Social Event(s)

Keep up to date with social activities and more by joining the [MSU-PDA Slack community!](#)

Postdoctoral Accomplishments

Published a paper? Awarded a grant? Have something else to celebrate? Let us know! Email the MSU-PDA (pda@grd.msu.edu) your accomplishment and we will feature it in our next newsletter.

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