



Special points of interest:

- Biology On Tap—Speaker Request
- National Postdoc Appreciation Week
- Summer Career Development Activities

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Committee Updates

Outreach

-**Biology on Tap** is a monthly science pub night focused on scientific outreach for adults. Events have two speakers, and we usually get an audience of around 100 people.

Talks are ~20 minutes long and are geared toward slightly inebriated non-scientist adults. Talks are not intended to be a conference presentation of your own work, but rather a talk about concepts, systems, or organisms.

Would you like to speak at Biology on Tap? Fill out the form at <https://goo.gl/forms/ML6qvh17uUrVuFKj1> and let us know!

Professional Development

The **National Center for Faculty Development and Diversity** have an excellent website, including a lot

Postdoctoral Accomplishments

-Two MSU postdocs, **Melissa Kjellvik** (BEACON) and **ReAnna Roby** (Dept. of Teacher Education), were selected for the NSF-CADRE (Community for Advancing Discovery Research in Education) Postdoc Professional Growth Opportunity (see Pg. 5 for more details).

-**ReAnna Roby** was also selected to attend an NSF-Summer Course on Grant Writing in the Social, Behavioral and Economic Sciences (see Pg. 5 for more details)

-**Maryam Naghibolhosseini** (Dept. of Communicative Sciences and Disorders) recently started her new position as an assistant professor at MSU.

-Congratulations to **Dafna Groeneveld**, **Shanie Liyanagamage**, and **Thomas Wood**, winners of the MSU-PDA Spring travel award.

of resources specifically for postdocs (<https://www.facultydiversity.org/postdocs>) and a weekly "Monday Motivator" email, with useful advice.

As part of **National Postdoc Appreciation Week**, there will be Professional Development Workshops on **Friday, Sept 21st**. Including: "Imagine PhD: A Career Exploration and Planning Tool for the Humanities and Social Sciences", "Planning and executing an effective postdoctoral training", and "The Future of BEST in the Grad School." (cont. on Pg. 2)

Check out more Professional Development events at grad.msu.edu/calendar

For additional events and resources for postdocs, check out the PDA website grad.msu.edu/pda.

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CADRE - NSF DRK12 Inaugural Postdoc Cohort

Committee Updates Continued

National Postdoc Appreciation Week (NPAW):

Get ready to be appreciated! September 17—21st is National Postdoc Appreciation Week. To celebrate all of our hard work, the week will culminate with a full day of career development workshops, and a **celebratory lunch and resource fair** (12—1:30pm, MPS Atrium). More details to come over email in the next couple weeks, so please stay tuned!

Spring 2019 Travel Award

Call for applications mid-September, applications will be due early October.

Three travel awards of \$500 each will be awarded. Spring Award is for travel taking place between January 1st and June 30th 2019. Awards are granted to offset the costs associated with travel to meetings/scientific conferences, and cannot be used for invited talks at universities or non-conference events.

Postdoc Orientation

The second annual Postdoc/Research Associate orientation was held on August 22nd. If you missed it, you can watch a video of the session [here](#).

Social committee

September

September 21st: NPAW 2018 followed by meet and greet at HopCat (~6pm, more details to come)

September 21st-22nd: Michigan BluesFest- Free event! <http://www.oldtownbluesfest.com/festival-info>

September 29th: Tailgating on campus before MSU v. Central Michigan Football game (details to come)

October

Halloween: Carving pumpkins and bar crawl- Date TBD

Visit to the Cider Mill- Date TBD

November

November 17th, 2-6pm: Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner

Leadership Opportunities

The MSU-PDA is currently looking for subcommittee volunteers. Please email pda@grd.msu.edu for more information about becoming a member.

Newsletter committee

We are soliciting short commentary pieces for the newsletter. Topics can include anything deemed relevant to postdocs at MSU. Including: professional development opportunities and/or advice, “a day in the life” blog-type pieces, book reviews, etc.

Please send an article pitch to: grad.newsletter.pda@msu.edu



Thank you for joining us at the 2018 Postdoc Picnic!

Postdocs had a great time playing games and getting to know fellow postdocs at MSU. We can't wait to see you at the next postdoc social event!

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

Special Opportunities

Funding

The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center is currently accepting applications for the CPRIT TRIUMPH Postdoctoral Fellowship in Translational Cancer Research. This three-year fellowship provides basic, translational, and clinical training and aims to further develop talented PhD or MD/PhDs into successful clinical/translational research scientists. Applications are reviewed quarterly with remaining 2018 due dates of September 30 and December 31. Additional information regarding eligibility, application process, and current trainees and program alumni profiles are found at www.mdanderson.org/CPRITTRIUMPH. Please contact Dr. Kari Brewer Savannah (ksavannah@mdanderson.org), Program Manager, with any questions.

Conferences

The [2018 National Postdoc Association Regional Meeting](#) is set to take place on October 6th, 2018 at the University of Michigan. Registration is [now open!](#)

Call for Papers and Reviewers

The *International Journal of Online Graduate Education (IJOGE)* welcomes scholarly research for and by higher education stakeholders, including students, faculty members, administrators, practitioners, researchers, employers, and policymakers. We also seek reviewers for the journal. This journal publishes peer-reviewed articles on topics relating to the master's and doctoral levels of online education. There are no publication fees and all articles are open source. *The IJOGE is not a predatory journal and aims to uphold the highest levels of research ethics and integrity.*

To learn more about IJOGE, visit their site here – www.ijoge.org.

If you have questions about the suitability of your research for the journal or wish to be a reviewer, contact Dr. David Ison, Editor at dison@ncu.edu

Workshop

Research has shown that engagement in scientific communication skills is predictive of trainee intention to pursue a research career in STEM. We would like to enhance your professional development through a **FREE NIH-funded mentor training workshop in scientific communication**. Please consider joining both the workshop itself and the associated research study on workshop outcomes.

Mentors of doctoral students or postdoctoral fellows in STEM research are invited to participate in an interactive 3-hour workshop on helping your trainees develop oral and written scientific communication skills. The focus will be on practical techniques and strategies that you can use in your mentoring immediately.

Interested workshop participants will also be given the opportunity to join the NIH-funded research study “Scientific Communication Advances Research Excellence” (GM 125640, C Cameron and S Chang, MPI’s) investigating scientific communication skills as a mechanism for strengthening mentees’ commitment to research careers.

Workshop facilitators:

- **Carrie Cameron, PhD**, Associate Director of the Cancer Prevention Research Training Program (CP RTP) and Associate Professor at MD Anderson Cancer Center, and
- **Shine Chang, PhD**, Ashbel Smith Professor of Epidemiology at MD Anderson and Director of the CP RTP.

Both are members of The University of Texas Kenneth I. Shine, MD, Academy of Health Science Educators and have researched and taught scientific communication skills since 2009.

Registration is open now. Faculty with disabilities and/or faculty mentoring trainees with disabilities are encouraged to apply. Please feel free to suggest additional participants, all of whom must currently be mentoring at least one graduate student or post-doctoral trainee.

Workshop details:

Chicago (Northwestern) - September 20th, 2018

Please register here: <https://is.gd/SCOARE>

Questions? Contact SCOARE@mdanderson.org

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Postdocs at the Annual Picnic (July 2017)

The MSU PDA is an association of postdoctoral fellows from all disciplines across the Michigan State University campus.
Contact us: grad.msu.edu/pda

Accomplishments continued...

From ReAnna on her summer career development experiences:

NSF-Summer Course - The grant writing course at the University of Mississippi was an awesome opportunity for emerging and junior faculty. It was an intensive yet exciting experience to learn the -ins and -outs of NSF grant writing with junior Scholars from across the spectrum.

NSF-CADRE - Prior to attending the PI meeting, cohort members had the opportunity to connect with junior and senior scholars to discuss grant submissions and their experiences with NSF over the years. Throughout the program we reviewed grant submissions, met with program officers, and even participated in a mock panel review.

As a result of both opportunities I gained a wealth of experiences that will be beneficial to me as well as my colleagues.



NSF-Summer Course on Grant Writing in the Social, Behavioral and Economic Sciences



Postdocs at a laser tag social event