

Introduction of new members:

Clara – Outreach chair

Jimmy de mayo: Co-chair Denver representative

Kendra: Co-Chair Communications

Kate: PDA award chair

Update:

- Nicole & Jimmy
- Nicole has Jimmy as a new co-chair
- New Task: Talk to new postdocs at Denver campus
- Bruce offered an updated list of postdocs

President: Wyatt

Email from NPA on organizing Career symposium

- [What Can You Be with a PhD?](#), the largest career symposium in the country, is scheduled for Saturday, November 20 and Sunday, November 21. With more than 40 sessions scheduled over two days, the event runs 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, and 10:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. on Sunday.
- \$50 Registration fee
- PDA will sponsor up to 20 postdocs (up to \$1000)

Communications: Ankita

PDA Listserv:

- Time-sensitive info direct email to comm chair
- Be cautious of any external emails
- Make sure information is relevant to all postdocs

PDA Newsletter:

- Jillian will update and send out the monthly newsletter from December on.

Co-chairs:

- Kendra Vann and Jillian Ramos recently onboarded as co-chairs

Tasks:

- Update website
- Gather questions for short videos that will be posted on the website
- Advertise NPA Symposium on sites

Seminar Series: Felipe

Career Talks:

- Cancellation due to speaker health- > reschedule ASAP
- Schedule a Scicomm career panel

Postdoc Presentations:

- 3 postdoc/meeting on Zoom
- Postdoc presentations need more advertisement (Email and Flyers)
- Hybrid session -> Ask presenters what they would prefer and give it a try
 - o Concerns:
 - Postdocs need practice in person
 - Proper infrastructure for hybrid

Tasks:

- Proactively reserve a conference room for the hybrid sessions for Jan-Jun 2022.
 - o Suggestions: RC1-S 12th fl or RC1-N 6th fl
 - o Reserve an owl from campus audio team, invest in one, or just use a laptop and zoom
- Advertise postdoc presentations
- Bruce) Career Science Communication Panel (Broad careers)

PDA Travel/Professional Development Award: Maureen & Daria

- Opened new cycle of awards
- Current cycle close on Nov. 15th
- Fix issues with website advertisements
- Posed with the question of utilizing award for other optional expenses when attending a conference (childcare)
 - o Consensus: Yes, but a separate fund should be requested to support this effort.

Outreach/Engagement Chair: Clara

Be informed of new rules regarding outreach due to COVID

- Need approval from Dean of grad school for an off-campus event sponsored by PDA.
- It easier to attend and help other already organized events.
- Ask Shawna Matthews about already organized campus volunteer events

Potential Volunteer Opportunities

- Cook dinner at Ronald McDonald House
- YoungHandsInScience (Ankita has an email)
- ThinkLikeaScientist
- Children's hospital

Potential Social Opportunities

- Coffee and Doughnuts (Post-COVID)
- Coffee in the quad (Bring your own)
- Think like a scientist (on-campus)
- Volunteer program <https://www.ucdenver.edu/trio>

Tasks:

- Identify partner, find out what is required, and current COVID restrictions.

Postdoc Orientation

Dec: Wyatt

Jan: Daria

Feb: Clara

March: Felipe

April: Jimmy

PDA Server Update:

- PDA executive council: add them to PDA server/group (Jordan)
- Contact list of E-board members

Website Update:

- Facebook and Instagram are not updated and not used.
 - o (Leave icons and keep pages hibernated for the future)
- Headshots and contact information of E-board members
- Link to slack tutorial doesn't work
- Outreach (Get new info)
- Seminar series (Get new info)
- Update minutes (Get new info)
- Add Merit based awards (PDA Travel/Professional Development)
- Postdoc of the Month
 - o (Current Month photo) list the names of past members or archive
- Add link to CDO for funding sources and consolidate
 - o Work to have a consolidated relevant resource (Ankita/Bruce/Wyatt)
 - o ORDE (no longer)
 - o SPIN
 - o Other resources
- Outreach and Advocacy links to be updated (SACNAS and YHIS)
 - o <https://cuanschutzsacnas.weebly.com>
 - o <https://younghandsinscience.wordpress.com/>
 - o Update to Clara's email instead of Dylan
- CCP does not exist anymore and needs to be removed
- Update Seminar Career videos -> embed on PDA website (Wyatt)
- Once executed, add new short videos on PDA website:
 - o A short set of videos (20-30 sec) to add to website and social media videography instructions (Bruce)
 - o Talk with Allison
 - o Script: (Ex. What's the role of PDA?, benefits of PDA, resources on campus)
 - o Postdoc academy example:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xTlaWnUj1Rc&t=1s>
- Homework: Define 10-12 questions by next meeting
- Send all questions to ANKITA.ARORA@CUANSCHUTZ.EDU,
JILLIAN.RAMOS@CUANSCHUTZ.EDU, or KENDRA.VANN@CUANSCHUTZ.EDU
- Embed department rep videos

- Possibly add recorded postdoc presentations

Other Topics Presented : Open

1a. Childcare for postdocs

- Longer waitlist on campus and expensive
- Care.com (subsidized)
- NIH \$1200 /yr
- The campus lacks childcare options

1b. Childcare for postdocs with kids when they want to attend a conference

- (Option) Professional development funds

Sort-term Consensus: Yes, the Postdoc Professional Development award could be used to reimburse childcare for a postdoc that was awarded the award and attended the conference.

2. Long term: A separate fund should be requested to support Conference/childcare effort.

- Survey (conferences, paid leave (citizen/international))
- Kate, Daria, Bruce will meet to start a survey to understand the postdoc parent climate so that we can advocate for change

3. Wyatt will go to presidential search as a PDA representative

- Present postdoc concerns

4. Postdoc affinity groups: Black identifying and LGBTQ+ support groups (Bruce/Joselyn)

1. Partner with clinical disciplines
2. Contact Bruce, if interested in helping to organize efforts