

CU Denver/Anschutz Postdoctoral Association

2/13/2017 meeting

General

- Each committee should make a “mission statement”
- Could be used to advertise committees at coffee hours, etc
- Maybe some sort of flyer? Could put these out at various events
- PDA has an instagram account now: @denverpostdocs

Teaching Opportunities

- Bruce wants us to have more access to “non-traditional” teaching opportunities, i.e. not just classroom teaching
 - > e.g. LinkedIn workshops, Elevator Pitch workshop, Communicating to science lay audience, Communicating science to children, etc
 - > Eventually, Bruce would be willing to let someone essentially design a “workshops” curriculum and take this over more
- How should we get in touch with the people who want to learn more?
 - > People you know you are already interested
 - > Reach out to audiences we know may be interested (e.g. upcoming “Learning How to Teach” workshop)
- Campus tour for people in industry, politicians, etc
 - > Show core facilities
 - > Sort of a walking elevator pitch, plus showing our on-campus facilities/resources

Outreach/Young Hands in Science

- Sign up for outreach committee at the elementary school level is on-going
- There are also some opportunities more at the high school level (science career days, campus tours) through the Learn Local Initiative
 - > We should have a postdoc (possibly the chair of the Outreach Committee? Maybe Sarah?) on the Learn Local Initiative (part of the Community-Campus partnership)
- March 20th (date subject to change) is the community engagement forum. Postdocs should have a presence there

Seminar Series

- May seminar will be moved from Thursday to the Wednesday before, May 17th

Upcoming Events

- Science Lounge on Thursday, 2/16
 - > This month is about Caffeine
 - > Tickets are half-price for postdocs
- AIA happy hour is also Thursday night
- Lifesciences Showcase: Monday, February 27th 3-6pm Krugman Conference Hall, RC-2
 - > Good networking event and a way to make connections to people in industry
 - > Over 20 companies will be involved in this
- Women in STEM science advocacy Town Hall Meeting
 - > February 22, 2017 5-7pm (Hensel Phelps West Auditorium in RC-1 North)
- Bruce suggested making some sort of handout/email, etc to give to postdocs going to “networking” events (pretty much a brochure version of elevator pitch seminar)
- March event...may be mostly fun so getting approval is complicated...but may not cost any money so meh
 - > This will be the Blueprint Bar happy hour
- Coffee hour at the end of the month
- On-going collaboration with the Young Professionals program at the Denver Museum of Nature and Science. More info will be coming out about opportunities for this...lots of exciting ideas!

PDRD

- Thursday, June 29, 2017
- Top choice for keynote speaker:
 - Alan Alda
 - Jennifer Kahn
 - Bruce Alberts
- Keynote will be in the middle of the day, which will be nice
- A bit of buffer time between each event to allow for people going long

- Donor levels for sponsors

Speaking and Presenting committee

- This is a new group to practice communication skills
- More details forthcoming
- Inge has some ideas about other ways to improved communication skills
 - > "3 minute thesis"
 - > 1 slide presentations
 - > 10 minute, no slide presentations