

# May PDA meeting

## CU Denver/Anschutz Postdoctoral Association

5/8/2017 meeting

### **Postdoc research day (PDRD)**

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#### PDRD lead-in events

- There is a lot of excitement about PDRD, and we have a bit of extra funding, so to increase attendance/involvement we are considering having some “lead-in” events working up to PDRD
  - > Monday: coffee hour
  - > Tuesday:
  - > Wednesday: networking
  - > Thursday: PDRD
- An event earlier (before abstract deadline) to remind/encourage people about submitting things for abstracts and posters
- Poster/talk previews with 1 slide/2 minutes
- Ice cream (or other food truck) to get the word out to non-postdocs
- Specifically designed activities to raise campus awareness outside of the postdoc community
  - > How could we best do this?
- Concern about over-scheduling postdocs the week of PDRD- will people go to the early week events and then feel like they can't make PDRD?
- Earlier, informational coffee hour before abstract submission (maybe with this months coffee hour next week?)

#### PDRD updates

- **Reminder! PDRD is Thursday, June 28th**

- Jennifer Kahn will be the keynote speaker: [https://www.ted.com/speakers/jennifer\\_kahn](https://www.ted.com/speakers/jennifer_kahn)
- Theme: engage, communicate, and educate for success
- Promega is kindly donating a number t-shirts with the PDRD graphics
  - > First 100 people to submit abstracts will get a t-shirt!
- All the sessions will be consecutive, so as to not dilute audience
- Career panel
  - > Maybe 1 person from each industry, or multiple people from fewer industries
  - > Possible areas of speakers:
    - Government/nonprofit, Academica, Industry Research & Development, Medicine & Healthcare, Science Communication and Publishing, Academic & Research Administration
- Dean Traystman will be giving a brief opening at the start of the day
  - > Kindly increased his support of PDRD over the next 5 years
- New this year: collaborating with Project Bridge to invite CU Regents and local representatives to attend PDRD
  - > Will pair them with a science liaison (postdocs or grad students) for the poster session to help “translate” some of the posters
- Tentative schedule:

- 8:30-9:00am: registration and opening remarks by Dean Traystman
  - 9:00-10:30am: oral presentations
  - 10:45am-1:30pm: Posters, vendor fair, and lunch
  - 2:00-3:00pm: Keynote speaker
  - 3:15-5:00pm: Career development discussion panel
  - 5:30-6:00pm: Awards and closing remarks by Dean Engelke
- If you have any good contacts for vendors please get in touch with Carol: CAROL.KIEKHAEFER@UCDENVER.EDU

### **Travel awards**

- 23 applications in this round, will be able to fund 2-3
- Judges are amazing and doing next day turnaround!
- Would be great if we could have more funding for this since we are getting such a nice response!

### **Outreach**

#### Young Hands in Science

- Had an event with Jefferson Academy in Westminster with 5th graders
  - > Day-long forensics unit
- Working with Aurora Public Schools to make this more of a standard and regular relationship

#### Community Colleges of Aurora

- The ongoing relationship here is in the works

#### Community Campus Partnership

- Networking events in the community (either a breakfast or dinner)

#### Young Professional Group at DMNS

- Contact at Denver Museum of Nature and Science really wants to do an event with us
- Maybe piggy back on a hike with us sometime in July? The museum would potentially bring some experts along to give a talk about something

#### Project Bridge

- Would be nice to have a community outreach calendar to have one place to post a lot of these different events
- Building a website for Project Bridge

### **PDA event funding**

- How can the PDA spend its money? Could we raise our own outside funds for our own social activities? Answer to that is...**no.** 😞
- There is a list of questions you have to satisfy when spending funds
  - > Is this for official university business? Is this in the best interest of the university? Etc etc
- How does this benefit the institution? How does this benefit postdocs?
- So make sure that events are planned with goals that obviously help the university
- Think of optics (e.g. how would this appear if reported on 9News?)

### **Misc**

- POSTDOCKET article on CU Denver/Anschutz PDA
- Charmion is writing an article on our PDA with the idea of helpful tips for other PDAs
- Ideas:
  - > NPAW events
  - > PDRD
  - > Eat and advocate
  - > Turtle Project
  - > Science lounge
  - > Seminar series
  - > Programs (e.g. travel award)
- Deadline for the article is at the end of the month
- Theme: educational events: seminar series and PDRD

### **Postdoc engagement committee**

- Postdoc team in the 5K Run/Walk Gift of Life and Breath on May 20th. <http://www.giftoflifeandbreath.com/>
  - > organizers have kindly discounted registration for us and participants will get a PDA water bottle
  - > Promo code: STUDENT15, team is "The Postdocs"
- Second Saturdays hike series will be ramping up
  - > First hike 6/10: Royal Arch Trail?
- Will organize a happy hour
  - > Partner with a charity?
- Sunglasses! \*\*sunglasses emoji\*\*
- Postdoc stickers to hand out at postdoc orientation?
- PDA hoodies? T-shirts?

### **Upcoming events**

- 5/15: Coffee hour 9:30-11am in RC1S 2nd floor atrium
- 5/18: Seminar series
- 5/20: Gift of Life and Breath 5K <http://www.giftoflifeandbreath.com/>