



Johns Hopkins Homewood Postdoctoral Association

April 2018 Bulletin

Event Recap

New Year Party

HW-PDA organized a **New Year Party** to celebrate the start of 2018 with all Homewood postdocs. The party was held on **Friday, January 19, 2018**, in Sherwood Room, Levering Hall. Mouth-watering Indian cuisine was served. We thank everyone for joining us for the party and wish everyone a wonderful year!



Movie & Pizza Night

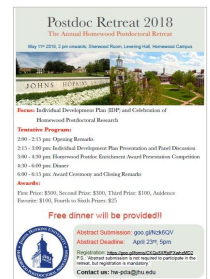
HW-PDA hosted a **Movie & Pizza Night** for Homewood postdocs on **Friday, March 2, 2018**. We enjoyed *The PhD Movie 2: Still in Grad School* – a witty and relatable film about the academia created by Jorge Cham, the creator of the *PhD Comics*. We thank everyone for coming and enjoying the movie with us!



Upcoming Events & Opportunities on Homewood Campus & Elsewhere

Homewood Postdoctoral Retreat

The Homewood Postdoctoral Association cordially invites you to attend our **Annual Homewood Postdoctoral Retreat** on **Friday, May 11, 2018** at **Sherwood Room, Levering Hall**. The focuses of this year's retreat are Individual Development Plans (IDPs) and celebration of Homewood postdoctoral research. Submit an abstract by **April 23** for a chance to compete in the inaugural Oral Presentation Competition and win Postdoctoral Enrichment Awards! Free dinner is provided! Check out the [HW-PDA website](#) for more information.



Fifth Annual JHPDA Retreat

The Johns Hopkins Postdoctoral Association (JHPDA) and the Homewood Postdoctoral Association (HW-PDA) formally invite you to attend our **Fifth Annual Postdoctoral Retreat** on **Wednesday, May 16, 2018** at **Turner Concourse** meeting space on the **East Baltimore campus**. Submit an abstract by **April 13** for a chance to present your research (oral or poster) and win travel awards! There is also a **poster award designated for Homewood Postdocs!** Check out the JHPDA [retreat website](#) for more information, especially on abstract submission.



New Postdoctoral Fellow Orientation

The next new postdoctoral orientation is **Wednesday, May 9, 12 - 1:30 pm**. Please RSVP via email to [Lynda Barker](#) with your department or program. You will be then sent session details (location, etc.). A pizza lunch is typically included. Cannot make this orientation session? Dates of future orientations can be found [here](#).



Announcements

Change to HW-PDA Executive Board

Effective **April 1, 2018**, Kuangwen Hsieh assumes the role of Acting President of HW-PDA due to the departure of Dariush Mohammadyani. We appreciate Dariush's leadership in HW-PDA and his incredible contribution to the Homewood Postdoc community!

Election for 2018 - 2019 HW-PDA Executive Board

The election for your next HW-PDA Executive Board is coming up soon. We anticipate opening the nomination process by **April 30, 2018** and then start the election process by **mid-May of 2018**. We think it would be best if you **self-nominate** for a position. We will send out periodic announcements and reminders throughout April regarding the upcoming election. Stay tuned!

Homewood Postdoc Survey Results

In 2017, HW-PDA E-Board conducted a **survey** for understanding the needs of Homewood Postdocs. We received 45 responses. The survey results for the workshop series, professional development events, professional development initiative, social events, and social initiatives are compiled and shown below. These survey results are guiding HW-PDA toward organizing the **top 3 professional development and social events** and pushing forward with **top 2 professional development and social initiatives**.

Workshop Series

Rank	Workshop Series	Mean
1	Academic Job Search and Preparation (STEM)	4.40
2	Career Development Award Applications	4.03
3	Industry Job Search and Preparation	3.83

4	Academic Job Search and Preparation (Humanities)	2.47
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Professional Development Events (One-Time)

Rank	Event	Mean
1	Workshop: Peer Review of Faculty Application Package	4.18
2	Workshop: Development and Peer Review of Individual Development Plan	3.93
3	Seminar: Communicating Like a Leader	3.91
4	Workshop: Peer Review of Resume (Non-Academic)	3.80
5	Seminar: Introduction of Services from Homewood Career Center	3.67
6	Field Trip: Annual Career Symposium at NIH in May	3.50
7	Seminar: Navigating through Green Card Application	3.18
8	Seminar: Navigating through J1 & H1 Visas	3.11

Professional Development Initiatives

Rank	Initiative	Mean
1	Create a "Resource Platform for Postdocs" So That Opportunities Are More Visible	4.22
2	Allow Postdocs to Be Listed as co-PIs in Internal Grant Applications (e.g., Catalyst Award)	4.09
3	Add International Postdocs as Qualified Recipients for Diversity Postdoc Fellowships	3.93
4	Create an Infrastructure for Postdocs to Present at TEDx@JHU	3.42
5	Organize Homewood Postdoc Professional Development Award Presentation Competition	3.19

Social Events (One-Time)

Rank	Event	Mean
1	Thanksgiving/Winter Holiday Dinner Celebration	4.13
2	Hiking Trip	4.07
3	Cherry Blossom Viewing Trip	3.87
4	Town Hall Meeting (Open to Members)	3.71
5	Interdepartmental Sports Competition (e.g., Bowling)	3.64
6	Board Game Night	3.62
7	Movie Night	3.53
8	Orioles Baseball Game	3.22

Social Initiatives

Rank	Initiative	Mean
1	Negotiate for Health Insurance Subsidies	3.93
2	Generate a List of "Living in the U.S. Tips" for International Postdocs	3.73

3	Advocate for Better Childcare Resources	3.60
4	Organize a Postdoc Team for Intramural Sports	3.47
5	Set up "Department Cup Prizes" to Reward Attendance of HW-PDA Social Events	3.22

Important Resources



Our counterpart organization, **Johns Hopkins Postdoc Association (JHPDA)** supports and enhances the postdoctoral experience at East Baltimore and Bayview campuses. The [JHPDA website](#) is a wonderful resource with regular announcements for events and opportunities on and off campus.



The [JHM Professional Development & Careers Office \(PDCO\)](#) provides professional development and career services that include one on one career counselling appointments, grant writing workshops, career fairs, resume advice, LinkedIn clinics, mock interviews, and more. Be sure to check out the PDCO **monthly event calendar** and the **jobs board** on their website. In addition, the [Homewood Career Center](#) is working closely with HW-PDA this year to better serve career-related needs of Homewood postdocs.



The **Office of Vice Provost for Research** keeps a continuously updated repository of federal and private [funding opportunities](#) that are intended for **postdoctoral investigators**. This list was last updated on **April 4, 2018**. Be sure to also look through **limited submission opportunities** and **early career opportunities**. Additional funding opportunities can be found through searches in [Grant Alerts](#).



The Johns Hopkins [Teaching Academy](#) offers postdocs from all divisions across Johns Hopkins University, college teacher training and academic career preparation opportunities through courses, workshops, teaching practicums, teaching as research fellowship appointments and individual consultation. The three-day [Teaching Institute](#) in the summer is a particularly exciting opportunity to enhance university-level classroom teaching skills. The [Center for Educational Resources](#) is the teaching and learning center supporting instructors in the Krieger School of Arts and Sciences and the Whiting School of Engineering. The CER organizes the [Faculty Exchanges](#) program for trainees to observe the teaching methods of award winning instructors on campus!



The [Office of International Services \(OIS\)](#) assists international students, scholars, researchers, clinicians, staff and faculty with visas and immigration issues. In addition, the OIS is working closely with HW-PDA this year to organize social and cultural events. Email [Christian Pavik](#) to subscribe to the OIS Weekly Update and stay current with all events and announcements.

2017 - 2018 HW-PDA Executive Board

President: [Dariush Mohammadyani](#)

Vice President & Professional Development Chair: [Kuangwen Hsieh](#)

Co-Social Chair: [Yumeng Hao](#)

Co-Social Chair: [Ismail Uyanik](#)

Communications Chair: [Indra Mani Sharma](#)

Treasurer: [Yutaka Nagahata](#)

Have any questions? Want to engage with the community and contribute to postdoc event planning, policy making, community building, and training? Have great ideas for future events? Feel free to email us and check out our:

◆ [Website](#) ◆ [Facebook](#) ◆ [LinkedIn](#)