



Johns Hopkins Homewood Postdoctoral Association

October 2017 Bulletin

NPAW Events Recap

Thank you all for participating in NPAW events this year! The **Clear Enunciation Seminar** was attended by ~25 postdocs and received highly positive feedback. The **Elevator Pitch Competition** featured 6 excellent pitches. For the first time, **audience voting** was incorporated into final judging results. Congratulations to our **winners**:

1st Place: **Angeles Salles**, Psychological and Brain Sciences

2nd Place: **Baiyun Liu**, Mechanical Engineering

T-3rd Place: **Roghayeh Barmaki**, Computer Science, and **James Fan**, Carey / Environmental Engineering
Over 30 postdocs enjoyed delicious Mediterranean cuisine from Villagio Cafe during the **OIS Dinner Celebration**.

Nearly 100 postdocs and family members came to **JHU Beach** to enjoy **live music** by the wonderful **Charles Street Jazz Band**. Finally, 15 postdocs got their headshots taken and 1 postdoc ordered business cards.



Upcoming Events & Opportunities on Homewood Campus & Elsewhere

October Events

Alex Kopelyan, program manager at [IndieBio](#) will talk about “**Building biotech startups: Challenges and learnings from 67 startups at IndieBio**” and answer your questions on **Thursday, October 5, 3 - 4 pm**, in **Jenkins Hall 107**. IndieBio is among the largest funder of early-stage life science companies, with 67 companies from all over the world in its portfolio. Companies come for a 4-month accelerator window to turn science into a product, get to revenue, and raise investment from VC.

HW-PDA is also organizing a **seminar on effective communication in late October**. Details for the events and registration forms will be distributed via email and will be posted on the HW-PDA [website](#) and the HW-PDA [Facebook](#) page soon.

HW-PDA organizes

SEMINAR AND Q & A

OUR GUEST

WHEN: OCT 5TH, 3-4 PM
WHERE: JENKINS HALL 107

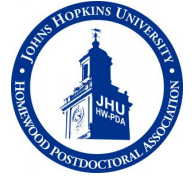
COFFEE & COOKIES WILL BE PROVIDED

Alex Kopelyan, PharmD
Program manager
IndieBio
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New Postdoctoral Fellow Orientation

The next new postdoctoral orientation is **Wednesday, November 8, 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](#).



Education Outreach Opportunity

Become a mentor for the **OMOL STEM Program** in 2017 - 2018! This is an excellent, **low-commitment** opportunity (**~twice per academic year**) to make a positive impact for the community and the youth in Baltimore city (and add to your service and diversity experiences). One More One Less Mentoring is a non-profit focused on mentoring middle-school aged students in the city and helping them build the skills they need to succeed. The OMOL STEM program offers these students the opportunity to **shadow and observe** world-class scientists and physicians (**you!**). As a mentor, you sign up for one of the dates (**every 3rd Saturday of the month**) and perform a simple experiment from your lab (preferably ~1 hour) and have the students observe. Because you can perform an experiment you were going to do for your project, the setup is does not require much extra effort. There will be up to 10 OMOL STEM students and 3 OMOL staff members each visit, and they will be escorted by a JHU postdoc colleague. Please sign up and direct your questions to [Stanley Andrisse](#), the JHU liaison of the program. You could also contact [Kuangwen Hsieh](#) for questions, who served as an OMOL Mentor last year.

Highlighted Professional Development Opportunities



- Enroll in the Fall 2017 Professional Development Program (PDP) modules to enhance your professional skills. The modules meet **once a week for 7 weeks** and are open and **free** to all Hopkins postdoctoral fellows. Find the full course descriptions in **SIS** or at <https://engineering.jhu.edu/cle/fall-2017-pdp-modules/>. Direct questions to cle@jhu.edu.
- The *Journal of Cell Biology* is now accepting applications for the Alan Hall and Norton B. Gilula Travel Awards to attend the 2017 ASCB/EMBO meeting in Philadelphia, PA. Deadline **October 10, 2017**. For more details [click here](#). To apply [click here](#).
- [Registration](#) is quickly filling up for a comprehensive one-day “**Writing/Designing Winning NIH Proposals Workshop**”. The workshop is on **October 16, 2017, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm** in **Charles Commons**. The workshop fee is \$395.00. An [Online Version](#) of this Workshop is also available.
- The deadline for the **AAAS Science and Technology Policy Fellowship** is **November 1**. For more details and the application [click here](#).

Highlighted Social Events



- Former JHPDA co-president at Johns Hopkins Medicine, **Stan Andrisse** is spearheading a “**Support College for All**” rally on **Saturday, October 7, 11 am to 2 pm** on the JHU Beach to ensure equality in higher education for formerly incarcerated people. Check out [media coverages](#) of Stan advocating for this cause. Please visit the [Ban the Box website](#), join the [Facebook event](#) page to RSVP, and [Sign & Share the Petition](#) to show your support.
- The **Research Development Team** is having an Open House on **Wednesday, October 11, 4 – 6 pm** in **2024 E. Monument St. Suite 1-200**. Come have food and drinks, learn more about the RDT and the research support they provide,, and say thank you to these behind-the-scene heroes who ensure your proposals reach the right destinations!
- The postdoc advisory committee (PDAC) at UM-Baltimore is organizing another **pan-Baltimore Postdoc Happy Hour** (UM-Baltimore, Hopkins – Med School, Hopkins – Homewood, and NIH-Bayview) on **Friday, October 13, 6 - 8 pm** at **HomeSlyce in Mt. Vernon**.
- JHPDA is organizing a fall **hiking trip** to Catoctin Mountain State Park on **Saturday,**

October 14. We will depart Baltimore at **8:15 am** in order to start hiking by **10:00 am**. The hike is a moderate-to-strenuous 8 mile loop, and will take roughly 4 hours. Click [here](#) for details and signup. Direct questions to postdoc@jhmi.edu.

Announcements

Introduction of New Co-Social Chair for HW-PDA

HW-PDA is glad to introduce our new co-social chair, Dr. **Ismail Uyanik** to join our E-Board for 2017 - 2018. Ismail received his Ph.D. in Electrical and Electronics Engineering from Bilkent University in Turkey. His home department at Johns Hopkins is Mechanical Engineering. Ismail received the only nomination during the nomination period and was subsequently approved by the HW-PDA E-Board. Ismail will be working with current social chair, Yumeng Hao, to organize and execute social events in 2017 - 2018.

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 **October 4, 2017**. Be sure to also look through **limited submission opportunities** and **early career opportunities**. Email [Nora Visscher Simon](#) to subscribe to monthly funding opportunity updates. 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!



J-1 Visa

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](#)

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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:

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