



## Johns Hopkins Homewood Postdoctoral Association

### September 2017 Bulletin

#### August Event Recap

With **40+** postdocs and the Vice Dean for Graduate Education at the Whiting School of Engineering **Dr. Edward Scheinerman** in attendance, the **Farewell Lunch Party: Goodbye Outgoing and Welcome Incoming HW-PDA Board Members** on **August 23, 2017** in the Glass Pavilion was a success! On behalf of all Homewood postdocs, the incoming HW-PDA executive board members -- **Dariush, Wen, Indra, Debjani, Yutaka, and Yumeng** -- thank the outgoing executive board members -- Andrea, Xin, Miller, Soumik, and Fernando -- for their service last year. We thank our postdoc members for spreading the word out and joining us at this event. We look forward to serving all of you this year!



#### Upcoming Events & Opportunities on Homewood Campus & Elsewhere

##### **NPAW Events on Homewood Campus Organized by HW-PDA**

HW-PDA is finalizing events for NPAW from **September 18 - 22**. The list of events includes a seminar on clear communication and enunciation, professional headshots (for websites or LinkedIn profiles), elevator pitch competition with prizes, and dinner celebration. 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.

Sept 18-22 2017  
**NPAW**  
National Postdoc  
Appreciation Week

##### **New Postdoctoral Fellow Orientation**

The next new postdoctoral orientation is **Wednesday, September 6, 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.



##### **Fall 2017 Professional Development Program Modules**

Enroll in the Fall 2017 Professional Development Program (PDP) modules to further your professional skills. The **7-week** professional development modules are open and **free** to all Hopkins postdoctoral fellows. Find the full course descriptions in **SIS** or at <https://engineering.jhu.edu/pdp>. Direct questions to [cle@jhu.edu](mailto:cle@jhu.edu). The following relevant modules are still open for registration:

- Build Effective Posters and Slides (EN.663.615): Thursday, 4:30 - 7 pm
- Managing People, Negotiating Outcomes and Resolving Conflict (EN.663.660): Tuesday, 3 - 5:30 pm
- Writing Articles and Technical Reports: TBD.
- Communicating Science to the Public (EN.663.643): Monday, 3 - 5:30 pm
- Improvisation for Enhanced Teamwork (EN.663.626): Thursday, 4 - 6:30 pm

- The Practice of Consulting (EN.663.643): Thursday, 4 - 6:30 pm
- Project Management (EN.663.643): Thursday, 4 - 6:30 pm

### Highlighted Professional Development Opportunities



- The deadline for the 2017 **SHPE Faculty Development Institute** at the SHPE (Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers) National Conference is **September 22, 2017**. **Travel grants** up to **\$2000** are available. Visit [here](#) for more information on eligibility and the application process.
- The Johns Hopkins Diversity Postdoctoral Alliance Committee (DPAC) invites **underrepresented minority (URM) trainees** to **submit abstracts** for the 2nd Annual [Excellence in Diversity \(EiD\) Symposium](#) by **September 15, 2017** for a chance to win **travel awards** to be used for a future conference. Instructions for abstract submission can be found on the [symposium website](#).
- The deadline for the **Scientific Writing Retreat** offered as part of the **Cold Spring Harbor ENABL scholarship program** is **September 8, 2017**. Partial financial support is available for trainees ([details](#)).
- Upcoming **grant** deadlines for postdocs: [Career Awards at the Scientific Interface](#) (**September 6, 2017**), [Physician-Scientist Institutional Program](#) (**September 28, 2017**) & [Career Awards for Medical Scientists](#) (**October 3, 2017**).

### Highlighted Social Events



- Former JHPDA co-president at Johns Hopkins Medicine, **Stan Andrisse** is spearheading a “**Support College for All**” rally in **mid-October** to ensure equality in higher education for formerly incarcerated people. Check out [media coverages](#) of Stan advocating for this cause and visit <http://fromprisoncellstophd.org/ban-the-box> for more information.
- The University of Maryland School of Medicine Postdoctoral Advisory Committee invites JHU postdocs to attend, **free** of charge, its 2nd Annual **Postdoctoral Retreat** on **September 15, 2017**, with keynote speaker **Jorge Cham** of **PhD Comics**. The Retreat also features Career Round Tables, Mini Mentoring Sessions, CV/Resume Workshop, and more! Please visit their [program website](#) for more details and register [here](#).

## Announcements

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### Call for Co-Social Chair Candidates for HW-PDA

Due to recent resignation of one of the HW-PDA co-social chairs, Naresh Dhanasekar, HW-PDA cordially invites nominations for motivated and enthusiastic postdocs to join us as a co-social chair. The chief responsibility of the co-social chair is working with the current social chair, Yumeng Hao, to organize and execute social events that bring the Homewood postdoc community together. You can nominate yourself or any Homewood Postdoc you know by filling out this [nomination form](#) by **September 15, 2017** at 5 pm. A voting period will follow. We anticipate to fill the co-social chair position by **October 1, 2017**.

## Important Resources

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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 **August 10, 2017**. Be sure to also look through **limited submission opportunities** and **early career opportunities**. Additional funding opportunities can be found through [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.



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.

## HW-PDA Executive Board

President: [Dariush Mohammadyani](#)

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Co-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:

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