

THE YALE POSTDOCTORAL ASSOCIATION MONTHLY MEETING



Tuesday, January 10, 2023 | 6:00 PM | Minutes

Chairs [5 min]

- New year welcome
 - Welcome by Chairs. Nicole talked about current transitions and changes in leaderships, teams and coordinators and mentioned that this change happens every six months. New chair, Cintia introduced herself.
- Reminder for committees to update their members list and webpages
 - Nicole reminded committees to update their webpages. Chairs also mentioned that YPA with OPA is going to conduct surveys on life at Yale in spring.
- YPA Purchasing Card (P-card) update
 - This will be used for YPA purchases for committee activities moving forwards. Stay tuned for further updates from the Treasurers.

Racial Justice Subcommittee [0 min]

Community and Networking Committee [5 min]

Upcoming Events

- Friday, Feb. 17, 6 pm: YPA Happy Hour in Trinity

Events in progress

- Game night at the OISS
 - Game night is expected in the end of January or early February.
- Yale British Art Center.
 - Expected in late January.
- Yale Art Gallery Tour with a special exhibition tour.
 - The tour is expected in early March. This will be a guided tour.
- Behind the scenes tour in the Peabody Museum
 - Registration will be available on Yale Connect

Treasury Committee [0 min]

- Announcement that Anna York will be taking over from Mariateresa, plans to introduce Anna at next forum.

Mentorship Committee [0 min]

Professional Development Committee [5 min]

1. Career Cafe on Feb. 8th with a focus on academic jobs for social sciences.
 - Inform people associated with Yale social sciences about this opportunity.
2. Pint of Postdoc on Feb 2nd. Please let us know if you are interested in presenting your project please fill out the sign up form.
 - People interested are asked to inform the committee through signup form. Committee has a place available for 15 individuals.
3. Writing course with Angie Hoffman:
 - Thursday, February 9, 5-7pm - Writing a Research Paper - part I
 - Thursday, February 16, 5-7 pm - Writing a Research Paper - part II
 - Thursday, February 23, 5-7 pm - Writing a Research Paper - part III
 - Thursday, March 27, 5-7 pm - Writing a Research Paper - make-up date if needed
 - Thursday, April 6, 5-7 pm - Grant Writing - part I
 - Thursday, April 13, 5-7 pm - Grant Writing - part II
 - Thursday, April 20, 5-7 pm - Grant Writing - part III
 - Thursday, April 27, 5-7 pm - Grant Writing - make-up date if needed
 - o Forms needed to sign-up will be circulated through YPA Newsletter.
 - o People interested were asked to join Yale Connect in order to be able to receive YPA Newsletter.

Communications Committee [3 min]

- Change in leadership
 - o Rishi Tripathi: Newsletter
 - o Jyot Antani: Website
 - New coordinators introduced themselves. Rishi is the leading the newsletter and Jyot is leading the website.
- New members welcome
- We are going back to the original practice with Google Forms, here are the links:
 - For advertisements in the weekly newsletter / Twitter / Facebook: <http://bitly.com/YPAads>
 - For a quick turnaround about retweets/reshares, please Slack the coordinators
 - Website requests: <http://bitly.com/YPAwebsite>
 - There is a [recommendation page](http://bitly.com/YPArecommended) on the YPA website! <http://bitly.com/YPArecommended>
- YaleConnect Workshop
 - The committee is trying to organize a Yale Connect workshop. This workshop is about how to organize an event through Yale Connect. Further updates are expected till next week

Symposium Committee [5 min]

- Communication flyers will go out by the end of this month
 - The venue will be in Yale Science Building in Marsh Hall, same as last year. Tentative date for late May, TBC.
- Website will be updated and registration links open soon.
 - All postdocs are encouraged to register! It is free to attend.
- Venue is being fixed and catering is in the process of finalizing
- Professional Headshots- In collaboration with YBPA and OPA
 - A professional is hired for headshots. This will be done on first come – first serve basis. 15 minutes are granted for each headshot session.

Advocacy Committee [2 min]

- Nomination for new coordinator: Ishita Arora.
 - Ishita introduced and elected.

Associate Provost for Postdoctoral Affairs, Erin Heckler [3 min]

- Virtual recruitment event for postdocs planned for May
 - Contact Victoria for queries about the event.

Open Forum - Questions/Comments [30 min]

QUESTION: How to get a registration link for the symposium?

ANSWER: It will be sent via YPA newsletter and email.

QUESTION: Is there any storage space for materials for events that YPA committees can use?

ANSWER: We need to look into this, the Chairs will follow up with OPA.

QUESTION: Are there poster boards at Yale that can be used for the Symposium? The person who organized this last year has left.

ANSWER: Advised to reach out to Isabella who organized this to get the details of her contact, and or reach out to the Chairs.

Next meeting: February 14th, 6pm.