

THE YALE POSTDOCTORAL ASSOCIATION MONTHLY MEETING



Tuesday, April 12, 2022 | 6:00 PM |

Chairs [5 min]

- COVID regulations update
 - Masks are optional (except transportation and healthcare settings)
 - YPA meetings may be in person soon
 - Check Stephanie Spangler's email for more info (Mask Requirements: <https://ehs.yale.edu/masks>, or Visitors/Gatherings: <https://covid19.yale.edu/campus-life/events-gatherings-meetings>)
- YPA representatives needed
 - Representatives/volunteers needed urgently for the following two committees
 - It is good to fill these spaces so that we can represent postdocs at these meetings
 - Safety and Security committee (Maybe someone from advocacy can fill this?)
 - University-Wide Committee on Sexual Misconduct (UWC)
- National Postdoc Association - Virtual Conference
 - Bulk pass
 - No cost for registration
 - Registration (<https://cglink.me/2dA/s67686>)

Racial Justice Subcommittee [3 min]

- Bystander intervention training for postdocs coming soon!
- Recruiting new members
 - Contact paul.stillman@yale.edu
- If you'd like to see RJS plan something for the YPA and you have ideas, please reach out on Slack!
- Twitter page now for this committee

Community and Networking Committee [5 min]

- April events:
 - April 2, 9am-12:30pm – Tree ID Workshop in Sleeping Giant State Park
 - April 7, 6-7pm – Yale Art Gallery tour
 - April 22 (tentative), 5-7pm – Gryphon's Pub happy hour
 - April 27, 5-7pm – Campus Tour w/ ice cream *collaboration w/ Professional Development Committee*
- May events:
 - Date TBD – Book Club

- “A Burning”
 - May 17, 5-7pm – Campus Tour w/ ice cream *collaboration w/ Professional Development Committee*
- non-YPA event:
 - May 17-18, mornings – Judges Needed for New Haven Science Fair

Advocacy Committee [12 min]

- New member introduction
 - Duhan Toparlak
- Upcoming Being Well seminar (May 5th) and MHFA certifications
 - Full but email Danielle if you'd like to attend
- Women's mental health conference: https://whova.com/portal/registration/wmhc_202205/
- Creating an on-going Wellbeing Survey
 - Will be like an exit survey, more of a report and then will use results to address issues brought up
- Report on National Postdoctoral Association's Annual Conference
 - <https://www.nationalpostdoc.org/page/2022AC>
 - To register:
<https://yaleconnect.yale.edu/click?linkid=a837328b-5476-4449-841d-429041578c59>
- Art wellness workshop
 - Are people interested in this?
 - A couple people were interested

Mentorship Committee [5 min]

- Successful Peer-mentoring Program and the end of program social event
 - Was fun and took place at El Segundo
- Mentoring training for non-STEM postdocs: Apr 20-22 at 5:30 - 7:30 PM
- Faculty-postdoc Mentoring Program: launched in Feb'22; monthly group meetings between Feb-Nov'22
- Soliciting mentors for the YPA Buddy Program
 - Matches incoming postdocs with current postdocs

Professional Development Committee [8 min]

- Updates:
 - Welcome new members: Kumar Ananthanarayanan (Ananth), Raza Muhammad Zawwad, Honghyok Kim;
 - Changes in Pint of Postdoc schedule: 3 speakers every 3 months, hybrid events;
 - Changes in Career Café schedule: 4 speakers every 3 months;
 - Looking for new members and **two** new co-coordinators.
 - July is normal handover (Oksana will be leaving) but Cintia also no longer is able to be coordinator, therefore this committee urgently need two new co-coordinators.

- Events in April:
 - April 7 - U.S. Immigration and Employment Options for International Postdocs and Graduate Students – with Jim Arkell from Dunn Law firm, 43 people attended (recording will be sent to those who is interested);
 - April 27 – walking tour with Molly Hampton (cooperation with Networking committee and OISS) – with ice-cream from Arethusa! Registration is open (https://yaleconnect.yale.edu/PDYPA/rsvp_boot?id=1568033); @5-7pm
 - April 28 – Pint of Postdoc with Bhaskar Dhananjay (Title: Data-Driven Modeling & TDA of Self-Organized Multicellular Architectures) and Aakash Kumar (Title: “The electrons in our lives”). @5-6pm, Zoom (<https://cglink.me/2dA/r1171442>)

Communications [5 min]

- OPA newsletter suspended until June (tentatively)
 - If you want to advertise you can through social media, weekly or monthly newsletters
- Friendly reminders:
- Please submit ads by Friday before
 - If you miss this deadline, submit the ad then email me (orchid.allicock@yale.com) before 9am Monday
- All ads will be run for a month on YPA newsletter unless you explicitly state how long you would like it advertised
- If you want more traction on your event, submit a poster/flyer with your ad (preferably in png/jpeg format)
 - Could also be worthwhile to post physical flyers since people are back on campus

Symposium [5 min]

- Abstract submission and registration closed (~150 registrants and ~75 abstracts)
- Keynote and discussion panelists secured
- Profession photograph hired to take headshots (funded by OCS)
 - During symposium you can get free headshot
- Afterparty will be at The Gryphon (graciously waived their cover fee)

Associate Provost for Postdoctoral Affairs, Erin Heckler [7 min]

- University updates:
 - [Childcare subsidy effective July 5](#)
 - [April 1 Booster requirement](#)
 - OISS hired new Director
- Program Manager hired to start next month, official announcement to come
 - Will help with career professional development
 - Newsletter will hopefully start again soon
- National Postdoctoral Association annual conference
 - Some meetings will be recorded

- AAMC GREAT [Appropriate Treatment of Research Trainees](#)
- Training programs: RCR April 6 – May 25, Mentorship Training for Postdocs in H&SS April 20-22 (in collaboration with the YPA Mentoring Committee)
 - If you are NIH funded, NIH updated RCR requirements
 - Some session can be hybrid but have to mostly in person
- 5 faculty and 11 postdoc mentors nominated and winners will be announced at symposium
 - Erin will email symposium committee

Open Forum - Questions/Comments [5 min]

- Hada proposed recognizing the members of the YPA
 - Need suggestions on how to offer thanks to YPA volunteers
 - Could be happy hour or something else
 - Pizza and happy hour was cool
 - Coffee mug
 - Weekly or monthly tweet that highlights member and what they've been doing (Chairs to work with Comms)
- Any questions can email YPA chairs or message on Slack
- Also, any postdocs that win awards, message YPA communications and they will retweet it