

THE YALE POSTDOCTORAL ASSOCIATION MONTHLY MEETING



Tuesday, November 8th, 2022 | 6:00 PM | Minutes

Chairs [10 min]

- 2023 co-chair candidates
 - Introduction of Co-chair candidates by Krishna. Co-Chair election to be held on the first week of December.
 - Christopher Cameron, Cintia Sagawa and Leila Fletcher introduced themselves as the candidates.
- Reminder to organize 2023 co-coordinator candidates
 - Co-coordinator position is for the tenure of 1 year. Incoming coordinators for each committee should be announced next forum.
- YPA end of year awards event after December forum – call for award nominations
 - To be held after the forum, all YPA committee members are welcome to join.
 - Coordinators will be asked to nominate committee members for awards, which will be distributed at this event.
- Changes to Postdoc Fellow Health Subsidy
 - Expected to be implemented in January. By this change, Postdoc fellows and associates will have the same healthcare costs.
- Open YPA liaison roles
 - Just one open position left – for the Yale Alumni Association. Reach out to Nicole and Krishna if interested.

Treasury Committee [1 min]

- Advertise the vacant coordinator position
 - Announcement about this position was made through newsletter. Roles of the Treasurer coordinator were explained.

Racial Justice Subcommittee [0 min]

Community and Networking Committee [5 min]

- Recent and Upcoming Events
 - Friday, Oct. 21, 6:30PM: Family-friendly Halloween Party, Luce common room (collaboration with the OPA and YBPA) – 164 registered attendees!
 - Highest attendance so far.
 - Saturday, Nov. 5: Fall trip with the OISS – Mystic Seaport museum

- o Monday, Nov. 14: Behind the scenes tour in the Peabody museum
 - [Registration is open for those who are interested.](#)
- o Tuesday, Nov. 22: Movie night
 - [Venue is yet to be decided. Registration will be available through Yale Connect.](#)
- Events in progress for December
 - o Thursday, Dec. 1, 6 PM: Game night at the OISS
 - o Holiday party

Mentorship Committee [5 min]

- Advertisements for Modern Instructor
 - o [Links to Lecture series for mentorship are available on the website. Progress on lecture series was explained.](#)
- Soliciting mentorship coordinator
- Soliciting program coordinators

Professional Development Committee [7 min]

- Company visit to Cybrea on November 29
 - o [In New Haven. Krishna to look into organizing transportation for visitors.](#)
- Pint of Postdocs Series 2023. Interested speakers, please register at:
 - o [30 spots are available only](#)
 - o <https://forms.gle/Sf1A35iszbaWdJkK6> [Post docs are welcomed to give a talk.](#)
- Career Café (Academia) in February
 - o [Previous postdocs were invited.](#)
- Writing Workshop with Dr. Angie Hoffman – Feb/April?
 - o [This is a yearly workshop. Maximum effort will be made to avoid overlap with other events.](#)
- Panel Discussion on Motivational Leadership
- Open co-coordinator position

Communications Committee [3 min]

- Platforms for communications, and their timelines
 - o [This committee is organizing a workshop on how to use Yale Connect and its available functionalities. More information to come.](#)

Symposium Committee [5 min]

- Opening position for co-coordinator (Jan 2023-Dec 2023)
- Requesting nominations – currently just one person
- Yale Connect training request
 - o [The symposium is expected to be held in the last week of May-2023. A room for symposium will be booked in advance.](#)

Advocacy Committee [5 min]

- Welcome to 3 new members
 - [Introduction of new members.](#)
- Current focus is on developing a postdoc experience survey in collaboration with OPA and YBPA
- Winter care packages
 - [This is a Racial Justice Committee Project. Call for volunteers to help with assembly the packs.](#)
- Reminder: Childcare subsidy deadline Dec 8
 - [For children of age 0 – 5.](#)

Associate Provost for Postdoctoral Affairs, Erin Heckler [5 min]

- Changes to the Postdoc Fellow health subsidy process, see email sent Oct 20.
 - [Changes were explained. The department or PI contributes part of the subsidy.](#)
- [NPA Race Ethnicity and Equity Summit](#) Nov 17 – Aileen Fernandez is a panelist
 - [This will be a virtual event.](#)
- NPA [free affiliate membership registration](#)
- Next new postdoc orientation is Nov 17 9-10 on the med campus, Hope Building Lecture Hall room 216
 - [This will be a hybrid event.](#)

Open Forum - Questions/Comments [14 min]

- How to contact offices?
 - [Victoria could help in this](#)
- What is the role of a committee coordinator?
 - [Explained by professional development committee and co-chairs.](#)

Next forum: 13th December 6-7pm, School of Medicine campus and on Zoom.