

YPA OPEN FORUM

Chairs [6 min]

TOPICS

- Chair election results
- New coordinators (reminder and approvals)
- Announcement about the new OPA director

UPDATES

- New chair elect is Anna York. She starts July 1.
 - Anna – thank you for voting. Thank you to Anne for doing an awesome job. Excited to join as chair.
- The nominee for the next secretary is Kendall Arslanian – approved
 - Kendall – Was a PhD at Yale. Worked with GSA then and happy to be here.
- New OPA Director
 - John Alvaro promoted to associate dean of BBS.
 - Erin Heckler is the associate provost for Postdoctoral Affairs assisted by Lynn Cooley (vice provost).
 - Rest of the team remain the same.
- Public safety survey
 - In response to survey request, Public Safety awareness briefing will be held on June 24 from 1 to 2 pm via zoom.
 - Register link on Yale Connect.

Treasury [4 min]

TOPICS

- State of the account before closing FY2021
- Remind the committees to file their reimbursements as soon as possible.

UPDATES

- David: 31.97% of the budget spent so far.
- File reimbursements ASAP – some expenses from March have not been filed (file before July 1)
- Budget for next year has been approved
- David is stepping down as coordinator. Natasha will take over.
 - Chair thanked Davide for his contribution.

Mentorship Committee [7 min]

TOPICS

- Peer Mentoring program
- Faculty-Postdoc Mentoring program
- Buddy Program- New coordinators (Asaf Farhi, Charlotte Ford)
- Committee coordinator (term ends for Maria June 30-new coordinator TBA)

UPDATES

- Peer mentoring (June) and faculty (May) programs are both active.
 - If you want more information, reach out to committee members.
 - Brief blurb will be uploaded to communication website as well on these.
 - Feedback so far has been positive.
 - 10 faculty members so far
- Buddy program is active in the background.
 - Need new coordinators.
 - Asaf Farhi is one of the new coordinators for the buddy program.
 - Introduced himself. Started at Yale 4 months ago. Before Yale was a postdoc in Florida.
 - Will work out the logistics/details of buddy program soon and share.
 - The buddy program links on the website will be updated soon.
 - More updates in the next meeting
- Maria is stepping down as coordinator.
 - Next coordinator to be announced in next meeting.
 - There are 2 potential nominees.
 - Maria thanked everyone at YPA
 - Chair thanked Maria for her service

Advocacy Committee [6 min]

TOPICS

- New coordinator (Azmi Ahmad) (2 minutes)
- Vaccination survey (2 minutes)
- Speed social (2 minutes)

UPDATES

- Krishna is stepping down
 - Azmi is taking over from Krishna.
 - Azmi: Been postdoc for 8 months and member of the committee. Looking forward to working as coordinator.
 - Azmi confirmed as coordinator
- Vaccination survey: 212 responses
 - Mostly positive responses. 88% didn't feel coerced.
 - Some concern about the process to get an exemption.
 - We should figure out what constitutes an exemption.
- Speed social after symposium.
 - 2 or 3 sites where 20 people or so can socialize.
 - 32 responses so far.
- Chair thanked Krishna for his service.

Racial Justice Subcommittee [7 min]

TOPICS

- **Symposium:**
 - Working on a panel titled “**With Great Power comes Great Responsibility: How to Incorporate Activism into your Career**”
 - 4-5pm on Tuesday June 15th with Yale faculty and potentially post docs
 - Also presenting poster introducing the Racial Justice Subcommittee for Symposium
- Future event: Racism in Academia, potentially partnering with YBPA
- Asian Art Showcase: considering broadening this to Anti Racism Art
- **Planning bystander intervention training: bystander issues related to racial justice**
 - Aileen & Dani met with Title IX and YSM Office of Diversity
 - To be scheduled July or August, hope to make this recurring
 - 1.5-2 hour workshop which will discuss identity and different interventions in different potential scenarios
- **June Newsletter**
 - Plugging Juneteenth Events and Pride events
 - Palestine information and resources
- **Palestine:** Potentially planning an event around Palestine, have submitted a statement

UPDATES

- Aileen: Symposium topic is meant to speak to all postdocs. There will be some from outside Yale presenting as well.
- Racism in academia lecture coming soon.
 - Art showcase (broader than Asian only) coming as well
- By-stander intervention training coming up.
 - If interested in providing input, please reach out. Will also discuss identity in it as well
- Newsletter
 - If you want to include anything, reach out
- Palestine
 - If you have any good resources, reach out.
 - Resources to educate more about the issue.

Professional Development Committee [5 min]

TOPICS

- General
 - Looking for co-chair and additional members
 - Raffle increased Pint of postdoc attendance and it will be repeated in June
- Coming in June:
 - Networking Naturally workshop with Dr. Richards, June 24th @ 12-2pm (co-host with Community and Networking committee)
 - Pint of Postdoc 24th June @ 5 pm with Yale swag raffle
- Coming in July:
 - Effective decision making & leadership styles with Dr. Richards, July 7th @ 1-3pm (co-host with Communication committee)
 - Global Talent Program Australia

UPDATES

- Nicole: Stepping down at end of the month.
 - Position still open.
 - Member positions also available
 - Chair thanked Nicole for her service
- Increased attendance in pint of postdoc with raffle and change time to 5pm
- Two interesting workshops coming up
 - These are expensive workshops so please attend.
- Also, a Global Talent Program Australia coming up in July.
 - More details to follow in July.
 - They are offering PR for people to immigrate to Australia.

Communications [5 min]

TOPICS

- Myrto Moutafi voted as next Communication Coordinator
- YBPA Emerging Scholars Seminar Series: Antentor Hinton Jr., PhD
- Open position | Community and Networking Committee
- COVID-19 Safety Concerns
- If you have any advertisement requests, please use this form and provide your blurb/date: bit.ly/YPAads

UPDATES

- Gita: YPBA seminars coming up
- An open position on the community and networking committee
- Use YPAads link for advertisement
- Roozbeh stepping down.
 - Gita thanked Roozbeh for his work.
 - Welcomed the new nominee
 - Myrto is the new nominee. Approved.
 - Myrto has been a member of the committee for a year. Will introduce next meeting (mic not working)
 - Chair thanked Roozbeh for his service.
 - Roozbeh staying as member of advocacy committee

Community and Networking Committee [8 min]

TOPICS

- Sketching workshop recap
- Sketching/social event
- Outdoor events with OISS
- Art gallery tour
- Hike/beach day
- Food drive
- Tori's nomination

UPDATES

- Sketching workshop
 - 3 sessions on Thursday evening by Armand.
 - 14 attendees.
 - 7 responses for feedback.

- Positive and would recommend to others.
- New event – sketching/social.
 - 1 per month. Starting June 24 (on Thursdays) from 7-9 pm.
 - First one will be on Zoom.
 - Details to follow
- 2 outdoor events coming up with OISS.
 - This Thursday and next is on June 24.
 - Location is College Woods Park, East Rook (4-6 pm)
- Art Gallery Tour
 - Virtual tour.
 - Date to be finalized soon.
- Potential hiking/beach day
 - date to be determined.
- Food drive is another potential event.
 - Help local committee.
 - Working with Asia Network at Yale.
 - Date to be determined.
- Tori is the new nominee as Gaurav stepping down.
 - Confirmed as coordinator
 - Gaurav staying as member.
 - 2 new members to be introduced in the next meeting.

Symposium [5 min]

TOPICS

- 1 week until the Symposium
- Food Packs available for collection
- Schedule has been finalized
- Gathertown will be used for Poster Sessions and Networking/Socializing
- Symposium Coordinator position available - please contact us if you are interested.
- YPA support of the inaugural Yale Postgrad Trainee Symposium (YaleConnect, website)

UPDATES

- Symposium next week (2 half days).
 - Schedule is on Symposium website.
 - Talks will be on Zoom.
 - Poster presentation on a Gathertown.
 - 60 sign ups so far.
- Anna standing down.
 - Coordinator position still open.
 - Chair thanked Anna for her time.
- Yale Postgrad Trainee Symposium committee reached out to Symposium committee for help.
 - They are not recognized as a separate organization.
 - Symposium committee will help out with YaleConnect use and website setting up.

Open Forum - Questions/Comments [7 min]

- Aakash Kumar: In-person event to recognize the contribution of outgoing coordinators.
 - Still following Yale rules – 20 person gathering.
 - May change on the 15th.
 - Currently food and drinks are also not allowed if Yale funded
 - Re-evaluate next week

- Buddy program (Aakash): There is an older Google Form link that some people still used instead of YaleConnect. Will sort this out soon.
- Anderson: Please use YaleConnect as it streamlines logistics and helps avoid overlapping events.