

Yale Postdoctoral Association

Milestones and accomplishments
2018



102 Activities

>2205 “attendees”

Mentorship Committee (63)

1. Buddy Program Party - 15
2. Buddy Program Party - 18
3. Mentoring in the Sciences- 30

Professional Development (217)

1. LinkedIn Bootcamp Spring - 27
2. LinkedIn Bootcamp Fall - 34
3. Career Cafe: Outside Academia - 40
4. Meet the Editor Nature Plants - 10
5. Career Cafe: Essentials of Negotiation - 60
6. Library Services for Postdocs - 30
7. Scientific Communication is a Two-Way Street - 16

Advocacy (252)

1. Imposter Syndrome - 25
2. Taichi - 30
3. Bystander Intervention - 15
4. Unconscious Bias - 60
5. Committee Mixer – 11 x2
6. Postdoc Appreciation Station - 100

First Annual Postdoc Symposium (100)

Community and Networking (>1473)

1. Winter Solstice Party - 95
2. Yale-Princeton Ice Hockey - 14
3. Thimble Island Brewery Tour - 40
4. Corn Maze Pumpkin Picking - 46
5. Thimble Island tour - 40
6. Cuban Salsa (32) – 20 each x32
7. Last Saturday at the Museum (12) – 15 each x12
8. Monthly Happy Hours (11) - 660
9. YPA Bike and Hike (7) – 35
10. Tea and Crafting (6) - 60
11. Pasta Making - 20
12. Postdoc Paint Night (2) – 15 each x2
13. Rivendell Institute
 1. YPA seminar: A Journey through the Universe – 40
 2. Postdoc Roundtable – 25
 3. After Darwin: Evolution and Human Dignity – 10
 4. Multiple Truths: Reality, Perception and Belief – 10
 5. Building Character at Yale: Mentoring the Next Generation of Faculty - 10
14. Harkness Tower Tour & Carillon (2) – 25 each x2
15. Yale Philharmonic Orchestra Concert (3) – 127 total
16. YPA Free Concert Lerry Weng Recital - 7

Accomplishments

Communications

- Established as a Committee. Two coordinators
- Started Mailchimp Newsletter and YPA Blog
- Start YPA twitter account
- Reach more postdocs -> Communication Strategy with OPA
- Help and Advice Page for Postdocs at Yale (HAPPY)
- **189** Facebook Page Likes

Secretaries

- Established role
- Organized meetings
- Dissemination of informative minutes

Professional Development

- Podcast Release- **345** listens
- Strengthened relationship with OCS, CTL and AYA

Mentorship

- Established as a committee
- Mentorship survey **132** responses
- Expanded Buddy Program **>80** pairs

Treasury

- Established External and Internal Fundraising
- Set budgets for committees
- Developed relationships with sponsors
- **84** T-shirts **50** Jackets sold

Advocacy

- Response to NIH Re: Ways to increase diversity in faculty
- Response to USSC Report
- Health Care Benefits for postdocs survey: **325** responses. Advocated on their behalf to administration

Chairs

- Established Coordinator's Meeting/General Meeting
- Met with Postdoc Faculty Committee to nearly double budget
- Presented at the NPA Meeting
- Introduce "Zoom" for Monthly meeting
- Introduce "Slack" for communication

Community and Networking

- **84** Activities/Events
- Strong collaboration with OISS and Chaplain's office

Celebration of National Postdoc Appreciation Week: September 17-21st, 2018

2 Abstracts accepted to NPA 2019

1 Travel Award

2 Productive Bylaws Meetings

16 Board Members