

Lerner Postdoctoral Association

It's February! We may not be groundhogs, but we are pretty sure that winter is not over yet. But fear not, the LPDA has got you covered with events that will make you feel a bit warmer and will keep you engaged with us. This month we are hosting the International Day of Love Potluck on February 14th; we encourage you to share a dish with us and experience the culinary prowess of your fellow postdocs. A week prior to that, we will meet to craft some decorations for the Potluck over light refreshments. Check out the flyers below for additional information.

In addition to these social events, we will be hosting Drs. Charles Tannenbaum and Justin Lathia for our monthly Career Development Seminar Series on February 16th. They will be discussing one of the most essential skills in academia, the science of excellent grant writing.

Finally, don't forget to stay engaged on our [LinkedIn group](#). You are welcome to add on to the discussions on the posted topics, start your own conversations about events or topics important to you and postdocs, or even share your accomplishments and other scientific breakthroughs. At the end of the day, it's your group!

Stay warm!

@Communication Team

Meet the Lerner Postdoctoral Association Leadership Council



LPDA Executive Board:

Co-Presidents: Amina Abbadi and Timothy Mead

Secretary: Kelsey Bohn

Treasurer: Brian Yard

Subcommittees:

A. Career Development and Resources

Chairs: Madhav Sankunny

Members: MG Sharoar, Dola Das, Brian Yard, Sudipta Biswas, Sromona Mukherjee, Darshana Poddar, Iris Smith, Elizabeth Sweeny, Nara Yoon, and Nikhil Sharma

- Career development seminars
- Professional development workshops
- Teaching opportunities at local schools and universities
- Career/training opportunities in collaboration with the Research Education Training Center (RETC) and Lerner Graduate Studies Association (LGSA).

B. Social/ Outreach

Chair: Aimalie Hardaway

Members: Tim Mead, Iris Smith, Sangeeta Kumari, Salma Ben-Salem, Vijay Nagampalli, and Shanshan Zhang

- Social events
- Promote networking opportunities
- Community outreach

C. Communication

Chair: Amina Abbadi

Members: Kelsey Bohn, Xiaoguang Fang, Isha Kapoor, Angel Reyes-Rodriguez, Chinthasagar Bastian, and Benjamin Krishna

- Advertisement Postdoc related events
- Social media (LinkedIn)
- Monthly Postdoctoral Fellow newsletter

D. Mentorship/Advocacy

Chair: Iris Smith

Members: Angel Reyes-Rodriguez, MG Sharoar, and Defne Watson

- Research mentorship network in collaboration with LGSA
 - Mentorship seminars and workshops
 - Mentor graduate students
 - Address concerns and complaints to appropriate channels interacting with RETC and Office of the Lerner Chair
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The Lerner Postdoctoral Association and Alumni Network

Join our LinkedIn Group!

The Lerner Postdoctoral Association and Alumni Network is a group of current and former postdoctoral fellows at the Cleveland Clinic Lerner Research Institute. Our goals are to provide opportunities for career development, networking, and highlighting our scientific achievements. We also post reminders about upcoming events, so make sure to turn on notifications.

Request to join **today** and tell all of your fellow Lerner Postdocs and RAs!

Advertisements and Upcoming Events

Career Development Seminar

The Lerner Postdoctoral Association Career Development Seminar Series

The Science of Excellent Grant Writing



Charles Tannenbaum, PhD

Staff Scientist, Lerner Research Institute
Dept. of Immunology
Cleveland Clinic



Justin Lathia, PhD

Associate Staff, Lerner Research Institute
Dept. of Cellular and Molecular Medicine
Cleveland Clinic

Friday, February 16

NE1-205

2:00pm

Social Events

The Lerner Postdoctoral Association Social Events 2018

Special Event: Arts and Crafts

Location: Lerner Commons

Making Hearts and Other Decorations in Preparation for
International Day of Love Potluck
Light refreshments and art supplies will be provided

Thursday
February 8, 2018
3:00 pm-5:30 pm

Theme: International Day of Love Potluck

Location: Lerner Commons Garden Side

Please make a dish to share with all
Signup: www.PerfectPotluck.com/PLPK3157
Password for login: LPDA
Those who bring a dish will receive a souvenir mug

Wednesday
February 14, 2018
11:30 am-2:00 pm

Recent Events and Accomplishments

New Year's Kick Off Bingo
(January 18, 2018)



LPDA starts the New Year 2018 with fun, food, music and friends.

Recent Event:

Highlights of Career Development Seminar (January 19, 2018)

For those of you who missed the January's Career Development Seminar on '**Debunking the Mysteries of Chalk Talk**' by **Dr. Thomas McIntyre** and **Dr. Laura Nagy**, here is a recap of the seminar.

Drs. Nagy and McIntyre gave us an overview of what a faculty search committee looks for and what is expected of a chalk talk. Typically, you are invited to give a chalk talk in front of the search committee, if you have already impressed the committee with your cover letter, CV and made the first cut at the formal seminar!

What does the search committee seek?

- Is the project proposed by the candidate feasible?
- Can the candidate effectively defend their research plan?
- What can the candidate bring to the department?
- Does the candidate's research complement other faculty in the department?
- Is the candidate personable and how well do they fit in with rest of the department?
- How well can the candidate answer the questions asked during the talk? Are they quick, resilient and can they think on their feet?

Tips for a good chalk talk

- Read funded RO1 grants to help prepare for your talk
- Talk to the chair of the search committee before your chalk talk to clarify what is expected of you during the talk and when you will be expected to submit your first grant
- Be well informed of the different study sections and institutes that fund grants in your research field
- Practice your talk with your friends and colleagues
- Be mindful of the space (white board) provided to you for the talk and stay visually organized
- Before the talk, check to make sure the markers work
- During your talk, if you couldn't hear or wasn't clear about a question asked, do not hesitate to ask to repeat the question
- Be prepared to be interrupted frequently during your talk

A chalk talk is the opportunity for you to shine and establish that you are the best fit for the department!



Dr. Laura Nagy and Dr. Thomas McIntyre giving an overview of a chalk talk.



Dr. Laura Nagy and Dr. Thomas McIntyre sharing useful tips for a good chalk talk with aspiring Postdocs and RAs.

Recent Accomplishments

Awards

Dr. Iris Nira Smith (Co-PI) from Dr. Charis Eng laboratory (PI) – Genomic Medicine Institute, was awarded a computational grant (110,000 resource units) from Ohio Supercomputer Center, Columbus, titled “Insight into Structure and Dynamics from Computational Modeling and Simulation: The Effects of Germline PTEN Mutations in Autism Spectrum Disorder and Cancer.” The project is aimed at understanding the dynamics and structure of PTEN in ASD vs. cancer-associated mutations in context of the lipid membrane as well as its lipid substrate phosphatidylinositol 3,4,5 triphosphate (PIP3) and adenosine triphosphate (ATP).

Publications

“Consideration of Sex Differences in Design and Reporting of Experimental Arterial Pathology Studies-Statement from ATVB Council” published in *Arteriosclerosis, Thrombosis, and Vascular Biology* by Dr. Peggy Robinet from the Smith Lab. in Cellular and Molecular Biology department. [View publication](#)

“Divergent Spatiotemporal Interaction of Angiotensin Receptor Blocking Drugs with Angiotensin Type 1 Receptor” published in *Journal of Chemical Information and Modeling* by Dr. Dhanachandra S. Khuraijam from the Karnik Lab. In Molecular Cardiology department. [View publication](#)

EurekaAlert

Congratulations to Dr. Hyun-Kyung Ko and the Sharifi Lab!

Cleveland Clinic Researchers Find New Gene Variant Linked to Deadly Prostate Cancer. [View publication](#)

GET INVOLVED!

Did you publish a paper recently or get a grant or award? We want to highlight your accomplishments in the next newsletter! As part of the LPDA, we thrive to improve this organization to its maximum potential. To do so, we will need participation and input of all postdoctoral fellows and research associates. **If you would like to be involved with our events or have any suggestions, or accomplishment we can highlight please email**

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