

The First Annual National Postdoc Appreciation Day September 24, 2009



Everywhere, USA

Schedule of Events

Events listed here are as of September 24, 2009. E-mail your event photos to [cjphillips](mailto:cjphillips@nationalpostdoc.org) at nationalpostdoc.org.

(Alphabetical Order by State, followed by Canadian Events!)

UNITED STATES

California

- Berkeley, University of California-Berkeley, Bancroft Hotel
 - Wine and cheese reception, 4-6 p.m.
- Irvine, University of California-Irvine
 - Happy Hour @Anthill Pub, UCI student center, 5 p.m.
 - Hosted by the UC-Irvine Postdoctoral Association
 - All UCI Post-Docs, PI's, Mentors and friends are welcome to join in, enjoy discounted drinks, simple foods and the collegial company of your fellow researchers outside of work environment.
- La Jolla, Burnham Institute for Medical Research
 - Free BBQ lunch outside Burnham's Chairman Hall
 - In honor of the National Postdoc Appreciation Day, the faculty of the Burnham Institute for Medical Research would like to thank the Postdocs for their outstanding contributions to the Institute.
- La Jolla, La Jolla Institute for Allergy and Immunology
 - Join us in the lunchroom for beer and Indian food, 4 p.m.
 - Hosted by the LPA (LIAI Postdoctoral Association)
- La Jolla, Scripps Research Institute
 - Friday, September 25, Afternoon Happy Hour
 - Sponsored by our PDA, the Society of Fellows, and the Career and Postdoctoral Services Office
 - Snacks and drinks provided
- La Jolla, University of California-San Diego, 9500 Gilman Drive, Medical School lawn
 - 12-2 p.m.

- Short address from the president of the UCSD PDA, L. Dave Finger
- Free pizza, soda
- A lot of raffle prizes/door prizes
- International Scholar Officers and some Chairs/Deans will be there
- Biomedical Library and School of Management will be offering postdoc specific materials at the spot
- Grad students are invited
- Neighboring institutes will join us, too
- Communication office will be there for photos and a interview
- Los Angeles, Cedars-Sinai Medical Center
 - Official launch of the new Cedars-Sinai Medical Center Postdoc Society
 - 2 p.m., Coffee & Cake served
- Pasadena, Old Town, Yardhouse Pasadena, 330 E Colorado Blvd
 - Appetizers and non-alcoholic beverages provided, 5:30-9:30 p.m.
 - (626) 577-9273
 - Hosted by Caltech, the City of Hope and the University of Southern California (USC) Postdoctoral Association
- San Francisco, The J. David Gladstone Institutes, details to be announced
- San Francisco, The University of California (UCSF) Mission Bay Campus, Koret Quad, 600 16th Street
 - BBQ, music, sports, and games, 4-8 p.m.
 - Photo contest
 - Hosted/organized by the UCSF Postdoctoral Scholars Association
 - RSVP at the UCSF PSA Web site <http://saa49.ucsf.edu/psa/>
 - Read their article:
<http://synapse.ucsf.edu/articles/2009/September/10/postdocs.html>
- Santa Barbara, The University of California, ESB 1001
 - Coffee hour with refreshments (good stuff from catering services, 10-11 a.m.)
 - Short address from our president (10 min)
 - Games with prizes and general socializing.
 - Link to the facebook event:
<http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=70587244956&ref=nf>
 - All UCSB Postdocs are welcome to come and meet their fellow postdocs from other departments.
 - Organized by the new UCSB Society of Postdoctoral Scholars
 - This event is happening thanks to generous donations from UCSB Office of the Chancellor, Woodstock's Pizza in Isla Vista, and UCen Dining Services.
- Stanford, Stanford University
 - Friday, September 25, BBQ and Information Fair @the Bechtel International Center Courtyard, 584 Capistrano Way, Stanford Campus, 5 to 7 p.m.
 - Organized by the Stanford University Postdoc Association, sponsored by the Office of Postdoctoral Affairs, the Office of the Vice Provost for Graduate Education, and co-sponsored by the School of Medicine Career Development Center.
 - All Stanford University Post-Docs, their families, PI's, Mentors and friends are welcome to enjoy food, drinks, and the collegial company of fellow researchers outside of work environment.
 - Alongside the BBQ social, a mini-information fair with materials/brochures and representatives from various university offices will be there: international scholar officers, staff from the Stanford Work-Life Office, School of Medicine Career Center, the Stanford University Career Development Center and the Office of the Vice Provost for Graduate Education.

Colorado

- Aurora, University of Colorado-Denver, Anschutz Medical Campus
 - Campus vendors (bookstore, coffee and food places) will offer discounts and freebies for Postdocs who show their ID badges.
 - Mentors are being encouraged via e-mail to do something that will show their appreciation for the work their Postdocs do - "take a postdoc to lunch."
 - The campus faculty and staff newsletter is doing an article profiling a couple Postdocs and highlighting the contributions they make to this medical research campus and humanity.
 - In conjunction, this fall will also see the ratification of a PDA charter which some of the leaders have worked on all spring and summer; it will be taken to the administration for official recognition of this organization.

Florida

- Tampa, University of Southern Florida, Moffitt Cancer Center, SRB Atrium 2
 - Cake and Coffee Reception, 2-3:30 p.m.

Georgia

- Athens, University of Georgia's Graduate Student's and Postdocs in Science (GSPS) organization, Chili's
 - Happy Hour, 5 p.m.

Illinois

- Chicago, University of Chicago, GCIS Atrium
 - "Postdoc Appreciation Reception: 10th Anniversary of the University of Chicago Postdoctoral Association," 4-6 p.m.
 - Come celebrate 10 years of PDA at the University of Chicago.
- Lemont, Argonne National Laboratory
 - The Inaugural Interdisciplinary Journal Club meeting, a new series wherein postdoctoral speakers will present high-level *Science*-type papers in an area outside of their research specialty.
 - The goal is to broaden the scope of both speaker and audience member research exploration in order to stimulate interdisciplinary collaboration.

Indiana

- Indianapolis, Indiana University School of Medicine, R3, 2nd Floor Atrium
 - A coffee and donut break, 9-10:30 a.m.
- West Lafayette, Purdue University, International Center of West Lafayette, 523 N Russell St
 - Call-out, snacks and drinks provided, begins at 8 p.m.
 - Our event page on Facebook:
<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=106553804317#/event.php?eid=120790574480>
 - Organized by the Purdue Postdoctoral Association

Iowa

- Ames, Iowa State University Postdoctoral Association (ISUPDA), Brookside Park
 - September 22, Picnic, 4-8 p.m.

Kansas

- Kansas City, University of Kansas Medical Center, 1001/1003 Bellar Conference Center, KLSIC
 - Reception with refreshments, 4-6 p.m.
 - Department chairs, mentors and administrators are welcome to attend.
 - Sponsored by the Offices of Academic and Postdoctoral Affairs
 - Door Prizes (must be present to win)

Kentucky

- Louisville, University of Louisville
 - Post Doc and Mentors Cookout, 5 p.m., more details to be announced

Maryland

- Baltimore, Johns Hopkins University, School of Medicine, 1830 Building, Room 2-108
 - Recognition Brunch, 9 to 11 a.m.
 - Hopkins Medicine is grateful for your contributions and accomplishments.
 - We also invite your faculty advisor to celebrate with you and your fellow postdocs.
 - For this event, we are creating a display of postdoc accomplishments over the past year; if you have an achievement or honor you would like to include, send it to jhmipdo@jhmi.edu
 - Sponsored by The Professional Development Office, the JH Postdoc Association, and the Office of the Associate Dean for Postdoctoral Affairs
- Bethesda, National Institutes of Health (NIH), Building 1, Front Lawn
 - Afternoon Event, 3-5 p.m.
 - Featuring Popsicles, live music and an NIH postdoctoral "family" photo that will include as many of the 4,000 postdocs as can be gathered
 - Sponsored by FelCom (with the help of the OITE Office of Postdoctoral Services) has.
 - Similar opportunities will be coordinated at the four offsite locations
- Bethesda, Uniformed Services University, Building B, USU Campus
 - Coffee break with light refreshments, 2-4 p.m.
 - Faculty, staff, and students are encouraged to join postdocs for this event.
- Frederick, National Cancer Institute at Frederick, Bldg 549, Front Lawn
 - Ice cream and popsicle social with group photo, 12-1:30 p.m.
 - Frederick Postdocs (NCI-Frederick, USAMRIID, FDA, USDA) in conjunction with NIH, FelCom and OITE
 - Contact: Jim Gould gouldj@mail.nih.gov and Leslie Chinn chinnl@mail.nih.gov

Massachusetts

- Boston, Brigham and Women's Hospital, Carrie Hall Conference Room
 - Postdoc Pizza Party, 5-7 p.m.
 - Networking, prize drawing
- Boston, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, Smith Room 308/309

- Postdoc Ice-cream Social, 3:00-4:00 p.m.
 - To register:
http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=0r6L6WGnosygl7pZEBcivw_3d_3d
- Boston, The Harvard School of Public Health (HSPH)
 - Coffee Social, 9-10:30 a.m. to recognize HSPH postdocs and their mentors
- Boston, Tufts University Health Science Campus, HNRCA Mezzanine Conference Room
 - Postdoc luncheon, 12p.m.
 - Presentation on "Lab Dynamics for Post-Docs: Getting along and getting ahead", by Carl Cohen, President, Science Management Associates, 1p.m.
 - RSVP via email to Jeanne Fahey at [jeanne.fahey\(@\)tufts.edu](mailto:jeanne.fahey@tufts.edu)
- Cambridge, Harvard University
 - The Office of Postdoctoral Affairs has planned a week of events, from Sept. 21-24.
 - Sept. 21, Careers in Industry: Conversation with Brenda Herschbach Jarrell, J.D. Ph.D., 12:00pm-1:30pm (light lunch served), RSVP required: postdoc@harvard.edu
 - Sept. 22, Orientation for New Postdoctoral Fellows, noon-2:00 p.m. (light lunch served), RSVP required: postdoc@harvard.edu
 - Sept. 22, Fall Postdoc Happy Hour, Cambridge Queen's Head Pub, 5:30p.m.-8:00p.m., no RSVP required
 - Postdocs across the Harvard community are invited to bring their faculty mentors to our seasonal happy hour for munchies, music, beer and wine (as well as soft drinks) and a great opportunity once again to meet and network with other postdocs awaits.
 - Sept. 23, Reflections of New Ladder Faculty on Life in the Academe, 12 p.m.-1:30 p.m. (light lunch served), RSVP required: postdoc@harvard.edu
 - Sept. 24, Professional Development Seminar: CV and Resume Workshop, 12 p.m.- 1:30 p.m. (light lunch served), RSVP required: postdoc@harvard.edu
 - Sept. 24, HMS Postdoctoral Association Social, Boston Billiard Club, more details to be announced
- Woods Hole, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution
 - Happy hour in the postdoc lounge
 - We are encouraging the staff to come out and show their appreciation of the postdocs.
 - We have also coordinated the release that day of an article and series of profiles on postdocs in our magazine, "Oceanus." (<http://www.whoi.edu/oceanus/index.do>)

Michigan

- East Lansing, Michigan State University
 - Networking and Informational Lunch sponsored by the PDO and PDA

Minnesota

- Minneapolis, University of Minnesota Postdoctoral Association, Northrop Mall
 - Ice cream social, 3-5 p.m.

Missouri

- St. Louis, Washington University, Outdoor Courtyard by McDonnell Sciences Building, Medical Campus

- Postdoc Appreciation Day Postdoc & PI Happy Hour, 4 - 6 p.m.
- Join us for beer, wine & snacks!
- Sponsored by The Office of Post Graduate Affairs and the WU Postdoc Society

Nebraska

- Lincoln, The University of Nebraska (UNL), Van Brunt Visitors Center
 - Reception, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
 - Register by Sept. 17 at www.unl.edu/postdoc/rsvp.html

New Jersey

- Piscataway, UMDNJ-RWJMS, Life Sciences Auditorium, Busch Campus
 - First Annual National Postdoc Appreciation Day Symposium, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
 - Featuring Keynote Seminar by Dr. Robert Tillman, Director, Science Alliance, NYAS
 - Presentation by Stacy L. Gelhaus, Chair of the NPA Board of Directors
 - Oral and poster presentations by postdocs from academia and industry in NJ
 - Afternoon session will include a Career Development Panel Session with scientists who followed varied paths after their PhDs
 - Lunch served
 - For free registration and more information go to: http://rwjms.umdj.edu/Postdoc/pda_symposium.php

New Mexico

- Albuquerque, Sandia National Labs, Geckos at 3500 Central Ave. SE
 - Meet fellow postdocs and network, beginning at 6 p.m.
- Santa Fe, Santa Fe Institute
 - The Santa Fe Institute is joining the celebration by hosting beer, food, and pool at the Catamount,

New York

- Bronx, The Albert Einstein College of Medicine, Glass Cafe
 - Postdocs and mentors welcome for food, drinks and the collegial company of fellow researchers, 4-6 p.m.
- Buffalo, University of Buffalo
 - Reception with pizza and refreshments for postdocs, just for fun and networking, 5:30-6:30 p.m.
 - Sponsored by the Office of Postdoctoral Scholars
- Cold Spring Harbor, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, Hawkins Room, Wendt Building (Hillside Campus)
 - Presentation by Kathleen Flint, National Postdoctoral Association, on "Getting the Most Out of Your Postdoc Experience," 12 p.m.
 - Lunch to follow in the Hillside Campus courtyard (weather permitting)
- Ithaca, Cornell University Graduate School, Big Red Barn
 - Pizza party, Tuesday, **September 15**, 5 -7 p.m.
 - Come and meet other postdocs and their families and friends, and have some pizza, soft drinks, and snacks.
 - Family and friends are welcome to attend.
 - This is a great time to meet postdocs from other labs across campus.
 - Contact Information, Christine Holmes, Director of Postdoctoral Studies, ch18 at cornell.edu

- New York City, New York Academy of Sciences
 - From Sept. 20-26, NYAS will offer a special discount on membership to postdocs and soon-to-be postdocs, offering the membership for \$25 instead of \$36.
 - Webinar, "AllianceOnline: Finding Your Postdoctoral Position," Monday, September 21, 1:30-3:00 p.m.
 - Having a successful postdoc whether in academia or industry is necessary for landing most faculty positions in academia and research positions in industry.
 - Join Lori Conlan from NIH and Bob Tillman, the Director of Science Alliance, for this webinar as they share their insights and tips on finding the postdoctoral position that is right for you.
 - To recognize the National Postdoctoral Association's First Annual National Postdoc Appreciation Day, **the event is open and free to both members and non-members. To register: www.nyas.org/position**
- New York City, Mount Sinai School of Medicine
 - Social Hour, 4-6 p.m.
 - Food, beverages, and lots of good conversation.
- New York City, Sackler Institute
 - BBQ, details to be announced
- New York City, Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center
 - Wednesday, September 23, President's Research Seminar
 - RRL-Auditorium, 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.
 - Hosted by MSKCC Postdoc Community
 - Featuring Sir Philip Cohen, PhD, Director, MRC Protein Phosphorylation Unit, University of Dundee, Scotland, "Ubiquitination in Regulating the Innate Immune System"
 - Also on Wednesday, Postdoc Appreciation Reception, RRL-104, 5:30 - 7 p.m.
 - Hero sandwiches will be served.
 - Thursday, September 24, Social Hour for Postdoc
 - Student and Faculty Club, 5:30 - 7 p.m.
- New York City, Weill Cornell Medical College, Harkness Atrium (adjacent to 1300 York Avenue)
 - Ice Cream Social & Food Drive, 3:30 - 5:30p.m.
- Stony Brook, Stony Brook University, Wang Center Rm 201
 - Presentation and Reception, 4-6 p.m.
 - Featuring "Getting the Most Out of Your Postdoc Experience" by Kathleen Flint, NPA Project Manager
 - Reception with Refreshments to follow, Skylight Lobby, Wang Center
 - RSVP by Sept 17 at [cesame at stonybrook.edu](http://cesame.stonybrook.edu)
 - Sponsored by Center for Science and Mathematics Education
- Upton, Brookhaven National Laboratory
 - "Coffee With BNL Managers and Advisors" for post-docs and students, Lobby of Bldg. 400, 5-5:30 p.m.
 - BNL will be providing the refreshments, and coffee will be available for purchase.
 - BBQ, ASAP Lounge, Bldg. 462, 6:30 p.m.
 - Contact information: Christine Carter, [ccarter at bnl.gov](mailto:ccarter@bnl.gov), (631) 344-5090.
 - Ms. Carter is to be commended for supporting BNL's ASAP group (Association of Students and Postdocs) and helping ASAP sponsor this event.

North Carolina

- Chapel Hill, University of North Carolina, Global Education Fed Ex Building
 - Rita's Gourmet Ice Cream Social, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
 - Hosted by the UNC Postdoc Association and the Office of Postdoctoral Affairs
 - Postdocs can pick up free gifts and purchase UNC PDA T-shirts!

- And, for afterhours fun, the UNC Postdoc Association will be hosting a social later that evening at the Weaver Street Market in Carrboro, NC, 5:30-7 p.m.
- Research Triangle Park, NIEHS (National Institute of Environmental and Health Sciences), Room 101A
 - NIEHS Trainees Assembly Meeting including updates on projects and events
 - Presentation from the OFCD highlighting postdoc contributions to the NIEHS's success over the past 12 months
 - Drawings for prize, cookies and other sweets
 - PHOTO of everyone present!
 - Ice-cream social
 - Coverage for an article to be published in the NIEHS newsletter
- Winston-Salem, Wake Forest University
 - WFU Postdoc Appreciation Day, a seminar and networking event for postdocs, faculty and staff

Ohio

- Cincinnati, will include a presentation by Jennifer Reineke Pohlhaus, Vice Chair of the Board of Directors, details to be announced
- Columbus, Ohio State University Medical Center, 105 Biomedical Research Tower
 - Breakfast & Career Resources Giveaway, 8:45-10 a.m.
 - Door prizes, Bagels, coffee, & more served
 - Contact Postdoc.Office at osumc.edu

Pennsylvania

- Philadelphia, Area Institutions
 - Seminar About the NPA presented by Stacy L. Gelhaus, Ph.D., Chair of the NPA Board of Directors, University of Pennsylvania, BRB2 Auditorium, Philadelphia, 4-5 p.m.
 - Happy Hour at Cavanaugh's, 119 South 39th Street, following seminar
 - Sponsored by U-Penn, Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, Thomas Jefferson University, and Temple University
- Philadelphia, Drexel University College of Medicine
 - Postdoc appreciation dinner with speaker
 - Poster viewing over coffee and dessert
- Pittsburgh, University of Pittsburgh, S100 Thomas Starzl Biomedical Science Tower
 - As the City of Pittsburgh is hosting the G-20 Summit on Friday, September 24, we will be hosting our event on Monday, September 28, 2009.
 - 1st Annual University of Pittsburgh Schools of the Health Sciences Postdoc Appreciation Pizza Lunch, Noon to 2 p.m.
 - Sponsored by the Office of Academic Career Development

South Carolina

- Charleston, Medical University of South Carolina, Horseshoe
 - Ice cream sundaes/floats over the noon hour
 - Games, music, and prizes, plus a small gift for each postdoc

Tennessee

- Memphis, 362 N. Main Street
 - An Evening at TJ Mulligan's, Friday, September 25, 5:00 p.m.

- Join postdoctoral research fellows and clinical fellows from the University of Tennessee Health Science Center, and the University of Memphis.
- Space indoors and outdoors will be reserved, drink specials will be available from 5-8 p.m., and live music will begin at 8 p.m.
- Nashville, Vanderbilt University, Fannie Mae Dees Park
 - Postdoc Picnic, 5:30pm

Texas

- Dallas, The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center
 - Postdoc Appreciation Breakfast -- Mingle with fellow postdocs on-campus while charging up on some free refreshments (coffee, donuts, etc.) from 9-10 a.m.
 - Career Skills Workshop -- The career development committee will be offering a career skills workshop at 1 p.m.
 - RSVP required.
 - Postdoc Appreciation Happy Hour --The social committee will host a Happy Hour at The Ginger Man Pub from 6 p.m.
- Galveston, The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston, Levin Hall North and South Auditoriums
 - Data Blitz, 4-6 p.m.
 - See and understand important contributions from postdoctoral fellows to the excellent research for which UTMB is recognized.
 - Learn about groundbreaking research at a "Data Blitz," series of 5-minute, single-slide presentations by UTMB postdocs.
 - Reception follows the Data Blitz, 5 p.m., Levin Hall Faculty Dining Room.
 - Sponsored by:Organization of Postdoctoral Scientists, Office of Postdoctoral Affairs, Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences
- Houston, The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston
 - Seminar on Individual Development Plans by Phil Clifford, Ph.D., member of the NPA Advisory Board
 - Seminar for faculty and administrators
 - Workshop for UT-HSC-H postdoctoral fellows, part of the Postdoc Training Program
 - Lunch
 - Topped off with the 4th Annual Postdoktoberfest heldthat evening along with Baylor College of Medicineand The University of Texas M .D. Anderson Cancer Center.

Virginia

- Blacksburg, Virginia Tech, Squires Student Center
 - Virginia Tech Postdoctoral Association (VTPA) invites Postdocs with friends and families to celebrate Appreciation Day.
 - Pizza Party, 5 - 7 p.m.
 - Bowling, billiards, table tennis in BreakZONE (Special bowling lanes for kids)
 - "Postdoc Appreciation Day 2009" T-shirts
 - All events are sponsored by VTPA with the assistance of VT Graduate School
- Charlottesville, The University of Virginia, Varsity Hall Main Floor
 - Reception, 4-6 p.m, hors d'oeuvres served
 - Members of the newly formed Postdoctoral Programs Faculty Advisory Board will be introduced
 - Four Outstanding Postdocs will win gift certificates to local restaurants
 - Door prize drawing for a Chef's Table dinner at Mas Tapas
 - Sponsored by the Postdoctoral Programs in the Office of the Vice President for Research

- Reston, Society of Toxicology
 - Webinar for SOT postdocs and senior graduate students entitled "From Postdoc to Faculty: Climbing the Ladder of Academia"

Washington

- Richland, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory
 - Reception for postdocs with senior lab scientists and management on Sept. 25
- Seattle, The Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center
 - Beer hour with food to be held on Friday, Sept. 25
- Seattle, The University of Washington
 - Reception for postdocs and their faculty sponsors
 - Orientation for new postdocs
 - Social hour at the end of the day on Sept. 25th
 - Sponsored by The UW Office of Postdoctoral Affairs and the UW Postdoctoral Association

Wisconsin

- Milwaukee, Medical College of Wisconsin
 - The Postdoctoral Education office will be handing out "Postdoc Appreciation Day 2009" T-shirts to the postdocs.



CANADA

Ontario

- Kingston, Queen's University
 - All post-docs are invited to a Panel Discussion on post Postdoctoral Careers in the Biosciences Rm 1103, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
 - All post-docs and their mentors are cordially invited to an "Appreciation" lunch in the Biosciences Atrium, 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m.
 - Please RSVP: [qpfa\(at\)queensu.ca](mailto:qpfa@queensu.ca)
- Ottawa, University of Ottawa Postdoctoral Association, Cafe Nostalgica
 - Free food, barbecue, cake, and more
 - Contact [uOttawaPDA at gmail.com](mailto:uOttawaPDA@gmail.com) for more information.

AUSTRALIA

- Sydney University, School of Physics, Lunch