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September 16th through 20th is National Postdoc Appreciation Week (NPAW) There will be multiple events including a photo contest, communications workshops, IDP mentoring, social hours and free food throughout the week.

For more information check *https://postdocs.usc.edu/npaw/*

September 19th is Individual Development Plan (IDP) awareness day, so make use of the NPAW to learn more about IDP at USC. USC offers mentored IDP for postdocs. Find IDP online at *http://postdocs.usc.edu/mentoring/idp/*

Upcoming Professional Development Events	
Event: Writing Compelling NSF Proposals When: Sept 17th, Noon-2:00 PM Where: PHE 333 (Powell Hall) Description: Learn the proposal and review processes specific to NSF, and learn to highlight in your proposal to get funded. Lunch will be provided. Event: Foundation funding strategies for postdoctoral fellows. When: Sept 26th, Noon-1:30 PM Where: Norris Medical Library East Conference Room (HSC) Description: Kavita Munjal and Christine Chan will discuss how to find funding opportunities, prepare letters of inquiry, tips on building budgets, and the role of USC staff in foundation grant seeking.	Event: Foundation funding, special guest Bill Burke from Haynes Foundation When: Sept 26th, 9:00-11:00 am Where: Credit Union Building 329 (UPC) Description: Linda Zukowski, Director of Corporate and Foundation Relations, and Bill Burke, Director of the John Randolph Haynes Foundation. Linda will focus on steps needed for LOI's, developing the relationship with foundation etc. Bill Burke will discuss the foundation's general research grants programs and the USC submission process. Event: Visit with Alan Schafer, scientist and entrepreneur. When: Oct 17 Where: To be determined
foundation grant seeking. Lunch will be provided.	Where: To be determined Description: Details to be announced soon!

The USC Office of Research offers faculty, postdoctoral fellows, and research administrators a wide range of information on funding sources for research and other scholarly projects. For more information check *http://research.usc.edu/about/vp/*

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POSTDOCTORAL ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE COUNCIL 2013-2014

The members of the Executive Council are involved in organizing social and professional development events for the postdoctoral community at USC.



Dr. Nasir Bhanpuri, Professional Development Chair He is a postdoctoral research associate in the department of biomedical engineering. He is investigating electrical brain stimulation in children with movement disorders in order to improve the understanding and treatment of individuals with brain injury.



Dr. Helty Adisetiyo, HSC Networking Chair She is a CIRM postdoctoral fellow in Dr. Baruch Frenkel's lab at the clinical sciences building. She is investigating the role of transcription factor Runx2 in prostate cancer and bone remodeling.



Dr. Manku Rana, Public Relations Chair She is a TREET postdoctoral fellow in Applied Mathematical Physiology Lab in the department of Biokinesiology and Physical Therapy. She is working on identifying surrogate measures for the urological chronic pelvic pain syndrome.



Dr. Linhong Zhu, ISI Rep She is a postdoctoral fellow research associate at Information Sciences Institute. Her work focuses on getting a better understanding of what social interaction relations.



Dr. Tao Kwan, HRI Rep She is a Postdoc at the House Research Institute. Her projects focus on development aspects of cell cycle regulation and epigenetic modifications of gene regulation as they relate to the inner ear, hearing loss and regeneration.

Becoming a member of PDA Current Open position – PDA Secretary Email uscpda@usc.edu to become a council member.



Dr. Gilly Koritzky, Treasurer

She is a postdoctoral research associate in the lab of Dr. Antoine Bechara at the Brain and Creativity Institute. Her research focuses on decision-making and other cognitive factors related to overeating and obesity.



Dr. Timotei Centea, UPC Networking Chair He is a postdoctoral scholar research associate at Mork Family department of Chemical Engineering and Material Sciences. He is working on sustainable manufacturing using out-ofautoclave processing.

Dr. Jiang Liu, IT Chair

He is a postdoctoral research fellow in Dr. Subramanyam's lab at the Norris Comprehensive Cancer Center. His research focuses on vasculogenesis and anti-vascular therapy for lung cancer.

Dr. Prapti Gautam, CHLA Rep

She studies brain development during childhood and adolescence. She has been investigating brain functional activation changes during development and how this process is altered in those with prenatal alcohol exposure.

Dr. Patricia Lee King, HSS Rep

She is a postdoctoral scholar in the School of Social Work. Her research looks at women's mental and behavioral health in pregnancy and new motherhood and evaluates related services for vulnerable women.

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