

## Postdoc Association (PDA) Meeting - Monday, June 12, 2023

Attendance (17): Felicia Moss, Shashi Singh, Shalini Verma, Jonnelle Edwards-Glenn, Imdadul Khan, Jeremy Didion, Eric Mosher, Sagar Regmi, Amra Ismail, Mohan, Andrius Tamosiunas, Nicole Wagner, Popular Pandey, Lenka Hromadkova, Bernadette Schneider, Sreelakshmi Vasudevan, Praveen Bellam

### Felicia Moss, **Director, Postdoctoral Affairs**

- Workshop on CV/Resume writing will be held on 9<sup>th</sup> June with Lisa Hebert via Zoom from noon - 1:30pm. Cost is \$225 for the 90-minute session. PDA voted to approve funding the workshop. (\$75 extra charge out of pocket if postdocs would like to meet one on one with the speaker at a later date). [RSVP here](#)
- During this summer months of June, July, and August, each Friday, there are 2 hours of sunshine time for postdocs. Take Two applies to postdocs, so enjoy summer in Cleveland!!
- Headshot photos were offered for postdocs on 8<sup>th</sup> June. Around 40 attended and images will be emailed in the coming weeks.
- Postdocs are invited to fill out the “[Postdoc Spotlight of the Month](#)” form, available on the PDA website. You or a PI can also nominate a postdoc! Our first Postdoc Spotlight, Shashi Singh, [appeared in the Daily](#) today!
- Discussed the importance of postdocs exit survey, working on designing the survey with the Benefit Committee.

### Shashi Singh, **Sr. Co-President**

- Welcomed the new committee and PDA members.
- Introduced himself and encouraged other PDA members to introduce themselves briefly about who they are and what kind of research they are conducting
- Imdadul Khan Will be acting as Secretary for the June 12<sup>th</sup> meeting. The PDA will then vote on allowing him to continue in the position, effectively waiving the requirement that the postdoc must have attended 6+ meetings in order to qualify for the Executive Board.
- Ashley Everett, representative on the Reproductive Health Task Force has left the university. We are looking for a volunteer replacement.

Ankit Sharma, **Jr. Co-President:** **Absent**

Lenka Hromadkova, **Treasurer**

No update

Jeremy Didion & Bernadette Schneider, **Benefits Committee**

- Discussed RTA bus passes and suggested that everyone agree on whether they want to get an RTA bus pass; the more people are in, the lower the price would be. Trying to determine options from Access Services on whether postdocs could get on staff, faculty, or student plans, or their own.

- All Postdoc Benefits Refresher on June 26<sup>th</sup> from 2-3pm. Email <mailto:postdoc@case.edu> to be added to the calendar invitation.

Sagar Regmi, **Immigration and Visa Committee**

- Talked about possible platforms to connect with postdocs regarding furniture or other items during initial settlement on the campus.
- Discussed the importance of visiting the PDA website by new postdocs to learn about the onboarding process.
- Discussed designing an onboarding packet for international postdocs on what to do once they land at the airport, transportation, SSN, furniture, bank accounts, cell phones, cultural connections, etc.

Eric Mosher, Popular Pandey, Maura McCall, **Professional Development Committee**

- Career Series talk with Sagar Shelake, Senior Scientist at Janssen Research and Development, will be held on July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023. [RSVP Here](#)

Eric Mosher reported the result of the Survey of Professional Development (total 33 people responded)

- \*Top most priority of the postdocs is grant writing. The SOM is working on a grant writing course that will hopefully start up in the Fall 2023 and would be open to any postdocs.
- More than 50% are interested in academic and industry professionals. Some are interested in government labs.
- People are interested in finding funds, writing grants, and getting a job: searching, negotiating, CV writing, and teaching.
- Some are interested in Journal clubs: discussing career articles, nature, sciences, and LinkedIn articles.
- Some are interested in research on Teaching and learning.
- Not so much response on active writing accountability.
- One-day teaching workshop might be a good option for anyone who wants to get hands-on training arranged by UCITE.
- Physical proof/certificates could be provided on completion of workshops or series; then postdocs can share on LinkedIn or save for their records.
- Following the CV Workshop with Lisa Hebert on August 9<sup>th</sup>, hold an in-person roundtable peer review on CV/bio sketches
- Idea of a discussion group/online forum for similar career goals, training, development, or job hosting; Slack might be a good medium or Discord (for example, sharing teaching opportunities in campus/out campus)
- Open to both career and teaching journal club
  - Teaching: literature (undergrad level teaching)
- Part-time teaching opportunity: For international students, teaching classes might be included in the contract at CWRU, but not sure they can teach at other schools like

Cleveland State or John Carroll. The committee will work with UCITE to have a session and get some resources on teaching.

Ankit Sharma and Jonnelle Edwards-Glenn, **Public Relations Committee**

- Pawan Tripathi will be out July Postdoc Spotlight and Ankit Sharma will be August.

Ankit Sharma and Jonnelle Edwards-Glenn, The Daily, Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn: **Social Media Ambassadors**

- No update

Shalini Verma, **Social Activities Committee**

- Suggested to headcount first for better arrangement of picnic.
- Shalini visited Edgewater Park, which is beautiful and we could rent a pavilion. Discussed renting a shuttle or carpooling. There is a bus stop right in front of the park.
- Felicia and Shalini will work on planning the picnic.

Sreelakshmi Vasudevan and Amra Ismail, **Women's Affairs Committee**

- Seminar on "Work-Life Balance and Progression Into A Faculty Career" will be held on June 22nd by a panel of four recently hired assistant professors. [RSVP here](#)

### **Faculty Senate Committee**

No summer meetings of the Faculty Senate Committees.

Eric Mosher, **Campus Planning, Facilities, and Space**

Jeremy Didion, **Graduate Studies**

Maura McCall, **Information and Communications Technology**

Shashi Singh, **Main Faculty Senate and Intercouncil Leadership**

Volodymyr Stetsenko, **Minority Affairs**

Sagar Regmi, **Research**

Popular Pandey, **University Libraries**

Nicole Wagner, **Women Faculty**

Jonnelle Edwards-Glenn, **Ad hoc Committee; University Media and Social Media Safety and Protection Plan**