Hi postdocs,

Here is what we have for you in February:

• Social events by USC PDA

Also, featured in this newsletter:

• Events around Los Angeles and USC
• Publication opportunities
• Funding and job opportunities
• Featured postdocs: Lisa Walter & Joanna Smeeton
• Survey by Keck Postdoctoral Affair
• Photos from our events in January

We hope to see you at one of our events! You can also find information about them in our public calendar.

Yours truly,

PDA Council
Networking and Social Events

**Coffee Hour** (every 1st Wednesday of the month):
*Next date:* February, 7th
*Locations:*
  - UPC: Illy's at the Annenberg building @ 2PM
  - HSC: Starbucks @ 2PM
  - CHLA: Aroma’s Cafe in the HBO Cafe @ 9.30AM

**Hike** (every 2nd Sunday of the month):
*Next date:* February, 25th @ 4PM
*Location:* Griffith Park Observatory.
*MeetUp website.*

**Happy Hour** (every last Thursday of the month)
*Next date:* February, 22nd
*Locations:*
  - UPC: Traditions on campus (3551 Trousdale Pkwy) @ 4PM
  - HSC: Edmondson Faculty Center (1969 Zonal Ave) @ 4PM
  - CHLA: Tiki Ti (4427 Sunset Blvd) @ 5PM
*Topic:* International postdocs and application to the green card for academic merit

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**Important information**

Congratulations to the winners of the USC Postdoctoral Travel Awards for Spring 2018:

David Hauser, Hans Oh, Maryam Abolfath-Beygi, Roy Mahua, Sara Gallant, James Dewey, Gali Weissberger, Chih-Hsiang (Jason) Yang, Theresa Stueve, Sangpil Yoon, Nagore Isabel Marin Ramos, Jeremy Mason, Alexandra Herrera, Mary Keeling, Hanliang Guo, Jae Kyun Kim!
Find below opportunities to add lines to your CV

Build your CV

Break the mold and enjoy a time out in and around Los Angeles

Events outside the lab

Planning, negotiating and advancement for a successful academic career
Attend this workshop organized by the Career Development Seminar Sessions and learn from Judy Garner about succeeding in academia. RSVP to Karen Kim by e-mail or phone (323-442-8281).

Time: Tuesday, Feb. 27th @ 9.00 am
Location: TBA

An Overview of Historic and Contemporary Drug Discovery and Development... In an Hour
For more information and RSVP click here.

Time: Monday, Feb. 12th @ 10.00 am
Location: Broad Conference Room

3rd Annual Bioscience Talent Connection
For more information and RSVP click here.

Time: Friday, Feb. 23rd @ 10.00 am
Location: USC Main Campus

Funding opportunities

The Bridge Art and Science Alliance (BASA) has opened its call for
proposals for art+science projects. Awards up to $5,000. For more information, see here.

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**Job Opportunities**

- **Assistant Professor of Animal Science** @ UC Davis
- **Professor of Carbon Engineering** @ University of Wyoming
- **Assistant or Associate Professor in Cell Biology** @ UPenn
- **Faculty Positions in Data Science** @ University of Delaware
- **Assistant/Associate Professor of Wildlife Disease Ecology** @ Texas A&M
- **Assistant or Associate Professor, Social Work** @ Whittier College
- **Assistant Professor Neurodegenerative Disease** @ UC San Diego
- **Assistant Professor of Gerontology** @ Cal State Long Beach
- **Assistant, Associate or Full Research Scientist** @ UC San Diego

*Want your job opening featured here? Send an e-mail with the reference to uscpda@usc.edu!*

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**Postdoc Publications**

*Journal of Postdoctoral Research (JPR)* is inviting research papers, reviews, methodologies, commentaries, perspectives, progress articles, and research highlights to be published in the upcoming issues of the journal. All articles receive a DOI within 24 h of publication. All manuscripts acknowledging an NIH grant will be deposited in PMC within 10 days of publishing.

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**FEATURED POSTDOCS**
Lisa A. Walter

Lisa A. Walter is onto her second postdoctoral research appointment at USC. She moved from Canada in 2014 to bring her expertise on glucosamine metabolism to Prof. Matthew R. Pratt's lab in the Department of Chemistry. Here she studied the impact of a post-translational protein modification called O-linked N-acetyl-glucosamine on breast cancer cell proliferation and survival. She is currently taking a program on Management of Drug Development and works at the School of Pharmacy with Prof. Daryl Davies on a project about alcohol use disorder in a pre-clinical environment. She also volunteers as Outreach & Marketing associate for Biotech Connection Los Angeles (BCLA).

Joanna Smeeton

Joanna Smeeton is a postdoctoral fellow in the Department of Stem Cell Biology and Regenerative Medicine (the Crump lab). Her current work is focused on arthritis, a debilitating and common joint disease. One reason for the high prevalence of arthritis is that human articular cartilage has poor regenerative capacity following injury. During her postdoc, she found that zebrafish have mammalian-like synovial joints and that, in contrast to mammals, these joints are highly regenerative in adults. Her long-term goal is to use the incredible regenerative properties of zebrafish to understand how to stimulate repair of joint cartilage and ligaments in arthritis patients.

Life as a postdoc: A commentary

Postdoc survey for career development opportunities
In order to plan career development seminars that will be suitable for your interests, Keck Postdoctoral Affair is asking you to take 5 minutes to fill in [this survey](mailto:uscpda@usc.edu). Thank you!

*If you would like to submit commentary for future newsletters, please email uscpda@usc.edu!*

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The awesome group at the monthly PDA hike in January!
Come and join us for the next hike on February, 25th! See above for more information.
Being social at the UPC Happy Hour!
Come and join us for the next happy hour on February, 22nd! See above for more information.
Learning about K awards in an informal setting at the HSC Happy Hour!
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