Hi postdocs,

This June, you have the opportunity to become a part of the 2018-2019 PDA board. Just come to one of our events:

- PDA BBQ: Join the council!
- PDA 2017-2018 Council Meeting: Passing the baton!
- Workshop on visa options for postdocs
- Coffee hour

Also, featured in this newsletter:

- Winners of the 3rd Annual USC Postdoc Scientific Symposium
- Events around Los Angeles and USC
- Featured postdocs: Roshonda Jones
- Job and funding opportunities
- Photos from USC PDA events

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
Last 2017-2018 PDA Council meeting

**Date:** June, 11th  
**Time:** 4.30 PM  
**Location:** HSC

Join us to evaluate the work of the 2017-2018 PDA Council meeting and **share your vision and give direction** for the upcoming academic year.

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Immigration Options for Postdocs: A survey of immigrant and nonimmigrant visa categories

**Date:** June, 20th  
**Time:** 5.00 PM  
**Location:** Michelson Center for Convergent Bioscience (MCB 101)

The USC PDA has invited specialists in immigration and national law to review the eligibility requirements for the most common immigration classifications and answer your questions! Food and drinks will be provided by USC PDA.

**Eileen Chun Fruto & Lucy Avedissian**

Learn more about our speakers [here](#).
**PDA B-B-Q:**
Get your grill on!

**Date:** June, 28th  
**Time:** 4 PM  
**Location:** TRF BBQ Pit  
(3430 S. Vermont Ave.)

Chat with the outgoing PDA council members about how you can contribute to the postdoc community in the 2018-2019 academic year, while enjoying some old-school BBQ joys (vegan options will be made available).

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**Networking and Social Events**

**Coffee Hour** (every 1st Wednesday of the month):  
**Next date:** June, 6th  
**Locations:**  
- UPC: Illy's at the Annenberg building @ 2 PM  
- HSC: Starbucks @ 2PM  
- CHLA: Aroma's Cafe in the HBO Cafe @ 9.30 AM
The 3rd Annual USC Postdoctoral Scientific Symposium was huge success with postdoc coming from all campuses to showcase their research.

Congratulations to the winners!

**Oral Presentations**
- 1st place - Joanna Smeeton
- 2nd place - Alexis Coulourides Kogan
- 3rd place - James Bradley

**Poster Presentations**
- Helen Lee, Ning Li, Angana Ray, Sheraz Khoja

**Special thanks to the industry judges:**
- Parker Lee, PhD (Research Scientist at Beyond Meat), Jethro Hu, MD (Clinician at Cedars-Sinai), Fernando Garces, PhD (Research Scientist at Amgen)
Alternative Ph.D. Careers
Learn about jobs in the life sciences from Toby Freeman, a recruiter and book author. For more information, see the flyer.

**Time:** July, 17th @ 12.00 pm  
**Location:** NTT LG 503/504

Byte of Science: "Sex, Drugs, and Junk Food: The Neurobiology of Desire"
How can the science of addiction help with understanding overeating? Alisa Kosheleff will share her vision on addiction, food consumption and the brain. More information here.

**Time:** June, 6th @ 7.00 pm  
**Location:** Wurstküche Venice (625 Lincoln Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90291)

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Funding opportunities

**STAT** is looking for its 2018 class of STAT Wunderkinds, an award designed to recognize the work of post-docs/fellows and other scientists who have finished their degrees but who are not yet independent. The deadline to enter is June 30. Self-nomination is welcome. For more information, go here.
Looking for funding possibilities? Check out these resources from USC!

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**Job Opportunities**

Principal Scientist at Grifols - [apply here](#)

*Want your job posting featured here? Send an e-mail to uscpda@usc.edu!*

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**FEATURED POSTDOCS**

![Roshonda Jones](image)

**Roshonda Jones**

Roshonda is a Postdoctoral Scholar in the Department of Preventive Medicine at the University of Southern California and she received her PhD in Bioinformatics and Computational Biology from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. As a part of her doctoral dissertation research, she analyzed complex microbiome sequencing data to identify microbes and microbial gene pathways in the human gut that are associated with disease states or external factors such as diet. She is currently a part of the Childhood Obesity Research Center (CORC) where she uses her expertise in bioinformatics to identify clinical markers of obesity and metabolic disease. More precisely, Roshonda coordinates a longitudinal study to determine the impact of breast milk sugars and mothers’ consumption of dietary sugars on the development of the gut microbiome in breastfed Hispanic infants. This research will provide insights into the development and prevention of chronic illnesses among vulnerable segments of the population. Roshonda’s long-term goal is to determine how modification of the microbiome during infancy and childhood through diet and probiotic administration can be used to prevent, diagnose, and treat children who are suffering from metabolic disorders.
Go Dodgers! USC PDA supporting the local baseball team in their game against the Phillies.