Hi Postdocs,

We have plenty of events lined for you in May- 2019.

1. Coffee Hour (CHLA-8th May, UPC/HSC 15th May)
2. Cross Campus hike at Temescal Canyon Trail (19 May)
3. PDA Yoga and Power hour
4. Meet with a lawyer for your vISA/ Green card questions (17th May)
5. Los Angeles Postdoc Cross Campus Symposium (Submit your abstract before 10th May)
6. Join PDA team for the academic year 2019-2020
7. Bioinformatics sessions (UPC 8th May)
Networking and Social Events

Coffee Hour: Please note the changes in date and venue at UPC and HSC.

Next date:

CHLA: May 8th
UPC and HSC: May 15th

Locations:
- UPC: Starbucks near Lyon center @ 2:00 PM
- HSC: Starbucks @ 2:00 PM
- CHLA: Aroma's Cafe at HBO Cafe @ 9.30 AM

Cross-campus hike at Temescal Canyon Trail

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Date and Time: May 19; 10:45 am – 2 pm
Location: Temescal Canyon Trail; 15601 Sunset Blvd, Pacific Palisades, CA 90272
Schedule:
10:45 am – Meet up with Coach Kevin Robinson at Will Rogers State Historic Park near the polo grounds

Required information: To promote a healthier lifestyle, Coach Kevin Robinson will be hosting a hike at for all interested post-doctorates. Put on your hiking shoes and grab your water bottles and let's hike up Temescal Canyon Trail! This trail is rated moderate, so please be careful if you haven't
hiked a lot. Parking is available on site for $7, and there is free parking available near Temescal Canyon Road and Sunset Blvd.

Please confirm your spot here:


Password is: USC-TEMESCAL

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**Cross Campus Hike at Temescal Canyon Trail - with Coach Kevin Robinson**

19th May
10:45 AM – 2:00 PM

Temescal Canyon Trail
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Pacific Palisades, CA
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**PDA Power hour and Yoga**

Power Hour @ UPC
When: Every Monday and Wednesday
Time: 12:00 pm-1:00 pm
Where: PE building at UPC and/or IM track
Contact: Coach Kevin Robinson  kevinrob@usc.edu

Yoga @ HSC
When: Every Monday
Time: 5:00 pm- 6:00 pm
Contact: Please follow the FB link

Power Hour
WHEN: Every Monday and Wednesday at noon
WHERE: Either on the track (Cromwell Track and Field) or on the top floor of the physical education building

Work Out & Feel Great
Email kevinrob@usc.edu for more information

Meet with a lawyer for your VISA/Green Card questions

Visa Categories – A survey of immigrant and non-immigrant visa categories
Date and Time: May 17th, 2019; 12:30 pm – 2:30 pm
Location: Hedco Neurosciences Building Auditorium (HNB100); 3641 Watt Way, Los Angeles CA 90089
**Required information:**
The USC PDA will be hosting specialists in immigration and nationality law to review the eligibility requirements for the most common immigration classifications and answer your questions! Food and drink will be provided by the USC PDA.

**Biographies:**

**Lucy Avedissian**

Lucy Avedissian is a Specialist in Immigration and Nationality Law, as certified by the State Bar of California, Board of Legal Specialization. She is also a Commissioner with the Immigration and Nationality Law Advisory Committee of the State Bar. She has been practicing exclusively in the area of U.S. immigration laws since 1994. Most of her practice is in employment-based immigration, representing employers across various industries and their employees. She also represents highly accomplished foreign nationals who self-petition for classification as priority workers under the U.S. immigration law. She is a past Chair, and a current member of the Executive Committee of the Los Angeles County Bar Association, Immigration Law Section, a member of the American Immigration Lawyers Association, and has served the Southern California Chapter of that national association in several liaison positions. She practices out of Pasadena.

**Eileen Chun-Fruto**

Eileen Chun-Fruto has practiced immigration law for over 20 years, representing individuals and corporations in the entertainment, social media, finance, high tech, health and science, and liberal arts. Her clients include companies that are publicly traded in Europe and Asia as well as venture capital-backed start-ups in the U.S. Prior to establishing Chun Fruto Law, Eileen co-founded Fong & Chun, LLP in Hollywood and practiced with several nationally recognized immigration law firms. Eileen is currently Of Counsel to Komura & Ho, LLP, an immigration law firm with a practice focused on procuring work visas and green cards for individuals in the entertainment industries such as motion pictures, television, theater, sports, and modeling. Eileen is a California State Bar-Certified Specialist in Immigration and Nationality Law and was designated a Rising Star by Los Angeles Magazine. She has taught courses in Continuing Legal Education for the American Immigration Lawyers Association and the Los Angeles and Orange County Bar Associations.

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**Los Angeles Postdoc Cross Campus symposium**

Registration and abstract submission for the Inaugural Los Angeles Postdoctoral Research Symposium are now open. The symposium will take place on Thursday, June 6th, 2019 at the California NanoSystems Institute (UCLA).
If you are interested in attending the event, please RSVP using the link below:
https://www.eventbrite.com/e/inaugural-los-angeles-postdoctoral-research-symposium-registration-60439014720

If you are also interested in presenting your work at the symposium, here are some guidelines for abstract submission:

- We are accepting submissions of abstracts for one of 2 presentation formats: short Ted-style talk (~10 minutes) or poster presentation. In the Eventbrite registration link above you will be able to select your preferred presentation format and submit a title and abstract.
- Abstracts should 250 words or less. The format of abstracts for talks should be as general as possible to target a large audience, whereas abstracts for posters can be more specific to a target/expert audience.
- Abstract submission deadline will be on **May 10th, 2019**.
- Abstracts will then be reviewed by the symposium executive committee and you will receive a notification of abstract acceptance by **May 16th, 2019**.
- We will do our best to accept as many abstracts as possible (with a maximum of 15 talks and 30 posters) while privileging representation from different disciplines and from different campuses.

Note that abstract submission is not required at the time of registration, so since spaces are limited, we recommend that you register on the Eventbrite page ASAP to secure your spot and indicate whether or not you are interested in presenting, and you can come back to edit the registration form and submit your title and abstract later on.

If you have any question, feel free to email us at PostdocSymposiumLA@gmail.com or check our website (https://sites.google.com/view/la-postdoc-symposium-2019).

Also, we are looking for volunteers to help manage the symposium. We are looking for volunteers to help with day of event responsibilities. Such responsibilities would include: setting up equipment, cleaning up equipment, information and guide volunteers, and poster volunteers (ensuring posters are set up and that all equipment are
present). If you would like to gain valuable experience organizing an academic symposium, please send an email to PostdocSymposiumLA@gmail.com, specifying what you would like to help with!

Hoping to see many of you there!
INAUGURAL LOS ANGELES POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM

Presented by the Postdoctoral Associations of UCLA, USC and Caltech

JUNE 6TH 2019 : 9.00AM - 5.30PM
CALIFORNIA NANOSYSTEMS INSTITUTE, UCLA

Join postdoctoral associates from around Los Angeles to learn more about the research strengths of our city. The symposium offers a platform to foster collaborations, promote networking, and facilitate career development. Visit our website for more information and to RSVP:

https://sites.google.com/view/la-postdoc-symposium-2019
Council Election Callout

PDA is looking for new team members.

The PDA Needs You!

Would you like to take an active part in the PDA? Organize events and lean new skills?

If so this is your chance to get involved! Email: postdocs@usc.edu if you would like to join the executive council.
Dear Postdoc,

USC Library Bioinformatics Service is arranging seminars next month at UPC and HSC. You can grab an opportunity to learn how could you use their services for your research. Here are the details.

Subject: Find out how USC Libraries Bioinformatics Service can help your research!

Dear USC Postdoctoral Researchers:

Please join us for an informational session presented by the USC Libraries Bioinformatics Services:

University Park Campus Session
Time: Noon -- 1 pm, Wednesday, May 8, 2019
Location: Main Conference Room, Michelson Center for Convergent Bioscience

The session, titled “Bioinformatics Services at USC Libraries” will highlight the relevant bioinformatics resources and services available to researchers at USC, ranging from consultation and training, bioinformatics software, collaborative data analysis, computing resources, to grant application support. Come find out more about these bioinformatics services and how they can help enhance your research results and productivity.

Lunch will be served at the session. Please register your attendance at https://tinyurl.com/bioinfo-postdoc
Feel free to forward the link to anyone in your group interested in our bioinformatics support.

Best regards,

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