

Postdoctoral Scholars & Fellows Connect

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THIS MONTH'S FOCUS... DATA & DINE

The monthly newsletter for and by postdoctoral scholars and fellows at the Penn State Hershey College of Medicine.

Learn about the research being done by postdocs at the College of Medicine, workshops and seminars sponsored by the Office of Postdoctoral Affairs, upcoming Postdoctoral Society events, and fun activities in the community for the entire family. Feel free to forward any announcements or suggestions of content for future issues to Becky Moyer, rmoyer7@hmc.psu.edu.

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STUDENT EVENTS

JANUARY 2016:

January 20th, 2016—4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

SOCIETY MEETING—Room C1800 (Humanities Conference Room)

January 22nd, 2016—3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

"Improving Communication Skills for Professional Development"

January 25th, 2016

DATA & DINE Abstracts DUE

2016 Outstanding Faculty Mentor Award DUE

2016 Best Postdoctoral Scholar Award DUE

January 28th, 2016—3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

TIME MANAGEMENT with Susan R. Johnson, MD, MS

January 29th, 2016—1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

LIBRARY WORKSHOP: Getting Started with EndNote Web—Room C3860

January 29th, 2016—4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

SOCIAL EVENT—To be Determined

FEBRUARY 2016:

February 4th, 2016—12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Postdoc Lunch—Bring your own lunch to Dining Room B in the Cafeteria

February 23rd, 2016—12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. | Room C2860

Christopher Gordon—"An Animal Model to Study the role of a Sedentary Versus active lifestyle & Susceptibility to Air Pollution"

February 23rd, 2016—4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

DATA & DINE EVENT—The Hershey Country Club

MARCH 2016:

March 4th —Graduate Student Research Symposium

March 5th —Graduate Student Career Day

MAY 2016:

May 20th & 21st —University Park

Life Sciences Symposium—Keynote Speaker & Poster Session

Know Your Council Members

Jocelyn Myers,
Ph.D.
PRESIDENT

Heather Lehman,
Ph.D.
SECRETARY

Georgios Noutsios, Ph.D.
TREASURER

Kathleen Kokolus,
Ph.D.
SOCIAL EVENTS

The Office of Postdoctoral Affairs...

From the Director's desk...

The annual College of Medicine Postdoctoral Research Symposium "Data and Dine" will be held on February 23, 2016, from 4:00-7:00 pm at the Hershey Country Club. Data and Dine is an excellent opportunity to share your research accomplishments with the entire College of Medicine community. I highly encourage everyone to either present a poster or simply attend the symposium – this event is one of your most important networking opportunities of the year. The event is free, the Hershey Country Club is a beautiful venue with great food, and transportation to and from the event will be provided, so there is no excuse not to attend! In this issue, you will find information on poster abstract submissions, three of which will be chosen for "Best Poster" awards. You also can find information for the 2016 Best Post-Doc Award and the 2016 Outstanding Faculty Mentor award. Data and Dine will feature Dr. Christopher Gordon, Ph.D. from the Environmental Protection Agency as the invited keynote speaker. One-on-one meetings with Dr. Gordon are available for interested post-docs and faculty. So, plan your experiments to free up February 23rd for a few hours of scientific collaboration, and bring a colleague with you to Data and Dine!

Kristin A. Eckert



Pictured Above:
Kristin Eckert, Ph.D.



Pictured Above:
Becky Moyer

WORKSHOP

Enhancing English Skills for International Biomedical Professional (EESIBP). Pilot study being funded by Office of Faculty and Professional Development.

GOALS OF THE PROGRAM:

To support and enhance the career trajectory of international biomedical professionals on our Campus for whom enhancing their English skills would.

- ◇ Increase their ability to fully engage in and contribute to institutional mission
- ◇ Increase their ability to communicate effectively with the public & scientific community at large
- ◇ Increase their sense of belonging to the institutional intellectual community

We have partnered with EEPIC, the English for Professional Purposes Intercultural Center of the Department of Applied Linguistics at University Park.

"Improving Communication Skills for Professional Development"

January 22, 2016

3:30-5:00 p.m.

Anesthesia Library (C2860)

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

An Animal Model to Study the role of a Sedentary versus active lifestyle & Susceptibility to Air Pollution



About the Speaker...



Christopher Gordon received his Ph.D. degree in physiology from the University of Illinois-Urbana Champaign; and an M.S. degree in zoology and B.S. in biology from the University of Idaho. He currently holds the position of Research Physiologist in the Toxicity Assessment Division in the National Health Effects and Environmental Research Laboratory of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency located in Research Triangle Park, North Carolina. He has published a variety of papers and review articles in the fields of temperature regulation and toxicology. He also published a book in 1993 entitled "Temperature Regulation in Laboratory Rodents" and in 2005 entitled "Temperature and Toxicology: An Integrated, Comparative, and Environmental Approach". He and his wife Susie have two children, Kevin and Karen, and reside in Durham, North Carolina.

WHEN: Tuesday, February 23rd, 2016

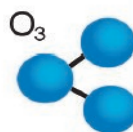
TIME: 12:00-1:00 pm

*Light Refreshments will be provided

WHERE: C2860 (Anesthesia Library)

For Registration, please contact Becky Moyer
at rmoyer7@hmc.psu.edu

*Please register by February 17th



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SAVE THE DATE

14th Annual Postdoctoral Research Symposium

DATA & DINE

Tuesday, February 23, 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.

The Hershey Country Club, Picard Pavilion

A combined hors d'oeuvres buffet and poster session to share our advances in biomedical research and for networking with fellow researchers and faculty members.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Christopher J. Gordon, Ph.D.

Research Physiologist Toxicity Assessment Division, U.S.
Environmental Protection Agency

To register contact Becky Moyer at
PostDocs@hmc.psu.edu



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Guidelines for Abstract Submissions

GUIDELINES FOR ABSTRACT SUBMISSIONS USING THE WORD TEMPLATE:

1. Highlight the entirety of the gray field area and enter the required information.
2. Abstracts can be either typed directly into the box or pasted from a word processing package.
NOTE: Check that any formatting applied to the original document is carried over in the template.

GUIDELINES FOR ABSTRACT SUBMISSIONS:

3. Margins: 1 inch for all four margins (top, bottom, left, right).
4. Font: Times New Roman, size 12 for the Identification Section and the body of the abstract. The title should be bold and underlined. Greek symbols may be used when applicable.
5. Identification: Postdoc's name, Co-Investigators, Department and Advisor's name should appear at the top left of the page (each on a different line, single line spacing).
6. Abstract title: Centered in bold and underlined. Leave one line in between the identification section and the abstract title.
7. Body of the abstract: Leave one line in between the title and the body of the abstract. The remainder of the page may be used. Do not exceed one page. Write one paragraph with a 0.5" indentation (first line only). Use single line spacing and justify both the right and left margin.

Monetary awards will be given to the best three posters presented. Please adhere to submission guidelines and email the completed abstract forms to Becky Moyer rmoyer7@hmc.psu.edu.

**The Deadline for Abstract Submission is
Monday, January 25th, 2016**

DATA & DINE

Call for Nominations

BEST POST-DOC 2016 AWARD APPLICATION

The Penn State Hershey Postdoctoral society will once again be presenting an award to the Best Post-Doc at the Data & Dine Research Symposium on February 23, 2016. If you would like to be considered for this award please contact Becky Moyer, rmoyer7@hmc.psu.edu, for application instructions.

All forms must be returned to Becky Moyer in the Office of Postdoctoral Affairs: rmoyer7@hmc.psu.edu. All applications must be received by January 25, 2016. Late applications will not be considered. A committee consisting of post-docs and faculty members will review applications. Each finalist's research advisor will be contacted to provide a written letter of recommendation due by February 9, 2016.

2016 OUTSTANDING FACULTY MENTOR AWARD

The Postdoctoral Society Steering Committee would like to recognize an outstanding faculty mentor at the **14th Annual Data and Dine**, which will be held this year at the **Hershey Country Club** on **February 23, 2016**, from **4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.**

Nominations for this award must be submitted by the postdoctoral trainee.

Awards are based on accomplishments during the faculty member's career as a mentor and a teacher.

To nominate a faculty member for this award, please submit the following information:

Nomination letter (from the postdoctoral trainee). Letter should include information about the number of postdoctoral trainees, researchers and graduate students who were mentored by the faculty member; and how her/his advice, sharing of knowledge, support, tutoring and sponsorship facilitated the development of postdoctoral scholars and fellows.

A current curriculum vitae for the nominee.

**Nominations should be submitted to Becky Moyer,
Office of Postdoctoral Affairs
(H117; PostDocs@hmc.psu.edu)
by Friday, January 25, 2016.**

TIME MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP

January 28th, 2016

12:00-1:00 p.m.:

Lecture Room A
(Room C4618)

*Bring your own bagged lunch

3:00-5:00 p.m.:

Recommended for
Postdocs & Grad Students
Room C3860

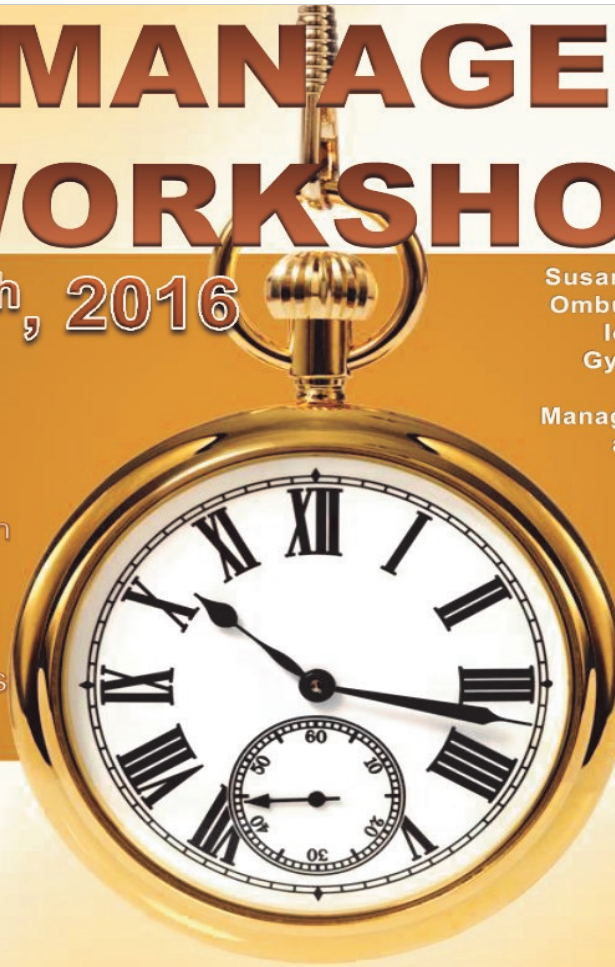
To Register, please
contact:

Becky Moyer at
rmoyer7@psu.edu

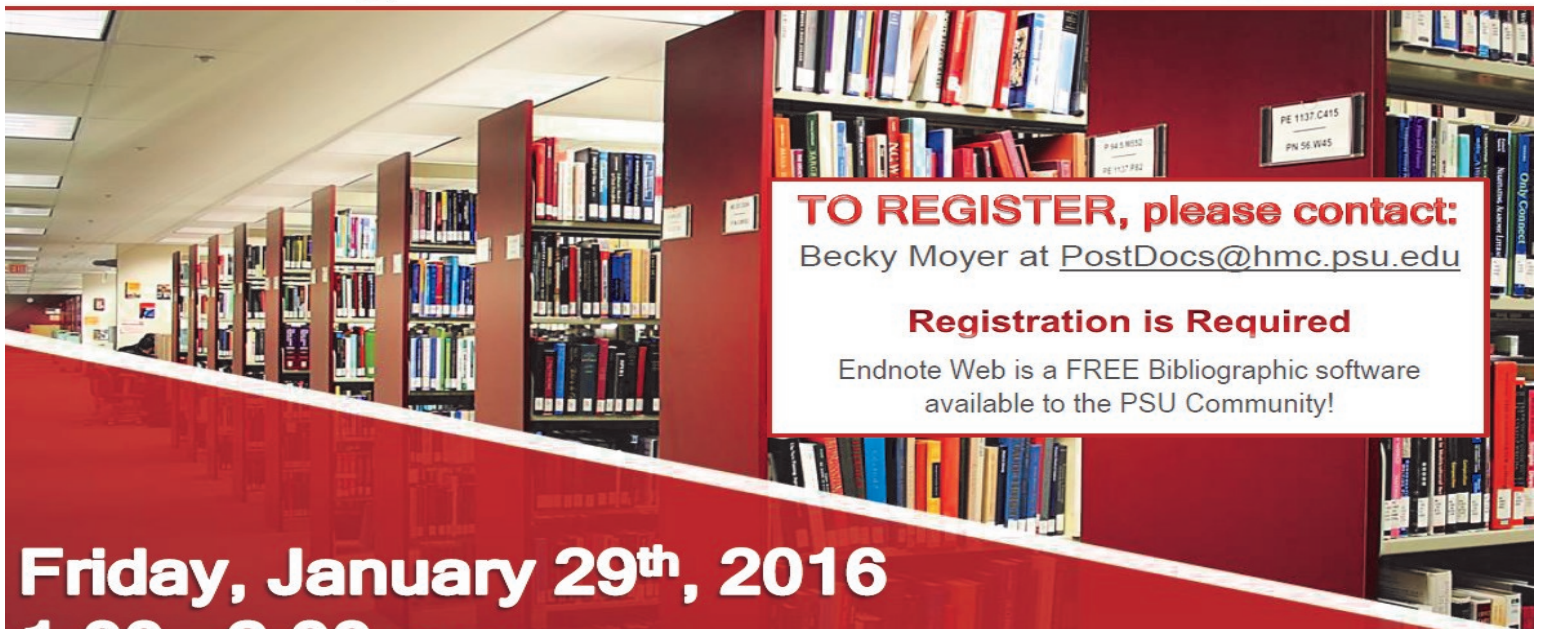
Susan Johnson, M.D., M.S., University
Ombudsperson from the University of
Iowa, Professor of Obstetrics and
Gynecology. Dr. Johnson is widely
recognized as an expert on Time
Management and gives invited talks to
academic institutions around the
country and for the AAMC.



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POSTDOCTORAL LIBRARY WORKSHOP: Getting Started with **EndNote** Web



TO REGISTER, please contact:

Becky Moyer at PostDocs@hmc.psu.edu

Registration is Required

Endnote Web is a FREE Bibliographic software
available to the PSU Community!

Friday, January 29th, 2016
1:00 - 2:00 p.m.
Room C3860

A Start-Up Guide will be provided 2 weeks prior.
Please bring your Laptops to this workshop.

Library Renovation...

The library renovation began during the month of December. Updated information on affected areas and progress will be available through the renovation blog.

<http://sites.psu.edu/harrellhsl/>

Did you know.....???

Career Development

The Harrell Health Sciences Library maintains a collection of books to assist with career development. Michael Verderame (Graduate Education) created the collection to assist graduate students in the College of Medicine. Exploring career options, information about academia and tenure, job searching, and popular non-fiction scientific books are some of the topics included in this collection.

All of the items in the collection are in the catalog through this link. <http://bit.ly/1HIUivJ> The books are located at the circulation desk and will remain there throughout the library renovation. They are available for a 2 week check out. Please ask someone at the circulation desk or me if you have questions.

Please contact Robyn Reed at rreed4@hmc.psu.edu if you have any questions.

Postdoc Spotlight



Jian Guan

I have been working in Prof. Susan Hafenstein's lab since 2011. My research activities include defining virus structures and virus-host cell receptor interactions on a structural level, using cryoEM 3-D reconstruction techniques and X-ray crystallography. I am the project leader for investigating mechanisms of antibody neutralization and receptor binding, and mapping the antigenic epitopes on the HPV capsid surface, which is collaborated with Prof. Neil Christensen's lab. Since joining the lab, I have published three papers on HPV by far: two first author papers published in *Virology*, and *Journal of Virology*, and one co-author paper published in *Journal of Virology*. My work on Structural comparison of four different antibodies interacting with human papillomavirus 16 was selected as highlight by the editor.

I got my Ph.D degree in 2009, majored in Bio-Medicine Nanomaterials at Jilin University in China where I was mentored by Prof. Wensheng Yang. I worked on preparation of nanoparticles and investigating their interaction with other biomolecule through biophysical techniques. I participated as staff or manager in several projects relevant to medicine with passion and teamwork, for example, development of Gold-labeled immunochromatography assay test strip for HBsAg, and invention of Automated Nucleic Acid Workstation. During this time, I published 5 papers and 1 national patent.

I grew up in North China in a sweet city. I love traveling and sports. I have already explored more than sixteen countries in Europe. I hope I have the chance to self-driving travel all around America. It will be a very exciting experience. I like playing basketball, but watching soccer games. I am the fanatical fan of Barcelona Club. I am a good Chinese Dish Chef. I have the confidence to cook the best Fried Pork in Scoop in America, a little bit bragging (but my wife loves my dish more than me!) My favorite movies are *Interstellar* and *Inception*. I like science film.

My message to live by: Live with passion, and always put family first.

If you would like to be interviewed for a "Spotlight" of your Research in future issues, please contact

Katie Kokolus, kkokolus@hmc.psu.edu

What's In the Community?



Pennsylvania
Farm Show
Jan. 9-16, 2016

PA Farm Show Complex
and Expo Center
Harrisburg, PA

Jan. 9-16, 2016

Pennsylvania is proud to host the largest indoor agricultural exposition in the nation, with nearly 6,000 animals, 10,000 competitive exhibits and 300 commercial exhibits. Join us Jan. 9-16, 2016, to celebrate agriculture at the 100th Pennsylvania Farm Show.

Admission is free, parking is \$15.00.



January 15-17, 2016



Hershey Theatre

Times:

Friday: 10:30AM & 6:30PM

Saturday: 10:30AM, 2:00 & 5:30 PM

Sunday: 1:00 & 4:30 PM

close, interactive experience like you've never experienced before! You, the audience, are invited to dance as all of your favorite *Sesame Street* friends join you on the floor – dancing with fans of all ages! In addition to ongoing dance parties, Elmo uses his imagination to "Do the Robot," Cookie Monster teaches all 'feets' to dance, and Ernie shares the fun of dance with the *Sesame Street* favorite "Shake Your Head One Time."

Favorite friends join the audience on the floor – dancing *with* fans, not just for them. It's *Sesame Street Live* like you've never experienced it before!

Admission: \$18.00, \$26.00, \$35.00 & 62.00

Call 717-534-3405 for more details

Hosted by two live performers, *Sesame Street Live* "Let's Dance!" offers an up-



March 3-4, 2016
Harlem Globetrotters

Giant Center | 7:00 PM

The Harlem Globetrotters are preparing for their most epic tour in history, as the world famous team celebrates its 90th anniversary world tour, with over 320 games in North America alone. A star-studded roster will have fans on the edge of their seats to witness the ball handling wizardry, basketball artistry and one-of-a-kind family entertainment that thrills fans of all ages.

March 30-April 3, 2016



Location: Giant Center

Wednesday: 7:00PM; Thur.: 7:00PM;
Friday: 7:00PM; Saturday: 11:00AM,
3:00&7:00 PM; Sun: 1:00 & 4:30PM

It's one colossal party on ice, with all your favorite Disney friends at Disney On Ice presents Let's Celebrate!

Join Mickey Mouse, Minnie Mouse, Donald and Goofy as they celebrate a Very Merry Unbirthday Party with Alice and the Mad Hatter; a Royal Valentine's Day Ball with your favorite Disney Princesses. Come join the celebration you've been waiting for when *Disney On Ice presents Let's Celebrate!* skates into your hometown!