

UWPA General Assembly Notes

Mon, April 1, 2019 (9am): Loew 310

Attended		Cannot Attend
Julie Van De Weghe Rebecca Bluett Jason Coult Anna Ting	Ajasja Ljubetic Alexis Kaminski Alex White	Karla Herpoldt

Start time:

**1. Events Debrief – no follow-up req'd.**

- a. WA State Jr Science Competition (3.23.19)
- b. UW: Pranab K. Roy Chowdhury, Pearl Magala, Ayokunle Olanrewaju, Emily Shutsky, Anna Ting, & JCV  
Benaroya: Dr. Phillip Domeier  
Fred Hutch: Dr. Michael Birnbaum

Best turnout from UW in recent years. Didn't do poster prize this year. Event was posted on social media by Vanessa.

**2. Potential events (responses from newsletter). – Need ideas for/connections to possible speakers.**

- a. Personal branding workshop (academic and 'alt-ac'); including linkedin, resume/cv, and website. OPA interest? Leads on someone to lead workshop?

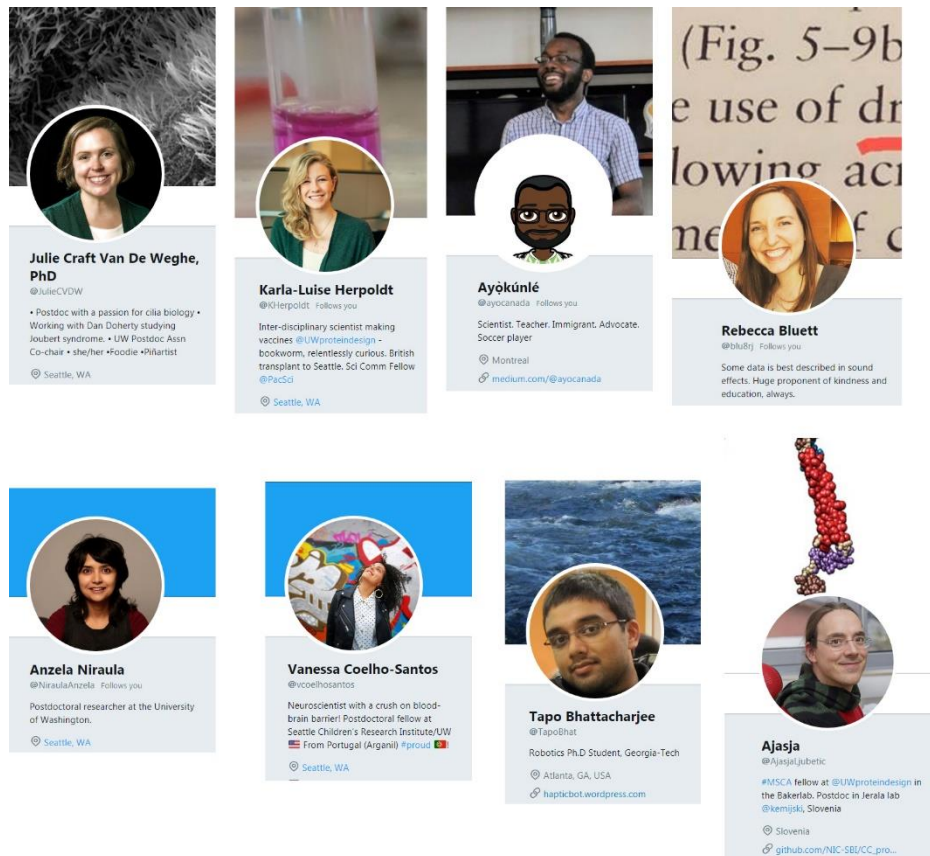
Alexis will look at her notes from OSU to see if the person who did a related workshop when she was there is someone we could potentially contact for this workshop.

**3. Newsletter – Everybody check if their PD friends would like their twitter highlighted. Ask for volunteers for twitter highlighting in newsletter. Add a link to info about OSU unionization in next newsletter (postdocs were included in faculty unionization).**

- a. Reminder about Postdoc Diversity Alliance's Diversity Statement Panel April 4, 3-5pm <https://sites.uw.edu/uwpda/2019/03/18/new-event-crafting-effective-diversity-statements-and-cover-letters/>
- b. Publication highlight?
- c. Any known awards/grants/jobs/PD to highlight?
- d. Google Doc of questions to have people highlighted for new careers included below. *Additions?*
  - i. JCV-> Have one interview ready for this newsletter (Meg Stockbridge- HS teacher) and sent questions to both Winnie Ho (now medical writer) and

Amy Stone (teaching Med school). **Please send out questions to anyone you know and we can stockpile them for slow release!**

e. PD to follow on twitter- volunteers? More I missed from the board?



#### 4. Website – **web team checking which links work. Add link to newsletters on website.**

- a. Some updates have been made.
  - i. Comments?
    1. Upcoming events needs updating!
      - a. Post flyers here (HH, board meetings...)
    2. Who we are--> needs updating with new pics (I've received 4 so far (Anzela, Constanze, Becca, & Vanessa) Please send along or we can find pics on interweb.
  - ii. Additions?
    1. Newsletter archive
    2. Update banner pic (to what?)
- c. Webmaster team: Manda (outgoing), Tapo (current); Constanze & Alexis (new)

#### 5. Research symposium

- a. Location: SLU Orin Smith? South Campus Center?
- b. Dates: May? [September during postdoc appreciation week.](#)
- c. From Anna (SLU Liaison) "For the Postdoc research symposium @ Orin Smith auditorium in UW SLU, I request a calendar of May. For now, May 30th is the only Thursday available from 9:30 to 6 pm. Do we only consider Thursday? June 6th (Thu) is also open."

So far, we're thinking short format talks plus a keynote or panel of "alt-ac" speakers. Then posters & snacks. Open to it if anybody has a different vision & wants to drive implementing it.

Anna & Julie are working on finding a room – need pricing/availability & to decide if do this at SLU or UW.

## 6. Parenting group updates

- a. Updates?

Several new members. Planning to organize a summer event, maybe just a morning coffee, or maybe a BBQ like last year, potentially at gasworks.

## 7. Union updates

- a. Union updates:

Teresa Mosqueda of Seattle City Council has taken an interest in the PD unionization. Scheduled a public working session for 4/3 where some postdocs & admin to speak. UW president's office asked to reschedule. Agreed with the expectation of making real progress quickly. [New meeting set for Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup> at the University Friend's Meeting House. NEED high attendance to keep pressure on admin.](#)

## 8. OPAL updates

- a. OPA updates: [April 24 meeting with Bill Mahoney](#)

## 9. Social Media updates

- a. FB: page (defunct) and group (active)- Should we delete page? [yes](#)
- b. Vanessa is our new social media chair!

[Anybody can post things of interest on the FB page](#)

## 10. Happy Hour / Coffee Hour updates

- a. Happy hour poster to go out online before
- b. Joint event with Seattle Children's maybe?
  - i. Vanessa (SCRI Liaison) talked with Christina Riley about a potential UW/SCRI happy hour on [June 7<sup>th</sup>](#). They can pay for food if we pay for alcohol. [We need clear guidelines about what we want to contribute.](#)

Perhaps do something like drink tickets so we have a little more control over expenditures.

- c. What happened to OTERs? Hutch United?
- d. Should we restart coffee morning?
- e. Andrew (Networking Chair)- do you need reimbursement from March HH?
  - i. Any pics perhaps from last HH?

#### **11. Updates from Peer Mentoring Group for K99 / K-awards**

- a. Updates: [Going well – one member just got a faculty position.](#)

#### **12. Updates from postdoc diversity alliance**

- a. Summer party? Don't want to clash
- b. Want to start mixers with biotech. UWPA used to have brown bag lunches in similar theme but they weren't very successful.

#### **13. AOB**

- a. Budget: \$3971.95
- b. Present for Kelly
  - i. Cherry tree?

#### **14. Next meeting**

- c. May 6<sup>th</sup> 4-5PM Loew 310

**Generic interview questions for UW postdocs that have moved on or people with interesting jobs we'd like to highlight in the newsletter/website**

**\*\*Add in salary ranges & perks\*\*\***

What UW department were you in and for how long?

Was this your first postdoc?

What position will you be taking and where?

Able to negotiate?

Anything unexpected you encountered on the job market?

Any tips for those pursuing a similar position?

Any general advice for new/current postdocs?

Now that you have a new position, are there any professional development workshops that you wish you'd have had as a postdoc?

What were you looking for in your postdoc? What did you gain that you weren't expecting?

What were/are you most excited for in your new position?

Looking back, what is something you wish you had known or wished someone had told you, about job search/application to help obtain your current job?