

UWPA General Assembly Notes
Mon, April 6, 2019 (9am): Loew 310

Attending	Unknown if Attending	Cannot Attend
Karla-Luise Herpoldt Rebecca Bluett Marcus Hooper Tapo Kim Meier Eric Lumsden Anna Ting		

Start time: 9:01am

1. Committee position updates

- a. Social media, webmaster?
 - i. Marcus – webmaster volunteer – Alexis and Tapo to connect more after the meeting
 - ii. Eric – interested in participating and doing what he can ; he has previous volunteer experience from his grad school days.

2. Events Updates

- a. Should we do virtual happy hour this month?
 - i. People come to the in-person happy hours for free beer; would people come to virtual one?
 - ii. Some participation but with existing groups... can make zoom link and put it in newsletter
- b. Should we do a virtual coffee hour this month?
 - i. This gives us an event during the work day.
- c. Let's try to do both virtual coffee and virtual happy hour.
- d. Should we plan a spring virtual parenting event? We can reach out and see if there's any interest.
 - i. Maybe a virtual parenting event? We can reach out and see if there's any interest.

- e. Early planning for the fall symposium – we probably want to book the room now.
- f. E-life webinar series – talks from early career researchers who couldn't present their talks in person
- g. What about a virtual postdoc symposium? This could be talks, or posters, single powerpoint slides, “graphical abstract” or elevator pitch slides – several options here.

3. Newsletter

- a. Let's start generating a zoom link for the next month's meeting & putting it in the newsletter. Can we also generate a “add to your calendar” link for it that will include the zoom link for people in their calendar event?
- b. We should really focus on online things this month.
- c. Any publication highlights or known awards/grants/jobs/professional development opportunities to highlight?
- d. Google Doc of questions to have people highlighted for new careers included below. *Additions?*
 - i. Please send out questions to anyone you know and we can stockpile them for slow release!
- e. PD to follow on twitter- volunteers? We could also start doing other UW twitter things that are good resources for PDs.
- f. One good link: Mental Health Wellness Tips for Quarantine: <http://www.sfu.ca/olc/blog/my-ssp/mental-health-wellness-tips-quarantine?fbclid=IwAR1C2QbH83u0zvDT9nnqPJZHv5tOBStsgOhFerN2f3SWQA-Oam3ZQVCkhK0>
- g. Bill Mahoney reached out a few weeks ago – is there a postdoc slack? Highlight in newsletter

4. Website

- a. No website-specific updates, but the Twitter feed is looking great! Should we repost to slack?

5. UW library research impact reporting

- a. UW libraries are trying to get an idea of how postdocs view and report the impact of our work, with the goal of developing additional resources for us (and other academics).
 - i. They generate a report about types of things citing your work, what books work appears in, etc.
 - ii. Rebecca chatted with them and said it was really interesting.

- iii. How do you prove your work is impactful/important?
Communicating to broader community?
 - iv. The aim is to figure out what kinds of tools to acquire/develop to help us do that.
 - v. There was some discussion of Bioarxiv as well.
- b. They may ask us to send out a survey to our listserv at some point
- c. I asked if they would be interested in giving some kind of talk about the resources they have available to PDs & the results of their findings & they seemed very interested - likely Fall. Could be a specific event (demonstrating your impact during a job search) or part of the research symposium.
- d. Consider adding to the resources page of the website:

We have a Scholarly Publishing Outreach Librarian, [Liz Bedford](#) (ebedford@uw.edu), who can answer questions about scholarly publishing. The UW Libraries [Scholarly Communications and Publishing Department](#) is available to postdoctoral researchers and can help with scholarly publishing, copyright, repositories, open access, and any other related topics.

6. PDA

- a. Were going to have an event mid-April but now not
- b. Montgomery – writes a lot about mentorship, she was already visiting Biology and so was going to do a PDA event, but now not

7. Union updates

- a. There is a UW postdoc from China with expiring visa issues (30 day grace period up), is unable to get flight back home, has reached out to embassy and ISO, and is in limbo.
- b. We might include something in newsletter re: contract expiring and needing help, Union will support you, trying to connect people.
- c. Checking in re: contract appointments not being renewed (no news about that).
- d. There are potential issues with postdocs reaching the end of the five-year postdoc limit issues. Labor Relations is not giving straight answer yet, and the message is generally “postdocs should work with their departments”. It sounds like Labor Relations won’t stand in the way of a couple months’ extension due to covid.
- e. It sounds like UW/ISO being pretty helpful at this point, it’s more the government regulations that are the concern.

8. OPAL updates

- a. If we haven't had a meeting with OPA recently, we probably should soon.
- b. Anzela writes by email that she will schedule an OPAL meeting with Bill.

9. Social Media updates

- a. Twitter is pretty active right now, which is great!

10. Happy Hour updates

- a. Jason Coult will be joining Andrew Valentine as a happy hour host. Would it be helpful to have a sturdier/reusable sign?

11. Updates from postdoc diversity alliance

- a. None this month.

12. Parenting group updates

- a. None this month.

13. AOB

- a. Budget: \$5,084.84

14. Next meeting

- b. May 4th, 4-5PM Loew 310.