

August PDA Meeting

Monday, August 29th @ 10:00 AM

Main Conference Room, The Graduate School

In attendance

Doris Sande (President)
Karl Pardernik (President Elect)
Greer Artur (Communications)
Ashley Elias (Communications)
Erica Rutter
Kurt Shab (Social)
Andrew Arnold (Social)
Farzad Rezaei
Ahmed Mohamed
Laura Demarse (Assistant Dean)
Nicole Ditillo (GA)

Meeting Minutes

- Update on [Postdoc Appreciation Week \(PDAW\)](#) - September 19-23
 - Tentative Schedule
 - Monday, September 19
 - Kick off breakfast (8:30-10AM, Location TBD)
 - James Wilde Visit (11:30AM-1:30PM, Graduate School Conference Room)
 - Tuesday, September 20
 - September PDA Meeting
 - NCMNS Science Talks (11AM - 1PM, NCMNS)
 - Wednesday, September 21
 - NCMNS Science Talks (11AM - 1PM, NCMNS)
 - International Postdoc Potluck (6-9PM, ES King Common Room)
 - Thursday, September 22
 - NCMNS Science Talks (11AM - 1PM, NCMNS)
 - Friday, September 23
 - NCMNS Science Talks (11AM - 1PM, NCMNS)
 - Postdoc Happy Hour
 - Science Talks at NCMNS
 - Science Talks are 10-minute, TED-style talks that provide an opportunity for scientists to step out from behind a lab bench and onto the public stage. Scientists are challenged to make their research accessible to a public audience across a wide range of ages, backgrounds, and scientific knowledge. This is a great opportunity for postdocs to communicate the

broader impact of their science to the public, and to build their outreach portfolio for NSF research grants.

- Postdoc Magazine (Greer Arthur)
 - The Postdoc Magazine will be a regular quarterly publication, written by postdocs, for postdocs
 - We have some articles from postdocs across the University but we are looking for more
 - Articles can be about postdoc research
 - Articles can also be about other topics of interest, such as maintaining work-life balance, etc.
- Update on FSLA (Laura)
- Laura is transitioning to Assistant Dean of Professional Development
 - Still running OPA but also transitioning into her Assistant Dean role until the end of the semester
 - Transitioning out at the end of semester and hope to have an OPA Director hired by then
- PDA Meeting time
 - Morning time works better
 - The Graduate School conference room seems to work best for parking and available space
 - Aim for a consistent day and time, third week of the month