

**October PDA Meeting
October 18, 2017
Witherspoon 201**

Meeting Attendance

- Rebecca Davis
- Erin Sproul
- Deepika Saini
- Liangming Zeng
- Theresa C. Guillette
- Catherine Zhang
- Erica Rutter
- Melanie Hedgespeth
- Benjamin Wehmeyer
- Camilo Mora
- Tahira Pirzada
- Melina Florez-Cuadros
- Ismaeel Muhamed
- Solomon Ghezehe
- Tahmid Latif
- Mohammad-Amir Aghaee
- Deepti Pradhan
- Rishi Aryal
- Shilpa Sivashankar
- Kurt Schab
- Eduardo Hatano
- Nicole Ditillo

Meeting Agenda

- Meeting called to order by Kurt
- PDA Roles: build community of post docs, connect post docs with opportunities, act as a voice for post docs on campus (policy changes etc)
- Introduction of officers
- Peer scholars program: Jennifer Garrett
 1. Peer Scholars Event Series- on NCSU Library website
 2. Developed 2017. Previously had offered workshops especially on research tool topics, early career researchers as target audience. Feedback post docs and grad students want to learn from their peers. So offer opportunities to learn from peers. Broad topics. Audience: post docs, grad students, faculty generally. Some undergrads. Locations vary between libraries, as do times. Sessions are recorded.
 3. Upcoming topic schedule on website: Communicating your science. Previously done topics: Backwards design for lectures. Register online to attend upcoming events.
 4. Application form online for submission of topic ideas. Need student ID number. When accepted, you will be given a library partner who will take care of logistics (booking room, audio, video etc).

5. Honorarium: \$150 per talk. \$300 per workshop.
 6. Taking spring applications. Build your CV. Instructor experience.
 7. To find more information, library website: Get help- Workshops- Peer scholars on the left.
 8. Email Jennifer with questions.
- Post doc appreciation week Recap: Deepika Saini. PDAW is a nation-wide event. Our celebration involved a week of fun events. Free breakfast/social. Free ice cream social with pets. Bell tower tour. Inaugural bite-sized research talk. Happy hour. Will happen every year. Ideas for next year? Job fair, mock interviews, sports or games event, field day, talent show, hiking, family events: weekend event like a picnic or museum visit. Please volunteer if you'd like to help. Put email on the attendance sign-up sheet.
 - Nicole: Opportunities for Postdocs. Generally free. Programs for development.
 1. Industry Immersion Program run by Jason Cramer. Adult field trips to local employers to preview companies and make networking connections. 2
 2. Vanessa: Teaching and communications certificate. Workshops to develop communication and teaching skills. Preparing for the professoriate- year-long mentored program.
 3. Carissa: Writing and communication workshops. Example: thesis/ dissertation writing, responding to reviewer feedback.
 4. Please give workshop topic ideas to Nicole: How to write a statement of diversity
 - Social programs: Try to bring together post docs. Melanie will be the chair of the social committee. Facebook page for PDA. Happy hours, possible events for post docs with families like a zoo trip or hike or hike/brewery.
 - Post Doc Research Symposium: Nicole. Will be in May for 2018, but cannot do Tally as previously. Open to Duke, UNC, other universities in the area. Could do at NC Biotech Center. Previous components: Poster presentation, networking lunch, happy hour. Taking committee members. 5 people. Will meet once a month until the event to plan. Need nominations for poster judges. How much to involve other schools, how to get bigger speakers, offer lightning talks or oral presentations in addition to poster presentations?
 - Mock Interviews: Erin. Sent out email and registration link. 37 people responded. Greater demand than were prepared for. Tally Nov 14. Not specific to job field. Way to practice general interview questions asked in face-to-face interviews. Examples: Biggest strength, biggest weakness. Practice speaking concisely and being genuine. Practice asking questions of interviewer. Do 3 10-min sessions. Get tips and feedback. Still need more names of interviewers. Possible networking session before or after.
 - Grant writing workshops. From start to finish. Could be peers getting together for writing sessions, feedback. Could we do real-time webinars?
 - Professional name badges. Shilpa will organize.
 - Bite-sized Research series. Next Wed at 12pm. Free food.