**Faculty Panel: A Successful Postdoctoral Experience**

Marites Melancon, PhD, Assistant Professor Interventional Radiology  
Steven Millward, PhD, Assistant Professor Cancer Systems Imaging  
Hui Zhao, PhD, Assistant Professor Health Services Research

For this series we invite faculty members and others in academia to share remarks, advice, insights and strategies that can help postdocs maximize their postdoctoral experience.

**10/22/18**  
**AISS Special Session: Everyone’s favorite mistakes**  
Jean-luc Doumont, Principal, Principaie

Although as scientists, you can be models of rigor in your area of expertise, scientists and other rational minds often appear to abandon all logic in other aspects of their lives. As a result, they draw wrong conclusions and take suboptimal decisions that work against the interest of all involved. By unmasking typical incorrect reasonings at home and at work, this lecture will sharpen your critical thinking in every aspect of your life.

**10/26/18**  
**AISS Special Sessions: Pre-NatureJobs Career Expo Sessions**

Lauren Celano, Founder and CEO, Propel Careers

**NOTE LOCATION:** AT & T Auditorium B2.4750  
**Note Times**

1) How to Evaluate, Build and Highlight Transferable and Career Relevant Skills  
11a - Noon  
2) Becoming a Leader: Cultivating Leadership Skills for Career Success  
1:30p – 2p  
3) Overview of Career Opportunities in the Life Sciences Sector  
2:30p – 3p

**11/14/18**  
**What do you need to know about statistics?**  
Hui Zhao, PhD, Assistant Professor Health Services Research

In this session, which will be the first addressing statistics and experiment analysis, Dr. Zhao will share remarks, advice, and provide insights and strategies that can help them optimize their experiment analysis and statistical methods.

**12/12/18**  
**Bioinformatics & computational biology in research and collaborations**  
John Weinstein, PhD, Chair and Prof., Bioinformatics & Computational Biology

In this session Dr. Weinstein will share remarks, advice, and provide insights and strategies that can help them learn about bioinformatics resources and identify opportunities within their own projects to seek collaborations with data scientists.

**1/16/19**  
**A Note to My Younger Self**  
Keri Schadler, PhD, Assistant Professor, Pediatrics – Research  
Rajat Bhattacharya, PhD, Assistant Professor, Surgical Oncology - Research  
Peiying Yang, PhD. Associate Professor, Integrative Medicine Research  
Khalid Mohamedali, PhD, Assistant Professor, Experimental Therapeutics

Three research faculty members share personal and career insights they would share with their younger selves to maximize their postdoc experience and make their personal and professional lives even more satisfying and productive.

**2/06/19**  
**AISS Special: Our journey from the bench to business**  
Maurice Y.F. Shen, PhD, Head of Academic Relations, BenchSci

**NOTE LOCATION:** Mendelsohn Faculty Center 1st Floor – FC1.2002

Dr. Shen will his story about how the BenchSci team went from a bunch of grad students meeting in a cafeteria to running a venture-funded company, and will provide some tips and advice for those interested in exploring entrepreneurship as an alternative career for PhDs.
2/20/19   Leadership Workshop  
Mauro Ferrari, PhD, President & CEO, Houston Methodist Research Institute  
Ernest Cockrell Jr. Presidential Distinguished Chair  
Drawing from experience, Dr. Ferrari will provide executive insights into developing our individual pathways to serving others. He will discuss 1) how we find our greatness; 2) refusing to die; 3) identifying the source of energy and 4) the final secret.

3/6/19   Emotional Intelligence and Leadership Training during your postdoc.  
Courtney Holladay, Executive Director, Leadership Institute  
In this session postdocs will gain awareness into how emotional intelligence can increase your effectiveness in the workplace. After the seminar, postdocs will be able to identify key practices that can build your skills in this area for long term impact.

4/17/19   Surviving in Science  
Isaiah J. Fidler, DVM, PhD, Professor, Cancer Biology  
Dr. Fidler discusses challenges he faced when starting his independent scientist position in academia.

5/15/19   The Fusion of Research and Education  
Shivas Amin, PhD, Associate Professor, University of St. Thomas  
In this session, Dr. Amin shares words of wisdom about entering the world of teaching from a postdoctoral fellowship. He will provide perspective on how to grow as an educator and share tips for turning part-time experience or visiting professorships into tenure track positions.

6/19/19   What are Chalk Talks and How to Prepare for One?  
Stephanie Watowich, PhD, Professor, Dept. of Immunology, Co-Director of the Center for Inflammation and Cancer at MDACC  
Chalk talks are part of the interview process for a faculty position in which the future research plan is presented. In this session, Dr. Watowich will explain what a chalk talk is, how to prepare for one, and how to master it.

7/17/19   “How to Prepare and Submit a Research Article for Publication”  
Members of the Department of Scientific Publication share insights regarding writing your manuscript succinctly and coherently and for managing multiple authors.

Saturday, July 20   Inaugural Academic Research Career Symposium

8/07/19   Academic Insights Special Sessions on Entrepreneurship  
Life Science Innovation in Houston: Gaining Skills and Experiences to Complement Your Scientific Expertise  
Robert Williams, Director, Enventure and PhD Candidate, UTHealth

8/21/19   Recruitment Process Overview  
Norma Salinas, Sr. Recruiter Human Resources – Talent Recruitment  
Including an overview of the MD Anderson recruitment process, the speaker shares what happens after job applications are submitted, interview to-do and don’t-do and the differences between interviewing with a hiring manager and interviewing with HR.

3rd Wednesdays | Pickens 3rd Floor | FCT3.5001 | 2:00 – 3:30pm