CU Denver/Anschutz Postdoc Association Monthly Meeting August 14, 2017

Postdoc survey

- Annual survey
- State of the PDA annual survey seems like a good idea
- Maybe a place for all of the committee chair to ask questions?
 - > Keep everything in one place?
- Maybe have a set of standard questions so we can always keep track of that data
 - > Things about what are you going to? How have you heard about these things?
- Possible additional questions:
 - > How valuable do you think the PDA is?
 - > How did you hear about the PDA?
- Always an issue: difference between the PDO and the PDA...
- > Have someone at postdoc orientation to explain the difference between PDA and PDO

Anschutz Block Party

- Wednesday, September 13th
- Deadline to submit form to get a table is August 18
- Make your own thank you cards for people to give to their postdocs the following
- Popcorn and/or snacks
 - > Put popcorn in cute bags to make Hannah happy
- Wheel of responsibility!
- Can we supply our own tent?
 - > Follow up with Erin if we bought a tent
- Flyers about upcoming NPAW
- Flyers about what PDA does
 - > Follow up with Mark about this
- PDA swag
- Sign up for committees

Upcoming events

- Science at the Market

Wednesday, August 16th, 4-8pm

Dahlia Center for Health and Wellbeing Farmers Market

3401 Eudora St., Denver, CO 80207

Solar eclipse demonstration!

We still need more boxes! Cereal boxes and/or shoe boxes donations: please bring to 12th floor RC1 South

- National Postdoc Appreciation Week (NPAW): Sept 18 22
- Fall fundraiser: happy hour and trivia

Tuesday, August 29th at Lowry Beer Garden

Trivia starts at 8pm- recommended getting there around 7pm

Benefits The Bridge Project

- Will be \$5
- <u>August hike was yesterday</u> (8/13). In collaboration with Denver Museum of Nature and Science Young Professional's members and collection managers from the museum
- > Turn out was great! Lots of postdocs from Anschutz & Boulder. Good amount of people from DMNS

Next hike will be 9/9. Will continue working with the Boulder postdoc association. Location TBD.

Seminar Series

- Many slots are still open!!
- May have a new requirement to require travel awardees to present at seminar series
 - > Maybe give a presentation or write something in the PhD Post
 - > Helps b/c otherwise the travel award people would be holding a lot of spots
- Collab between seminar series and PDRD?
- > Selected speaker from last years' PDRD would be a selected speaker at PDRD or something
- > This could encourage more engagement with the seminar series, and also make people try to give broader, more accessible talks
 - > How to score this? Evaluations at talks?
- Use badge system to send out emails after talk?
 - > Bruce thinks we need to do it at the event
 - paper, other online things people can do on their phones
- "Please fill this out so we can continue to get food"
- Should we send out a best practices guidelines to seminar speakers?

PhD Post

- The PhD post is currently accepting submissions! Contact for more info:

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Elections

President: Hannah Hathaway
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Travel Award Chair: open!

Seminar Series Chairs: Rwik Sen and Dominique Reed (shadow chair)

Postdoc Engagement Chair: open!

Outreach Committee Chair: Sarah Farabi