

2019

December

Planning 2020 Dinner

STEM Club + Harvard STEM students

Meeting between postdocs and grad students to brainstorm ideas for STEM Club 2020

November

Postdoc/Student Mixer

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Casual meetup of postdocs and students at Russell House Tavern over food and drinks before the holiday break

October

Public Health Talk

Abigail McDaniel, MPH (Last Mile Health)

Despite recent medical and technological advances, the World Health Organization and World Bank reported in December 2017 that half the world lacks access to essential quality health services. Millions around the world are dying from preventable conditions each year without getting the care they need. Community Health Worker programs hold great potential for helping to save lives, increase access to health services and generate strong returns on investment. Abigail McDaniel, Senior Technical Adviser for Last Mile Health, will explore these topics with STEM Club, drawing on field experience across sub-Saharan Africa, as well as insights from serving as co-faculty on a HarvardX online course on Community Health Workers alongside Dr. Raj Panjabi, Last Mile Health CEO and Associate Physician at HMS.

September

The Ways of Academia

Professor John Johnson (Center for Astrophysics | Harvard & Smithsonian)

Professor Johnson will discuss the often hidden structures of academia, what various academic paths look like, and how one might think about their goals in order to better define success.

Writing Your Own Press Release

Dr. Bridget Queenan (Harvard Quantitative Biology)

In an increasingly connected social and professional landscape, Executive Director Queenan will guide us on how to control our own media presence.

August

The Truth of Academic Searches and Strategies for Success

Stephon Alexander (Brown and National Society of Black Physicists)

Brown Professor and NSBP President-Elect Stephon Alexander will unveil to us the secrets to success in the clandestine search process for the nation's "best" scholars.

July

"Practice Makes Perfect"

Lanell Williams (Harvard Physics)

We assist Physics Graduate Student Lanell Williams on her pioneering journey at Harvard by administering her Practice Oral Qualifying Exam (details at the bottom of this email). Please read/skim the attached [article](#) and each come up with 1-2 questions for Lanell. We will then provide feedback on how she passed and what could she have done better.

June

"A View of Quantum and Nanoscience from an Odd Perch: The Harvard Center for Nanoscale Systems"

William Wilson (Harvard CNS)

Dr. Wilson will give an overview of Quantum and Nanoscience Research in the Cambridge Community Driven by the Resources of the Center for Nanoscale System (CNS). Moreover, he will show that not all career arches need be conventional. Discussion will follow.

May

"Scientific Proposal Workshop"

Dr. Bridget Queenan (Harvard Quantitative Biology)

This workshop will outline major principles of scientific writing, best practices for writing grants, and strategies for writing faculty research proposals. Please bring a laptop and either a proposal/grant you're working on or some ideas for a proposal/grant. No one will see the document and we certainly will not edit line-by-line. Instead, we will discuss ways of framing your research program to get you funded/hired.

April

“Your FASPA connection”

Dr. Lindsay Hanford (Faculty of Arts & Sciences Postdoctoral Association)

Dr. Hanford will talk about resources available for postdocs, including upcoming events such as talks and happy hours. All postdocs are free to join.

“How to get a (real) job”

Dr. Bridget Queenan (Harvard Quantitative Biology)

Dr. Queenan will discuss strategies for identifying, apply to, getting and succeeding in non-academic positions. The conversation will include discussions of careers in science management & administration, scientific publishing/editing/writing, scientific consulting, and science policy.

March

Inaugural Dinner @ Legal Seafoods