The USC Postdoctoral Association and Office of Postdoctoral Affairs celebrate the 7th Annual National Postdoc Appreciation Week!

(check our mobile friendly website throughout the week for updates)

UPC, HSC, and CHLA events marked in different colors

Photo contest for postdocs - Compete for an iPad – See contest rules

Monday, 9.21.2015
9:30-11:30  Health Sciences Campus Postdoctoral Orientation
(HSC ZNI Herklotz Conference Room, 1st Floor)
Learn about your benefits and resources at USC.

10:30-11:30  Hear from award-winning faculty mentors during the mentoring panel.
Meet your fellow postdocs during the networking lunch scheduled after the orientation.

12:00-2:00  Lunch provided
2:00-3:00  Grant Writing Workshop
(HSC ZNI Herklotz Conference Room, 1st Floor)
led by grant recipients Mike Bienkowski, Kishore Challagundla, Michaela Patterson, and Erin Weber

Tuesday, 9.22.2015
9:30-10:30  Main Campus Postdoctoral Orientation
(UPC, University Club Scriptorium, 2nd Floor)
Learn about your benefits and resources at USC.

10:30-11:30  Hear from award-winning faculty mentors during the mentoring panel.
Meet your fellow postdocs during the networking lunch scheduled after the orientation.

12:00-2:00  Taco Tuesday Lunch
(At University Club patio)
1:30-4:00  Essentials of Public Speaking with Llewellyn Cox
(CHLA Smith Research Tower 200)
coffee, dessert, and parking validation provided
**Wednesday, 9.23.2015**
10:00-10:45 Mindful Meditation Workshop, led by Sindhu Shetty and Angie Mendoza
*(Engemann Student Health Center Trojan Conference Room 101, first floor)*

2:00-4:00 **International Postdoctoral Orientation**
We’ll cover immigration matters, American culture, communication barriers, transitioning and navigating life in the U.S.
Our speakers include representatives from The USC Office of International Services (OIS), USC Orientation, and the USC Postdoc Association (PDA)
The orientation will be followed by happy hour at USC Tradition’s (UPC).
*(UPC, TBD)*

2:00-4:00 **Alternative Careers Panel**
Are you wondering what other jobs are available to you if you leave academia? Join our us for a panel discussion with recent industry hires.
*(UPC, TBD)*

4:00 -7:00 Networking happy hour (drinks and appetizers provided)
*(USC Tradition’s)*

**Thursday, 9.24.2015**
10:00-10:45 Mindful Movement Workshop, led by Kim Lipkinski and Yervan Hadjian
*(UPC, ESH 101)*

12:00-2:00 How to Fund Your Research: Tips and Opportunities at NSF
*(Law and Social Sciences - UPC, Law School Building)*
Special Workshop by USC Center for Excellence in Research

6:00-7:30 Networking Cocktails party (BYOB)
*(Gamble House 4 Westmoreland Pl, Pasadena, CA 91103)*
*Compete for an iPad photo contest judging – See contest rules*

7:30-9:00 30th anniversary outdoor film screening of **Back to the Future II**
*(Gamble House)*
Friday, 9.25.2015
Trip to Catalina Island to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the USC Wrigley Marine Science Center on Catalina Island
Tentative program:
7:45 departure time. Snacks will be provided
9:15 estimated arrival at Catalina
9:30 – 12 Welcome by Dr. Roberta Marinelli, Ph.D., Director of the Wrigley Marine Science Center Overview of Wrigley Marine Science Center, lab tours (including Aquaponics and touch tanks), waterfront orientation and a nature hike.
12:00–1:00 A special BBQ lunch + BYOB
1:00–2:30 choose your activity: snorkeling, kayaking, hiking, or just relaxing
2:30– 3:15 Tour of USC Hyperbaric Chamber
3:30 departure for the mainland

USC NPAW 2015 Photo Contest Rules
Here is your chance to win one of our many prizes including the chance to win an iPad Air while having fun. The contest will begin Saturday, September 19, 2015 at 8:00am and will end Thursday, September 24, 2015 at 6:00pm
Here are the rules:
1. You must have a public Instagram account during the week of the contest, and you must follow @USCpostdocs
2. You must be current USC postdoc
3. Images can come from any type of camera but must be uploaded to Instagram.
4. Some use of filters and toning/color correction is allowed but not the addition or subtraction of any elements of the original photo.
5. Tag @USCpostdocs in the photo itself (not just the caption)
6. Use both hashtags #USCpostdoclife and #USCNPAW2015
7. Photos must be taken and posted between 8:00AM 9/19/15 and 6:00PM 9/24/15 (no reposting of old photos or other people’s photos)

The winning photo will be selected from the pool photos with most likes/engagement
“this might one the few times that the odds are in your favor”