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Office of Career Development

BRET EVENTS OF THE FORTNIGHT

Module Deadline: [ASPIRE Module: EQ+IQ=Career Success](#)

Applications due: Today! September 30

[ASPIRE Bistro for PhD Students:](#)

[The Next Step: Applying for a Postdoc or Your Post-Grad Job](#)

Wednesday, October 2 • 2:00pm • Light Hall 415

[ASPIRE Cafe for Postdoctoral Fellows:](#)

[K Awards: Which One is Right for You?](#)

Wednesday, October 9 • 2:00pm • Light Hall 350

[CV/Resume Drop-In Clinic](#)

Wednesdays • 12:30-1:30pm (*drop in anytime within the hour!*) • Light Hall 340

****Please note: Drop-In Clinic will be cancelled on October 9!****

[The Writing Studio Drop-In Hours](#)

Fridays • 2:00-4:00pm • Light Hall 433

ANNOUNCEMENTS



The Writing Studio will host their **Fall Dissertation Writing Retreat** on October 24-25 but the deadline to apply is October 4. Learn more [here](#).

[Vanderbilt Software Carpentries](#), a two-day boot camp scheduled for October 24-25, aims to help graduate students and other researchers get

their work done in less time and with less pain by teaching basic research computing skills.

The [Visiting Scientist Fellowship \(VSF\)](#) is an esteemed pharmaceutical industry-based program at Eli Lilly. This one-year program presents fellows with the opportunity to directly impact the business at Lilly through cross-functional exposure to drug development in an environment that fosters personal growth and professional development. Please note, this fellowship is not a lab-based postdoctoral position.

The [Presidential Management Fellows Program \(PMF\)](#) is a prestigious leadership development program designed to help advanced degree candidates and advanced degree holders enter a career in the US Federal Government. Selected PMF Finalists are eligible to work in a managerial/ administrative role (not research) at a range of government agencies. Applications only accepted between October 3-17, 2019. Learn more [here](#).

The [Open Notebook/Burroughs Wellcome Fund fellowship](#) now accepting applications . During the eight-month fellowship period, fellows will report and write six articles for publication at *The Open Notebook* —a mix of “story behind the story” interviews and reported features—with the guidance of a mentor who will help shape story ideas, provide reporting and writing guidance, edit final copy, and offer career-development mentoring.

The **NIH Loan Repayment Program (LRPs)** are a set of programs established by Congress and designed to recruit and retain highly qualified health professionals into biomedical and biobehavioral research careers. [You may qualify for this!](#)

BEYOND THE LAB



ASPIRE Beyond the Lab videos are YouTube videos of alumni interviews. Learn all the varied paths you can pursue with your PhD degree!

Today's video premiere features [Nora Sanchez, PhD](#), *Data Product Manager, Real World Data Operations, Data Projects and Strategy Foundation Medicine* .

[Watch the full video here.](#)

[See the complete Beyond the Lab archive, which includes 84 alumni video interviews.](#)

UPCOMING BRET EVENTS

Want to add these to your Google Calendar? Click [here](#) or [here](#).

CV/Resume Drop-In Clinic

Meet with a team member from the BRET Office of Career Development ASPIRE Program to review your CV, resume, biosketch, cover letter, or LinkedIn profile.

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Learn more here.

ASPIRE Bistro for PhD Students: The Next Step: Applying for a Postdoc or Your Post-Grad Job

Featuring Kathy Gould, PhD, Associate Dean for Biomedical Sciences

Wednesday, October 2

2:00pm

Light Hall 415



ASPIRE Cafe for Postdoctoral Fellows: K Awards: Which One is Right for You?

Featuring Abby Brown, PhD, Director, Outcomes Research, BRET

Wednesday, October 9

2:00pm

Light Hall 350



The Role of an Editor: A Career Path Talk

Featuring Manuel Breuer, PhD, Features and Reviews Editor, Journal of Cell Science

Monday, October 14

10:00am

Light Hall 214

[Register here.](#)



for PhD Students & Postdocs

ASPIRE Job Search Series:

Resumes/Industry CVs

Featuring Kim Petrie, PhD, Assistant Dean for Biomedical Career Development, ASPIRE Program

Wednesday, October 16

2:00pm

Light Hall 415



PhD Career Stories: Larry Thompson, PhD, Senior Principal Scientist, Pfizer

Friday, October 18

10:00am

Light Hall 214

Interested in a career in industry? Not sure but want to find out more about this field? Come hear Dr. Thompson as he discusses his role as Principal Scientist at Pfizer, how he got from Vanderbilt to where he is now, what his day is like, and what he enjoys most about his career.

[Register here.](#)

ASPIRE Job Search Series: Writing a Better Cover Letter

Featuring Kate Stuart, Assistant Director, ASPIRE Program

Wednesday, October 30

2:00pm

Light Hall 407

ASPIRE Bistro for PhD Students: Applying for Fellowships & NRSAs

Featuring Kim Petrie, PhD, Assistant Dean for Biomedical Career Development, ASPIRE Program

Wednesday, November 6

2:00pm

Light Hall 415

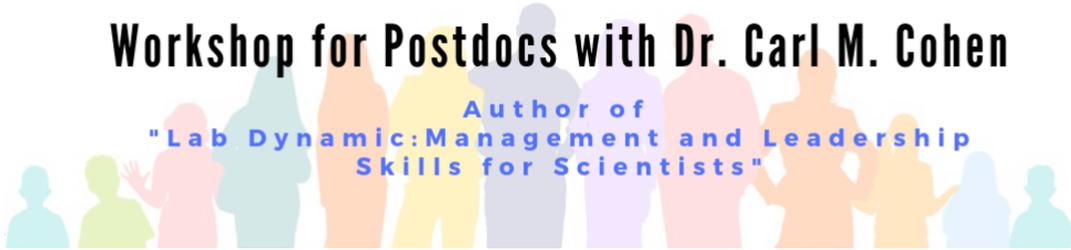
SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT: SAVE THE DATE

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WEDNESDAY
APRIL 29, 2020

Workshop for Postdocs with Dr. Carl M. Cohen

Author of
"Lab Dynamic: Management and Leadership
Skills for Scientists"



OTHER EVENTS



[Deadline for the 2019 Fall Dissertation Writer's Retreat](#)

October 4, 2019

Retreat dates: October 24-25, 2019

[Authentic Leadership: Leading with Kindness](#) [Tom Tait](#)

Sponsored by the Graduate Leadership Institute

Monday, October 7

12:00-1:00pm

[Learn more and register here.](#)

[Vanderbilt Software Carpentries Two-Day Boot Camp](#)

October 24-25

[Women in the Academy Series: Establishing and Understanding Authority in the Classroom](#)

Tuesday, October 29

12:00pm

[Women in the Academy Series: Negotiating Your First Academic Job](#)

Wednesday, December 4

12:00pm

Visit the websites of other campus partners to learn more of their events:

[Center for Teaching](#)

[Library Digital Scholarship Group](#)

[Graduate Life Coach](#)

[Women's Center](#)

[Clinical Research Center Research Skills Seminars](#)

DEADLINES

Module Deadline: [ASPIRE Module:
EQ+IQ=Career Success](#)

Applications due: Today! September 30

[Presidential Management Fellowship](#)

Applications accepted: October 3-17, 2019

Module Deadline: [ASPIRE Module:
Clinical Laboratory Medicine,
Spring 2020](#)

Applications due: November 1



[VECD Fogarty Global Health Fellowship](#)

Applications due: November 1

[NIH Loan Repayment Program](#)

Applications due: November 15

SPEAKER HIGHLIGHT

We are excited to welcome alumnus Larry Thompson, PhD, to campus next month for [PhD Career Stories](#). Learn more about Dr. Thompson and what he does in his role. See below and [read more in our blog post](#).

LARRY THOMPSON, PHD

**SENIOR PRINCIPAL SCIENTIST
PFIZER**



WHAT IS THE BEST PART OF YOUR JOB?

Fast paced decision making, having a different challenge every day, constantly intellectually stimulating, getting to work on things that impact patient lives

**WHAT WOULD YOU TELL SOMEONE
LOOKING FOR A CAREER IN YOUR FIELD?**

Take whatever job you can, where ever that might be located. Even if you have to start as an intern or contractor. Get your foot in the door. Networking, networking, networking,
Most jobs you'll get are through people you know, recommend you, etc. Comp Ratio: People at the same level get paid at vastly different levels. Your starting comp ratio at a certain grade is vital to your pay for your career.

**WHAT IS THE MOST IMPORTANT BUT
UNDER THE RADAR THING YOU DO IN
YOUR ROLE?**

Management of the bureaucracy (present in any large company) to allow people to succeed.
Try to make it easier for people to get work done.

I take an interest in people's personal lives what they like to do when not at work.

Spend time listening to people & their needs, then put them in a position/role in which they will succeed.

WHEN YOU WERE A KID, WHAT DID YOU WANT TO BE WHEN YOU GREW UP?

Scientist (cure all the people in the world), Underwater wildlife photographer like Jacques Cousteau, or a Forest Ranger

WHAT ARE YOU CURRENTLY BINGE WATCHING?

Banshee and Bosch



JOB OPPORTUNITIES



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If you would like to advertise an open job or postdoc position in the BRET Office of Career Development newsletter, please post the opportunity through our [webform](#) or contact [Kate Stuart](#). We welcome submissions from faculty, alumni, postdocs, students, and the community.

Local Opportunities

[Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Tennessee STEM Education Center \(TSEC\), MTSU, Murfreesboro, TN](#)

Other Opportunities

[Postdoctoral Position - Max Planck Institute for Molecular Physiology, Germany \(DE\)](#)

[Postdoctoral Positions in Retinal development, aging, and disease, National Eye Institute, NIH, Bethesda, MD](#)

[Various Positions in Statistical Genetics, Computational Biology and Bioinformatics at the National Eye Institute, NIH, Bethesda, MD](#)

[Executive Director of Science at Cal, Lawrence Hall of Science, University of California,](#)

[Postdoctoral Fellow, Gene Therapy Bioprocess R&D, Pfizer, Morrisville, NC](#)

[Berkeley, CA](#)

[Postdoctoral Positions in Retinal Stem Cell Biology, National Eye Institute, NIH, Bethesda, MD](#)

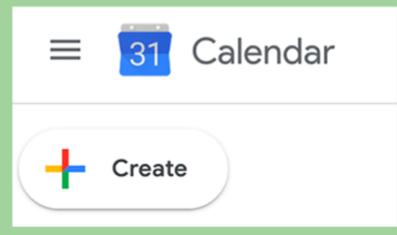
[Career and Professional Development Fellowship, iBiology](#)

[Outreach and Equity Programs Specialist, Society for Science & the Public, Washington DC](#)

[Sr. Scientist, Molecular Virology, Pfizer, Morrisville, NC](#)

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