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Office of Career Development

ASPIRE EVENTS OF THE FORTNIGHT

ASPIRE Job Search Series: Writing a Better Cover Letter

Featuring Kate Stuart, Assistant Director, ASPIRE Program

Wednesday, October 30 • 2:00pm • Light Hall 407

Module Deadline: ASPIRE Module: Clinical Laboratory Medicine, Spring 2020

Applications due: Friday, November 1

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

PhD Career Stories: Seth Ogden, PhD and Mark Kilgore, PhD, Patterson Intellectual Property Law

Friday, November 8 • 10:00am • Light Hall 214 • Registration requested.

CV/Resume Drop-In Clinic

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

The Writing Studio Drop-In Hours: Fridays • 2:00-4:00pm • Light Hall 433

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Don't forget about this Friday's deadline for the **ASPIRE Module: Clinical Laboratory Medicine.**

Learn more about the informal **VU SciComm group** that has just been formed by current trainees and staff. The group is meant to be a

community for all scientists on campus (any discipline) who are interested in some form of science communication, including but not limited to science writing, medical writing, science journalism, institutional writing, technical writing, podcasting, etc.

The [Illumina Internship Program](#) is accepting applications for their US offices. [Let the ASPIRE Program know](#) if you need help applying!



The [Chateaubriand Fellowship](#) is a grant offered by the Embassy of France in the United States. It supports outstanding PhD students from American universities who wish to conduct research in France for a period ranging from 4 to 9 months.

BEYOND THE LAB PODCAST



Have you been listening to the [ASPIRE Program Beyond the Lab Podcast Series](#)?

Download a new episode every Tuesday morning.

So far this season, we have featured:

[Travis Smith, PhD, Management Consulting](#)

[Lindsay Marjoram, PhD, Technology Development](#)

[Jami Scheib, PhD, Government Research Grants Administration](#)

[Steven Damo, PhD, Historically Black College and University Faculty](#)

We are on [Soundcloud](#), [iTunes](#), and our ASPIRE [website](#).

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 ASPIRE Program to review your CV, resume, biosketch, cover letter, or LinkedIn profile.

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ASPIRE Cafe for Postdoctoral Fellows: How to Give a Chalk Talk

Featuring Chris Wright, DPhil, Professor of Cell and Developmental Biology; Rebecca Ihrie, PhD, Assistant Professor of Cell and Developmental Biology; and Borden Lacy, PhD, Professor of Pathology, Microbiology and Immunology

Wednesday, November 13



for PhD Students & Postdocs



2:00pm
Light Hall 415

**ASPIRE Job Search Series: Leveraging
LinkedIn**

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

Wednesday, November 20

2:00pm
Light Hall 407

**ASPIRE Bistro for PhD Students: Savvy
Science: Professionalism Strategies for
Success**

Featuring Kate Stuart, Assistant Director, BRET Office of Career Development ASPIRE Program
Wednesday, December 4

2:00pm
Light Hall 415

ASPIRE Job Search Series: Informational Interviewing

*Featuring Ashley Brady, PhD, Assistant Dean of Biomedical Career Engagement and Strategic
Partnerships*

Wednesday, December 18

2:00pm
Light Hall 415



SAVE THE DATE

WEDNESDAY
APRIL 29, 2020

Workshop for Postdocs with Dr. Carl M. Cohen



Save the Date!

Postdoctoral Workshop with Dr. Carl Cohen, author of "Lab Dynamics"

Wednesday, April 29

ASPIRE INTERNSHIPS

*The ASPIRE Program is excited to offer ASPIRE Internships,
which will be advertised on a rolling basis throughout the
year. Currently open:*

Scientific Peer Review Management Intern
Doris Duke Charitable Foundation

Deadline: December 6



For more information on eligibility requirements and how to apply, check our [FAQs page](#).

SPEAKER SPOTLIGHT

Read more about our two PhD Career Stories speakers for November. Full blog post [here](#).



MARK KILGORE, PHD

**Associate,
Patterson Intellectual Property Law**

What is the best part of your job?

Having a variety of science disciplines to understand and work with every month. I work on projects from polymer chemistry to mechanical engineering

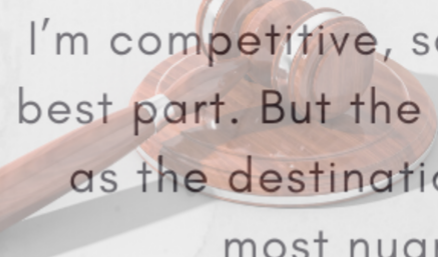
[Read more about Dr. Kilgore...](#)

SETH OGDEN, PHD

Senior Associate,
Patterson Intellectual Property Law



What is the best part of your job?



I'm competitive, so, in the end, winning is the best part. But the journey is just as rewarding as the destination. Patent law is one of the most nuanced, complicated areas to practice, except for probably some securities law and class action suits. You get handed a bunch of different pieces of information that all revolve in some way around a technological innovation. Then, you have to tell a story that convinces a judge or jury of your position by piecing all those bits of information together into something coherent and compelling. At each step along the way, a focus on audience and purpose is crucial. I also love crafting written arguments. It's a tremendous asset to be passionate about writing, because that's what takes up the majority of my time, and, in the end, it's really what clients are paying me to do.

[Read more about Dr. Ogden...](#)

OTHER EVENTS



Women in the Academy Series: Establishing and Understanding Authority in the Classroom

Tuesday, October 29
12:00pm

The Academic Interview: What Do Search Committees Want?

Sponsored by the Graduate School
Tuesday, October 29
4:30-6:00pm

Corporate and Foundations Relations Seminar

Monday, November 4
12-1:00pm

Looking for funding but not having any luck with the governmental agencies? Come to this seminar to learn about the plethora of funding opportunities through Corporations and Foundations.

Start Smart Salary Negotiation Workshop

Wednesday, November 6
12:00-1:30pm

Bystander Intervention Training for PhD Trainees & Postdocs

Thursday, November 7
2:00-4:00pm

The Art of Negotiation

Sponsored by the Russell G. Hamilton Leadership Institute

Featuring Dean of the Law School Chris Guthrie

Tuesday, November 12

10:00-11:30am

Squids Across America Science Communication Tour

Sponsored by VU American Society for Microbiology Student Chapter

Wednesday, November 13

2:00-3:00pm

Uniting Diverse Communities Through Science

SACNAS Seminar Launch

Friday, November 22

1:00-5:00pm

Women in the Academy Series: Negotiating Your First Academic Job

Wednesday, December 4

12:00pm

DEADLINES

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AAAS Science & Technology Policy Fellowships

Application Deadline: November 1

VECD Fogarty Global Health Fellowship

Application Deadline: November 1

NIH Loan Repayment Program

Application Deadline: November 15

Chateaubriand Fellowship

Deadline: January 7, 2020

JOB OPPORTUNITIES



Follow us our job feed on Twitter! [@VUBRETPhDJobs](#)

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.

[Several current postdoc positions, Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center, Cincinnati, OH](#)

[Curriculum Fellows Program, Program in Graduate Education, Harvard Medical School, Cambridge, MA](#)

[Postdoctoral Scientists, Rush Alzheimer's Disease Center, Rush University Medical Center, Chicago, IL](#)

[Postdoctoral Opportunity, Cancer Epigenetics at University of Miami, Miami, FL](#)

[Postdoctoral Researcher in science education, CSU East Bay, Hayward, CA](#)

[4 Postdoc-Level Positions in STEM Education, Texas State University, San Marcos, TX](#)

[Science Communication Fellowship, The International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis \(IIASA\), Laxenburg, Austria](#)

[Tenure Track Faculty Position, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI](#)

[Associate Director, Biosciences Student Life and Wellness, School of Medicine, Stanford, CA](#)

[Program Coordinator for Higher Education Initiatives, BROAD Institute, Cambridge, MA](#)

[Staff Scientist, Obesity and Diabetes Clinical Research Section, NIDDK, Phoenix, AZ](#)

[Climate Change Education Manager, Climate Generation Office, Minneapolis, MN](#)

[Associate Medical Writing Document Manager, Astellas, Northbrook, IL](#)

[Grant and Development Strategist, RNA Bioscience Initiative, University of Colorado School of Medicine, Aurora, CO](#)

[Project Scientist, Blue Forest Conservation, San Francisco, CA](#)

[Project Policy Analyst 3 \(7398U\), Lawrence Hall of Science, UC Berkeley, CA](#)

[Manager of Impact Strategy, Science Friday Initiative, New York, NY](#)

[Tenure-Track Assistant Professor, Science Education, University of Arizona, AZ](#)

[Program Director, Alfred P. Sloan Foundation, New York, NY](#)

[Faculty Position, Infectious Diseases, University of Maryland College Park, College Park, MD](#)

[Head of Research, The Bay Area Discovery Museum, Sausalito, CA](#)

[Recent Graduate Job Opportunities, National Library of Medicine \(NLM\), Washington, DC](#)

[Director of Programs, Scientific Adventures for Girls, Berkeley, CA](#)

[Instructor of Biology, Grand View University, Des Moines, IA](#)

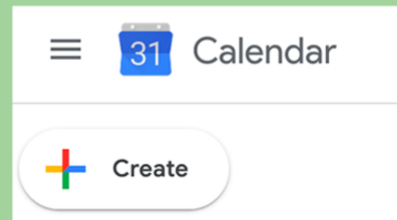
[Part Time Executive Director, North Carolina Science Fair Foundation, Raleigh, NC](#)

[Director of Undergrad Student Programs, College of Engineering, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA](#)

[Manager-Public Programs, Zuckerman Institute, Columbia University, New York, NY](#)

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in Google Calendar.



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