RESEARCH NETWORKING NIGHT

NETWORK WITH LEADING RESEARCHERS AT EMORY AND LEARN HOW YOU CAN PURSUE YOUR RESEARCH AT EMORY AND BEYOND!

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16TH
6PM-8PM
OXFORD RD. BUILDING "LIVING ROOM"

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Tips for Successful Networking

1) **Know yourself and what you want well enough to describe it in 30 seconds.** Something like, “I’m an English major with experience in tutoring, which I gained while volunteering with Refugee Family Services over the past three years. I want to continue working with refugee and immigrant families, but am looking expand my skills use my writing abilities by working in fundraising and development.” Find ways to talk about your passions, because that will make you naturally energetic and interesting.

If you don’t know what you want, tell something about yourself (“I’ve done this and I’m good at that”), and ask more about the mission and goals of their agency. And put some time and energy into narrowing your focus – through informational interviews, internships and volunteering.

2) **Be shameless!** You won’t get a job unless you talk to a ton of people (or you’re unusually lucky!). If you’re not sure how to start a conversation with someone, ask a good question. “Tell me about the focus of your agency’s work.” “What do you do in a typical day?” “What kind of positions are people with my qualifications usually in?” “What other agencies do you work with to achieve your mission?”

3) **Tonight is only the beginning.** Talking to people face to face like tonight is good, but true networking is a lifetime process. Follow up on fruitful conversations tonight with a thank-you email, a call to someone you’re referred to, a request for 20 minutes of someone’s time to learn more about what they do. Even after you get a job or an internship, keep meeting others – it helps to lay the foundation for future jobs.

4) **Find support from your friends and mentors.** Getting a job usually takes a lot more work than you want it to, but it’s possible! Talk to your favorite professors and mentors about what you’re looking for – they may have contacts they can share with you. Turn to your friends for support and ideas, and encourage each other as you each find your success.

You have access to a wealth of information that you help you make critical decisions that can impact your career. Use your time wisely in making the best use of your time with each host in asking thoughtful questions that will give you the information you need to successfully entry and navigate your career field of choice.

**Suggested question to ask hosts:**

- What is your daily work life like? What are some examples of what you do? How is your work-life structured?
- What skill-sets are desirable/critical for success in your field?
- What excites you the most about your work? What aspect of your job makes you most proud?
- How is your firm structured?
- What are the advancement opportunities like in your industry?
- What do you wish you had known before going into your field?
- What trends are important to note in your field?
- What advice can you offer as an entry strategy into your field/firm? Networking? Attainment of more skills, schooling?
Career Networking Do's and Don'ts

Do realize why networking is so important. Only 5 to 25 percent of jobs are advertised, so you can find out about all the unadvertised openings only through talking to as many people as possible and telling them you are looking for a job.

Do think creatively about where to find network contacts. You can find people to add to your network almost anywhere.

Don't go anywhere without copies of your resume and business cards or networking cards. You can keep your resume in your car or briefcase, but be sure you can access it easily if you meet someone who could pass your resume along to a hiring manager.

Don't be afraid to ask for help. Most people are flattered to be asked for assistance and advice with your job search. It makes them feel important.

Do join a professional organization related to your field. In a survey conducted professional organizations were cited as the top venue for networking.

Do volunteer. Volunteer work was cited in the survey as the No. 2 way to make network contacts.

Do find a mentor. A mentor -- that one person who can guide you, help you, take you under his or her wing and nurture your career quest -- can be the most valuable kind of network contact.

Do come up with a system for organizing your network contacts, whether a spreadsheet on your computer, a file box of index cards, a three-ring binder, or whatever works for you.

Do consider conducting informational interviews, the ultimate networking technique.

Don't forget to thank everyone in your network who has been helpful to you, preferably with a nice thank-you note. It’s just common courtesy to show your appreciation for peoples’ time and assistance, and your contacts will remember your good manners.

Do keep networking even after you’ve found a job. You never know when you might need your network contacts again.
Professional Bios

Panelists

Martine Brownley, PhD
Goodrich C. White Professor of English
Director, Bill and Carol Fox Center for Humanistic Inquiry

Dr. Brownley is a Goodrich C. White Professor of English and Director of Emory's Bill and Carol Fox Center for Humanistic Inquiry. She is an Associated Faculty member in the Comparative Literature Program and also in the Department of Women’s, Gender and Sexuality Studies, where she served previously as Chair. Professor Brownley teaches courses in seventeenth- and eighteenth-century literature and in contemporary women writers. Her current research interests center on early modern English historiography. Among her academic honors and awards are a National Endowment for the Humanities Senior Fellowship; the Melanie R. Rosborough Fellowship from the American Association for University Women; research fellowships from the American Philosophical Society, the William Andrews Clark Library, and the Folger Library; the Governor’s Award in the Humanities; and the AAUW’s Recognition Award for Young Scholars. She served as P.I. for the Fox Center’s successfully completed $2.5 million NEH Challenge Grant and currently serves as co-P.I. on the Center’s Georgia Great Works Program Grant from the Georgia Humanities Council.

Cora MacBeth, PhD
Assistant Dean for Sciences, Emory College of Arts and Sciences
Center for C-H Functionalization

Dean MacBeth received her bachelor’s degree in Chemistry from Pennsylvania State University and her Ph.D. in Chemistry from the University of Kansas. She has been a faculty member at Emory University since 2005 and is now the Assistant Dean for Sciences. Her research in inorganic chemistry contributes to the National Science Foundation’s Catalysis Center for C-H Functionalization.
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Panelists

Suzanne Mason
Manager of Global Learning Programs, Emory Global Health Institute
Ms. Mason oversees the Global Health Institute Field Scholar Awards Program, the Global Health Student Photography Contest, EGHI’s Global Health Scholars Symposium, the Student Advisory Committee, and acts as a student activities liaison between EGHI and all schools and units at Emory. Prior to joining the Emory Global Health Institute, Ms. Mason had worked for Emory’s Rollins School of Public Health since 1991. During her time at Rollins, she served as the assistant director of academic programs for the School’s Hubert Department of Global Health and co-coordinator of the Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship Program. She also served as the assistant director of academic programs in the Department of Environmental and Occupational Health and the coordinator of the Occupational Medicine Residency Program. Ms. Mason was a recipient of Emory University’s Award of Distinction in 2001. Before joining Emory University, she was a medical social worker at Easton Memorial Hospital in Easton, MD. Ms. Mason has an opportunity for multidisciplinary teams to apply for funding to work on global health issues in low and middle income countries or with domestic vulnerable populations.

Keith Wilkinson, PhD
Professor and Vice-Chair in the Department of Biochemistry
Dr. Wilkinson obtained his PhD in Biochemistry from The University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Since 2003 Dr. Wilkinson has been Professor and Vice Chairman of the Biochemistry Department and from 2003 to 2015 was Director of the Graduate Division of Biological and Biomedical Sciences, the umbrella program overseeing Ph.D. training in eight programs constituting the biological sciences at Emory University. He has served on two different NIH study sections, the editorial board of the Journal of Biological Chemistry twice, as a referee for countless manuscripts submitted to top journals, and in review of various graduate training programs. He has served on the scientific advisory boards of The Dystonia Foundation, Zone Therapeutics, and Progenra, Inc. In addition, he has consulted with many pharmaceutical companies, including Centocor, Marion Laboratories, Myogenix Corp., Proteinix Corp., Millenium Pharmaceuticals, Rigel Pharmaceuticals, and Glaxo Smith Kline and has held visiting professorships at the University of Coimbra and the Chinese Academy of Sciences. His laboratory studies the ubiquitin-dependent proteolysis system that is responsible for regulated degradation of intracellular proteins as well as the role of ubiquitin and ubiquitin-like proteins as a targeting signal.
Professional Bios

Academic and Industry Professionals

**Sarah Chambers, BA**
**Senior Analyst, KPMG**
Sarah graduated from Emory University’s College of Arts and Sciences with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Journalism in 2014. After graduating, Sarah completed a six month long post-graduate fellowship in Governor Nathan Deal’s Office of Communications. Sarah then served as a Policy Analyst for the Council for Quality Growth, where she conducted research on a range of economic development issues affecting the growth and development industry during the 2015 Georgia General Assembly legislative session. Sarah is currently a Senior Analyst in KPMG’s management consulting practice, where she serves state and local government clients throughout the United States. Sarah is an active member of the Junior League of Atlanta and the Temple. Her passions and interests include education equity, health and wellness awareness, and politics.

**Anita Corbett, PhD**
**Professor of Biology**
Dr. Corbett is a Professor of Biology at Emory and also co-directs the MD/PhD program. Her research studies why mutations in genes that encode RNA binding proteins cause tissue-specific human disease. Her lab includes a number of undergraduate researchers in its operations.

**Korinne Chiu, PhD**
**Director of Research and Evaluation**
Korinne Chiu is the Director of Research and Evaluation at VaxTrac. As a member of the Learn team, she works with the Do and Build teams to design and implement evaluations to assess the effectiveness of VaxTrac’s work, use findings to improve system usability, build evaluation capacity, and present lessons learned to various audiences. Before joining the Vaxtrac team, Korinne served in a number of research and evaluation roles including an Associate where she conducted community-based evaluations, the Director of Evaluation and Organizational Learning at a global health nonprofit, and a database management consultant for a case-control study on Chronic Fatigue Syndrome. Korinne received her PhD in Educational Research, Measurement, and Evaluation at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro and her Masters in Experimental Psychology at Wake Forest University.
Professional Bios

Academic and Industry Professionals

Kristen Douglas, BS
Research Specialist, Sanda Laboratory, Emory University School of Medicine, Department of Urology

Kristen Douglas. Bachelor’s of Science from Emory University in 2014. Majored in Anthropology & Human Biology, minored in Predictive Health. I work In a laboratory in the Urology Department here at Emory in Clinic B. I am currently working on two projects: 1. DNA vaccine targeting the ERG gene, 2. Clinical biomarker test for prostate cancer. I have future plans to earn a PhD in Epidemiology, and work on disease disparities.

George Inglis
PhD Student, Genetics and Molecular Biology

George Inglis is a researcher in the Department of Human Genetics. His research involves the evaluation of transcriptional regulatory elements and proteins in neuronally expressed genes, in the context of epilepsy. His research uses a mix of human cell culture and mouse models.

Sandra Gonzalez
PhD Student, Biomedical Engineering

Sandra Gonzalez graduated from the University of Arizona cum laude with a focus in microelectronics. Upon entering GT and Emory University she was awarded the prestigious Ford Foundation Fellowship. Her current research focuses on creating two and three dimensional models of the sinoatrial node (pacemaker) of the heart. She wants to study one of the fundamental concepts in the field, source-sink mismatch. In the past two years, she has been able to show that a 3-D engineered cardiac pacemaker tissues can pace and drive the surrounding myocardium in vitro as well as in the rat heart in vivo. This project will directly benefit in expanding our knowledge in the electrical signal propagation through the heart, and will ultimately advance the therapeutic treatment of patients with cardiac arrhythmias and other electrophysiological diseases.
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Scott Lilienfeld, PhD
Samuel Candler Dobbs Professor of Psychology
Dr. Lilienfeld received his bachelor’s degree in psychology from Cornell University in 1982 and his Ph.D. in Psychology (Clinical) from the University of Minnesota in 1990. He completed his clinical internship at Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinics (University of Pittsburgh) from 1986-1987. He was a faculty member at the State University of New York at Albany from 1990 to 1994, when he joined the faculty at Emory. Dr. Lilienfeld is Editor of the journal Clinical Psychological Science, Associate Editor of Archives of Scientific Psychology, and incoming President of the Society for a Science of Clinical Psychology. He has published over 350 manuscripts on personality disorders (especially psychopathy), dissociative disorders, psychiatric classification, pseudoscience in psychology, and evidence-based practice. He is especially interested in the application of scientific thinking to psychology.

Stella Lourenco, PhD
Associate Professor of Psychology
Dr. Stella F. Lourenco received her undergraduate degree (B.Sc.) from the University of Toronto where she graduated with Highest Honours in 2000. She then attended The University of Chicago, completing her Ph.D. in 2006. She has been at Emory University in the Department of Psychology since January 2007 and was promoted to Associate Professor with tenure in 2013. She is currently the director of the Cognition and Development program within the department. She is also Associate Editor of the journal Cognition and on the editorial board of the Journal of Cognition and Development. Dr. Lourenco has received numerous academic awards and honors including a Merck Scholar Award (2010). Her research has been funded by the National Institutes of Health and the National Science Foundation. Dr. Lourenco’s research program examines the nature, origins, and development of spatial and numerical cognition.

Trenell Mosley
PhD Student, Genetics and Molecular Biology
Trenell Mosley received her bachelor’s degree from the University of Texas, Austin. She is now a 2nd-year graduate student in the Genetics and Molecular Biology Program. She is a researcher in Dr. Michael Zwick's lab. She investigates rare genetic variation and how this variation contributes to rare disorders. Additionally, she is a volunteer for the Initiative to Maximize Student Development fellowship.
Lloyd Munjanja, PhD
Center for Selective C–H Functionalization
The Center for Selective C–H Functionalization (CCHF) aims to bring about a paradigm shift in the logic of chemical synthesis, one that has the potential to impact the construction of all organic molecules. The Center brings together leading experts in a range of chemical disciplines from across the United States to work collaboratively on challenges beyond the scope of individual investigators. The CCHF brings together 23 research groups based at 15 different academic institutions from across the United States. This includes experts in synthetic chemistry, catalyst design, computational chemistry, physical organic chemistry, reactive intermediate characterization, enzymatic transformations, target-oriented synthesis, flow chemistry and the material sciences.

Luis Muñoz
PhD Student, Immunology and Molecular Pathogenesis
Luis Muñoz received his bachelor’s degree from the University of Texas, San Antonio. His research focuses on novel therapeutic approaches to cancer treatment, with a focus on immunotherapy. He is a fellow of the Initiative to Maximize Student Development, a program that seeks to improve outreach and recruitment of underrepresented groups in STEM.

April Ratliff
PhD Student, Neuroscience
April Ratliff received her bachelor’s degree in Neuroscience from Duke University. She is now a first year graduate student in Emory’s Neuroscience program. She is interested in the developing brain—especially during adolescence, and how our understanding of plasticity can improve how we treat certain personality and mood disorders as well as other ailments including addiction and trauma.

Shayla Shorter, PhD
Postdoctoral Fellow in Fellowships in Research and Science Training
Dr. Shorter received her PhD in Immunology and Molecular Pathogenesis from Emory University in May 2016. She is now a postdoctoral fellow in the Fellowships in Research and Science Teaching (FIRST) program through which she engages both in bench research in the Division of Rheumatology and teaching biology at Clark Atlanta University. Dr. Shorter’s research interests centers around understanding how breakdown in normal immune system functioning leads to autoimmune diseases like systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE).
**Haley Snyder**  
*Senior Associate, Davis Brand Capital*  
Haley Snyder is a Senior Associate for Research at Davis Brand capital. She graduated from Emory with a BA in English and Art History in 2012. She previously worked as a Project Associate of Qualitative Operations at TNS and the Client-Facing Assistant Account Executive at BBDO Proximity in Minneapolis.

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**Jarred Whitlock**  
*PhD Student, Biochemistry, Cell and Developmental Biology*  
Jarred Whitlock is a 4th year student in the BCDB program. Originally from Clover, SC, he earned his B.S from Anderson University in 2013. Jarred works alongside Dr. Criss Hartzell and recently characterized a cell-cell signaling mechanism required for muscle health. Jarred recently submitted a manuscript, his 6th with Dr. Hartzell, linking the loss of this signaling mechanism with the development of one of the most common limb-girdle muscular dystrophies known. His ultimate goal for the project is to further develop the understanding of this basic cell-cell signaling process and realize its potential for stimulating muscle regeneration in injury and a wide array of muscle diseases.