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Pubnight at Busby's

October 5th - 8 pm
3110 Santa Monica Blvd

Meandering Meal

October 12th - 12:30 pm
Café Roma (north campus)

Sally Ride Festival

October 13th - at CSULA
www.sallyridefestivals.com

Open Enrollment Wrkshp

October 18th - 2 pm
CHS 43-105

Annual Postdoc BBQ

October 21st - 3 pm
Sunset Rec Picnic Area

BizDev Seminar Series: Business Incubators

October 24th - 5 pm
TBA (check SoPS website)

Postdoc Coffee Hour

October 25th - 3 pm
Café Synapse

New Postdoc Orientation

October 25th - 3 pm
1237 Murphy Hall
RSVP at Grad Div Website

Postdoc Day-Hike

October 28th - TBA

★ What is a business incubator?

It's an organization that supports the development of startup companies. Scientists or engineers with feasible projects can take advantage of incubators to get the support they need to turn their inventions into profitable companies. Incubators offer management and administrative services, business contacts and help on how to find sources of financing.

New dean for postdoc affairs assumes office



Prof. M. Belinda Tucker, Professor of Psychiatry and Biobehavioral Sciences at the David Geffen School of Medicine, took office as the new Associate Dean responsible for postdoctoral issues on Sept 1st. We extend our best wishes to her and join the Graduate Division in welcoming her extensive experience on UCLA's Postdoctoral Advisory Committee and as director of the Family Research Consortium's postdoctoral program, a national, multi-site training program in its 20th year.

Open Enrollment: Rethink your 2008 benefits

Once every year in November, UCLA postdocs get to reevaluate and switch our benefits options to better match our needs. To help make this decision in an educated way, the administrator of the PSBP (Postdoctoral Scholar Benefits Plan), Garnett-Powers & Associates will hold a workshop on Oct 18th. In addition Fidelity Investments, who administer the retirement benefits for UCLA (including DCP), will speak about postdoc options during the same event. See details at: www.postdoc.ucla.edu/node/1218.

Share your love of science with the next generation!

The Sally Ride Science Festival will be hosted this year at CSULA on Saturday October 13. This is a great opportunity for young girls to learn about science through workshops and activities hosted by local scientists. The festival features discovery workshops for girls, parent/teacher workshops to help them support girls' interest in science and math, and a street fair with booths, food, and music. SoPS is partnering with UCLA WISE to host a booth together so that young girls can learn about science through interactive displays and hands-on activities. Come join the efforts, have fun, and meet cool people! If you'd like to be involved in planning the fair and/or hosting the booth on the actual event date, please contact Judy at judyho@ucla.edu.

Multimedia: Peter S. Fiske on career strategies for PhDs



With over 200 grads and postdocs attending, the Fiske career seminar organized by SoPS and GSRC was a resounding success. Did you miss the event? Pictures and full-length video are now available:

Pictures: www.postdoc.ucla.edu/gallery
Video: www.postdoc.ucla.edu/PeterFiske2007/video

Beach Day: "What a perfect combination" (A viewpoint by Saravanan)

About 20 postdocs met at the south park of Santa Monica beach on a pleasant sunny Sunday, the 9th of September. It was an unforgettable experience -- a perfect combination of sun, breeze, sand and water made the day wonderful. Postdocs had fun learning and playing volleyball, Frisbee etc. The snacks, sodas and juices energized from time to time and made the afternoon lively.

It was also a day for socializing and meeting new people. I am sure that those who made it had a fun filled afternoon.



More pics at www.postdoc.ucla.edu/gallery