2020
ECU Postdoctoral Scholar Celebration Event

During this week-long celebration, institutions are encouraged to plan activities that increase awareness of postdocs and recognize the contributions they make to research and development in the United States.
2020
ECU Postdoctoral Scholar Celebration Event Agenda

• Professional Development & Core Competencies
• ECU Postdocs: Profiles and Career Paths
• OPA and PDA Leadership
• 2019-20 Program Highlights
• Upcoming Events
• Outstanding Paper Award
• New Council Elections
• PDA Social
The National Postdoctoral Association
Core Competencies

- Discipline-specific conceptual knowledge
- Research skill development
- Communication skills
- Professionalism
- Leadership and management skills
- Responsible conduct of research
ECU Postdoctoral Scholars:
Fall 2019-Fall 2020

25: Current number of ECU postdocs
13: Recruiting or contract pending
Where are they now?

(Fall 2019-2020)

Jeremy Greeter
Scientist
December 2019

Paul Hafen
Medical Scientist
IUPUI
September 2019

Byron Aguilar
Licensing &
Commercialization
Analyst
ECU
January 2020

Caitlin O’Connell
Assistant Professor
ECU
January 2020

Ahmed Elhassanny
Postdoctoral Scholar
July 2020

Hui Xu
Research Instructor
ECU
February 2020

Samantha McDonald
Assistant Professor
Illinois State University
June 2020

Helen Rodgers
Scientific
Communications
Manager
Alpha Biocom
June 2020

Michael Tarpey
Medical Scientist
AstraZeneca
June 2020

Vishwanath Prabhu
Postdoctoral Scholar
Virginia Tech
June 2020

Ahmed Elhassanny
Postdoctoral Scholar
Virginia Tech
July 2020

Eman Soliman
Postdoctoral Scholar
Virginia Tech
July 2020

Mohamed Katary
Research Scientist
EXELA
August 2020

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Mohamed Katary
Research Scientist
EXELA
August 2020
Where do they go after ECU?

- Academic
- Industry
- Government

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Postdocs @ ECU

Appointments and Benefits, QOL, Career Development, Recognition, Programming

Director and REDE Staff, Office of Postdoctoral Affairs

Liaison

PDA Council
A SPECIAL THANK YOU

Jamie DeWitt, Postdoctoral Liaison

Heather Christman, Program Associate

Becky Gardner, Business Officer

Matt Smith, Public Communications Specialist
Elected 2019-20 Officers

President
Morgan Milton

Vice President
Andrea Pereyra

Secretary
Helen Rodgers

International Liaison
Eman Soliman

President Emeritus
John Farrow
Current 2019-20 Officers

President
Morgan Milton

Vice President
Andrea Pereyra

Secretary
Benjamin Hale

International Liaison
Berwin Singh Swami Vetha

Main Campus Liaison
Alana Rister

President Emeritus
John Farrow
ECU

In Recognition of Service

Morgan Milton, Ph.D.
2020

President, Postdoctoral Association
Individual Career Development Plans
Presentation and interview skills
Internet presence and bibliography tools
Writing skills
Presentation skills
Career opportunities
NPAW 2019
Philip Clifford, Ph.D.
Professor, Associate Dean for Research
University of Illinois at Chicago

Postdoctoral Scholar
MyIDP Workshop

“Passion Won’t Pay the Bills: Planning for a Successful Career in Science”

Mentor Session

“Promoting Professional Development of Your Graduate Students and Postdoctoral Fellows”

Sponsored by the ECU Office of Postdoctoral Affairs and the ECU Postdoctoral Scholar Association
Monthly Fall Sessions

Jamie DeWitt and Morgan Milton, leaders

- Session 1: Exploring the diversity of career paths
- Session 2: Gathering information about your career path
- Session 3: Reflecting on knowledge obtained
- Session 4: Setting your career goals

https://myidp.sciencecareers.org
Join the ECU PostDoctoral Association for a

PostDoc Holiday Potluck

Friday Dec 13, 2019
11:30am-2pm
ECHI Conference Room B

Cookie Decorating Contest

Ugly Sweater Contest
Pharmacology & Toxicology
Along with Biochemistry & Molecular Biology

Kerry Sewell, MSLS
Research Librarian for the Health Sciences
Systematic Review Service Coordinator
Laupus Library, East Carolina University

“Essential Tools for Managing Your Research: MyNCBI”
(Attendees please bring your laptops)

Wednesday, December 18, 2019
Brody Room 2W-38
11:00 - 12:00 noon
Critical Friends:
A Peer Review Workshop

March 4, 2020
The best postdoc poster presentation at the 14th Annual Research and Creative Achievement Awards Luncheon:

“Tackling biofilms and drug resistance: Targeting bacterial response regulators to resensitize multidrug resistant bacteria to antibiotics”

Morgan received a $200 from the OPA.
SUPER SPONGE
ECU researcher’s unexpected discovery in the Caribbean Sea could save lives
Published Apr 27, 2020 by Janiya Winchester & Rob Spahr

Dr. Morgan Milton, a postdoctoral scholar in Brody’s Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, has been working on the research with Cavanagh for the past few years.

Cavanagh credits Milton for putting the pieces of his research together.
CAREER PLANNING FOR INTERNATIONAL SCIENTISTS
February 10, 2020

NIEHS BIOMEDICAL CAREER SYMPOSIUM (VIRTUAL)
July 24, 2020

- Large assembly of biomedical organizations and young scientists in Research Triangle Park, NC
- Targeting postdoctoral fellows and graduate students
- An opportunity to explore a myriad of career options and create a contact network
- 10 workshops and 9 career panels
- Afternoon networking session
- One-on-one CV/Resume Consulting
PDA Webinar Series
Inside a Faculty Search Committee
March 19, 2020

Speakers:
Nathan Vanderford, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, University of Kentucky College of Medicine
Rich Singiser, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Clayton State University
Dorothy Lerit, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Emory University
Danielle Snowflack, Ph.D., Director of Education, Professional Development and Outreach, ASBMB
"Networking for Introverts"
Suggestions for Postdoctoral Scholars and Graduate Students

"How to Achieve Funding Success from Burroughs Wellcome (and beyond)"
NATIONAL POSTDOC APPRECIATION WEEK
ECU EVENTS 2020

Monday Sept 21st with Dr. Victoria McGovern
11 am: Networking for Introverts: Postdocs and Graduate Students
12:30: Funding Success from the Burroughs WellcomeFund
Wednesday Sept 23rd with your fellow postdocs
Noon: Open forum for postdocs to share their thoughts and wishes considering the ECU postdoc experience
Friday Sept 25th with postdocs, mentors and ECU authorities
10 am: Annual highlights, awards, and PDA council elections followed by social hour

Make sure to check your email for individual invites to each event and RSVP!!!

Other awesome NPAW 2020 events include:

- Health Insurance 101 for Postdocs
- Adapting Your Research For Undergrad Education
- Green Cards for Scientific Researchers
- Academic And Non-academic Career Panels
- Social Media For Scientists
- Careers in Drug Development
- Developing Leadership Skills

.....and many, many more!!!!

For the full schedule of events during NPAW and to register, please visit these links:

[calendar/events by category and day]
OTHER ACCOMPLISHMENTS

NEW & IMPROVED WEBSITE
- Matt Smith, REDE
- Byron Aguilar, Andrea Pereya
- International scholar and new postdoc roadmaps

EXIT SURVEY
- Established and implemented exit survey
- Updated contact info for recent postdocs

ONE-ON-ONE VIRTUAL CHECKINS
- Dr. Verbanac met virtually with each postdoc to check on welfare post-COVID

IMPROVED COMMUNICATION METHODS
- TEAMS site
- Postdoc and Mentor Listservs

UPDATED POSTDOC HANDBOOK
ECU postdoc named to national position
Published Jul 07, 2020 by Matt Smith

ECU postdoctoral scholar Andrea Pereyra was named an international officer to the National Postdoctoral Association, becoming just the second Pirate postdoc to serve on a NPA committee.
East Carolina University postdoctoral scholar Benjamin Hale received a prestigious **Ruth L. Kirschstein Postdoctoral Individual National Research Service Award** from the National Institutes of Health.
UPCOMING THIS FALL:

ECU Alumni Panels: Your Next Career Move

- Brita Kilburg-Basnyat (Toxicologist, State of Wisconsin)
- Samantha McDonald (Assistant Professor, Illinois State University)
- Helen Rodgers (Scientific Communications Manager, AlphaBioCom)
- Amanda Rushing (Assistant Professor, Catawba College)
- Terence Ryan (Assistant Professor, University of Florida)
- Michael Tarpey (Medical Science Liaison, Astra Zeneca)

Responsible Conduct of Research Training

- Seven upcoming sessions
- October 2-23
- Office of Research Integrity and Compliance