TRI-INSTITUTIONAL CAREER SYMPOSIUM

TUESDAY, MARCH 31, 2009

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CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST  GRIFFIS FACULTY CLUB  9:00 – 9:55 am

NON-ACADEMIC CAREERS PANEL I  URIS AUDITORIUM  10:00 – 12:00 pm

“Patents, Licensing and Tech Transfer: Roles for Scientists”
Barbara Sawitsky, M.B.A., Director, Office of Patents & Licensing, NY Blood Center
Sandra Kim, Ph.D. J.D., Corporate Counsel, Pfizer

“Healthcare Communication: Hiring and Applicant Perspectives”
Martin Skelton, Ph.D., President, Ogilvy Healthworld
Sommer Miller, Ph.D., Scientific Associate, Ogilvy Healthworld
Melanie Brazil, Ph.D., Publisher, Biopharma, Nature Publishing Group
Brian Fiske, Ph.D., Associate Director, Research Programs, The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson’s Research

NETWORKING LUNCH  GRIFFIS FACULTY CLUB  12:00 – 1:25 pm

NON-ACADEMIC CAREERS PANEL II  URIS AUDITORIUM  1:30 – 3:15 pm

“Landing a Job in Biotech”
Christy K Jurgens, Ph.D., Principal Scientist, International AIDS Vaccine Initiative

“Landing a Job in Pharma”
Shirly Pinto, Ph.D., Principal Scientist, Merck

“Getting into Management”
Kala Subramanian, Ph.D., Global Head Program Management, Oncology Global Development, Novartis Pharmaceutical Corporation

“Program Management”
Sylvie Le Blancq, Ph.D., Executive Director, Starr Cancer Consortium

“Science & Finance”
Philip Nadeau, Ph.D., Managing Director, Cowen and Company, LLC

NETWORKING COFFEE BREAK  GRIFFIS FACULTY CLUB  3:15 – 3:55 pm

ACADEMIC CAREERS PANEL  URIS AUDITORIUM  4:00 – 5:45 pm

“Science & Public Schools”
Alona Cohen, Ph.D., Science Educator, New York City Public School

“Life at an Undergraduate Institution”
Rob Uglesich, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, The Cooper Union

“The Faculty Search Committee”
Marilyn Resh, Ph.D., Member & Professor, Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center

“Applicant Perspective”
Arun Radhakrishnan, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Weill Cornell Medical College

“Establishing Your Lab”
Howard Hang, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, The Rockefeller University

NETWORKING RECEPTION  GRIFFIS FACULTY CLUB  5:45 - 7:00 pm
Barbara Sawitsky, M.B.A.
Director, Office of Patents & Licensing, NY Blood Center

Barbara Sawitsky is Director of Patents & Licensing / Business Development for The New York Blood Center and Lindsley F. Kimball Research Institute (LFKRI). NYBC is the second largest private blood center in the US serving over 200 hospitals and the needs of over 20 million people in the New York, New Jersey and Connecticut metro area. LFKRI is a world leader in transfusion medicine research and has licensed technology ranging from a breakthrough process to inactivate HIV in plasma-based products to the first peptide-based drug approved by FDA to treat drug resistant AIDS.

Prior to joining NYBC, Barbara was Director of Business Development at OSI Pharmaceuticals. Barbara has over 20 years of experience in business development in the biotech and pharmaceutical industry including at Dynal and Wyeth and in the academic sector as Director of the Office of Technology Management and Licensing at the City University of New York and Deputy Director of the Office of Technology Licensing and Industry Relations at SUNY-Stony Brook. She speaks at academic and industry sponsored meetings on topics relating to technology management and innovation. Barbara earned a BA Biology (cum laude) and MBA in Management from Adelphi University.

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Sandra Kim, Ph.D. J.D.
Corporate Counsel, Pfizer

Sandra Kim is currently Corporate Counsel for Pfizer Inc. in the NY Patent Department. Sandra received a Ph.D. in Neurobiology and Behavior from SUNY Stony Brook in 1999, and a J.D. from Brooklyn Law School in 2005. She is admitted to the New York State and Connecticut State Bars, and is registered to practice before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

Prior to her current position, Sandra was a Sr. Licensing Associate in the Office of Technology Licensing at SUNY Stony Brook. There she was responsible for evaluating the commercial potential of select University life science technologies, for formulating licensing strategies, and for drafting, negotiating, and implementing various agreements.

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Martin Skelton, Ph.D.
President, Ogilvy Healthworld

Martin joined Ogilvy—one of the world’s leading advertising and communications agencies—in 2004 to lead the US medical communications division as President. Prior to that he was Director of Scientific Services at Phase Five Communications - a Grey Healthcare Group Company. His 15+ years of medical communication and strategic planning experience are based on biomedical training as a research scientist. A native of the UK, he earned his PhD in neurophysiology from the University of Wales, UK, and then continued his research career as a National Institute of Mental Health Fellow at the Center for Neurobiology, New York State Psychiatric Institute and Columbia University College of Physicians & Surgeons in New York. He embarked on his current career path as a medical writer at a New York-based medical communications company. His pharmaceutical marketing experience spans pre-market positioning for early-stage products, opinion leader partnership development, strategic publication planning and large-scale physician communication programs to support launches and later-stage lifecycle management. In particular, Martin brings unique insight into the special challenges facing global brand development and the innovative solutions that can be applied to them. Martin is a member of the Worldwide Ogilvy Healthworld Board of Directors.

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Sommer Miller, Ph.D.
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Sommer recently joined Ogilvy Healthworld as a Scientific Associate following completion of a postdoctoral fellowship at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center. Prior to joining Ogilvy, Sommer earned a Research Intensive BS in Molecular Biology from Yale University. She subsequently received her PhD in Cell and Molecular Biology from the University of Pennsylvania Medical School with a focus in Oncology. At the University of Pennsylvania, she identified a novel signaling pathway for the Prolactin Receptor complex in human breast cancer motility and survival. She published her work in peer-reviewed journals such as Molecular Endocrinology and Oncogene. She also presented her data at several national scientific meetings and institution sponsored symposia. She was awarded graduate fellowships from the National Cancer Institute and the University of Pennsylvania. At Memorial Sloan-Kettering, Sommer investigated the role of the proto-oncogene AKT in protein translation in human cancers using genetic models and pre-clinical/clinical pharmacological small molecules. She interacted with clinicians and pharmaceutical industry scientists to facilitate the translation of basic science research into preclinical model systems and therapeutic strategies.

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Melanie Brazil, Ph.D.
Publisher, Biopharma, Nature Publishing Group

Melanie Brazil is the BioPharma Publisher at the Nature Publishing Group. She took over this role in 2006. Before that, Melanie was part of the editorial launch teams of *Nature Immunology* and *Nature Reviews Drug Discovery*. Melanie completed a B.Sc. (Hons) in Food Science at Leeds University. After working as a production manager in the Food manufacturing industry for 2 years, Melanie went back to university to undertake a M.Sc. in Applied Molecular Biology and Biotechnology at University College London. She carried out her doctoral research at the National Institute for Medical Research, London, in the field of immunology under the guidance of Dr Brigitte Stockinger. Her work examined the cell biology of exogenous and endogenous antigen processing pathways in macrophages and B cells. Melanie’s post-doctoral studies investigated the role of microglia in the clearance of amyloid, under the guidance of Professor Fred Maxfield at Weill Cornell Medical College.

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Brian Fiske, Ph.D.
Associate Director, Research Programs,
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Dr. Brian Fiske earned his undergraduate degree in cellular and molecular biology from Texas A&M University and his PhD in Neuroscience from the University of Virginia. He continued his work as a postdoctoral researcher at Columbia University. His interests have focused on the role of early sensory experience in shaping mechanisms of brain development. After his fellowship, Dr. Fiske had the unique opportunity to work as an editor for the scientific journal *Nature Neuroscience*, where he helped evaluate and review a wide range of cutting-edge scientific research. In 2004, he moved to The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson’s Research where he now helps the Foundation in its goal to support development of new treatments and ultimately a cure for Parkinson’s disease.

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Christy K Jurgens, Ph.D.
Principal Scientist, International AIDS Vaccine Initiative

Christy received her B.S. in Genetics from the University of Georgia and her Ph.D. in Biomedical Sciences with an emphasis in Immunology and Microbiology from the Department of Biochemistry & Molecular Biology at the University of Florida. During her graduate studies with Dr. Bert Flanegan, Christy studied the replication of picornaviruses and obtained training in the molecular virology of positive-strand RNA viruses. She performed her postdoctoral research with Robert Johnston at the Carolina Vaccine Institute, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where she pioneered the development of a vaccine technology to create chimeric live-attenuated viral vaccines and applied this technology toward the development of HIV vaccines. During this time, she gained valuable expertise in the biology and pathogenesis of alphaviruses and their use as viral vaccine vectors. The chimeric virus vaccine technology was licensed to Global Vaccines, Inc., where she was a staff scientist prior to joining the research and development team at IAVI. As a Principal Scientist at IAVI, Christy continues to develop chimeric virus vaccines based on negative-strand RNA viruses.

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Shirly Pinto, Ph.D.
Principal Scientist, Merck

Shirly Pinto has been a scientist in the department of Metabolic Disorders at Merck & Co., since 2005. She received her Ph.D. from Weill Cornell Graduate School of Medical Sciences. Her Ph.D. work was completed at Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, where she worked with geneticist Tim Tully and characterized a gene involved in learning and memory in the fruit fly Drosophila. After completing her Ph.D., she joined Jeffrey Friedman at The Rockefeller University for her post doctoral training where she demonstrated that leptin, a hormone critical for regulating weight, affects both the architecture and function of neural circuits in the brain.

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Kala Subramanian, Ph.D.
Global Head Program Management, Oncology Global Development, Novartis Pharmaceutical Corporation

Kala Subramanian is the Global Head of Program Management in Oncology Development at Novartis Pharmaceuticals. She has been with Novartis since 2003 and served in different roles of increasing responsibilities. Before joining Novartis, Kala worked for Millennium Pharmaceuticals in Project Management and Accenture Consulting in Boston. She earned her Ph.D. in Chemistry from Cornell University, and served a post-doctoral fellowship under the guidance of Professor Tobias Meyer at Duke University Medical Center.
Sylvie Le Blancq, Ph.D.
Executive Director, Starr Cancer Consortium

Sylvie Le Blancq earned her B.Sc. degree in Zoology (1980) from the University of Durham in England, and her Ph.D. (1983) in Parasitology from the University of London in England. She did her postdoctoral work in Molecular Parasitology at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, the Netherlands Cancer Institute in Amsterdam and Columbia University. After a year at Merck Research Laboratories, Dr. Le Blancq joined the Columbia University School of Public Health (1994) in the Division of Environmental Health Sciences as an Assistant Professor. She was appointed to the faculty of the Columbia University Center for Environmental Research and Conservation in 1995. She is currently an adjunct faculty member at Columbia University where she teaches in the Mailman School of Public Health.

Dr. Le Blancq studied the molecular genetics of several parasites, including *Giardia* and *Cryptosporidium*. Her work has been published extensively in peer-reviewed journals.

She was the Program Officer for Medical Research at the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation from 2000 to 2004, where her work included the development and implementation of an international AIDS research program. She was a consultant to the foundation for global health and international AIDS research until 2007.

Dr. Le Blancq was appointed as the Executive Director of the Starr Cancer Consortium in July 2007.

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Philip Nadeau, Ph.D.
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Philip Nadeau is a Managing Director and Senior Research Analyst on the biotechnology team at Cowen and Company. He has been at Cowen for nine years, and is responsible for covering 20 large- mid- and small- cap biotechnology stocks. He has been recognized in the Wall Street Journal’s “Best on the Street” rankings, and his views on biotechnology topics are often quoted by national news services such as Reuters, Bloomberg news, and the Dow Jones Newswires. Prior to joining Cowen, he was a research assistant at Childrens Hospital, Boston. Mr. Nadeau has a Ph.D. in neurobiology from Harvard University and a B.S./M.Eng. in electrical engineering and computer science from MIT.

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Alona Cohen, Ph.D.
Science Educator, New York City Public School

Alona Cohen has a B.A. in Molecular and Cell Biology from the University of California at Berkeley, M.S. in Teaching from Pace University and Ph.D. in Biochemistry and Structural Biology from Weill Cornell Medical College. She was a NYC Teaching Fellow and has worked as a teacher at South Brooklyn Community HS, a model NYC Transfer High School since 2005. The school serves a population of over-aged and under-credited students who have either previously been truant or have dropped out of high school. Dr. Cohen is a New Visions for Public Schools Transfer School Lead Teacher, a New Teacher Mentor and UFT Chapter Leader. She is a member of the planning team for East Brooklyn Community HS, a new Transfer School scheduled to open in September of 2009.

Rob Uglesich, Ph.D.
Assistant Professor, The Cooper Union

Robert Uglesich is an Assistant Professor of Physics at The Cooper Union. His main research interests are in computational neuroscience of vision and biomedical imaging. Dr. Uglesich graduated from Caltech in 1994 with a major in Applied Physics. He holds a Ph.D. in Astronomy (2002) from Columbia University and, prior to joining The Cooper Union, was an Assistant Professor in the Department of Neuroscience at Mount Sinai School of Medicine (2004-2006).

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Marilyn Resh, Ph.D.
Member & Professor, Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center

Marilyn Resh received her undergraduate education at Princeton University, where she developed her initial interest in biochemistry. She fine-tuned her research pursuits to focus on membrane protein biochemistry while obtaining her PhD in the laboratory of Guido Guidotti and her Postdoctoral training with Ray Erikson, both at Harvard University. In 1986, Dr. Resh started her own laboratory at Princeton, and then moved her lab in 1991 to Sloan-Kettering Institute in New York, where she is a Member and Professor in the Cell Biology Program. Dr. Resh holds a joint appointment as Professor of Cell Biology and Genetics and Professor of Biochemistry in the Weill Cornell Graduate School of Medical Sciences. She has served on numerous academic search committees and also serves on the Sloan-Kettering Institute Committee on Appointments and Promotions. Her laboratory studies how fatty acylation influences the structure and function of membrane bound proteins, with special emphasis on Src family kinases, Hedgehog proteins and HIV-1 Gag. Dr. Resh and her husband, a physician, and their son reside in New York City.

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Arun Radhakrishnan, Ph.D.
Assistant Professor, Weill Cornell Medical College

Dr. Radhakrishnan received his undergraduate degrees in BioEngineering (B.S.) and Molecular & Cell Biology (Genetics) (B.A.) from the University of California, Berkeley. Dr. Radhakrishnan received his Ph.D. in Biophysics from Stanford University under the guidance of Harden McConnell, and he was a postdoc at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in the Department of Molecular Genetics working with Mike Brown & Joe Goldstein. Dr. Radhakrishnan joined Weill Cornell in 2009 as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Biochemistry.

The Radhakrishnan Laboratory is interested in the molecular mechanisms underlying cholesterol transport and homeostasis.

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Howard Hang, Ph.D.
Assistant Professor, The Rockefeller University

Dr. Hang received his undergraduate degree in chemistry from the University of California, Santa Cruz in 1998 and his Ph.D. in chemistry from the University of California, Berkeley in 2003 with Professor Carolyn Bertozzi. He was a postdoc at Harvard Medical School and the Whitehead Institute for Biomedical Research with Professor Hidde Ploegh and joined Rockefeller University in 2007 as Assistant Professor.

Dr. Hang was a Damon Runyon Cancer Research Foundation Postdoctoral Fellow 2004-2006. In 2002, he was the recipient of the Organic Division Graduate Fellowship from the American Chemical Society.

The Hang Laboratory of Chemical Biology and Microbial Pathogenesis is interested in developing chemical tools to dissect host-pathogen interactions.

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