



BEYOND THE PHD

The 6th Annual

PHD and Postdoctoral CAREER CONFERENCE

MARCH 28, 2017

9:00am - 3:30pm

Radisson Hotel Ballroom
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Los Angeles, CA 90007

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8:00am Registration/Continental Breakfast

9:15am Welcome

- Carl Martellino
Executive Director, USC Career Center
- Chad Walker
Director of Academic Affairs,
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9:30am Keynote Address

- Claudia Aguirre, Ph.D.
Neuroscientist and Mind-Body Expert

10:15am Keynote Address

- Jonathan Whitmore, Ph.D.
Senior Data Scientist, Silicon Valley Data Science

11:00am Industry and Postdoctoral Career Panels

Industry – Careers in STEM (Ballroom)

- Farhan Baluch, Ph.D., Senior Data Scientist, Netflix
- Bill Martin, Ph.D., Chief Scientific Officer and
Head of R&D, BlackThorn Therapeutics
- Parag Havaladar, Ph.D., Software R&D Lead,
Blizzard Entertainment
- Thomas Barrera, Ph.D., President,
Lithium-Ion Battery (LIB)-X Consulting

**Industry – Careers in Humanities/Social Sciences
(Champions Room)**

- Jennifer Rosales, Ph.D., Director of Research &
Evaluation, Center for Social Justice,
Georgetown University
- Howard Gluss, Ph.D., Clinical Psychologist/Executive
Coach and Director of Men’s Support Group,
Khalili Bariatric and Surgical Center
- David Levitus, Ph.D., Founder at LA Forward and
Climate Cents

Postdoctoral Panel (Victory Room)

- Eun Ji Chung, Ph.D., Gabilan Assistant Professor, Biomedical Engineering, USC Viterbi
- Mimi Shagaga, Ph.D., Psychological Assistant, Howard Gluss, Ph.D. & Associates
- Lionel Lee, Ph.D., Psychological Assistant, Howard Gluss, Ph.D. & Associates
- Anna Kamitakahara, Ph.D., Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Children's Hospital Los Angeles

11:45am

Academia Career Panels

Academia – Careers in STEM (Victory Room)

- Ron Artstein, Ph.D., Research Assistant Professor, Institute for Creative Technologies and Dept. of Computer Science, USC Viterbi
- Dominique Duncan, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Neurology at Laboratory of Neuro Imaging, USC Keck
- Darryl Hwang, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Research at Dept. of Radiology, USC Keck
- Sheila Tejada, Ph.D., Senior Lecturer of Computer Science, USC Viterbi

Academia – Careers in Humanities/Social Sciences (Champions Room)

- Jill Kickul, Ph.D., Professor at Lloyd Greif Center for Entrepreneurial Studies and Research Director at Brittingham Social Enterprise Lab, USC Marshall
- Andrea Hollingshead, Ph.D., Professor of Communication and Associate Dean of Research at USC Annenberg
- Allen Weiss, Ph.D., Professor of Marketing at USC Marshall and Co-Chair at Mindful USC
- LaVonna Blair Lewis, Ph.D., Teaching Professor of Public Policy and Diversity Liaison, USC Sol Price

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- 12:30pm Networking Lunch/ USC Gear Raffle**
- 1:30pm Roundtables (Detailed on the back)**
Academia – Humanities/Social Sciences
Academia – STEM
Biotechnology
Consulting
Higher Education
Engineering
Entertainment
Entrepreneurship
Healthcare
Industry Research
- 3:00pm iPad and USC Gear Raffle/Closing Remarks**
Lori Shreve Blake
Senior Director, Alumni & Student Career Services
- 3:15pm Networking with Roundtable Panelists**
Desserts/Light Refreshments

Roundtable Discussions

Complete panelist biographies can be found on the website:

<https://careers.usc.edu/beyond-phd>

Academia (Humanities/Social Sciences)

Meredith Drake Reitan, MPL, Ph.D.
Associate Dean, Graduate School
Office of the Provost
Adjunct Associate Professor
USC Sol Price

Academia (STEM)

Dr. Sheila Tejada
Senior Lecturer of Computer Science
USC Viterbi

Biotechnology Industry

Dr. Bill Martin
Chief Scientific Officer and Head of R&D
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Consulting

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Dr. Khatera Sahibzada
Consultant and Industrial/Organizational
Psychologist
KSAHIB Consulting

Higher Education

Dr. Jesse Watson
Associate Dean
Graduate Academic Affairs
USC Graduate School

Dr. Jennifer Rosales
Director of Research & Evaluation
Center for Social Justice
Georgetown University

Engineering

Dr. James Moore
Professor of Engineering and Policy and
Vice-Dean for Academic Programs
USC Viterbi

Dr. Neil Siegel
IBM Professor of Engineering
Management, Industrial and Systems
Engineering, USC Viterbi

Entertainment

Dr. Howard Gluss
Executive Coach/Radio Show Host

Dr. Sherry Gunther Shugerman
Founder/CEO at POPmedia Brands

Entrepreneurship

Dr. Jill Kickul, Professor at Lloyd Greif
Center for Entrepreneurial Studies and
Research Director at Brittingham Social
Enterprise Lab, USC Marshall

Dr. David Levitus
Founder at LA Forward and Climate
Cents

Healthcare

Dr. Darryl Hwang
Assistant Professor of Research at Dept.
of Radiology, USC Keck

Dr. Marta Kubala
Postdoctoral Research Fellow
Children's Hospital Los Angeles

Industry Research (Hum./ SS)

Dr. Farhan Baluch
Senior Data Scientist, Netflix

Dr. Jordan Williams
Principal Scientist, Diversified Nano
Solutions Corporation

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WE ARE LOOKING FOR GRADUATE INTERNS!

Openings Available: 2

Start Date: Summer/Fall 2017

Compensation: Stipend, 6 hrs/week, Schedule is flexible.

Please submit your cover letter and resume to Esther Lanier, Senior Career Counselor – esthersl@usc.edu

The USC Career Center PhD Graduate Interns will assist with implementing specialized programming to address the needs of PhD students and postdoctoral staff on both the Health Science (HSC) and University Park (UPC) campuses. The interns will be responsible for the administrative planning and execution of the ***Seventh Annual PhD and Postdoctoral Career Conference*** and other graduate programming and services. Interns will take the lead in developing partnerships with faculty, department heads and the employer community in planning the career conference. Interns will serve as a liaison between the Graduate Student Government (GSG) on both the HSC and UPC campuses.

Successful candidates will possess 1-2yrs of work experience, be enrolled in a USC graduate program that allows for an additional 30% appointment during 2017-2018 academic year. Have a strong organizational background in administrative support, a strong interest in career development, and knowledge of working within and outside the academy. The candidates should have excellent oral/written communication, teamwork skills, a positive attitude, strong work ethic.

The graduate interns are expected to provide excellent customer service to all members of the Trojan Family.

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The USC Career Center offers a diverse portfolio of career services and resources, as well as exclusive access to career events. The following are cutting-edge tools to help students in all stages of their careers:

connectSC:

Exclusive online career-management portal that includes exclusive job listings and research tools

Career Network:

Career-related information and online networking portal with opportunities from alumni, for alumni

CareerBeam:

Comprehensive career-management tool that assists with all aspects of the job search

Going Global:

Online database with domestic and international job listings, job-search resources, and more

Career Access Resource Library:

Includes access to the USC Libraries LibGuide

The Versatile PhD:

A forum to help humanities, social science, and STEM graduate students identify and prepare for non-academic careers

Events:

Exclusive educational and networking opportunities through global webinars, career fairs, and more

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