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From: Mary Ypma-Wong
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Dr. Carey Y. L. Huh works with Assistant Professor Sunil Gandhi in the Department of Neurobiology & Behavior. She studies how circuits in the brain are affected by sensory challenges such as visual deprivation during development, and how neural dysfunctions can be restored in adulthood. A better understanding of this topic is key to finding a cure for visual disorders such as amblyopia.

Carey was recently awarded a Pediatric Ophthalmology Career Starter Grant from the [Knights Templar Eye Foundation](#), "A Masonic Charity", sponsored by Grand Encampment of Knights Templar. This foundation is committed to support research that can help launch the careers of clinical and basic researchers focused on the prevention and cure of potentially blinding diseases in infants and children. Representatives from Knights Templar traveled to award Carey and visit the Sandhi lab.



*Left- Dr. Marcellino Wood, Dr. Carey Huh, Mr. Thomas N. Thomas, Dr. Sunil Gandhi and Mr. Gordon Hoyt
Right-Mr. Michael Sekera, Mr. Thomas N. Thomas, Mr. David J. Kussman*

Carey is a member of Friday PoWER-Postdoc writing group, where I learned of her success. Do you have good news of funding or other resources? Please email to m.ypmawong@uci.edu.

Postdoctoral Association Events

Postdoc Association (PDA) Monthly Picnic Lunch

Wednesday, May 31 11:45am~ 1:00pm BC's Cavern, at the outside tables. [Map](#)

All postdocs are invited; we discuss a range of topics from fun things to do in So. California to employment opportunities. We have this picnic the last Wednesday of each month, so mark your calendars. Bring your lunch; dessert provided.

Postdoc Association (PDA) Hike to Mount Baldy

Saturday, June 3. Leave campus in morning.

All postdocs are invited to join in. Details to be posted on the PDA [Facebook](#) page.



Join the PDA Board- Elections on Wednesday, June 7!

Postdoctoral Scholar Association (PDA) Monthly Meeting and Board Elections- [PDA website](#)

Wednesday, June 7 5:30-7:00pm, Biological Sciences III, Room 2120

You are invited to become a PDA board member and plan programming for UCI postdocs. The PDA works closely with the Office of Postdoctoral Affairs, and receives financial and staff support from the Graduate Division. The board meets 5:30-7:00pm on the first Wednesday of the month, and uses Basecamp to communicate efficiently. Projects are shared to reduce the time commitment. Being on the PDA board offers you the opportunity to determine the best programming for UCI postdocs and develop your leadership and communication skills.

This year, the PDA has organized 5 “Strategies for Success” events (Setting up Your Own Lab, Grant Management, Keeping a Healthy Balance, Strategies to Overcome Imposter Syndrome, and Critical Discussion Focus Group) with Peer Interviewing planned for June. The PDA is also organizing the 2nd Annual UCI Postdoctoral Symposium on Sept. 22, 2017.

Strategies for Success- “Nail that Interview”-Peer Interview Practice

Wednesday, June 14 5:30-7:00pm at Graduate Resource Center

Prepare for your interviews by being the interviewer and interviewee. Using a round robin format, everyone will be talking during this workshop and leaving with greater confidence to “nail the interview”. [Register](#)

2nd Annual UCI Postdoctoral Symposium for September 22, 2017

Following huge success last year, the UCI Postdoctoral Association is proud to host the 2017 UCI Postdoctoral Scholar Research Symposium at UCI Applied Innovation. We invite all postdocs to apply to present TED-style research talks and to present posters. Prizes will be awarded. Specific information will be sent early June. [Photos](#) from last year.

Additional Opportunities

Weekly PoWER Group Meeting-Postdoc Writing Editing and Review Group- All postdocs welcome to write and review in a quiet and productive atmosphere. Contact Mary Frances Ypma-Wong PhD (m.ypmawong@uci.edu) for more information.

Tuesday PoWER Group-Meets every Tuesday from 9:00am-12:00pm, BioSci III, Rm 3011

Friday PoWER Group-Meets every Friday from 8:30am-10:30am, BioSci III, Rm 1120

UCI Nature Masterclass Certificate Program in Scientific Writing and Publishing

The UCI Schools of Medicine and Biological Sciences have launched the “[Nature Masterclasses in Scientific Writing and Publishing](#)”. This program provides modular online training in scientific writing and publication. The program is prepared and presented by editors and staff from the Nature journals. There are approximately 15 hours of instruction; you earn a certificate of completion after completing 80% of the course (not all sections are pertinent to all users). [Nature Masterclass Course Access Page](#)

Announcing the GPS-BIOMED Peer-led Seminar Series

GPS-BIOMED is bringing back their peer-mentoring initiative with the following events. Flyer is attached with details.

- Discussing career plans with your PI-June 15, Natural Sciences 2-1201
- Enhancing your professional presence-July 13, Natural Sciences 1-1114

- Balancing research-career prep-life-August 17, Natural Sciences 1-1114

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