Career Exploration Seminar Series
Translational Neuroscience Program

My Career Journey: From Academia to . . .
Teaching, Communications, Research Administration, and Industry

Sponsored by the Translational Neuroscience Program and the BEST (Broadening Experiences in Scientific Training) Program.

This seminar series explores four possible career paths for biomedical doctoral trainees and postdocs in undergraduate teaching, communication, research administration, and industry.

These events are free, but please register for any or all of these seminars at: https://wsulifecycle.secure.force.com/besteventregistrationmanager/BEST_Event_Registration_Manager.

All seminars will be held in 301 Mazurek on the School of Medicine campus at Wayne State.

Light refreshments will be provided.

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From Academia to Teaching: Dr. Jessica Matchynski
July 10, 2018, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Dr. Matchynski will discuss her transition from a career in research to undergraduate teaching at a non-research intensive institution, Rochester College in Michigan. She earned a doctorate in neuroscience from Central Michigan University in 2012 and spent two years as a postdoc in Dr. Alana Conti’s lab at Wayne State. Dr. Matchynski will share her perspective as an Associate Professor of Psychology at a teaching-centered institution, as well as strategies for increasing undergraduate engagement in the sciences both inside and outside of the classroom using novel teaching techniques.

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Dr. Northrup will talk about her transition from a career in research to employment as a medical writer for MMS Holdings in Canton, a corporate affiliate of the BEST Program. Dr. Northrup received her PhD in pharmacology from Boston University in 2011 and held a postdoc at the University of Toledo under the direction of her doctoral advisor, Dr. Bryan Yamamoto. She will share her career perspective as an Associate Manager and Regulatory/Medical Writer, in addition to details on how attendees can optimize their internship opportunities.

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Dr. Susick is an alumna of Wayne State, graduating with her doctorate in pharmaceutical sciences in 2009. She participated in BEST’s pilot internship program in 2014 as a postdoctoral fellow at WSU. Dr. Susick received several awards and fellowships, including an individual NRSA F32 from the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism. She will discuss her career in research administration as an epidemiologist at Henry Ford Health Systems in clinical cancer research, strategies for job searching and professional branding/marketing, and the influence of the BEST Program on her career path.

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Dr. Raven received her PhD in chemistry from Wayne State in 2014 under the mentorship of Dr. Tiffany Mathews. She is currently employed as a senior analytical scientist at Ash Stevens, located in nearby Riverview, Michigan. Dr. Raven opted out of taking a postdoc after completing her doctorate and will discuss how this training choice impacted her career options. A Native American, Dr. Raven will also talk about the role that diversity has played in her career path and opportunities.

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