

Spring 2012 Calendar

Professional Development Series (PDS) for Postdocs and Graduate Students

- **Please note:** all workshops are open to everyone ,
➤ RSVP is required: <https://csep.cnsi.ucsb.edu/forms/PDS/Registration.php>

Leadership Isn't a Skill – Target audience: All

Susan de la Vergne (Consultant, former IT Director for PacifiCorp) -- Wed, April 4th, 3-4PM, ElingsHall 1601

Negotiating 101 – Target audience: >III year grad students & postdocs

Karen Myers (Communication) and Susannah Scott (Chem/ChemE) with David Seibold (Communication/TMP) and Tresa Pollock (Materials) – April 11th, 3-5PM, Elings Hall 1601

Communicating Your Science: Lessons from the Real World – Target audience: All

Scott Shell (ChemE) with David Boy (Graduate Student, ME) and Jason Spruell (Post-doc, Materials)
-- Wed, April 18th, 3-5PM, Elings Hall 1601

GSAW Special Event: Jorge Cham's "The PhD Movie" Screening (a Graduate Division event) --

Target audience: All -- Tue, April 24th, 4-6PM, Corwin Pavilion

Making the most of your presentation (in partnership with the ConvEne IGERT program) – Target audience: All

Jean-luc Doumont (Principiae) – Wed, May 2nd, 3-5PM, ESB 1001

Ethics of research seminar series (organized by the Office of Research) – Target audience: All

Olivia Walling (Writing Program) – Thur, May 3rd, 4-6PM, ESB 1001

CVs, Cover letters and Teaching Statements for Academic Positions -- Target audience: >III year grad students & postdocs

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Resumes and Searching for Industry Positions -- Target audience: >III year grad students & postdocs

Leslie Edwards (Director of Corporate Business Development) with Marty Holtzman (Senior HR Manager, Dako); Russ Mead (Sr. Director Development and Engineering, Bruker Nano) -- Wed, June 6th, 3-4:30PM, Elings Hall 1601

Please check out our website for more information on events, workshop content and schedule:

<http://csep.cnsi.ucsb.edu/graduate/professional-development>

<http://csep.cnsi.ucsb.edu/postdoc/professional-development>



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Workshop Descriptions

Leadership Isn't a Skill -- Wed, April 4th, 3-4PM, Elings Hall 1601 – Target audience: All
Susan de la Vergne (Consultant, former IT Director for PacifiCorp)

In our culture, we like to believe that personal development is a matter of acquiring skills. The more skills you acquire, the more capable you are. In fact, we tag just about everything as a “skill,” from basic motor skills to advanced communication. Think about it: Interpersonal skills, supervisory skills, negotiating skills, presentation skills, parenting skills, carpentry skills, sewing skills, culinary skills, social media skills. It's a skill; you can acquire it. Even “leadership skills.”

But what is a “skill”? It's a proficiency, an area of expertise, it's also a craft, a competency. Skill implies precision and repeatability (“hold the instrument this way, not that way”). Skill implies predictability and technique—“When this happens, do that. Works every time!”

We hear the phrase “leadership skills” all the time. It's a runaway favorite Google search term! But is leadership a skill, really? Is it even a set of “skills”? Are there proven successful techniques? Are there formulas for leadership that work every time?

You can often spot great leadership when you see it, but you know as soon as you do that the leader you admire isn't using formulas for successful leadership and wouldn't be able to tell you what it was even if he were. Instead of a set of skills we can pin down neatly on a list, great leaders embody a range of characteristics, among them a vision for the future; commitment to goals; having an inner rudder that tells you what's “right” to do; empathy; ability to make and carry out decisions; being circumspect; taking chances; and challenging the status quo. And those aren't skills.

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Karen Myers (Communication) and Susannah Scott (Chem/ChemE) with David Seibold (Communication/TMP) and Tresa Pollock (Materials)

Led by Karen Myers (Communication) and Susannah Scott (Chem/ChemE), this workshop will discuss the basics of negotiation with an emphasis on the importance of negotiating job offers in both academia and industry. Learn and practice techniques that may get you what you want in your job and in your life.

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Scott Shell (ChemE) with David Boy (Graduate Student, ME) and Jason Spruell (Post-doc, Materials)
How and why should you make the world care about your research? Led by Scott Shell (ChemE), this workshop will highlight the importance of communicating your science with impact to nonspecialist audiences, including the public at large. Learn how to hook your audience, distill your message and leave a lasting impression about your work. The first part of the workshop will be an introduction to key elements of communication with Prof. Shell followed by small group sessions led by him, David Boy (Graduate Student, ME) and Jason Spruell (Post-doc, Materials). The content is inspired by the presenters' experience at workshops developed by the Center for Communicating Science and actor Alan Alda. Space is limited to 30 participants.

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Open to all, come watch the new movie, "The PhD Movie," from the creator of PhD Comics, Jorge Cham. This is part of Graduate Student Appreciation Week and will include refreshments and a raffle (for Grad Students).

Making the most of your presentation (in partnership with the ConvEne IGERT program) –Wed, May 2nd, 3-5PM, ESB 1001 – Target audience: All

Jean-luc Doumont (Principiae)

Dr. Doumont is an engineer and physicist by training, but now devotes his time to speaking on effective communication in many different fields across the sciences. He has spoken to many groups over the years on our campus and this year was invited to give, perhaps his most popular talk about giving a talk, "Making the most of your presentation".

About Jean-luc Doumont (<http://www.principiae.be/X0101.php>) He also has a set of tutorials online at Scitable by Nature Education. They discuss "communication for scientists":

<http://www.nature.com/scitable/ebooks/english-communication-for-scientists-14053993>

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At this workshop, Karen Lunsford (Writing Program) will share tips about writing cover letters and CVs. In addition, faculty will be available to provide feedback on your documents. Please bring at least 2 copies of each document.

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Craig Cotich (Writing Program)

Led by Craig Cotich (Writing Program), this workshop will focus on errors made in science writing, especially by those for whom English is a second language. We will address lexicogrammatical features in science writing, from common phrases used in argumentation to hedging generalizations to expressing stance.

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Resumes and Searching for Industry Positions -- Wed, June 6th, 3-4:30PM, Elings Hall 1601 --

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A panel of industry professionals will share tips about preparing for the industry job search (resumes, interviews, career planning, etc). Marty Holtzman (Senior HR Manager, Dako); Russ Mead (Sr. Director Development and Engineering, Bruker Nano) and Leslie Edwards (Director of Corporate Business Development) will share advice and be available to provide feedback on your resume and/or cover letters during the latter half of the session. Please bring at least 2 copies of your resume (bring what you have even if it is just a working draft).

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