It’s Not Just About the Science – Developing Communication and Management Skills

Wednesday, January 18th

OVERVIEW:

Certainly, becoming a productive independent researcher paves the way to professional success; but these are not the only skills you will need. The ability to communicate effectively in today’s global workplace and cultivate productive teams is becoming increasingly important. To explore these topics, the Graduate School Office of Professional Development (OPD) and Graduate Women in STEM (GWIS) are pleased to sponsor two workshops by Dr. Joanne Kamens, Executive Director of Addgene, founder of the current Boston chapter of the Association for Women in Science (AWIS), and Fellow of the Massachusetts Academy of Science. All graduate students and postdocs are invited. Additional details are included below: Register for one or both here.

SESSIONS:

Difficult Discussions and Gendered Communication in the Workplace
Wednesday, January 18th – 10:00-11:30am
209 French Hall
Conflicts small and large arise in our lives and might require discussion for successful resolution. This workshop starts with an introduction to the topic of communication issues in the work place with an emphasis on communication barriers between the genders. Hearing and understanding what is being said to you as well as effectively getting your message across can make a big difference in productive resolution of conflict. Additionally, this workshop will introduce basic methods for conflict resolution and provide tips for communicating "bad news."

Management 101 for Scientists (or Why Communication May Save You)
Wednesday, January 18th – 2:00-3:30pm
209 French Hall
We all know someone who is a great scientist but a bad supervisor. The truth is, talented managers of scientists get more science done. Just like doing research—this is a skill that can be learned and mastered. This talk will provide an introduction to the skills you can develop to be a good Manager.

SPEAKER BIO:

Joanne Kamens currently serves as the Executive Director of Addgene, a non-profit dedicated to facilitating collaboration in the scientific community. She is a Fellow of the Massachusetts Academy of Science, a founder of the current Boston chapter of the Association for Women in Science (AWIS), and former Director of the Healthcare Businesswomen’s Association Boston Group Mentoring Program. In 2013, she was recognized among PharmaVoice’s 100 Most Inspiring People and in 2014, she was named to the 40 Women to Watch Over 40 List. She holds a PhD in Genetics from Harvard University.