



Career
Development
Center

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Career Development Newsletter

Spring 2008 Events Schedule

Thursday, March 6th
*Resume Workshop for
Physical/ Life Sciences
doctoral students*
(Hemisphere Bldg 4
pm)

Friday, March 7th
*Resume Workshop for
Social Sciences/
Humanities doctoral
students* (Hemisphere
Bldg 3:30 pm)

Thursday, March 10th
*CV Workshop for
Physical/ Life Sciences
doctoral students*
(Hemisphere Bldg 4
pm)

Friday, March 11th
*CV Workshop for Social
Sciences/ Humanities
doctoral students*
(Hemisphere Bldg 3:30
pm)

Thursday, March 13th
*Effective Interviewing
Workshop for all Brown
Graduate students*
(Hemisphere Bldg 4
pm)

The Career Development Center offers a number of valuable services for masters and doctoral students in various stages of graduate study – for those in or preparing for a job search and for those at the earlier stages of graduate school. For those doing the job search, both academic and non-academic, workshops and individual counseling is available regarding resume and CV development, resource advising, interviewing skills and job-offer negotiation assistance.

For those who will be continuing graduate students at Brown, professional development is a process better initiated earlier rather than later, and successful graduate students are quick to realize that the best career decisions are made strategically and evolve over a period of time.

No matter where you are in the process, we invite you to attend our workshop series (Spring 08 schedule in the left panel) and meet with one of our career counselors to enhance your own journey of professional development.

Networking for Professional Enrichment

Effective networking lies at the base of a successful career, be it in academe, non-profits, or industry. Professional networking is defined simply as “building positive, professional relationships within one’s field(s) of interest”, and is usually initiated close to one’s home base, within the home department and institution. For students at the beginning of their graduate career, the most important members of this network are the professors and peers they interact with on a daily basis. They provide not only knowledge and mentorship, but also act as access-points to the professional community at large.

Professional organizations are a key enabler of

networking interactions. They provide a forum for discussion which spans across institutions, incorporating perspectives from various communities. Professional conferences serve as a great place to meet and develop relationships with other graduate students, start new mentoring relationships (for those interested in pursuing non-academic options and academic) as well as establishing an early contact with potential employers.

Conferences offer a wealth of opportunities to a motivated individual. A successful networker is responsive, active, dependable, and takes initiative. Always follow up with the new contacts, and try to maintain a dialogue and reestablish contact whenever possible.

Today's technological era has added an entirely new dimension to networking interactions. Communities in most fields maintain listservs, and social networking sites such as 'Facebook' and 'Elgg' often have field-specific forums. These are terrific avenues for active

participation and contribution to the field, and for receiving feedback on one's own work.

Finally, we should not forget that the alumni network from Brown and other home institutions are an invaluable (and readily accessible) resource in facilitating the expansion of one's professional circle.

Like all forms of relationships, professional networks are built and nurtured over time, and the most successful individuals work diligently and conscientiously towards their own growth, while also being accessible to aid others.

**Graduate Student Walk-in
Hours every Thursday 2:30 –
3:30 pm**

**To make a half-hour
appointment** with a counselor,
call 3-3326 or email
CareerDevelopment@brown.edu

Career Development Resources

Jennifer Howard. **Online Network Is Established for Scholars in Humanities. Authors can upload papers to create 'a huge, ongoing conference'.**

<http://chronicle.com/weekly/v54/i10/10a00102.htm>

Laura Bonetta. **Training Postdocs: Communication is Key.**

http://sciencecareers.sciencemag.org/career_development/previous_issues/articles/2007_08_31/science_opms_r0700037

An insider's guide to navigating academia and research.

<http://academia-101.blogspot.com/2006/03/networking-and-other-academic-hobbies.html>

Phil Agre. **Networking on the Network.**

<http://www.acm.org/crossroads/xrds4-4/network.html>

Strategies for Networking during Writing a Dissertation.

<http://www.korepetycje.com/writing-resources/networking-dissertation.html>

Tseen Khoo. **"No Fries with That: One Postgraduate Perspective"**

www.geocities.com/tseen/postgrad-futures-talk.doc

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<http://careerdevelopment.brown.edu/grads/index.php>**