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Attention Scientists! Avoid the 13 Deadly Science Career Mistakes

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Career Journeys, Inc.

President, Puget Sound Career Development Association

Wednesday, October 17th, 2007

UW South Lake Union Building
Blue Flame Auditorium

6:00 - 7:00 pm Networking and Refreshments
7:00 - 8:00 pm Career Presentation
8:00 - 9:00 pm Networking and Refreshments

A popular speaker, **Susan Lauzac, Ph.D.**, is a Seattle career coach specializing in career development for engineers, scientists, and computer professionals. She earned her doctorate in Computer Science and has more than 10 years experience working and teaching in university environments. Susan is a certified facilitator of *The Life Purpose and Career Clarification Process*® by Fern Gorin and a graduate of the *UW Career Development Specialist Program*. She was the 2006-2007 President of the Puget Sound Career Development Association and has taught career development workshops for organizations, job fairs, and universities throughout the Seattle area. You can read more about her career coaching practice at www.career-journeys.com

Location:

UW South Lake Union Building
815 Mercer St, Seattle

Directions to 815 Mercer St:

- Take Exit 167 from I-5 - Mercer Street/ Seattle Center
- Turn left onto Fairview Ave N at the off-ramp
- Turn right onto Republican
- The building is between 9th and 8th Ave N
- Park on the streets near the building



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September Program Summary – AWIS Scholarships

by Fran Solomon

The 2007-2008 Seattle AWIS year kicked off with presentations of scholarships to five outstanding future scientists. April Hunziker, Brynn Lydum, Jeannie Nguyen, Sharmila Pal, and Iris Pang each received a \$2000 scholarship. April and Iris received the Zymogenetics Scholarship. Brynn and Jeannie received the Rosetta Inpharmatics Merck Scholarship. Sharmila received the Angela Paez Memorial Scholarship.

Biographical profiles of this year's scholarship winners are in the September issue of the newsletter. Seattle AWIS encourages these students to attend other chapter meetings during this school year.

Past scholarship winners Euneka Robinson-McCutchen and Kelly Toy spoke about how they used their AWIS scholarships and what they have done professionally since college graduation. Euneka received an AWIS scholarship in 2004 and used the money for living expenses and textbooks. In 2006, she received a B.S. in civil engineering, with a focus on transportation engineering, from the University of Washington (UW) while interning for the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT). She continued this internship while earning her M.S. in transportation engineering from UW in 2007. Euneka now works full-time as a Transportation Engineer for WSDOT's Traffic Signals Operations group in Shoreline. Much of her time is spent in the field. Euneka enjoys her job and thinks there are many professional opportunities for civil engineers.

Kelly Toy received an AWIS scholarship in 1992. At the time, she was attending UW full-time, raising two children, and waitressing part-time to pay for her education. The AWIS scholarship took some of the financial burden off her shoulders. Kelly graduated with a B.S. in fisheries and B.A. in anthropology with emphasis in Native-American and women's studies. While working as a Shellfish Technician for the Tulalip Tribes, Kelly received a full scholarship to return to UW for her M.S. in fisheries. She earned this degree in 1998 and was promoted to the position of Biologist at the Tulalip Tribes. In 2003, Kelly started a new job as Shellfish Manager for the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe. Kelly collects baseline data on shrimp fecundity and conducts joint research projects with UW and Battelle/Sequim on cadmium levels in oysters, shellfish aquaculture, and microbial source tracking.

It was a pleasure to see Euneka and Kelly again. Hearing their academic and career success stories was inspirational for the audience, especially the new scholarship winners.



***Don't Forget to join us at our
October Meeting:***

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Local Events Listing

- 10/4/07 **Science Education Outreach: Bridging the Research and Education Communities.** Speaker: Maureen Munn, Ph.D., Scientific Outreach Coordinator. UW HSC T-625, 5-6 PM. <http://courses.washington.edu/phd/>
- 10/5/07 **Indirect Truths: Research and Public Scholarship in the Nation's Capital.** Speaker: Matthew Nisbet. Husky Union Building (HUB) Room 106B, 11 AM. <http://www.fosep.org/>
- 10/5/07 **Speaking Science 2.0.** Speakers: Chris Mooney and Matthew Nisbet. Pacific Science Center's Eames IMAX Theater, 7 PM. <http://www.fosep.org/>
- 10/6/07 **Seattle Women's Summit.** Hosted by Seattle Women's Commission. Seattle University, Piggot Hall. Registration by Sept. 28. 9 AM-3 PM. Free to public. <http://www.seattle.gov/womenscommission/>
- 10/9/07 **Future of Health: Mark Liponis on 'Ultraprevention'.** Location: Downstairs at Town Hall, enter on Seneca Street, 7:30 PM, \$5. <http://www.townhallseattle.org/calendar.cfm>
- 10/15/07 **Devra Davis: 'Secret History of the War on Cancer'.** Location: Downstairs at Town Hall, enter on Seneca Street, 7:30 PM, \$5. <http://www.townhallseattle.org/calendar.cfm>
- 10/20/07 **Tell Someone About it: The New HPV Vaccine and the Research Behind it in our Own Back Yard.** Featuring Professor Laura Koutsky, PhD. Best Western Executive Inn, 200 Taylor Ave. North Seattle (Near Seattle Center), 9:30 am - 12 noon. <http://www.aauw-seattle.org/>
- 10/25/07 **The Falling Age of Puberty in US Girls.** Speaker Sandra Steingraber, PhD. Glaser Auditorium, Swedish Medical Center 747 Broadway. 6PM reception, 7PM lecture. Free, RSVP required. www.breastcancerfund.org
- 10/26/07 **Cascadia Convergence: David Suzuki.** Location: Great Hall, enter on 8th Avenue, 7 PM, Advance tickets \$25. <http://www.townhallseattle.org/calendar.cfm>
- 10/29/07 **The Biological Impacts of Climate Change: trouble in the tropics.** Speaker: Joshua Tewksbury, Department of Biology, University of Washington. Ravenna Third Place Books, 6504 20th Ave. NE, Seattle, 7 PM. <http://www.scienceontap.org>
- 11/1/07 **Future of Health: Daniel Pink 'A Whole New Mind'.** Location: Downstairs at Town Hall, enter on Seneca Street, 7:30pm, \$5. <http://www.townhallseattle.org/calendar.cfm>
- 11/5/07 **Poets, Prisoners, and Preachers as Partners in Science Outreach: The Research Ambassador Program.** Speaker: Dr. Nalini Nadkarni, Faculty Member, Evergreen State College and President, The International Canopy Network. 4 pm Room TBA. <http://www.fosep.org/>

South Lake Union Building Construction Zone -

by Libby Colasurdo

We hold our monthly board meetings and chapter programs at the UW South Lake Union Building. But if you have driven by lately, you might have wondered where the entrance is located because of all the construction. Well, you can find us in the auditorium inside the building if you enter through the main doors on the Mercer Street side (just follow the ramps or stairwells, and you will get to the

entrance). There is also lots of free parking after 6 pm on 9th Avenue North, which runs alongside the building. So don't let all the mess outside the building stop you from enjoying our great chapter meetings *inside* the building!

National AWIS Board Meeting in Seattle

by Fran Solomon

The Seattle chapter of AWIS is hosting the National AWIS Board meeting on November 2-4. On Sunday, November 4, members of our chapter will have the opportunity to meet members of the National Board at a brunch at the Watertown Hotel, 4242 Roosevelt Way NE (www.watertownseattle.com). The brunch will take place from 10:00 AM until 1:00 PM and will include a panel discussion in which National Board members talk about their career paths and the current directions and priorities of National AWIS. If you are interested in attending the brunch, please contact Fran Solomon (fsolomon@interchange.ubc.ca) for more details.

Volunteer Opportunity: UW Undergraduate Scholarship Fair, Oct 30th

by Reitha Weeks

Our Seattle AWIS chapter will be hosting a table at the UW Undergraduate Scholarship Fair, Tuesday, Oct. 30th, from 10am to 3pm. We are looking for volunteers willing to devote 1.5-2 hrs staffing a table and telling students about our AWIS Scholarship Program and passing out applications. Volunteers are needed for three shifts: 10am-noon, noon-1:30 pm, and 1:30-3 pm. Please contact Reitha Weeks at rweeks@nwabr.org if you are interested.

GEMS 2007-2008

by Erica Lerer

The Seattle AWIS sponsored Girls in Engineering, Math, and Science (GEMS) program is currently recruiting mentors and mentees for the 2007/2008 school year. The program aims to encourage girls to maintain, and broaden their interest in science by providing mentoring, hands-on activities, and field trips pertaining to a variety of

scientific fields. Monthly meetings will be held the 1st Tuesday of every month at the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center. Our first activity, Catapults!, will be November 6th. GEMS is open to 7th and 8th grade girls who currently the AWIS-SA website, www.seattleawis.org, or by contacting Erica Lerer, eboni@fhcrc.org or (206)356-2503.

Interested in being a volunteer mentor? The next mentors' meeting will be Tuesday, October 23rd, 6:30pm at the UW-South Lake Union Building. Many thanks to outgoing GEMS Chairwoman, Natascha Mueller. Seattle AWIS President, Libby Colasurdo, will step in to join Erica Lerer as Co-Chair. We look forward to another GREAT year with GEMS.

Participate in Life Sciences Research Week, Nov 4th – 11th

by Reitha Weeks

The second annual Life Sciences Research Week is happening Nov. 4-11th and you won't want to miss the symposium on local research breakthroughs and a special 4-day exhibit at the Pacific Science Center. The purpose of Life Sciences Research Week is to enhance the public's understanding and appreciation of life sciences research and acquaint them with career opportunities. The planned activities will present science to the public in a friendly and accessible manner.

There will be a free symposium on Thursday, Nov. 8th, 8-11 am at Town Hall. Three panels of local scientists will present the latest research in the areas of global health, children's health, and early detection-early treatment of cancer.

The Pacific Science Center will host Life Sciences Research Weekend, Thurs.-Sun., Nov. 8-11th. Companies and research institutions throughout the state will host activity tables, provide lectures, and child-friendly demonstrations. Bring the family or come with co-workers! Better yet, volunteer with your company "team" and inspire children to become scientists! For more information, or to volunteer, please contact Reitha Weeks, rweeks@nwabr.org.

Upcoming AWIS Programs

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Speaker: **Susan Lauzac, Ph.D.**
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November 14, 2007

“Improving speech and communications”

Speaker: **Lisa M. Voso**
Attorney/Chief Operations Officer
Bradley Johnson Attorneys

December 12, 2007

“Autoimmune diseases and women”

Speakers: **Judi Rising**
Founder, Pat’s Fund

Jane Buckner, M.D.
Associate Member, Benaroya Research Institute

January 16, 2008

Happy Hour at the Institute for Systems Biology (ISB)

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