

****New Meeting Location: UW South Lake Union Building****

Career Panel

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Elaine Jones- Chief Operating Officer, Allen Institute for Brain Science
Pam Griffith – Principle Software Engineer for Merck
Kathryn Steiger, PhD. – Biostatistician at Illumigen

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18, 6:30 PM

AWIS Career Panel UW South Lake Union Building

Career Panelists:

Nesreen Laaham – Acupuncturist

Nesreen is currently attending her fourth year at Bastyr University, class of 2007. She graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Archaeology from Washington University in St. Louis in 2000 (co-president AWIS 1999-2000). She matriculated into Bastyr in 2002 with the intention of earning a professional degree as a Doctor of Naturopathic Medicine (ND). While in her 3rd year as an ND student, she decided to take on the challenge of being a dual-track student and is now also working toward receiving a Masters of Science in Acupuncture.

Elaine Jones- Chief Operating Officer, Allen Institute for Brain Science

Elaine joined the Allen Institute in 2005 as Chief Operating Officer (COO). Her accomplishments include experience in both the for-profit and not-for-profit sectors. She has focused on start-up and turnaround situations, as well as the integration of acquisitions. Previously Elaine worked at The Picower Institute for Medical Research in New York, where she served as COO. She has also worked for PHH, a Fortune 500 service organization, as VP of Marketing and then as SVP of Operations. Elaine has had assignments in the medical field at Beckman Instruments, Nichols Institute and Genzyme with responsibilities encompassing training, product development and strategic planning. Elaine graduated from the University of Bridgeport with a BS in Medical Technology.

Agenda

6:30-7:00 pm Networking
7:00-8:00 pm Career Panel
8:00-9:00 pm Networking

Where

UW South Lake Union Building
First Floor Auditorium
815 Mercer Street
Seattle, WA 98109

Pam Griffith – Principle Software Engineer for Merck

Pam is a Principal Software Engineer for Rosetta Inpharmatics, LLC. She is the technical lead for the Laboratory Information Management System (LIMS) for the Gene Expression Laboratory. She has been developing software for over 25 years. Before coming to Rosetta, Pam was a software engineer in various capacities for the Boeing Company. Pam received her BS in Computer Science and BS in Statistics from the University of California at Berkeley.

Kathryn Steiger, PhD. – Biostatistician at Illumigen

Kathryn is currently responsible for biostatistical and computational analysis of genomics data from drug discovery and pre-clinical development projects at Illumigen Biosciences. Moving from her first career as a performing musician and songwriter in Los Angeles, she received her doctorate in musicology at UCLA focusing on the psychoacoustics of North Indian musical instruments. She was a Principal Research Scientist in the MIT Media Laboratory machine-learning group, working on auditory pattern recognition. Her interest in quantitative methods and genetics led her to pursue further study in the field of Biostatistics at UC Berkeley.

****Please note our new meeting space in the UW South Lake Union Building at 815 Mercer St.**

Directions to 815 Mercer St:

From I-5 N or S

Take Exit 167 – Mercer Street/Seattle Center

Take a left at the light onto Fairview

Turn right onto Republican

Park behind the building on 9th and Republican

We meet on the first floor in the Auditorium

Mark Your Calendar:

Women in Science and Engineering (WISE) Conference Jan.28

The 15th annual WISE Conference “Reining in Your Future” sponsored by the UW’s College of Engineering Office of Diversity and Student Services will be held Saturday, January 28, 2006 from 8:00 am-4:00 pm at the UW’s South Campus Center. The conference is designed for high school, community college, undergraduate and graduate students. It “empowers women in engineering, science, and technology fields to discover new opportunities, identify personal strengths, and to increase overall confidence.” Networking with both industry and academia professionals is encouraged. The registration fee is \$10.00 and includes continental breakfast, catered lunch, two keynote speakers, and three workshop sessions. Find out more and register at <http://www.engr.washington.edu/wise/conference.html> or call 206-543-1770.

WISE Conference Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are still needed to serve as panelists for one of the WISE conference workshops: “Science in a Real World—Make Life Better” (from 9:30 am – 10:45 am on Saturday, Jan. 28, 2006 at the UW’s South Campus Center). The focus of the session will be the many ways scientists benefit society and make the world better. To volunteer for this panel or for more information about volunteering, please contact WISE director Carmen Sidbury at sidbury@engr.washington.edu

Future AWIS-Seattle Meetings

February 15 – Amanda Paulovich PhD. Speaking about her breast cancer research with the Early Detection Initiative

March 15 – TBA

April 19 – TBA

May 17 – TBA

June 21 – End of year Celebration

Tell Us What You Like

Hello AWIS members! Because our AWIS monthly programs are for our members, we wanted to make sure that you are getting what you want. We would love some input from you on our guest speakers and on possible future topics. Please answer as many of the questions below as possible and we promise we will listen!

1. If you have been to some of our meetings in the past, what was your favorite topic?

2. What new topics interest you most? (Choose as many as you want)
 - a. ___ Health Topics
 - b. ___ Basic Research speakers
 - c. ___ Career Panels
 - d. ___ Resume Writing
 - e. ___ Career Counselors- How to find a career
 - f. ___ Salaries of Women in Science
 - g. ___ Public Service Activity
 - h. ___ Science Education
 - i. ___ Other: _____

3. If you have attended AWIS meetings in the past, what draws you to the meeting?
 - a. ___ The Speaker
 - b. ___ Networking
 - c. ___ Snacks
 - d. ___ The other fun members of AWIS
 - e. ___ Other: _____

Thank you for taking time to help AWIS be a better organization for our members! Please either e-mail your results to jaimeforbes@gmail.com, bring it to the next AWIS meeting, or send this form to Jaime Forbes
8409 41st Ave SW
Seattle, WA 98136

Noel House

Thank you to those who donated to the Noel House! Our Potluck and Charity drive on December 14 was a huge success. We shared good food, good conversation, and heard a great presentation by Dorothy Findlay from the Noel House. She spoke about the difficulties homeless women face and how programs like Noel House can help them get off of the street. She also discussed some of the current legislation and budget cuts that are making it difficult for programs like Noel House to operate. Thanks to all those who came to the meeting; we look forward to seeing you all again in January at the Career Panel.

Mentoring Opportunities for Women in Science and Engineering

by Claire Horner-Devine

Please volunteer to be a mentor to an undergraduate woman in from the Seattle area! One-on-one mentoring relationships can be very important to helping young women develop important career skills and confidence. Mentoring has been shown to play an important role in the retention of women in science and engineering careers and in leadership positions. The mentoring relationship can have a significant impact with a relatively small time commitment - you can meet with your mentor in person or communicate primarily by e-mail. Our mentees appreciate learning about different routes other women have taken in their careers and can benefit from hearing your story and any advice you have as they finish their studies, think about getting research or internship experience, look for jobs, and think about how to balance family, personal, and work issues.

In subsequent newsletters, we will include short pieces on mentoring to help inform our membership about the importance of mentoring, the many different forms of mentoring, and tips for helping to establish and maintain an effective mentoring relationship. These are intended to help us all learn from the collective wisdom about mentoring in the revised edition of, "A Hand Up: Women Mentoring Women in Science," reviewed in our December newsletter.

How do I sign up to be an AWIS mentor? To become a mentor through AWIS, please fill out the mentoring application on the Seattle AWIS webpage. Follow the mentor-protégée links and download the mentor application. This is a short Word file that you can send to chornedevine@gmail.com.

As soon as I have your information, I will do my best to match you with an undergraduate woman from the area. We need mentors in all fields and types of jobs, as we already have a list of young women hoping to find local professional mentors in a range of fields. In particular, we are currently seeking mentors in fields related to surgery and medicine, biomedical research, and aerospace engineering. Thank you.

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