



The Whole Scientist Regional Seminar

May 29-30, 2024

Morehouse School of Medicine, Atlanta, GA

Schedule of Activities

Wednesday, May 29th, 2024

4:00 pm	Registration opens
4:15 pm	Welcome/ Remarks
4:30-5:00 pm	Networking session
5:00-6:00 pm	Framing Constructive Conversations Donna Douglas Williams, JD, Pinterest Head of Ombuds
6:00-7:00 pm	Reception

Thursday, May 30th, 2024

8:30 am	Participant arrival
8:45 – 9:00 am	Welcome Introductions Meredith Theeman, PhD, Director, Postdoc and Predoc Education, The Jackson Laboratory
9:00 – 9:15 am	Remarks Rick Kittles, PhD, Senior Vice President for Research, Morehouse School of Medicine
9:15 – 10:15 am	Career Exploration I: Identifying Your Skills, Interests and Values Melanie Sinche, M.Ed., M.A., Director of Career and Professional Development, Office of Graduate and Postdoctoral Affairs
10:15 – 10:30 am	<i>Coffee Break</i>

- 10:30 – 11:30 am **Project Management**
Mitali Thakore, MPH, Senior Process Improvement Manager,
Department of Emergency Medicine, Mount Sinai Health System
- 11:30 – 12:00 pm **Managing Career Transitions**
Rowena Grainger, PhD, Program Administrator, Student and
Postdoctoral Affairs, The Jackson Laboratory)
- 12:00 – 12:45 pm *Lunch and group photo*
- 1:00 – 2:00 pm **Data Management**
Danni Presgraves, PhD, Director of Data Science Training, The Jackson
Laboratory
- 2:00 – 3:00pm **Exploring Academic Faculty Career Paths Panel**
Latanya Hammonds-Odie, PhD, Professor at Georgia Gwinnett College,
Wallace Sharif, PhD, Assistant Professor, Morehouse College and
Dionna Williams, PhD, Acting Associate Professor, Emory University
School of Medicine
- 3:00 – 3:30 pm *Coffee Break / Networking*
- 3:30 – 4:30 pm **Career Exploration II: Career Options for PhDs in Science**
Melanie Sinche, M.Ed., M.A., Director of Career and Professional
Development, Office of Graduate and Postdoctoral Affairs
- 4:30 – 5:30 pm **Working with a Recruiter**
Miriam Ortiz, Supervisor, Scientific Talent Acquisition, The Jackson
Laboratory
- 5:30 – 6:00 pm **Wrap-up and Evaluation**