

FEDERATION AND APAGS CO-HOST SCIENCE FORUM ON CAREERS FOR BEHAVIORAL SCIENTISTS

Jill Egeth reports: On December 3, the Federation, with support from the American Psychological Association of Graduate Students (APAGS), held a day-long Science Forum exploring issues surrounding the pursuit of non-academic careers by research-trained behavioral scientists. The event, divided into morning and afternoon sessions, addressed the concerns of both new PhDs and those interested in making a mid-career career transition. The morning session, dedicated to students, postdocs, and early career PhDs, included talks by: Norman B. Anderson, PhD (CEO, American Psychological Association); William C. Howell, PhD (Adjunct Prof, Arizona State University, Rice University); Lisa Kozlowski, PhD (Asst Dean Postdoc Affairs, Thomas Jefferson University); David Christopher (Recruitment Coordinator, Congressional Research Service); Jeff Kuenzi, PhD (Analyst, Domestic Social Policy Div, Congress Res. Service). The afternoon session, geared towards researchers interested in transitioning to a different type of career, featured talks by: Philip Rubin, PhD (CEO, Vice President, & Senior Scientist, Haskins Labs); Kathie L. Olsen, PhD (Assoc. Director, White House Office of Science and Technology Policy); Alexandra Lord, PhD (Historian, National Public Health Service). Although the speakers represented a variety of different educational and professional backgrounds, most of them seemed to converge upon a unified message: NETWORK!

Talk to people, let your friends know that you're looking for a job, schedule informational interviews, and explore opportunities that at first glance may not seem to fit all of your criteria. Think broadly about yourself. What are your strengths, skills, and passions? Interested in learning more about the Forum and the advice offered by our speakers? We've created a "Careers" <<http://www.thefederationonline.org/CareersIndex.html>> webpage that has links to all of the meeting materials, including PowerPoint presentations, available at <<http://www.thefederationonline.org/CareersIndex.html>>. We're also in the process of creating a list of the most useful "Online Career Resources" for

research-trained behavioral scientists, which will soon be posted on our website. We plan to update the list regularly, as people send us URLs for their favorite online resources. Do you have something you would like to add? Send us an email <<mailto:federation@fbpcs.org?subject=Online>> Career Resource Suggestions with your recommendations and we'll add them to our growing list. --
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