



BEST @ CORNELL

Events for May 2016



Register now for the 3rd Annual BEST Symposium

Join us for the [annual symposium](#) featuring a variety of speakers & a career panels. Keynote speaker: CEO of AAAS, Rush Holt
226 Weill Hall – 17 May | 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

NIH Career Symposium | 6 May

Convention focused on [non-academic careers](#), skills workshops, and networking
Location: Bethesda, MD. Email Susi Varvayanis (sv27@cornell.edu) if interested.

NYBIO Annual Conference | 11-12 May

Life science industry meeting: investors, business professionals, startups & scientists
Location: Time Warner Center, New York, NY. Click [here](#) for more details.

8th Annual Biotechnology Symposium | 19-20 May

Upstate New York conference on biotechnology w/ industry & government leaders
Location: 1 Forest Dr., Syracuse, NY. 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM. [More info here](#).

BEST Day in Albany | 24 May

[Interactive visit](#) : meet professionals in environmental & public health policymaking
Location: Albany, NY. Email Susi Varvayanis by May 10 to attend.

EWISE Symposium | 25 May

Symposium on current challenges & opportunities for women STEM leaders
Location: G10 Biotech. 8:30 AM – 5:00 PM. Click [here](#) for info and to register.

For the complete set of events, check the [BEST Events Calendar](#)

Opportunities in Consulting – The Case Competition

The [Cornell Graduate Consulting Club](#) (CGCC) and the [NYU School of Medicine Consulting Club](#) co-organized the 2015 Cornell-NYU Case Competition. Brought together by their respective BEST programs, the two clubs collaborated to bring one of the largest non-MBA graduate case competitions in the Northeast. The week-long event brought together over one hundred graduate students from sixteen different institutions. Participants worked on teams of 3-5 members to prepare a solution towards a real-world strategy case, presenting their final decks to a panel of judges from leading consulting firms. The Cornell Graduate Consulting Club has resources available for those interested in competing. The 2016 competition will take place over the summer. Applications will open in June. For more info, please visit the [CGCC site](#).

Blogging for Science

BEST would like to congratulate Divya Shiroor for being selected as one of the two bloggers for the National Institutes of Health's BEST blog. You can follow her [here](#). New blogs come out every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month.

Internatl. Summer School in NYC w/ Tokyo Tech: [Apply by May 5](#) (for last wk. in Aug.)

Improve communication and global leadership skills in a hands-on team exercise using science to solve global healthcare issues. Flash talks, site visits, seminars...

BEST HIGHLIGHT



-by Dumizulu Tembo

If Kristine Kolkman's warm and friendly face seems very familiar, there's a great chance you might have met her at a BEST event. As a BEST Advisory Board member for the past two years, she has been involved in organising BEST events from guest speakers to events at venues. Kristine commends the BEST experience for providing information about career opportunities beyond academia.

In true scientific spirit, Dr. Kolkman loves spending time in the lab. If she is not enjoying nature around Ithaca and hanging out with her family, she's likely pursuing her research interests which broadly lie in understanding how changes in the brain's neurocircuits can affect behavior. Specifically, Kristine uses zebrafish as a model to study how the brain overrides one mode of behavior in favor of a conflicting but more important behavior. Kristine encourages everyone to come to BEST events. "The speakers are wonderful. It's a great program, and everyone can get involved, so why wouldn't they?"

Kristine has a Ph.D. in Neuroscience from the University of California at San Diego. This mother of two girls is a postdoctoral associate in the Fetcho lab in the department of Neurobiology and Behavior.

Dumizulu Leah Tembo is a postdoctoral associate in the Russell lab in the department of Microbiology and Immunology.

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