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# The 6th Annual Postdoc Retreat

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The Postdoctoral Advisory Committee and  
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Monday, September 13: Diversity in Teaching Panel Discussion  
Career Blitz Workshops

Friday, September 17: Keynote Address with Dr. Roopa Dhat  
Under Represented Minorities in STEM Panel Discussion

Wednesday, September 22: Scientists and the Changing Climate Panel Discussion  
Career Blitz Workshops

Zoom links will be sent out prior to the events

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Monday, September 13

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**Panel Discussion**  
**Diversity in Teaching:**  
**The Evolving Mentor–Mentee Relationship**  
**10 AM – 12 PM**

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[Stephanie Lurch, MScPT](#)

Assistant Professor, Teaching, Ontario Internationally Educated Physical Therapy  
Bridging Program  
Academic Lead Equity, Anti-racism, and Social Accountability, Department of  
Physical Therapy  
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[Mercedes Rubio, PhD](#)

Program Director  
Division of Clinical Innovation  
National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences  
National Institutes of Health

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[Angelique Tucker Blackmon, PhD](#)

CEO and Director of Research and Evaluation  
Innovative Learning Center

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**Career Blitz Workshops**  
**Building your EQ and Becoming a Resilient  
Scientist**  
**2:00 PM – 3:00 PM**

[Diane A. Safer, PhD](#)

Director, Career and Professional Development  
Albert Einstein College of Medicine

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**Career Blitz Workshops**  
**Developing Exit Strategies During Your Postdoc**  
**3:15 PM – 4:00 PM**

[Anshuman Das](#)

CTO and Cofounder  
Labby, Inc.

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Friday, September 17

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**Panel Discussion**  
**Underrepresented Minorities in STEM:  
Rising Above Challenges**  
**10 AM – 12 PM**

[Leticia Toledo-Sherman, PhD](#)

Senior Director of Drug Discovery  
Tau Consortium

[Donna Nelson, PhD](#)

Professor of Chemistry  
University of Oklahoma

[JoAnn Trejo, PhD](#)

Professor  
Department of Pharmacology  
UC San Diego

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**Keynote Address**  
**"Breaking From the Past:  
Redefining Leadership"**  
by

**Dr. Roopa Dhatt**  
Executive Director and  
Cofounder  
Women in Global Health  
3 PM – 4 PM



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Wednesday, September 22

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**Panel Discussion**  
**Scientists and the Changing Environment**  
**10 AM – 12 PM**

[Kathryn Ramirez-Aguilar, PhD](#)

CU Green Labs Program Manager  
University of Colorado – Boulder

[Lizzie Hunsaker, PhD](#)

Energy and Environment Legislative Fellow  
United States Senate

[Jeffrey Whitford, MBA](#)

Head of Global Corporate Responsibility and Life Science Branding  
MilliporeSigma

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**Career Blitz Workshop**  
**Network Mapping**  
**2:30 PM – 4:00 PM**

[Paige Brown-Jarreau, PhD](#)

Vice President of Science Communication  
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